

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1900

Officers and Committees

The officers and committees for 1900 were:

President: H. P. Cushing Secy-Treas: R.P.Beardslee
Vice-Pres: Henry Pears Librarian: G.J.Bailey
Auction and Exch. Manager: W.W.MacLaren
Committees

Entertainment: Bailey, Crowell and Prescott
Executive: Waterbury, Geuder and Odell
Membership: MacLaren, Crowell, Barnum,
and Schneider (from May)

Changes in Membership

Seven new members probably were admitted (the record is not clear as to whether members Nos. 86, 87 and 88 were admitted late in 1900 or early in 1901; but it is likely that they were counted in the total at the end of 1900). They were:

- May John F. Rust #82. Agent for the extensive Rust Estate. For some years he took little part in the Club; but commencing with 1908, became more active. He was Secretary-Treasurer in 1911 and our 18th President in 1915. Had one of the finest collections ever held by any member. Died 1938.
- " Charles Nelson Landon #83. An artist with the Cleveland Press. Dropped out in 1904; but was reinstated in 1928 as #459. Again dropped out in 1932.
- Sep Charles Porter #84. An advertising solicitor for the Cleveland Leader. He attended few meetings; but continued his membership for almost twenty years.
- Oct 31 Monroe E. Deane #85. A young draftsman in an architect's office. He took no part in the Club and was dropped in a few years.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

New members admitted(continued)

- Dec(?) George H. Macdonough #86. Engineer of signals, Erie Railroad. He took no part in the Club; was dropped in 1904.
- " Alvin Good #87. A court reporter. He took an active part in the Club from the start; was Secretary-Treasurer in 1902; 13th President in 1906; Director for many terms. Elected to honorary life membership in 1946; died 1948.
- " Justus H. Nieding #88. Cashier of the oil farm, Scofield, Schurmer & Teagle. Although the records show that he attended only one Club meeting, he remained a member until his death in 1910.

There is no record of any losses; and it is not likely that there were any.

These changes resulted in a net gain of seven members, and a total of 45 at the end of the year -- 41 Active and 4 Honorary.

Meetings and Attendance

Nine meetings were held; one each month, except June, July and August -- all on Wednesday nights. All the meetings were held in George Bailey's office, #446 The Arcade.

As no minutes exist of the December meeting, the total attendance during the year is not known. The total attendance at the other meetings was 96(which included 8 visitors).

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Meetings and Attendance(Cont'd)

The following members were most regular in attendance:

Beardslee and Cushing	-- -- -- --	-8 meetings
Crowell	-- -- -- --	7 "
Barnum, French, MacLaren, Tubman	5	"
Pears, Rhodes and Schneider	-- --	4 "

For the first time since the founding of the Club, Mr. Bailey attended only one Club meeting.

Messrs. Brodie, Buerger, Dodge, Kress, Prescottt, and Rust attended two meetings each; Mr. Langdon, three meetings.

Anniversary Celebration

At the February meeting, the Club decided to celebrate the tenth anniversary by a banquet; and a Committee (Bailey, Prescottt and H.C.Crowell) was appointed to make the arrangements.

Early in March, they sent out printed invitations with reply postal cards, for the banquet to be held on March 17th, at the Hollenden Hotel.

The postal card invitation reads as follows:

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Cleveland, O., March 3, 1900.

Dear Sir:--

In order to fittingly celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, it was voted at the last regular meeting, by a majority of the members present, to hold a Banquet, and the undersigned have decided to hold same at the Hollenden Hotel, at 7:00 P.M., Saturday, March 17, 1900. It is to

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Anniversary Celebration (continued)

"be strictly informal -- no set speeches, just a good story or two, and discussions on matters relating to the hobby; supper to cost not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$1.50. Come and enjoy yourself.

Yours fraternally,

G.J.Bailey

J.O.Prescott

H.C.Crowell

Committee on Arrangements"

The reply card reads:

"Gentlemen:--

I will be at the Banquet of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club to help celebrate the Tenth Anniversary, to get a square meal and to meet all the boys once more.

Yours truly,"

The only memento in the Club Archives of the Banquet itself is a menu -- preserved by Mr.Kress - which indicated that a very fine meal was served.

There is no record of the number who attended. Mr. Kress' menu bears the autographs of the following members:

H.Pears

Geo.W.Geuder

H.C.Crowell

Alan Fernald(Detroit)

W.H.Barnum

L.G.French

W.H.Waterbury

W.J.Brodie

Geo.J.Bailey

Jas.F.Colwell

W.L.Hemstreet

T.Henry Tubman, M.D.

W.P.DunLany, M.D.

Chas. A. Jenkins

R.Gardner Dudge

R.P.Beardslee

Wm.C.Rhodes

W.J.Crawford

W.W.MacLaren

J.O.Prescott

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Entertainment

As there was an Entertainment Committee, it is assumed that special entertainment was arranged for but if it was, there is no mention of it in the minutes of the club meetings.

American Philatelic Association

The club records of 1900, like those of 1899, make no mention of the Club's participation in any A.P.A. activities. The number of A.P.A. members in Cleveland declined to eight.

In his Annual Report of 1900, the Secretary of the A.P.A. reported as to branches of the Association; and, in regard to Garfield-Perry, said:

"Branch No. 7, Cleveland, Ohio.

This was known as the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. As a club it is still in existence and doing good work, but for several years has been dormant as a branch. They have the requisite number of members to entitle them to a Resident Vice President, but although their attention has been called to the matter, they have not made application for an appointment."

Minutes and Club Records

The club records of 1900 are woefully meager. Mr. Beardslee, the Secretary, attended at least eight meetings and it is presumed that he made notes at the meetings for minutes; but he did not write up any minutes. The minutes of the January meeting are in Mr. Barnum's handwriting; all the others were written by Mr. Good - signed "R.P. Beardslee Sec'y per Good". Mr. Good was not a member until late in 1900 or early in 1901 - it is possible that he did not write up the 1900 minutes until some time after the meetings were held, possibly 1901. The minutes of the December meetings were not written up. The Secretary's Annual Report is also missing.