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SOCIAL EVENTS HIGHLIGHT LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL SCHEDULE

We have two fun-filled activities lined up for this summer which loyal members of Garfield-Perry won't want to miss. Here are the details:

On **August 15th** we will have our fifth annual picnic of the modern era, but it will be at a different location from where we've held it the past four years, namely the Townsend farm in Windsor. The reason for this will be apparent later. Dick and Loretta Parker have graciously offered their home and yard in Westlake as the site for this year's outing. A map on page 4 gives directions on how to get there. We will convene between 2 and 3 PM with the eats scheduled for about 5. The basic picnic fare and soft drinks will be provided, but if you want beer or something else, please bring your own (ice will be available). Salads and dessert items to share will be welcome from the attendees. There will be a nominal \$5 charge per person and we need to hear from you ahead of time to help our planning. R.S.V.P. to Dick Parker at 871 8544 or Tony Smith at 871 1292. The Parkers also suggest you might want to bring a comfortable lawn chair or two as a large turnout will quickly overflow their available seating. **SEE YOU THERE!**

The evening of **September 9th** will be **Garfield-Perry at the Old Ball Game Night**. Since this is the last season for the Indians at Municipal Stadium we decided it would be a good idea to bid a fond farewell to the old ball park on the lake. This is a Thursday night and the Minnesota Twins will be in town. Through the good offices of one of our members, a block of reserved grandstand seats will be available at a bargain price of \$10 each for all those who send their reservations and money to the Club by August 15th. It would probably be best if you gave your money (or mailed a check) to Tony Smith. His address is P.O. Box 102, Avon Lake, OH 44012. **Don't wait 'til the last minute!**

Most of us will be meeting at the Holiday Inn restaurant at 5 PM for an early bite to eat and will walk to the Stadium together. Game starts at 7:05 PM. Those who wish to skip the meal part, so indicate on your reservation and your ticket(s) will be mailed. Let's have a good turnout for this special event. There will be no regular meeting Friday, Sept 10th.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Our president **Norman Townsend** underwent surgery July 2 at University Hospitals to remove a brain tumor. He had collapsed with no forewarning June 30th, was rushed to Geauga County Hospital and thence to Cleveland where the operation was performed. He came through surgery with flying colors and was discharged July 8th for recovery at home in Windsor. Several members have talked to Norm on the phone and report that he is in excellent spirits, feels that he is making good progress, and hopes to be back at a normal routine in four to six weeks. For those of you who might want to communicate with Norm his address is: 7490 Noble Road, Windsor, OH 44099.

Vince Lucas and **Phil Stager** served on the jury of TOPEX 93, the large national level show devoted primarily to thematic and topical exhibits. Vince was one of the regular judges and Phil was working as an apprentice in the thematic field. Phil sends his regards to all G-P members. Also in the judging arena this summer was **Norm Townsend** who worked NAPEX 93, another World Series of Philately competition held annually in Washington, DC during early June.

We received a report that **Jay Stotts** will be flying to Japan for a short business trip later this month. With **Denise's** keen interest in Japanese art on stamps we suspect Jay will be carrying with him a very detailed and long shopping list! Jay and Denise are both deeply involved with STAMPSHOW 93, being held at Houston in August and several local members will be travelling there for the show.

Our much travelled member, **Reg Morris** has finally returned from his extended tour of duty in the U.K. and hopes, with occasional short trips abroad, to be spending most of his time at home in Ohio (Chesterland). He admits that his extended absences from home have caused some domestic problems -- when he entered his house following his latest journey his dog bit him, thinking, Reg supposes, that his master was an intruder!

ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE NEXT QUARTER

Unless noted otherwise, all meetings convene at 8 PM in the Holiday Inn - Lakeside, Lakeside Avenue at E. 12th Street. Ask at the desk or check the events calendar for the room number -- it is usually on the 18th floor. Most of us meet early (6 PM) in the restaurant and have dinner together. The food is very good and reasonably priced, so why don't you join us?

- Jul 16 Vince Lucas recently returned from a butterfly hunt in **Belize** and will give us a slide show on his adventures down there. This is Part I.
- Jul 23 Reg Morris - **13th World Scout Jamboree, Japan, 1971.**
- Jul 30 Clothesline Night. This quarterly feature is always popular and we look forward to seeing what new gems our members have acquired.
- Aug 6 Dale Pulver - **The Mexican Exporta Issue; Is It Finally History?**
- Aug 13 Vince Lucas will do Part II of his recent trip. **Belize & Guatemala (Tikal)**
- Aug 15 **G-P ANNUAL PICNIC** - See details on page 1.
- Aug 20 Bob Stanger has charge of the program on this weekend when many of our members will be travelling to Houston for STAMPSHOW 93.
- Aug 27 Joe Egar - Joe has a big surprise in store for us which will remain a secret until the night of the meeting.
- Sep 3 Labor Day Weekend - No meeting
- Sep 9 A Thursday. **GARFIELD-PERRY** will root for the Indians at Municipal Stadium. See details of this event on page 1. Reservations must be in by August 15th because a seating block has to be ordered then.
- Sep 10 Regular meeting cancelled. All tired out from the baseball game!
- Sep 17 Clint Many will talk on one of his specialties, **Belgian Congo Mols Issues.** These bicolored stamps feature glimpses of life in the "dark" continent and the cheap value was occasionally found in packets by those of us who began collecting in the '30s and '40s.
- Sep 24 **Bourse Night** - We may be able to book a couple of real live stamp dealers for this event. But don't forget to bring your unwanted stuff to sell, too.
- Oct 1 Ed Cutler will show us slides of his collection of **Antique Postal Scales.** Ed also collects antique stamp cases which he featured in an earlier talk to our Club.
- Oct 8 Dave Wessley - Dave will treat us to some modern postal history, **Famous Americans on Cover.**
- Oct 15 Richard Parker will show slides of **Howell Covers of Jefferson, Ohio.** You may have read about these in the latest issue of *The American Philatelist.* Dick knows of more varieties than were listed there.

EDITOR'S CORNER

We're hoping to get this issue of the *Perryscope* into your hands in plenty of time for you to make plans to attend the Club picnic. But it might be tight scheduling since our printer has been very busy all summer and some jobs have gotten backed up. So the minute this arrives, do decide if Sunday, August 15th, will work for you and give Dick Parker or Tony Smith a call with your intentions.

Last time we printed a speculative essay by Kent Johnson concerning possible origins of our Club. This piece caught the eye of at least one writer in the national philatelic media. On page 2 of the May 29 issue of *STAMPS MAGAZINE* the *Old Sleuth* refers to it in a three-paragraph story about G-P entitled "Club History". The short article concludes with the information that we meet every Friday night and advises that further particulars may be had by writing our secretary, Joe Egar, at the Holiday Inn - Lakeside address. So far, I don't think Joe has had any inquiries as a direct result of this welcome publicity.

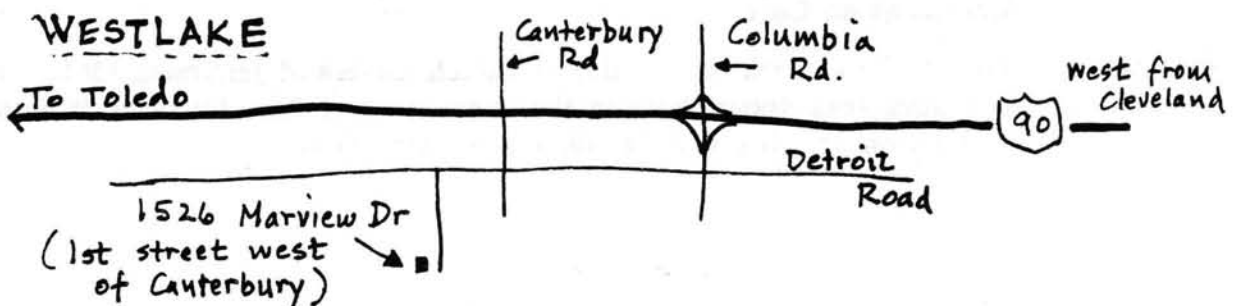
I don't know about you, but my summer is slipping past at breakneck speed. And although it seems I've spent a lot of time in the stamp den (doing newsletters and answering correspondence) I can't claim to have made much progress on my various stamp collections. The summer just doesn't seem to be good stamp collecting weather although the big A.P.S. extravaganza is always held at this time of year. My suspicion is that it's about the only time of year when there aren't a host of national level shows competing for a limited number of good weekend slots. And STAMPSHOW seems to be a means for getting the hobby juices flowing again for the fall, winter and spring seasons when philatelic activity is at its peak. Several G-Pers are getting excited about attending that show, scheduled for Houston in late August.

On another tack, we have had some great programs at our Friday meetings thus far this summer although weekly attendance has slipped. Carl Albrecht's lecture on certified mail was superb and Norm Townsend's excursion through the British military postoffices in Tibet was also outstanding, even though only five members were present to hear it. The "Other Hobbies Night" just past (July 9) revealed once again what an unusually varied array of interests G-P members have in addition to their stamps. That night we heard about butterflies (real ones), antique painted plates, origins of the Boy Scout movement with original Lord Baden-Powell memorabilia, the culture of day lilies and succulents, and even varieties of toilet tissue found in remote parts of the world.

This *Perryscope* is somewhat shorter than usual because things are pretty quiet around the clubhouse. Our next issue should have plenty of news, however, since many of our northeast Ohio shows take place in the fall. Meanwhile, have a good summer and hope to see you at the picnic and ballgame.

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THE WAY TO DICK PARKER'S HOUSE:



A BACKWARD GLANCE

Robert W. Richardson

Editor's note: This is the third installment by our guest columnist on his G-P memories of long ago events. We hope you are enjoying these stories from our Club's past.

First day cover collecting was very popular during the 1930s and eventually some of the collectors began to search for earlier items to add to their collections. The problem was that prior to 1930 there was rarely anything applied to the envelope to indicate it was a first day cancellation, let alone a cachet. One Cleveland collector, whose name I can't recall, wanted very badly a FDC of the 2 c. 1909 Lincoln. As time went by he, in desperation I suppose, offered to pay \$25 for one. It should not have been scarce, as the stamp seems to have been issued most everywhere on February 12.

As I was looking through one local dealer's miscellaneous covers box for R.P.O. postmarks I chanced upon a plain envelope which caught my eye. It had a 2 c. Lincoln with a nice machine cancellation dated Feb. 12, 1909. Price - 15 c.! So I included it with my R.P.O. purchases. Eventually I went over to the first day cover collector and simply held it in front of him to see. He became very excited and promptly pulled out \$25 as if he couldn't pay me fast enough. I really hadn't planned on taking his \$25 but he insisted, as at that time I'm sure it was not worth any such sum, and I felt guilty.

He proudly showed it around -- it had made that G-P party memorable for him. Eventually the dealer, who was known for some sharp dealings, heard of it and immediately demanded the difference between the 15 c. I had paid and the \$25 I had received. The collector, however, insisted I do no such thing as he'd had his wantlist with that dealer for a long time with no results. A couple of my Akron friends vowed they'd disown me if I gave up the loot. In the end I kept the money.

But anytime I looked at that dealer's stuff again he examined everything I bought with great care to make sure that I wasn't buying another "find". And, of course, the usual practical jokers would tease him by pretending this or that in his stock was really SOMETHING and this worried him terribly.

SHOWTIME

Here is a short list of stamp shows that will be taking place during the quarter that might be of special interest to G-P members. Further details can usually be found in the standard philatelic news media, *LINN's*, *STAMPS*, *American Philatelist*, and so forth.

- Aug 19 - 22 **STaMpsHOW 93** - Astroarena Exhibition Hall, Houston, TX. A.P.S. Annual Meeting.
- Sep 24 - 26 **AIRPEX XVIII** - Dayton Convention Center, Fifth & Main Sts. Dayton S.C.
- Sep 25 - 26 **MAVAX 93** - Christy Armory, 475 Victoria Rd., Youngstown, OH. Mahoning Valley S.C.
- Sep 25 - 26 **STARPEX XXXIII** - Sachsenheim Hall, 5211 W. Tuscarawas St., Canton, OH. Canton S.C.

Patronize these shows. Most of the people who run them are our friends and will appreciate the support!

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