

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1913

Officers and Committees

The officers and committees were:

President: Roy H. Beatty      Secretary: Henry C. Crowell  
Vice-Pres:                      Treasurer: Alvin Good  
Directors:

Exchange Supt: O.F. Moses      Auction Mgr: H.C. Crowell  
Counterfeit Detector: Warren H. Colson

Committees

Entertainment: Hanford, LeGrand French, Weigel  
Publicity:            MacLaren, Jenkins, Moses

Changes in Membership

The year was another poor one for growth of membership; an unusually large number of members were dropped for non-payment of dues; there was a net loss of six members.

Eleven new members were admitted, as follows:

Mar 20 Charles A. Sherman (age 21)      Cleveland #240  
A clerk, L.S. & M.S. Ry.; attended four meetings in 1913; was dropped 1917.

Apr 3 Mileham H. Lewis (age 24)      Cleveland #241  
A clerk, Standard Oil Co.; a very active member; Secretary 1919; Treasurer 1920-21; lost interest; was dropped 1928.

May 15 John A. Wilkowski (age 25?)      Detroit #242  
A dealer (McGraw Stamp Co.); took no interest in the Club; was dropped 1916.

June 5 Luther L. Roby (age 32)      Cleveland #243  
A mechanical engineer; son of Luther A. Roby #59; attended fairly regularly for about four years; lost interest and was dropped 1917; reinstated 1919; was a Sustaining Member 1919; again dropped 1922.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

New members admitted (continued)

May 15	<u>James B. McCrea</u> ( <u>Cleveland</u> #244 A meat packer (Ohio Provision Co.; attended only one meeting; dropped 1917.
Aug 7	<u>Edgar P. Lent</u> (age 29?) <u>Cleveland</u> #245 A clerk, Standard Oil Co.; rather active member; Director 1915; was dropped 1917; reinstated 1919; again dropped 1925; reinstated 1926; was again dropped 1931. <i>did 1936.</i>
Nov 5	<u>Herman Becker</u> (age 29) <u>Cleveland</u> #246 A packer; attended fairly regularly 1914, 1915 and 1916; resigned 1917.
" "	<u>Bertrand C. Miller</u> (age 38) <u>Cleveland</u> #247 Clerk, U.S. District Court; attended a few meetings in 1913, 1914 and 1915; resigned 1920.
Nov 20	<u>J. Eugene Lutzeier</u> (age 35) <u>Cleveland</u> #248 A bookkeeper; attended regularly in 1913, 1914 and 1915; moved to Detroit in 1916; resigned 1917.
Dec 18	<u>Luke S. Wunderly</u> (age 31) <u>Cleveland</u> #249 An accountant; rather active; Chairman, Entertainment Committee for part of 1915; resigned 1916.
Dec 4	<u>Carl F. White</u> <u>Cleveland</u> #250 An architect (White & Shupe); former member #57; resigned January 1915.

Two former members were reinstated with their old membership numbers:

Royal W. Bryant #188

W. W. MacLaren # 4

The reinstatement of MacLaren was probably the most important change in membership of the year, as it resulted in his resuming a very active part in Club affairs, which he continued until his death in 1935.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

There was one resignation:

John N. Lehr #169

Eighteen members were suspended and dropped for non-payment of dues, as follows:

<u>Henry S. Adair</u>	#204	<u>Charles Kress</u>	#220
<u>Arthur P. Cook</u>	#230	<u>John Lehr</u>	#168
<u>Henry A. Diamant</u>	#215	<u>James Mack</u>	#185
<u>Ralph W. Dresser</u>	#225	<u>Percy G. Nixon</u>	#191
<u>Henry A. Fowler</u>	#175	<u>Joseph S. Rich</u>	#202
<u>Chas. R. Harbaugh</u>	#171	<u>Homer S. Stark</u>	#207
<u>Neville B. Harris</u>	#180	<u>George M. Strader</u>	219
<u>Iver R. Johnson</u>	#165	<u>Loren R. Vorce</u>	#100
<u>Charles Kramer</u>	#170	<u>A. Yaremdji</u>	#156

These changes resulted in a net loss of six, and a total of 92 at the end of the year.

The summary of changes during the year is:

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total January 1, 1913	91	7	98
<u>Gains</u>			
New members - - - - -	11	-	11
Reinstated with former membership numbers - -	2	-	2
Total gains - - - - -	13	-	13
<u>Losses</u>			
Resignations - - - - -	1	-	1
Dropped for non-payment	18	-	18
Total losses - - - - -	19	-	19
Net loss - - - - -	6	-	6
Total January 1, 1914 - -	85	7	92

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## Meetings and Attendance

Twenty-one meetings were held -- two in each month, except one each in June, July and August. All meetings were held in the Sorosis Club rooms, 202 The Arcade, the regular meeting place since 1909.

The total attendance was 366, which included 46 visitors). The average per meeting was 17, a little better than the 1912 average. The best-attended meeting -- on November 20 -- was attended by 33; the poorest attendance was at the meeting of September 19, when there were only eleven present.

The members who attended frequently were:

Whittaker, 21 meetings; Larsen and Weigel, 20; Beatty, Good and Moses, 19; Barnum, 16; Chamberlin, 15; LeGrand French, 14; Oettinger, 12; Lewis, Tubman and Viets, 11; MacLaren, 10; Langdon, 9; and Hanford 8.

## The Twenty-third Anniversary Celebration

At the meeting of February 6, the Club decided to dispense with the usual anniversary banquet, and instead to hold the second meeting in March at Weber's Cafe and have an informal dinner served before the meeting.

This meeting was held on March 20 -- after the dinner, which was attended by fourteen members. The price of the dinner was 75¢ per plate, 50¢ of which was paid by the members, 25¢ by the Club. The Treasurer's Cash Book shows \$11.50 collected from the members for the dinner, indicating that 23 were at the dinner. Weber's bill amounted to \$24.00, so that there were evidently other items than the dinners included -- probably cigars, etc.

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The 23d Anniversary Celebration (continued)

W. W. MacLaren, who had been out of the Club since 1908, was present as a visitor. It was the first meeting that he had attended since 1907. The minutes show that he "made a few well-chosen remarks, and presented (each of) those present with a little souvenir containing a clipping from the Cleveland Leader of March 19, 1890, in which the formation of the 'New Society' is mentioned." He also explained the origin of the name of the Club.

Oddly, the clipping which was reproduced on the souvenir was very probably from the "News and Herald" (instead of the "Leader") and from the edition of April 22, 1890 (instead of March 19, 1890) and the meeting referred to in the article was the second meeting of the Club -- on April 21, 1890. It seems probable that MacLaren had a clipping of the "News and Herald" article; but as the name and date of the newspaper were not shown on the clipping, he got the impression, after twenty-three years, that the clipping was from the "Leader" and referred to the first meeting. Very likely this article was the first mention of the Club in any local newspaper. The souvenir refers to the date of the first meeting as March 18; but there is little doubt, from other evidence, that the first meeting was held on March 17.

Upon motion of Barnum, the rules were suspended, and MacLaren was reinstated with his old membership number, 4. Remarks were made by various others. Refreshments were served at 10:10 p.m. - and further remarks were made by Eben S. Martin, C. E. Kendel, Dr. Tubman, W. G. Whittaker, Julius Oettinger and LeGrand French.

The following attended the meeting:

Barnum	H. C. Crowell	Lewis	Tubman
Beatty	R. H. Crowell	Martin	Viets
Bruce	L. G. French	Moses	Volk
Bryant	Good	Nixon	Weigel
Chamberlin	Kendel	Oettinger	Whittaker
	Larsen	Rhodes	

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Entertainment at Regular Meetings

There were two outstanding evenings during the year: May 15, when Good exhibited George H. Worthington's Great Britain; and November 20, when Wm. L. Stevenson gave an illustrated lecture on the 1851 and 1857 issues of the United States.

Of the first evening, the minutes state that "the members enjoyed viewing the thousands of dollars of beautiful gems". Of the lecture, the minutes say that "The Club has been noted in the past for a number of notable achievements but it is doubtful if any of these approached this Red Letter Day in the History of the Club in genuine Philatelic interest and in general up-building of Philatelic knowledge." and "The meeting was the banner event of the year.

There was special entertainment at practically every meeting -- exhibits, auctions and contests.

Proposal to award a cup or medal for competition

At the first meeting in December, Barnum suggested for the consideration of the 1914 Board of Directors, the feasibility of the Club's presenting a cup or medal for competition, to be competed for annually - the winner to hold it for one year. Good and Langdon spoke at the meeting in favor of Barnum's suggestion.

Co-operation with the Cleveland Public Library

In October, a special Library Committee was appointed "to confer with the Cleveland Public Library with the object of advising them what philatelic works to purchase, etc. etc."

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## The Exchange Department

The Exchange Department had lost the interest of the members. A motion carried at the meeting of June 5 that the Board of Directors give consideration to a plan to revive interest in the Department. What plan, if any, was decided upon is not a matter of record but MacLaren was appointed Exchange Superintendent for 1914; and, at the annual meeting in December 1913, made a vigorous appeal to each member to enter at least one book in the exchange circuit.

## Donation of a medal to the International Stamp Exhibition

In August, the Club voted to donate a silver-gilt medal for award at the International Stamp Exhibition to be held in New York in the fall; and Good was instructed and authorized to make the arrangements.

## American Philatelic Society

The American Philatelic Society held its 1913 annual convention at Put-in-Bay. Mr. Worthington was Honorary Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

Many of the Garfield-Perry members subscribed to a fund for the entertainment of the convention:

### Mr. Worthington \$100.

Good - - -	\$50.00	Weigel	\$10.00	Stewart	\$25.00
Barnum - - -	50.00	Langdon	5.00	Wood - -	10.00
Moses - - -	30.00	Larsen - -	5.00	French	5.00
Beatty - -	25.00	Saxton - -	5.00	Pack - -	25.00
Bruce - -	25.00	Viets - -	5.00	Don Davis	5.00
H.C.Crowell	25.00	Whittaker	5.00	Jenkins	10.00
Tubman - -	15.00	E.G. Hart	5.00	R.H.Crowell	10.00
Hanford -	10.00	Rust - - -	50.00	O. S. Hart	25.00

The record of the fund shows a total of \$520.28 received. About \$52.00 of the \$535.00 subscribed above was not paid; but these defections were partially offset by other receipts. \$286.53 was spent; the balance left was \$238.75.

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American Philatelic Society (cont'd)

The minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1913 contain the following: "Owing to the liberality of members who subscribed for the Entertainment of the Am. Phil.Soc. at the Convention in August there was a comfortable surplus and it was voted unanimously that 40% of all sub's of \$10 and over should be refunded to the subscribing members; that balance and also all subscriptions paid hereafter be turned into the Society Treasury and be set aside from the regular funds and to be devoted exclusively for the 25th Anniversary Entertainment as to be known as the 25th Ann. Fund."

The detailed record shows that refunds were made on October 13th and 16th to: Barnum \$20.00; Good \$20; Moses \$12.00; Beatty \$10.00; Tubman \$6; Bruce \$11.00; Weigel \$4.00; Rust \$20.00; Stewart \$10.00.

The other refunds were not arranged promptly, and the minutes of the meeting of December 4 state: "Pres't Beatty was instructed to order H.C.Crowell, Treas. of the A. P. S. Convention Funds to make immediate distribution of all remaining funds in his hands according to basis agreed upon and to make a complete final report to the Board."

The record shows that the other refunds were made on December 16 to: O. S. Hart \$10; Pack \$10; R.H.Crowell \$4; Worthington \$40; Garfield-Perry \$52.35 (the balance of the fund).

The Cleveland Branch of the A.P.S. was, of course, still a separate organization from Garfield-Perry. It was alive -- in a very quiet way. Alvin Good was the clerk of the Branch. The American Philatelist Convention Proceedings - October 1913, contains his Annual Report which shows that the Branch held but one meeting during the year ending in July; but that the membership increased to forty (from 34).



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American Philatelic Society (Continued)

The convention was held in the town hall of Put-in-Bay on August 19, 20 and 21. Commodore Worthington, naturally, took a very active part. General C.A. Coolidge of Detroit was elected President; Alvin Good, W. H. Barnum and John F. Rust were elected Vice Presidents.

There was a total of 70 members and 28 guests registered, including the following Garfield-Perry members: Barnum, Beatty, H. C. Crowell, L.G. French, Good, Hamford, Larsen, Moses, Tubman, Weigel, Whitaker and Worthington. Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. French, Miss Gertrude French and Mrs. Good were also present. Among other people from Cleveland were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drake, Mrs. J.W. Ludlow and Mrs. Anna McFarland.

Among the guests were W.W. MacLaren; Silas Weatherby (then of Elyria; later GPSC #252 B); and Donald F. Lybarger (then of Harrisburg, Pa.; later GPSC #447, and much later, President of the A.P.S.)

On Wednesday evening, August 20, by special invitation, the members and ladies were the guests of Commodore and Mrs. Worthington on board the yacht "Priscilla".

The convention was a very successful one; and those who attended had a splendid time. Garfield-Perry was complimented for its part in the affair. The American Philatelist for September, 1913, in an article on the convention said, "The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club has every reason to feel proud of the entertainment provided for the members of the Society."

Alvin Good says in his "The Life and Adventures of a Philatelist": "In 1913 when the APS Convention was held at Put-in-Bay, Commodore Worthington gave it one of these receptions, but it was rather a tame affair compared with those of preceding years."

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The International Stamp Exhibition at New York

The International Stamp Exhibition was held in New York on October 27-30, 1913. This was America's maiden effort in exhibitions of this magnitude, and Mr. Worthington, as America's outstanding collector, was made Honorary President of the Exhibition.

In August, the Club voted to donate a silver gilt medal for award at the exhibition.

Mr. Worthington entered several exhibits, and won a Grand Gold Medal for his United States stamps, as well as one for his Hawaiians, and nine or ten other prizes for other exhibits. It is not recorded that any other member of Garfield-Perry won an award; nor, in fact, if they entered any exhibits.

The silver gilt medal, donated by the Club, was awarded to a Mr. E. M. Taylor for his exhibit of Montenegro.

An interesting account of the exhibition is given by Alvin Good in his "The Life and Adventures of a Philatelist". As to the awards, he said: "I did not like the way they handed out the awards which was a compromise all the way through."

The exhibition was a great success; but it seems doubtful if it had any appreciable beneficial effect on Garfield-Perry, or resulted in many new worthwhile collectors being attracted to the hobby in Cleveland and vicinity.

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Finances

The Club did not live within its income during 1913; the disbursements amounted to \$16.00 more than the receipts. Two rather unusual items of expense were \$27.32 for the Sales Department and \$24.40 for entertainment. The Sales Department expense was for new sales books (\$11.37) and a deficit of \$15.95 in the Sales Department account. The \$24.40 spent for entertainment was the traveling and hotel expense of Wm. L. Stevenson who gave the outstanding lecture on November 20.

The summary of financial transactions during the year is:

Cash on hand January 1, 1913 - - - - - \$41.47

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Receipts

Dues - - - - -	\$142.60	
Auction commission and donations	16.62	
Collected from members for dinner at Weber's March 20	11.50	
Sales Circuit insurance fund	12.79	
Total - - - - -	<u>183.51</u>	183.51

Disbursements

Rent - - - - -	60.00	
Stationery, printing and postage	49.99	
Sales Department - - - - -	27.32	
Entertainment - - - - -	24.40	
Dinner at Weber's March 20 -	24.00	
Medal for Int. Phil. Exhibition	12.00	
A.P.S. Branch dues - - - - -	1.80	
Total - - - - -	<u>199.51</u>	199.51
Deficit - - - - -		<u>16.00</u> 16.00
Cash on hand January 1, 1914 - - - - -		-25.47