



Donald Lybarger
(1896-1970)

Donald Lybarger served as recorder of Cuyahoga County (1933-50) and judge in the Court of Common Pleas from 1950-69 (chief justice from 1967-69, then chief justice emeritus). He attended the Friends' School and public schools in Wilmington, DE, graduated from Gettysburg Academy in 1915, and completed a degree at Gettysburg College with first honors in 1919. Lybarger served in the U.S. Navy during WWI as a Seaman 2nd Class. He came to Cleveland in 1920 to attend law school at Western Reserve University. The year he graduated, 1923, Lybarger was admitted to the bar.

In 1932 Lybarger was elected recorder of Cuyahoga County. As County Recorder, Lybarger was instrumental in WPA work relief during the New Deal years in Cleveland. Lybarger served as official sponsor of the Historical Records Survey *Annals of Cleveland* project.

Judge Donald F. Lybarger was an active participant in national and local philately. He was a well-known figure in the Cleveland area, most notably as member and officer of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club that he joined in 1927. It made him an Honorary Life Member for his long club service..

Lybarger's main collecting interest was in 20th century U.S. stamps. He wrote *The United States Issues of 1918-1920*, published in 1937 as American Philatelist Handbook No. 2. He served as **APS President from**

1943 to 1949, and led the reorganizing, promoting the expansion of the APS in the wartime and post-World War II years that were crucial to philately.

Lybarger received the Luff Award in 1950 for Exceptional Contributions to Philately. He was presented a special APS Gold Medal just before his death in recognition of his long service and many contributions to philately and the APS.

Several years ago as the APS moved to Bellefonte, PA, the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club donated a sizable amount to allow one of the meeting rooms to be named in Lybarger's honor. Recently a committee journeyed to Bellefonte to look over the room and come back with a plan to remodel it. Below are some of the photos taken of the room prior to any modifications.

