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Officers and Committees

The officers for 1937 were:

President D.W. Martin Vice President Vance Holden Treasurer H.M. Sanford Secretary R.E. Johnson Lybarger: Lloyd(to Jan.8th only); Hahn, Trustees Shoemaker; Hoisington (to Jame 4th); Piper (from Jan.8th); Lehman (from June 4th)

Auction Manager: E. D. Piper Sales Manager: L.H. Copeland Editor Club News : L.D. Shoemaker

The committees were:

George C. Hahn Entertainment

47th Anniv. Celeb .

Bourse Holden

Shoemaker and Sanford Exhibit

Banquet Johnson Registration Young Stag Party Hahn

Publicity and

· Invitation Hoisington

Ticket Sales

and Punchboard Shafer

To edit the Code of Regulations and

suggest changes Martin, Barnum and Johnson To arrange for a special Garfield-Perry Day

at the Great "akes Exposition

Holden(chmn), Martin, Green,

Tyler and LaGanke

Johnson (Chmn). Barnum. Green. Historical

Dambach.

*Mr. Lloyd announced on January 8th that he was resigning from the Board -- on account of moving to Detroit; Mr. Piper was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Hoisington resigned from the Board (on account of leaving the city) on June 4th: Mr. Lehman was appointed to succeed him.

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Changes in Membership

The year was only moderately successful, as far as increase in membership was concerned.

Twenty-eight new members were admitted:

Fel	b.5	Charles E. Jenkins (31) Cuyahoga F	alls #634 Act.
		AKTOR Drug Company Fndorsed	har Danmanan
"	"	Robert U. Burton Mentor on the	Take #635 Aca
		J. Holland Trolley Supply Co. End.	DV Holden
Man	12	Lawrence Dombrose (17) Garfield H	eightS636 Jr.
		student	by F.A.Shafer
***	n		land #637 Act.
	*	End	by Holden
Apr	. 2	Edward R. Hinske (24) South Euclie	d #638 Act
1-		Stemp deeler (Fueltd Stemp Cham)	h a
11	Ħ	Herman Chanev (35) Columbus O.	#639 Asa
		Stamp dealer(Col. Postage Stamp So	Pohison
11	11	L.W. McDanel (31) Reaver Falls 1	ROUISON AGA
		Herman Chaney (35) Columbus, O. Stamp dealer (Col. Postage Stamp 60. L.W. McDanel (31) Beaver Falls, I Stereotyper and stamp dealer K.E.W. Stuart (31) Cleveland Office Mgr. Sun Life Assurance Co. I	h. Pohison
**	11	K.E.W. Stuart (31) Cleveland	HEAT Act
		Office Mgr., Sun Life Assurance Co.H	h Schildhouse
11	11	Will Coombs Chicago	#642 Aza
		Will Coombs Chicago Real Estate Broker & Stp.Dlr.	h Holden
Ħ	**	J. G. WX Ure Chicago	#643 Asc
			. Shoemaker
11	11	Ray Shepard (40) Columbus	
			#644 Asc W.S.Robison
**	**	Lincoln H. Russell Columbus	
		Stamp dealer	#645 Ado
**		Willard C. Thomas (31) Canton, O.	E.b. Holden
		Attorney(Shields, Thomas & VanNors'n	#646 Asc
**	**	R R Wisdon (50)	I/E.D.Robison
	70	R. B. Wisden (50) Canton, O.	#047 Asc
11	11	Accountant, York Ice Mach Co.	E.b.Robison
	100	Shubert A. Stricklett (38) East Pgh.	#648 Asc
**	**	Patent attorney & Stamp Dlr	E.b.Holden
	-	0. Edw. DeSio(55) Pittsburgh	#649 Asc
11	**	Stamp dealer	E.b. Holden
-		Emil Jahnke (44) Flint, Mich	#650 Asc
	- 2	Meat dealer & Stamp dealer	E.b. Holden

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Changes in Membership (continued)

New	members	admitted	(continued)
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No. 2 R. Max Gard) Lisbon. O. 8651 Apr Dealer in stamps and antiques (eb. Holden) " Arthur Romerhaus (41) Evansville, Ind Stamp dealer (e.b.Holden) " Dr. Prichard Von David(49) San Antonio Tex S653 ** Stamp dealer (e.b.D.W.Martin) " Kenneth L. Stillwell () Erie, Pa. 11 5654 Clerk, New York Central RR (e.b.D.W.Martin) 11 " Howard Barkdull, Jr. (16) Lakewood, D. Student (e.b.Shoemaker) " Frank A. Munroe, Jr. (33) Chagrin Falls. O A656 Secretary, Republic Steel Cor. (eb Robison) 4 Melvin E. Novy (28) Cleveland A657 Jun Bookkeeper, Clvd Trust Co. (e.b. Holden) 2 James E. Nemecek (36) Cleveland .Till. A658 Title Exam. Land Titl. G. & T. Co. (e.b. BC Robinson) ** " Milton Evans Cornman (28) Cleveland Clk, Internat'l Prntg Ink Corp(e.b.Barnum) (Cornman was the last member whose application was endorsed by "Ham" Barnum) 1 Ray Ervin (55) Cleveland A660 Oct Barber and Beauty Shop Supplies (e.b.Martin) (37) Cleveland 3 Norbert Lenz A661 Dec Artist (e.b.W.R.McLoud)

There was one resignation, as follows:

Mar 12 Lawrence C. Lovejoy Akron, O. S368

There were three deaths, as follows:

Jun 14 Charles L. Pack

Nov 11 W. Hamilton Barnum

Howard C. Beck

Lakewood, N.J. H141

Cleveland A 27

Washington DC S611

The death of Barnum removed from the scene one of the most active workers the Club ever had.

A - Active e.b. - endorsed by H - Honorary J - Junior S - Associate (continued)

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Changes in Membership (continued)

Almost half the new members admitted were bourse dealers at the 47th Anniversary Celebration, signed up by Holden and Warner Robison, who had charge of the bourse. Most of them dropped out of the Club in a few years.

Twenty members were dropped for non-payment of dues, as follows:

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	No.		No.
A. Achtschin	A426	Edward N. Moore	A534
H. C. Beckenbach		Wilbur C.Pepple	A595
Russell Bleecker		T. H. Rupert	A604
Edwin S. Brown	A309	George B. Sloane	S487
E. J. Dayton		Charles A. Stevens	A516
Donald Grieve	A379	James Storer (Buffa	105455
Dr.D.A.Johnston	A498	J.Bewick Thomson	5588
Wm. A. Langdon	A 80	William Waugh	J569
George W. Linn	S253	W. G. Whittaker	A178
Roscoe B.Martin	S416	Charles Wilk	A547

Bleecker, Linn and Roscoe Martin made immediate application for reinstatement, and were reinstated. Paul R. Hudson #302, was also reinstated on March 12.

The summary of changes for the year is:

Total Jenuary 1,1937	Act 68	Asc 64		Hon Life 2	Hon 12		Tot 148
Gains							
New members	10	16	2	-	_	28	
Reinstatements	2	2	-	-	-	4	
Total gains	12	18	2	=	=	32	
Losses Deaths	1	1	_	_	1	3	
Resignations	_	ī	-	-	-	1	
Dropped for non- payment of dues	14	5	1	_	_	20	
Total losses	15	7	Ī	=	=	24	
Net gain or loss	3	11	1	-	1	8	8
Total January 1,1938	65	75	3	2	11		156

A - Active J - Junior

S - Associate

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Meetings and Attendance

Fifty-one regular meetings were held -- one each Friday night (except January 1st) -- at Hotel Statler, through June . The poly a through recomber meetings was held as the election.

The Secretary's record shows that there were 1137 active, junior and life members in attendance at the 51 meetings, as follows:

45	Hahn,	28	Shoemaker	9	Bruce
	Johnson	27	Beck	8	Munroe
44	Dambach	23	Good	7	Ervin, Lloyd,
43	Piper	20	Grieve,		Van Hoesen
42	Holden.		Hoisington	6	Barkdull
	Shafer	18	Cornman,	5	Jesse,
41	Sanford.		Novy		Poppenger,
	Young	16	Dombrose,		Woodworth.
40	Copeland		Nemecek,	4	Watters
38	Grant,		Pursell	3	Hanford, Stevens
	Green	15	Crowell,	2	Achtschin,
37	Roegge		Preston		Hill (D.A.),
36	LaGanke,	13	Lehman,		Molitor,
	Lybarger,		Schildhouse		Rogerson,
	Martin	12	Hinske,		Wagner
35	Barnum		Sanderson	1	Dayton, Dorer,
30	Gluck	10	McLoud, Munn,		Moore, Rupert,
29	Tyler		Warner Robison		Stuart
22	Farnam	21	B.C.Robinson		

The following twenty-two members did not attend a single meeting (except perhaps the meeting of March 5th. of which no record was kept):

Beckenbach, Bleecker, Boyd, Brodie, Burdick, Fanning, Griffin, Hays, Hill (A.S.), Hudson, Jacobs, Jenkins, Johnston, Judge, Langdon, McGay, Rust, Strong, Upson, Waugh, Whittaker, Wilk.

It will be noted that the veteran, Barnum, who passed away in November, attended 35 of the 51 meetings, continuing his club activities almost to the end.

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Entertainment at Regular Club Meetings

Entertainment, consisting of exhibits, talks, etc., was provided at the majority of the meetings, as follows:

Jan. 8	O.H.Wolcott	U.S.Covers, ttc.
	A.H. Anthony	United States stamps
	W.T.Popenger	Auction
" 29	Collectors Club of	Akron Various exhibits
	S.B. Wadhams	Talk
	Junior Night	13 junior exhibitors
" 19	Green and Grieve	U.S. and Packet Boat Canc.
" 26	Hahn and Grieve	"Inquiring Reporter"
Mar 12	Open Forum	"Marketing a collection"
" 19	Dr. K.M. Day and	Markouring a correction
	L.D.Shoemaker	3¢ Canada
" 26		nd Wolfersberger (U.S.covers)
Apr. 2	Spelling Ree and 3	Ponation Auction
" 9	F.A.Munroe, Jr.	U.S.Brit.America and Europe
" 16	Poppenger	8 vols Bedford Collection
" 30	Yant	Germany
May 7	Hahn	Donation Auction
	Col. Bahrenburg	German States
" 21	Blake Battles	Stamp Hunting in the South
" 28		Canada
	Lybarger	U.S Postal Rates
" 11	Sanford	World War covers
	Grant	British Coronations
	Jos Lehman	Liberian Labuan.etc
" 9	L.C.Cecil	Topical Collection
" 16	Perry Hobbs	
" 23	Casper Dorer	U.S. and U.S.covers Soudan
	Shoemaker	
Aug. 6		Canada Fishing Movies
" 20	Ellis Vanderpyl D.W.Martin	Talk on Sports
		General coldection
Sep.10	Jas . H. Young	Cent. and So.America
11	Robt. Dembach	Stamp publications
" 24	Frank Grant	Miniature and Exh. Sheets
4	Dr. Jack Gluck	Bingo

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Entertainment at Regular Club Meetings (continued)

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List of entertainment (continued)

Oct.	. 1	W.R.McLoud	"Humorous Side of Sta Collecting"
11	8	R.F.Molitor	France and French Co.
"	15	Nelson P. LaGanke a	and
		Joseph Lehman	Debate
***	22	D. F. Lybarger	Offset Prints
11	29	L.H.Copeland	Stamp designs
Nov.			Donation Auction
11	12	Max Johl	20th Century U.S.
		A. H. Hitchcock	United States
"	28	All members	Competitive exhibit

The exhibits were somewhat above the average. Secretary Johnson commented in the minutes that Mr. A.H.Hitchcock's spperb collection of U.S. which was exhibited on December 10th "probably constitutes the finest display which has been seen at the club during the past year." As to the exhibits of the Collectors Club of Akron members, all but three members of that club were present, each with at least one volume of his collection, and practically all phases of collecting were represented. This was likely the largest display exhibited at the Club in a single evening for several years.

The donation auctions were held on account of a deficit in the Ammiversary Banquet Fund.

At the meeting of November 19th a special program was held in memory of Mr. Barnum, who had recently passed away. Talks were made at that meeting by Messrs. Crowell, Hanford and Stevens.

Mayor Harold Burton and son were guests of the Club at the meeting of March 26th.

The competitive members' exhibit on December 28th was won by Mr. Johnson(1st - Austria); Mr. Shoemaker (2d - U.S.) and Mr. Beck (3d - Ship stamps).

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The 47th Anniversary Celebration

The 47th anniversary was celebrated at the Statler Hotel on March 5th, 6th and 7th.

The celebration opened with a stag party on Friday evening, March 5th. The bourse and exhibit was opened to the public on Saturday morning.

Among the exhibits were the \$25,000.00 collection of New York Postmasters Provisionals shown by Paul McGuffin of Libertyville, Illinois; the superb United States collection of A.H.Anthony of Massillon; Hans Lagerloef's New Brunswick and Nova Scotia; and the Japanese collection of Alfred Lichtenstein.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, an auction consisting of 400 lots was conducted by Jack Schildhouse.

The banquet was held at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Don Lybarger was Toastmaster; the principal speaker, Colonel Ralph Kimble, Editor of The American Philatelist.

Exhibition Frames

Early in February, the Board authorized the purchase of thirty exhibition frames -- to be paid for from the Library Fund. On November 5th, Mr. Shoemaker was authorized to purchase fifty more frames; on or after January 1, 1938.

About the time of the Anniversary celebration, it was decided to segregate the Club's frames from those owned by other clubs and to place the Club's frames in storage in the name of the Club; the frames to be lent to other persons or clubs only on written authority of the Secretary. The frames were put in the Distribution Terminal Warehouse. Later, the frames were moved to the Caxton Building, to be stored by Mr. Martin, who had an office in that building.

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Changes in Club Regulations

At the meeting of January 15th, Mr. Holden submitted a proposal to amend the Code of Regulations to provide for a Board of Past Presidents.

Mx Action was, however, taken to submit the proposal to the entire membership; but at the meeting of February 19th, there was considerable discussion as to voting on the proposal at that time; but it was finally decided not to vote but to re-publish the proposal.

Final action was taken two months later, at the meeting of April 23rd. The proposal failed of approval. The vote is not recorded; but it seems possible that a majority of the members favored it; but not two-thirds, as the minutes state that it failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote of the members present.

The extended discussions incident to the Holden proposal resulted in a motion being passed at the meeting of April 30th that the Trustees appoint a committee to edit the Code and suggest alterations and changes. Messrs. Martin. Barnum and Johnson were appointed on May 7th; and promptly went to work on the assignment. At the meeting of July 23rd. Mr. Johnson presented the changes suggested by the Committee, and it was decided to discuss these changes at the meeting of August 6th. At the meeting of August 6th, two principal questions were discussed: the election of officers of the Club direct by the members (instead of by the Board of Trustees), and the provision for the maintenance of older members, who could no longer afford to pay the regular scale of dues, by the payment of a nominal sum. The first-mentioned question was put to a vote and a large majority of the members favored the continuance of the procedure whereby the officers are elected by the Board. A similar large majority was, however, in favor

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Changes in Club Regulations (continued)

of changing the Code so as to provide for the continuance in membership of memmbers who could no longer afford to pay dues; and it was decided that a definite plan, submitted by Mr. Holden, to accomplish the wishes of the Club in this respect, be incorposated in the amended Code.

The revised proposals were submitted to the membership early in December, for final vote on December 17th. At the meeting of December 17th, there was considerable further discussion of the proposed changes, resulting in several alterations Probably the most radical change was that decreasing the life membership fee from \$100.00 to \$50.00. After final revision, the proposed changes were adopted.

In addition to the changes in the Code of Regulations, the Club decided at the meeting of July 7th, to instruct the Secretary to notify, in writing, members who had been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues.

Formation of a Committee on Club History

On June 18th, a mation was passed providing "that a committee of three members be appointed, said committee being known as The Historical Committee; that said committee examine all available sources of information and prepare a concise history of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club; that this work be completed prior to the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the club."

On October 1st, Mr. Johnson was appointed Chairman of the Committee; on October 15th, Messrs.

Barnum, Green and Dambach were appointed members of the Committee.

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Place of meetings

Early in March, the subject of finding a new location for the Club meetings was fully discussed and it was decided to appoint a committee to look into the possibilities. Messrs. Lybarger, green, Hahn, Sanford and Martin were appointed as the committee. After a thorough investigation, the committee recommended at the first meeting in June that the Allerton Hotel be made the meeting-place, This recommedation was approved by a vote of 12 to 7; and the Club commenced holding its meeting at the Allerton on July 2d.

The agreement with the Allerton provided for rental of \$3.00 per week; the Club to be under no further obligations to the Allerton with reference to the Nnniversary Party or to the use of dining or bar fatcilities.

The Club Library

Details of the library activities are meager in the records; but it is recorded that donations to the Library were made by:

Col.R.A.Kimble Deluxe edition of his "Commemorative Stamps of the U.S." 2d Ed.
10 vols. "The Philatelic Inter-Ocean"
Dr. C.W.Hennan Book on Bazil cancellations
Donald K.Grieve 1924-25 volumes of Philatelic Gossip
Frank Grant Various magazines and catalogues
Alvin Good ""
P.A.Finlayson ""

The Club Bulletin

Mr. Shoemaker was appointed Editor of the Club News on January 8th; but he resigned late in the summer, his resignation being accepted on August 6th. Later, Mr. H.D. Farnam was appointed to succeed Mr. Shoemaker.

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"The Lybarger Syndicate"

There was some complaint among the members during the year as to the difficulty of securing suitable stamps for collection purposes from the Cleveland Post Office and the Philatelic Agency; and at the meeting of November 26th, Mr. Lybarger suggested the formation of a group of members to purchase current United States stamps for sale to the Club members -- all profits to accrue to the Club. A general discussion and vote which followed clearly indicated that a large majority of the members were in favor of this plan.

It was not thought advisable, however, for such a plan to be directly sponsored by the Club -- a non-profit organization -- and it was therefore decided that the enterprise should be conducted entirely as an outside-the-club proposition. A number of members subsequently met -- on November 26th -- and arranged for the establishment of the necessary fund. The plan was immediately put into operation, current commemoratives and other available issues being purchased at face at the Cleveland Post Office and from the Philatelic Agency in Washington; and sold to members of the Club at a small percentage over fast.

Mr. Martin acted as the Sales Manager; and, as Mr. Lybarger was the father of the idea, it was unofficially called "The Lybarger Syndicate".

It was a survess from the start, affording many of the club members an opportunity to get the best available stamps without the trouble of standing in line, etc. -- and amounts of considerable size have been turned over to the Club regularly.

The agreement covering the project was dated December 3,1937, and was signed by:

Nelson P.LaGanke Donald F.Lybarger H.M.Sanford
Donald W.Martin E.A.Beck Robt. Dambach
Fred'k W.Green Ray Ervin Ralph Johnson
edp 19 N 43 Vance Holden

Lybarger Syndicate Formed Dec. 3, 1937 Original members e 500 ra. Nelson P. La Ganke Donald W. Martin Fredk. W. Green Donald F. Lybarger E.A. Beck Ray Ervin H.M. Sanford Rob Dombach Ralph E. Johnson Vance Holden Nelson P. LaGanke Ray Ervin Donald W. Martin H.M. Sanford Fred'k W.Green Robt . Dambach Ralph E. Johnson Donald F. Lybarger Vance Holden E.A. Beck

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Participation in A.P.S. affairs

The Club was diligent in its efforts to further the candidacy of Mr. Green for the Presidency of the American Philatelic Society. In June, the Club donated ten dollars to Mr. Green's campaign fund; and endeavored in other ways to assist him; but in the election, he lost to Mr. Glass.

Mr. Green later accepted the appointment as attorney for the A.P.S.

The A.P.S. held a writers' contest from October, 1936 to September, 1937, includive. Ten writers were selected, one in each of ten different classes, and to each of these, writing the best article of that class published during the period in the American Philatelist, one of the A.P.S. Chapters awarded a tenddollar cash prize.

Garfield-Perry made the award in Class 3 -"United States and Possessions, Other than Postage
Stamps" to Mr. Ernest A. Wiltsee for his article,
"The Joseph W. Gregory Express".

Mr. Lybarger won the award in Class 2 -- "United States and Possessions, 20th Century Postage", given by the San Francisco Stamp Society, for his article, "The United States Issue of 1918-20".

The Championship Class award -- "Best Article of the Year", awarded by the Michigan Stamp Club, was won jointly by Messrs. Lybarger and Wiltsee.

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Proposed Year Book

At the Board meeting of September 3rd, Mr. George Hahn presented a proposal to issue a Club Year Book in connection with the 48th Anniversary Celebration in 1938. A motion was passed at that meeting that the Anniversary Celebration Committee prepare a definite prospectus of such a Year Book, with advertising matter, etc., and submit the same to the Board for further action.

At the next Board meeting, Mr. Hahn submitted estimates and plans for the proposed Book; but it was moved that action be deferred and Mr. Hahn was instructed to obtain further information regarding a smaller Year Book.

It does not appear that any further action was taken.

Missellaneous

Death of former prominent members

During the year Dr. John M. Holt who had been a prominent member (having been publisher of "Everybody's Philatelist" in 1916 and following years while he was a member of the Club) died.

Also in August, W.G. Whittaker passed away.

Club Representative on the World's
Poultry Congress Committee

At the first meeting in December, Mr. Martin was appointed to represent the Club on the committee being formed in connection with the World's Poultry Congress, which was to be held in Cleveland in 1939.

Contribution to Red Cross Flood Relief
On January 29th, the Club authorized the
Treasurer to donate \$10.00 to the Red Cross for
Flood Relief.

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Efforts of the Club to have Cleveland made a first-day-of-sale city for the Northwest Territory commemorative stamp

At the meeting of June 11th, Mr. Holden called attention to the forthcoming Northwest Territory stamp, and suggested that a special day be arranged at the Great Lakes Exposition for Garfield-Perry and that a cachet be provided for that day. A committee was appointed with Mr. Holden as Chairman and Messrs. Green, Tyler and LaGanke as members.

At the next meeting, Mr. Holden reported that the Committee's efforts had been very successful; that July 13th had been named as "Philatelic Day" at the exposition; that a special cover and cachet would be provided; that the Northwrst Territory stamps would be on sale at the exposition on that day whether or not Cleveland were officially designated as a first-day city.

Mr. Green then dubmitted a resolution that the Postmaster General be requested to designate Cleveland as one of the first-day cities, and that the Government Stamp Exhibit be placed on exhibition at the Great Lakes Exposition on that date. This resolution was adopted unanimously, and the Secretary was instructed to forward copies immediately to Hon. James J.Farley, Senators Bulkley and Donahey, Governor Davey, Mayor Burton and Mr. Lincoln Dickey.

At the meeting of June 25th, however, Secretary Johnson read a letter from the Acting Third Assistant Postmaster General declining to designate Cleveland as a first-day city.

Nevertheless, a supply of the Northwest Territory stamp was brought into Cleveland from Marietta in time to be used on the 13th. Over 3000 first-day covers were mailed at the Exposition, many with the special cachet. These included 125 with blocks of four and 65 with plate number blocks.

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Philatelic Day at the Great Lakes Exposition

"Philatelic Day" at the Great Lakes Exposition, which was promoted and arranged for by the Club was a decided success. The Hall of Progress was the Headquarters. The Club furnished an exhibit of about twenty frames. As before stated, a supply of the Northwest Territory stamps was on sale at the Exposition postoffice and the special cachet was applied to a large number of first-day covers.

Election of Trustees for 1938

The Nominating and Election Committee (Messrs. Green. Grant and Good) nominated the following:

Beck	Johnson	Lybarger	Robinson
Farnam	LaGanke	Martin	Sanford
Hahn	Lehman	Piper	Shoemaker

Messrs. Grant and Green were nominated by petition.

The election, held on December 17th, resulted in the election of the following:

Lybarger (39 votes)	Grant
Green	Holden
Sanford	Johnson
Shoemaker	Martin

Messrs. Hahn and Robinson were tied for ninth place. This was decided by the toss of a coin, and Mr. Robinson won.