

NSSS MEETS THE 2nd and 4th SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH,
IN ROOM 203 OF THE PHYSICS BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF
NEVADA. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.



STAMP
STUDY
SOCIETY

January, 1986

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At our board meeting on Dec. 28th, the subject of financing the new frames was placed into discussion. Our present financial status is such that we will be needing assistance from the members. There were three ways suggested that the members may help in obtaining these new frames. First, by the donation of the price of a frame, or by a pledge for any amount, or by a loan to the club at %5 per year. The loan would be repaid within a two year period. At the back of this newsletter are three forms and you may choose which method you would like to help. Present them to the treasurer. If you have any questions on this program, please be at our Jan. 11th meeting and present them for discussion.

Our meeting on Jan. 11th will also have a guest speaker, Doug Willick. Knowing his work as a philatelist, by his writings, we will be in for a treat as Doug is quite versed in presenting a subject. Join us for a real enjoyable meeting.

How many members have friends or acquaintances that are interested in hobbies of one sort or another? Sometimes the approach of collecting stamps may or may not be of interest to that individual, however, if the approach was in the form of stamp study or stamps relating to their vocation or other hobby, might prove to be just what that individual is looking for to enhance his present hobby or diversify into an additional program. You might try this approach on those people and ask them to our meetings, you might surprise yourself with the results and help the club to grow.

At our meeting on Jan. 25th, there will be a philatelic auction. Bring all your duplicates and items you have been wanting to part with over the years. We will spend the entire meeting having a fine auction. Auction forms will be available at the Jan. 11th meeting. It is a big help to the auctioneer to have all the material described correctly and in the same format. The auction will be limited to 70 or 75 items. Any more and the meeting will last beyond our allotted time for the use of the room. Also, keep your number reasonable, which will allow as many members to participate. If 10 members have 7 items to sell, fine, or if it's only 7 members, they can now sell 10 items each. Be prepared for that variation, and use Scott references, if possible. A few items may require the use of Gibbons, but, try to use Scott.

Those of you that did not attend the Christmas party missed a very informal and entertaining evening. The food was excellent, more turkey and other meats that one could handle. The room was beautiful for such an event. Those that did attend received fine gifts and especially the one that Doug and Lois Willick presented to all those in attendance. Four excellent booklets about Japanese philatelic items, and Japanese history. These booklets are written and prepared by Doug and Lois and they are true classics. If you did not receive a set, you might contact Doug. He just may have a few extra copies. NSSS thanks the Willicks for their fine contributions to this hobby of ours.

The following two shows are coming down the pike;

FILATELIC FIESTA '86. San Jose Convention Center, First and Market St.,
Feb. 21-23. Fri. 12-6 p.m. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5.

FRESPEX '86, Commerce Building, Fresno District Fairgrounds, Fresno.
Mar. 15-16. Sat. 10-7 p.m. Sun. 10-5 p.m.

The following stamps will be issued soon:

United States:

- Jan. 11, Jack London. Glen Ellen, CA 95442
- Jan. 23, Stamp Collecting commemorative booklet. State College, PA 16801. In joint issue with Sweden. Stockholm.
- Jan. 30, 22¢ Love, New York, NY 10001.
- Feb. 1, AMERIPEX international rate comm. postal card. Chicago, IL 60607
- Feb. 4, Sojourner Truth. New Paltz, NY, 12561.
- Feb. 27, Hugo L. Black. Washington, DC 20066.
- Mar. 2, Republic of Texas, San Antonio, TX 76902.
- Mar. 19, William Jennings Bryan. Salem, IL 62357.
- Mar. 21, Fish comm. booklet, Seattle, WA, 98109.

U.N.:

- Jan. 31. Africa in Crisis.
- Mar. 14, UN Development Program.

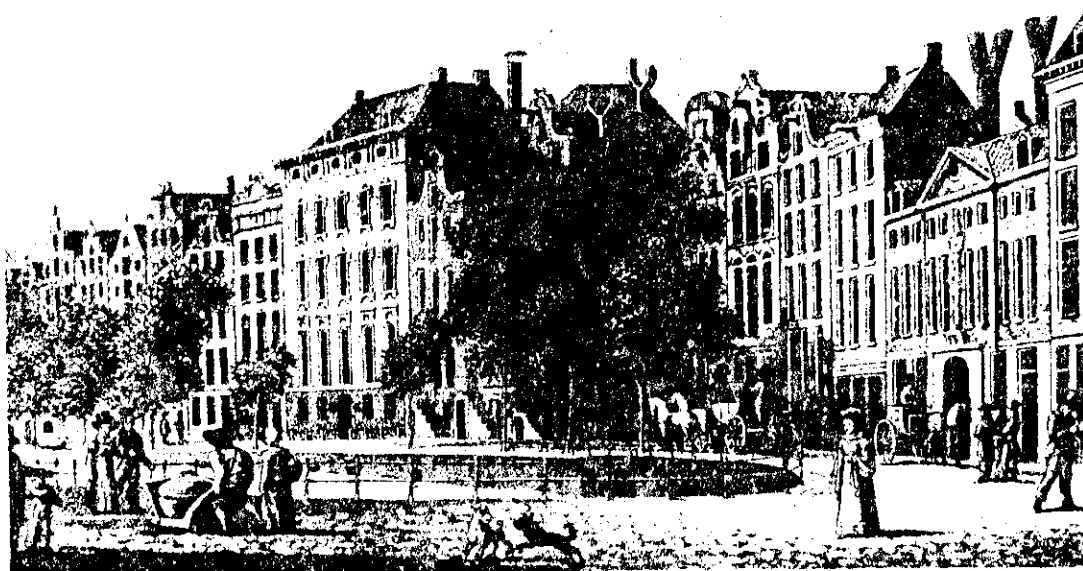
Canada:

- Feb. 13, 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics.
- Feb. 26, Expo '86.
- Mar. 14, \$5.00 La Mauricie National Park definitive.

Did you know that if you were a person 21 years of age, with average reading skills, earning approximately the median income (about \$14,000 a year), and planning to work until the age of 65, by the time you finished reading the rest of this sentence the federal government would have spent more money than you could make at your present salary for the rest of your working life?

A friend of mine taking sky divers up in his plane hit some turbulence and went into a dive. He quickly regained control and said to the passengers, "Close, wasn't it?" Getting no reply, he turned around. There was nobody there.

DENMARK
Postal System



The illustration inside the cover shows the 'Nieuwe Zijds Voorburgwal' at Amsterdam at the beginning of the nineteenth century. On the right we see the 'Royal Post Office' before its restoration, on which occasion the triangular top of the facade was replaced by a straight cornice. The sculpture above the main entrance is still there.

On December 24, 1624, King Christian IV established a Danish post office which was administered by four Copenhagen merchants. Because of the European wars of the time, the post office fell into decline and the franchise was transferred in 1653 and again in 1685. In 1711, King Frederik IV had the state assume control. In 1777, the post office took over the riding mails and, in 1849, the Copenhagen local delivery service. In early times letters were stuck up outside the post office so that people could collect their mail, but during the eighteenth century it became usual for uncollected letters to be delivered by letter carriers for a fee. Delivery of letters in rural areas was not universal until 1907.

During nineteenth century, the post office was responsible for the many ferry services in Denmark. This remained the case until 1883 when the entire fleet was taken over by the state railways.

In 1864, Denmark was defeated in a war with Prussia and Austria, and lost the provinces of Schleswig and Holstein.

Stamps and letter boxes were introduced simultaneously on April 1, 1851. Letter boxes varied in size and shape until 1860 when they were all standardized and painted red. The first issue of stamps was printed by M. W. Ferslew and was issued in the old currency, 96 Skilling = 1 Rigsdaler. Starting in 1852, H.H. Thiele began printing the stamps and continued to do so until 1933 when the responsibility was assumed by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. The introduction of new currency (100 ore = 1 Krone) necessitated a new issue of stamps in 1875.

Neutral in World War I, Denmark nevertheless recovered a portion of Schleswig in 1920. During the German occupation in World War II (1940-45), Danish stamps continued in use. In 1944, Iceland, which had become autonomous in 1918, and had issued its own stamps since 1873, broke away and became independent.

There are over 1,600 post offices in Denmark with 135 in Copenhagen alone. The Central Post Office is located at Tietgensgade 35, Copenhagen V. Of special is the old Koebmagergade Post Office, which was built in 1729 by de Lange, and houses the Central Telegraph Office.

The Post Office is also responsible for telegraph and telephone services and maintains a savings system which includes a lottery, tickets for which are sold at post offices for 10 krone each.



Collecting letters in a Dutch town about 1840. A window in the front of the Post Office building serves as a counter for the public. People are crowding around this counter to collect their long expected mail.



Post Office in the apartment of the Postmaster, about 1840. The Postmaster himself is busy sorting the letters according to their destinations. The sorting frame with 18 pigeon-holes is entirely sufficient for that purpose. A postman wearing a top hat is stacking the mail for his delivery walk. A postillion wearing short riding-breeches and high boots is warming himself by the stove.



Postman in 1841. The postmen in those days wore smart-looking civilian clothes, often consisting of knee-breeches, a closed jacket with low collar, an open riding-coat, top hat and shoes.

The Post Office department employs over 20,000 persons to take care of these services. In 1968, 676 million pieces of domestic mail were handled and 108 million pieces of international mail, about evenly divided between outgoing and incoming. Postcards are popular with the Danes, over 26 million were sent in 1968; 4.2 million were sent to Denmark from abroad.

The Philatelic Service of the Danish Post Office operates for the benefit of collectors and dealers in providing a source for the purchase of current Danish stamps at face value. The service has 15 full-time employees and 25 others who work when needed.

The agency was established in 1926 and was located in the main post office in Copenhagen until it moved to its present location in 1964. Situated at Radhuspladsen 59, next to the Palace Hotel, the agency maintains a retail outlet on the ground floor. Lists of stamps available are published in English, Danish, French, and German.

Information, application, and purchase forms may be obtained by writing to Postens Filateli, Radhuspladsen 59, DK-1550, Kobenhavn, V. Denmark.

DONATION

I would like to donate the following amount towards the purchase of exhibit frames for the Nevada Stamp Study Society.

\$5.00 _____
\$10.00 _____
\$20.00 _____
\$25.00 _____
\$50.00 _____
\$100.00 _____
\$200.00 _____
Other _____

Date Signature

A cheque for the above amount is enclosed with this form.

I would like to loan the following amount towards the purchase of exhibit frames for the Nevada Stamp Study Society. The Nevada Stamp Study Society will pay %5 per annum for the amount of the loan. The Nevada Stamp Study Society will repay the loan within 2 years, plus interest.

\$50.00 _____
\$100.00 _____
\$150.00 _____
\$200.00 _____
\$300.00 _____
\$400.00 _____
\$500.00 _____

Date Signature

A cheques for the above indicated amount is enclosed.

I would like to pledge the following amount towards the purchase of exhibit frames for the Nevada Stamp Study Society. The Nevada Stamp Study Society will except pledges by a single amount or by a monthly amount.

Monthly One-time
\$5.00 _____
\$10.00 _____
\$15.00 _____
\$20.00 _____

Date Signature.

A cheque for the above amount indicated is enclosed.