

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1912

Officers and Committees

When the annual meeting was held in December 1911, and the officers for 1912 were elected, eleven candidates were voted for, and received votes in the following order. The number of votes received by each candidate is not recorded.

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| 1. Good | 4. Rust | 7. Wood | 10. Langdon |
| 2. French | 5. Weigel | 8. Viets | 11. Foote |
| 3. O.S.Hart | 6. Beatty | 9. Larsen | |

The officers and committees for 1912 were:

<u>President:</u> Roy H. Beatty	<u>Sales and</u>
<u>Vice-Pres:</u> Oliver S. Hart	<u>Exch. Mgr:</u> Otto F. Moses
<u>Secretary:</u> LeGrand French	<u>Auction Mgr:</u> H. C. Crowell
<u>Treasurer:</u> Alvin Good	<u>Librarian:</u> Fred E. Bruce
<u>Counterfeit Detector:</u>	Warren H. Colson

Committees

<u>Entertainment:</u>	Rust, O.S.Hart, Barnum
<u>Reception:</u>	Weigel, Whittaker, Viets
<u>Auditing:</u>	Barnum and Crowell
<u>Library:</u>	Bruce (Chairman), Good and Barnum

For the first time since 1890, the office of Treasurer was not held by the same member who was Secretary. Apparently it had developed that the keeping of the minutes and other club records maintained by the Secretary was considered enough to expect one person to do, and the Treasurer's work was assigned to another person.

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Changes in Membership

The year was a poor one, so far as membership was concerned. The Club suffered a net loss of four members, and, at the end of the year, had less than one hundred members.

Seven new members were admitted, five of whom were out-of-town. The two Clevelanders became very active workers in the Club.

- Feb 15 George L. Toppan Chicago #233
A railway supply man, who had been President of the A.P.S. (1899-1902); died in 1916.
- May 16 Robert Haynes Toledo #234
A part-time stamp dealer (also "wrecking and summer cottage construction"; was a member not quite two years; resigned 1914.
- Oct 6 Willard A. Chamberlin (29) Lakewood #235
A clerk; a very active Club member; Secretary 1914 and 1915; Vice President 1917; Director 1918 and 1919; Auction Manager 1920; Sales Mgr. 1922; moved to Chicago about 1927; was dropped 1931.
- " " Clifford W. Kissinger (27?) Reading, Pa. #236
Real estate; philatelic politician; a "stormy petrel" in early organized philately (A.P.A., Sons of Philately; Philatelic Sons of America, etc). A member until his death in 1938.
- Dec 4 Julius A. Oettinger (29?) Cleveland #237
A printing salesman; took a very active part in the Club; Director 1914 and 1917; Treasurer 1915 and 1916; moved to Chicago 1919; returned to Cleveland 1921; died 1935.
- " " Frank E. Goodwin St. Louis #238
A publisher; took no interest in the Club; was dropped in 1915.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

New members (continued)

Dec 5 Dr. Chas H. Yeagle Clyde, Ohio #239
 Physician, Government service, Philip-
 pine Islands; left Clyde for Manila
 late in 1912; was dropped in 1915.

Eight members resigned, including two veterans:

Feb	1	<u>Myron H. Wilson</u> #	71	Feb	15	<u>Brian Bradshaw</u> #	221
"	"	<u>Wm. C. Rhodes</u>	77	May	16	<u>Cornelius Newkirk</u>	229
"	"	<u>Oscar F. Liebner</u> #	195			<u>Peter G. Fenn</u>	222
"	15	<u>Otto C. Reymann</u>	131	Dec	19	<u>C. W. Haake</u>	231

The loss of Rhodes was an especially severe one; he had long been an unusually active and worthwhile member.

Four were dropped for non-payment of dues:

Jan	4	<u>David G. Moxon</u> #	166	Jan	4	<u>H.F. Bowker</u> #	196
"	"	<u>Thos. W. Pigott</u> #	187	"	"	<u>H.A. Blackwell</u> #	213

Thus the total loss was twelve; the net loss five.

The summary of changes made during the year is:

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Honorary</u>		<u>Total</u>
<u>Total January 1, 1912</u>	96	7		103
<u>Gains</u>				
New members - - - - -	7	-		7
<u>Losses</u>				
Resignations - - - - -	8	-		8
Dropped for non-payment	4	-		4
Total - - - - -	12	-		12
<u>Net loss - - - - -</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>5</u>
<u>Total January 1, 1913 - -</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>98</u>

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Meetings and Attendance

Eighteen regular meetings were held --- all at The Sorosis Club rooms (#202 The Arcade), except the one of May 16 (the last before the summer recess) which was held at Weber's Cafe, 242 Superior Avenue.

As the minutes for the meeting of November 21 and the two December meetings are missing, the complete attendance is not available. The total attendance for the fifteen meetings, of which there is a record, was 268 (including 38 visitors); the average per meeting, almost eighteen.

The largest attendance was on May 2 (20 members and 7 visitors); the smallest meeting was on September 5 and October 17 (12 members and one visitor on each date).

The meeting of May 16, at Weber's, was preceded by a dinner attended by about a dozen members. 20 members and one visitor attended the meeting after the dinner. A "Dutch Lunch" was served at 10:00p.m. for which those present paid 25¢ each. Weber's bill was \$11.45; the Club made up the deficit.

The regular attendants at meetings were; Barmum, Beatty, Weigel, Crowell, Moses, Whittaker, Hanford, Larsen, LeGrand French and Good.

At the meeting of February 15, Hanford's offer of stamps cataloguing \$2.00 was accepted, the stamps to be given as a prize to bring out more members.

At the October 17 meeting, it was suggested that meetings be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (instead of the first and third Thursdays, September to May, inclusive); and that the Secretary send reply postal cards to the members for an expression of their views on the proposal.

When the proposed change was again considered at the meeting of November 7, it was tabled until the first of the year.

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The Twenty-second Anniversary Celebration

The twenty-second anniversary was celebrated by a banquet on Saturday, March 16, at the Cleveland Athletic Club, with the following menu:

Cocktails
Oyster Cocktail
Celery Olives
Cream of Asparagus
Filet Mignon with Mushrooms
Potatoes au Gratin
Peas
French Endive Salad
Ice Cream Cake
Cheese and Crackers
Coffee Cigars

Full details of those who attended are not in the Club records; but an article in "Redfield's Stamp Weekly" for March 30, 1912, states that the attendance was slightly smaller than usual, due in part to the Chicago Philatelic Society's annual dinner being held on the same night, resulting in the absence from Cleveland of the delegation from Chicago which generally attended the Garfield-Perry banquets. It is stated, however, that "a very full muster of Cleveland stamp men was on hand, while the out-of-town visitors were Messrs. Albert C. Stewart of Toledo and Alan R. Fernald of Detroit." It is also stated that H. C. Crowell was Toastmaster, and among those called on for toasts were Stewart and Fernald, Good, Bruce, Barnum, Harry S. French, LeGrand French and Otto F. Moses. Mr. Worthington was reported as having been very ill - a complication of pneumonia and appendicitis -- but convelescing.

The Treasurer's Cash Book shows that \$43.75 was collected from members, and that the bill from the C.A.C. was \$54.15; the bill for the menus \$5.25. Probably there were some other expenses for postal cards, notices, etc. In any event the Club paid the deficit, which was at least \$15.65.

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Entertainment

At the first meeting of the year, a motion was passed that the members should give more attention to the exhibitions of collections; and that, during the entertainment, the buying and selling of stamps by the members - of each other, or out of the sales circuits - be dispensed with.

There were several interesting exhibits, seven auctions and three contests.

The outstanding exhibits were on "Revenue Night", February 1, by Crowell, Larsen, Weigel, L.G. French and Warren H. Colson. Colson exhibited several rarities, including the only known copy of the \$2.50 inverted center Third Issue #2956, unused O.G.

Other exhibits were presented by O.S. Hart (U.S.), and "New Yorks"; Rust (U.S. Revenues) and Langdon. Talks were made by George Toppan of Chicago ("United States Stamps") and Alvin Good.

New Auction Rules

In January, it was decided that the number of lots to be auctioned would be limited to 25 per meeting; and that when the number of available lots was in excess of 50, there would be a general auction.

Official Club Organ

Although the records are vague, it seems that "Redfield's Weekly" (adopted as the official Club organ in February 1911) was not satisfactory. At the first meeting in 1912, the Secretary was instructed to ascertain from the various stamp journals the terms on which they would act as the Club's official organ. This was done, and, on April 4, "The Philatelic Stamp News" was chosen as the official organ.

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Discontinuance of the Club Library

Evidently it became necessary to make a change in the location of the Club Library during 1912 -- due, probably, to the inability of Librarian Bruce to continue to furnish space for it in his office, or perhaps, to act as Librarian. It is likely that no other suitable place could be found to house it. Probably the situation was the same as it was 35 years later when, in 1947, Librarian Green found that he could no longer maintain the second Club Library in his law office, and the Club could not find another suitable location for it.

At the meeting of May 16, the matter was discussed at length, after which a motion carried that "the books in the Library be donated to the Cleveland Public Library", and another that "a Standing Committee of 3 be appointed to make the proper transfer of the Library and in such manner as will bring general and lasting benefits to the Club."

It happened at the same meeting, Whittaker informed the members that George Haynes of Toledo wished to make a present of his philatelic library to Garfield-Perry. The offer was accepted.

At the meeting of October 3, Chairman Bruce of the Library Committee reported that the Club's library had been transferred to the Cleveland Public Library; that Mr. Brett, the Librarian, had promised to issue a list of the books and to send a copy to each member of the Club; and to have a slip pasted in each book showing it had been donated by Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

At the same meeting, the Club bookcase, offered for sale, was purchased by Alvin Good for six dollars.

Apparently some of the members had Club books out when the Library was moved, as the minutes of the meeting of November 17 contain the following: "Report of Library Comm. Members slow in returning books. Requested to be more prompt."

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New Club Letterheads

Revised letterheads were procured during 1912. The minutes of the meeting of January 18 state: "Board of Directors approved the proofs & ordered 2000 - M - letterheads for the year. It was suggested that members of the Club could procure the same at cost."

The new form showed the names and addresses of the officers along the left-hand margin (instead of at the top); the Sales Manager, Librarian, Auction Manager and Counterfeit Detector (not shown on the old letterhead) were included; "SIXTH CITY" was shown under "Cleveland"; and "Meetings held first and third Thursdays of each month, September to May inclusive" was added at the bottom.

The Treasurer's Cash Book shows payment on June 13 of \$7.75 for the new letterheads; but indicates that this was for only 1000 ("1 M").

American Philatelic Society

Early in the year, a committee (Barnum, Rust and Moses) was appointed to investigate the advisability of inviting the American Philatelic Society to hold its annual convention in 1913 in Cleveland.

The Committee reported in May, recommending that the Club invite the A.P.S. to hold its 1913 convention in Cleveland and Put-in-Bay. The recommendation was approved; and the invitation, extended to the A.P.S. at the 1912 convention, was accepted.

In September, special A.P.S. Convention committees were appointed as follows:
Arrangements: Barnum (Chmn.), Bruce, Good, A.C. Stewart
Finance: Rust (Chairman), Hart, Crowell
Publicity: Moses, Beatty

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Contributions for philatelic Propaganda

In accordance with vote of the members at the meeting of May 2, five dollars was contributed to the International Stamp Exhibition Company of New York.

Finances

The year was a prosperous one, financially, for the Club; the receipts amounted to \$20.54 more than the disbursements, and there was a balance of \$41.47 in the Treasury at the end of the year.

The summary of financial transactions during the year is as follows:

Cash on hand January 1, 1912 - - - - - \$20.93

Receipts

Dues - - - - -	\$123.50	
Auction Commission and donations	12.65	
Sale of Scott's catalogues to Club members - - - - -	22.75	
Collections from members for lunch May 16 (20 @ 25¢) --	5.00	
Sale of bookcase - - - - -	6.00	
Collected from members for banquet	43.75	
Total - - - - -	213.65	213.65

Disbursements

Rent - - - - -	51.00	
Stationery, printing & postage	43.54	
Entertainment - - - - -	15.87	
Scott's catalogues (35 @ 50¢)	17.50	
International Stamp Exhibition	5.00	
Sales Department - - - - -	.80	
Anniversary Banquet - - - - -	59.40	
Total - - - - -	193.11	193.11
Balance - - - - -		20.54 20.54
Cash on hand January 1, 1913 - - - - -		41.47