

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1902

Officers and Committees

The officers and committees were:

President: W. H. Barnum    Secy-Treas: Alvin Good  
Vice-Pres: Charles Kress    Exch. Supt: W.W. MacLaren  
Librarian: Henry Clark Crowell

Membership Committee: Pears, Cushing and Hemstreet

Changes in Membership

seventeen new members were admitted, almost  
equaling the record established in 1895, and perhaps proving  
that the hard times were over.

- Apr 3    Thomas Anthony    Cleveland    Act #91  
A clerk, took little part in the Club;  
was dropped in 1906.
- Feb 20    William H. Field    Cleveland <sup>(age about 34)</sup>    Act #92  
Another clerk, was active in the Club;  
a Director in 1904 and 1907; but moved  
to Columbus and resigned in 1911.
- Mar 20    Oliver S. Hart    Akron    Act #93  
Had been charter member #6; but dropped  
out in 1897; was reinstated as #93 (later  
was given his old number 6); died 1931.
- "    "    William A. VanDusen    Cleveland    Act #94  
A school teacher, attended a few meetings  
in 1902, 1903 and 1904; was dropped in 1908
- Apr 3    Theodore J. Arter    East Cleveland    Act #95  
A foreman of the Standard Oil Co; took  
practically no part in the Club; was  
dropped about 1909.
- "    "    Charles S. Bentley    Cleveland    Act #95A  
A clerk; took no interest in the Club;  
resigned in 1903.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

New members admitted(continued)

- Apr 24 Warren H. Colson Boston Act #96  
A traveling salesman for the New England Stamp Company, made regular trips to Cleveland to sell stamps to George Worthington and others; made numerous talks at Club meetings and was the Club Counterfeit Detector for many years. Dropped his membership about 1918.
- May 15 Harry O. Spaulding Cleveland Act #96A  
A clerk, took no part in the Club; resigned in 1903.
- " " Ferdinand C. Bartels Lakewood Act #97  
A florist, attended meetings occasionally. On September 15, 1917, he was murdered in his home in Rocky River. 105
- " " Louis K. Moatz Cleveland Act #~~97A~~  
A draftsman, did not attend any Club meetings; resigned in 1903. He was not assigned a membership number until his resignation was received.
- " " S. H. Tolles Cleveland Act #98  
An attorney, took no part in Club affairs; but continued his membership for several years -- until 1908
- " " John N. Luff New York Hon #98A  
The well-known expert of the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. visited the Club on May 15 and was immediately made an honorary member. Died in 1938.
- " " Bendall Hon #98B  
A railway mail service clerk, was a visitor on May 15 and was elected to honorary membership with John Luff. Evidently this was done on the impulse of the moment and was after reconsidered; as only his surname survives in the records, and he is not included in any list of members issued during or after that period.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

Oct 16	<u>Earl A. Burr</u>	Cleveland	Act #99
	A clerk, took little part in Club affairs; was dropped about 1905.		
" "	<u>Loren R. Vorce</u>	Cleveland	Act #100
	A chemical engineer, was moderately active in the Club; was a Director in 1905; but was dropped in 1913.		
Dec	<u>Armin H. Volk</u>	Cleveland	Act #101
	A barber, he attended a few meetings each year and continued his membership for over twenty years. He dropped out about 1923.		
"	<u>Willard R. Hower</u>	Cleveland	Act #102
	A pharmacist, took no interest in the Club. He was dropped about 1904.		

During the year there was a mixup in the membership numbers assigned to the incoming members. At that time, applicants were not required to pay dues in advance, and, as a result, some of the new members delayed payment of dues for a considerable time -- a few until 1903. Secretary Good waited to assign membership numbers to the delinquents until their dues had been received, and through oversight, no membership numbers were assigned to Bentley, Spaulding, Luff and Bendall (The numbers 95A, 96A, <sup>and</sup> 98A and 98B. shown herein for those members were assigned by the Historian many years later, for convenience)

In addition to those shown above, Dr. Holland A. Davis, then a physician in Cleveland (later Secretary of the American Philatelic Society for many years) was elected to membership on March 20, 1902; but as he did not qualify by paying his dues, he was never assigned a membership number, and really was not a member of the Club.

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There was a loss of ~~three~~ members; one death and one dropped for non-payment of dues, Bendall dropped.

Richard P. Mayer #32 died on April 30; Albert F. Crosby #81 was dropped for non-payment of dues. Bendall #98B was dropped without explanation.

The net gain in membership for the year was, therefore, fourteen, making the total 61 at the end of 1902.

The summary of changes during the year is:

	Active	Honorary	Total	
Total January 1, 1902	43	4	47	
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<u>Gains</u>				
New members - - - - -	15	2	17	
<u>Losses</u>				
Death - - - - -	1	-	1	
Dropped for non-payment, etc	1	-1	2	
Total losses - - - - -	2	1	3	
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Net gains - - - - -	13	1	14	14
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Total January 1, 1903 - -	56	5	61	

The total of 61 at the end of the year is the figure shown in the Secretary's Annual Report for 1902(as mentioned in the Minutes of the meeting of December 1902). However, that report, evidently in error, shows an increase in membership of 16 for the year. Apparently the loss of two members was overlooked.



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## Meetings and Attendance

Ten meetings were held -- one each month, except that there were two in April; none in June, July and August.

The total attendance (including eleven visitors) was 122.

Members who attended five or more meetings were:

Barnum and Good	All ten meetings
Crowell, Cushing and Langdon	Nine each
Field - - - - -	Seven
Spear - - - - -	Six
French and Pears - - - - -	Five each

Bailey attended two meetings; Kress, three; MacLaren, three; Schneider, three; Hart, one; N.P. Stockwell, none; Brodie, one; Dr. Tubman, three.

Some of the meetings may have been held in Bailey's office in The Arcade (the records are not clear); but those of September and thereafter were held elsewhere; probably in the office of F.S. Barnum in the Rose Building.

## Anniversary Celebration

At the meeting of February 20th, the advisability of having a banquet to celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the Club was discussed, and the minutes state "it was decided to hold a special meeting on the evening of March 6th at the University Club rooms, said special meeting to take the place of the usual annual banquet -- that refreshments be served and paid for by those present." It was also decided to invite George Worthington and J.V. Painter to attend the special meeting. There is no further record of the meeting.

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## Changes in Membership Regulations

At the December meeting, the membership rules were amended and the age limit placed at seventeen years.

At the same meeting, Henry Crowell moved that an initiation fee of one dollar be exacted and the annual dues increased to one dollar (from fifty cents); the initiation fee to be required to accompany the application for membership -- and that the applicant be required to qualify (by paying the annual dues) within three months or be dropped without further notice, forfeiting the initiation fee; that, if the applicant be not accepted, the initiation fee would be refunded. The motion was laid on the table until the next meeting (in 1903)

## Entertainment

The outstanding entertainment arranged for by the Club during 1902 was an exhibit of Worthington's United States postage stamps.

This was held on October 30, at eight p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art Rooms, Third Floor, Rose Building.

Printed invitations were sent out, reading as shown below:

### THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

requests the honor of your presence on the occasion of  
the exhibition of the magnificent collection of  
United States Postage Stamps  
including locals, proffs and essays  
the property of

Mr. George H. Worthington  
of this city, at The Cleveland Museum of Art Rooms  
Third Floor, Rose Building, Corner Erie and Prospect

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Entertainment (continued)

Wording of Invitation to Exhibition  
of Mr. Worthington's U.S. (continued)

"The opportunity of inspecting a collection as complete as to numbers and so immaculate as to condition is so rare that the members of this club wish to share the privilege with other collectors who are not affiliated with this club.

The collection will be on exhibition at eight o'clock on the evening of

October thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two

H.P. Cushing	Alvin Good
W.H. Barnum	H.C. Crowell
Committee	

Cleveland, October, 1902."

The only other special entertainment recorded was the exhibition of a portion of Cushing's collection on January 16th.

Assistance rendered by the Club in disposing  
of the Aikenhead collection

In September, 1902, the collection of the late R.S. Aikenhead was placed with the Club by the widow for sale. William Langdon was appointed a Committee of One to mount the stamps in approval books and place them in a sales circuit for members of the Club. Mr. Field assisted him in the mounting; Henry C. Crowell was appointed to price the stamps.



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### Club Organ

The minutes of the meeting of January 16 show that "An informal proposition from Mr. Leve, Pub'r of 'The Perforator' to act as official organ for the G-P Stamp Club was presented to the members present but action was postponed until a later meeting." There is no record of any further action taken at any later meeting in 1902.

### Library

During the year, the Advanced Catalogue and the U.S. Revenue Catalogue were bound and placed in the Club Library. The Secretary was instructed to subscribe to the American Journal of Philately for the library.

### American Philatelic Association

The records do not indicate that the Club took any part whatever in A.P.A. activities; and it is very unlikely that the Club did so. The A.P.A. Year Book for 1902 shows that there were only five A.P.A. members in Cleveland that year.