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OLD TIMERS NIGHT DEC 3, 1993 WAS A BIG HIT



In the photo above, Club president Norm Townsend and member Bob Toth look on as Fred Hibben taps his seemingly endless and infallible memory about long ago Club events. Fred's reminiscing about his stamping days in Cleveland and his years as a railroad superintendent kept over twenty members enthralled for well over an hour. Fred flew in from Myrtle Beach, SC for his one-night stand. Among those attending was Jack Whittlesey, whom we haven't seen at a meeting in quite some time. The entire program was videotaped and a copy will go into the Club's archives for the enlightenment of future G-P members. Many thanks, Fred, for a splendid program!

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Club president and first lady **Norm and Marge Townsend** completed their China trip with minimum problems and arrived back in the States December 2nd. Fortunately, Norm's collection, shown by invitation at the stamp show he attended, and which returned by a different route than Norm, did arrive in time for his talk Dec. 10th. He also gave us a few stories about their travels and brought along some Chinese movie snacks (dried fruit) for us to munch on during his talk. Actually, they were pretty good!

Last time we reported that **Bob and Rosemary Toth** were moving to a condo in Medina. The move was completed on a snowy weekend in early December and friends might want to make note of their new address: 80-65 High Point Drive, Medina, OH 44256.

Whatever species of the flu has been making the rounds this winter did lay some of our members low. Reporting to sick call were: **Dick Parker, Millie and Justin Underwood, and Tony Smith**. Fortunately, as this issue of the Perryscope goes to press, all noted here have more or less recovered. But flu did keep several from attending the Christmas party.

NECROLOGY

We are remiss in not previously listing the passing of two of our long time members. **Durain C. Butts**, formerly of Akron but late of Seal Beach, CA, died early this spring. **John Koncos**, of Parma Heights, also passed away early this year. No further details are known. Their Perryscopes have been returned marked "deceased."

On December 6, **Louis Herschman** passed away after a long struggle with cancer. Louie, a former manager at American Greetings, attended meetings only occasionally after joining the Club in 1983, but rarely missed a March Party. Our sympathies go out to the Herschman family.

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. Inquire at the desk or check the events calendar for the room number -- it is usually on the 18th floor. Many members gather early in the hotel dining room for a Dutch treat dinner. The food is very good, reasonably priced, and there is an abundance of comradery and lively conversation. Why not join us?

- Jan 7 **Dick Parker** - Postcards on the early days of air transport in Cleveland, and on the Hudson-Fulton exposition of 1909.
- Jan 14 **March Parties of Yesteryear** - Selected slides from the MP's of 1980, 1981, 1983, 1985, and 1986, courtesy of Don Bianchi.
- Jan 21 **Bob Stanger** - Bob's topic will be, "A Collection in the Making." Sounds like a subject which applies to many of us.
- Jan 28 Ballot count for new Trustees. **Bill Barker** will give a talk, "World War II Censored Covers - An Overview".
- Feb 4 Installation of Club officers and reading of annual reports.
- Feb 11 **Vince Lucas** - "Circle Tour of Lake Superior" Vince will take us on a slide adventure around the largest of the Great Lakes.
- Feb 18 Are We Good Stewards of Our Philatelic Treasures? A roundtable discussion of the storage and care of philatelic material. Dale Pulver will moderate. There will be a review of some simple procedures one can use to cleanse soiled stamps and covers to prolong their life as well as improve appearance.
- Feb 25 **Roger Gilruth** - As one of Akron's staunchest aerophilatelists, Roger will present a taped slide show he prepared for the AAMS entitled, "The History and Scope of Aerophilately."
- Mar 4 **Dick Jones** - Dick will guide us on a trip to Costa Rica, following a route that he and his wife Bobbie took last fall.
- Mar 11 Final preparations for the 104th anniversary MARCH PARTY.
- Mar 18 - 20 **MARCH PARTY '94** - Masonic Auditorium, Euclid at E. 36th Street.
- Mar 25 **Kent Johnson** - "E. S. Miller, Postmaster, and 19th Century County Postmarks."
- Apr 1 March Party Review - Did we have another winner?
- Apr 8 **Tom Allen** - "Union Prisoner of War Mail." Tom will show covers from his exhibit which has been scoring rather well in the national show circuit.

Wanna be the program chairman? Wanna give a program? Contact the editor. We could surely use a new face in this department. (We miss you, Denise!)

MARCH PARTY NEWS

As general chairman Tom Allen is wont to proclaim at each of our show committee meetings, "There will be a March Party this year!" and its time is approaching very rapidly. The various pieces are falling into place quite nicely, as a matter of fact. Our dealer bourse is full (that's never a problem with the extensive waiting list we have) and the exhibit is also full. The latter filled up about ten days before Christmas. Late arriving applications are being noted and applicants are being added to a list of prospective exhibitors for next year.

To recap some of the information we printed in the last **Perryscope**, the Bureau Issues Association will hold their annual meeting in conjunction with our show. The Locals and Carriers Study Group will be here, too. A special treat this year will be another visit by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing which is celebrating its 100th year of producing U.S. postage stamps. The BEP will bring in a special exhibit entitled, "Stamps That Never Were," a collection of original stamp artwork, models, essays and die essays for stamps that were never issued by the U.S. Postoffice. This five-frame display premiered at the St. Louis show this past September and was a tremendous hit with showgoers. Only selected stamp shows are being favored with this display, so you won't want to miss its only Cleveland showing.

In honor of the centennial of Bureau produced postage stamps, the cachet for this year's show envelope will feature a reproduction of the 1894 Issue 6 c. regular postage stamp bearing the portrait of James A. Garfield (get the connection with our Club?). A special show cancel will also deal with the same theme.

Here is a tentative schedule of events for the weekend:

Thursday, March 17	-	Set-up day. Able-bodied help needed!
Friday, March 18	-	11:00 AM Show opens 6:00 PM Show closes 6:30 PM Wine and Cheese Reception, Holiday Inn
Saturday, March 19	-	10:00 AM Show opens 1:30 PM Called auction, Richard C. Frajola, Inc. 3:30 PM AAPE meeting 4:30 PM Exhibits Critique 6:30 PM Awards banquet, University Club
Sunday, March 20	-	10:00 AM Show opens 4:00 PM Show closes. Able-bodied help needed!

It goes without saying that the Club will have its traditional hospitality rooms at the Holiday Inn for use by members and their guests during the show. Open hours and other details on events will be available from committee members during the show.

We sincerely hope that you will mark these dates on your activities calendar and plan to attend as much of the show as you can. We again have a splendid group of dealers from across the country, many of whom will be familiar, and a first rate array of exhibits. The special BEP display will be worth the trip.

If you need any help with your plans, write or call: Tom Allen, Gen Chmn. (216) 771-4000; Bob Stanger (216) 932-4363; or Dick Treaster, Co-Chmn. (216) 221-6274. Special hotel rates are available at \$69/sgl - \$74/dbl (+ tax) at the Holiday Inn - Lakeside. Phone (216) 241-5100. Be sure to mention Garfield-Perry to secure the preferred rate.

EDITOR'S CORNER

I'm late again with the **Perryscope**. No good excuse -- just a very busy holiday season and procrastination in lining up programs for the next quarter.

The important stuff in this issue deals with the March Party and programs for the next quarter. The MP report, p. 4, covers just about all the details one needs at this juncture. We expect and hope that many of you who attend meetings only occasionally will come down and join in the fun. The Thursday set-up day is always hectic but otherwise one of the most enjoyable times we spend together. After all the frantic work is finished we march across the street to Hunan's for the first of several Chinese meals.

We're expecting several of our out-of-town worker bees to show up again. Jay and Denise Stotts are flying in from Houston; Jay is on the jury this year, and I suspect they'll be here for the set-up on Thursday. Don and Betsy Bianchi will drive over from Chicago, also on Thursday, to help. Haven't heard lately from Phil Stager, but when we last talked, he thought he might have enough "mileage plus" credits to make it up. It goes without saying that all local members are welcome for whatever time and energy you can spare to assist in the setup. Anytime after 9:30 on Thursday, March 17, would be fine.

In the last **Perryscope**, we pondered the need to find and recruit some younger members for our Club. I heard from a couple of our relocated members in this regard -- comments much appreciated -- but would have been pleased for even more input. Our problem could not have been more convincingly demonstrated than it was at a meeting a couple of Fridays ago. As ten of us sat around our usual round table in the H-I restaurant, a quick count revealed that one of the group was in his mid-70's, one was in his 40's, and the rest of us fell into the 60 - 69 category! Got to do something about that. We're planning a major "rush" at the March party.

Dues notices and ballots for trustees went out and the returns are most gratifying. Support for our Club is strong. We hail all those generous members who added a little extra to their dues to help us with our everyday expenses. This keeps rising (unfortunately) in spite of our efforts to control costs. But your help is most gratifying. Tom (Allen) tells us we have been losing ground in meeting expenses with dues and donations, but occasional March Party surpluses have generally kept the treasury in pretty good shape.

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UPCOMING STAMP SHOWS

Two noteworthy stamp events in Ohio occur during the period of this **Perryscope**. The Euclid Stamp Club will present **EUPEX '94** the weekend of February 5th & 6th, in Grays Armory, 1234 Bolivar Road, near Prospect and East 14th Street. This downtown show will feature a 24 dealer bourse, exhibits, and the U.S. and U.N. postoffices. Admission is free and a special show cancel will mark the 75th anniversary of east-west airmail service.

COLOPEX '94 will take place April 15 - 17 in Columbus, Ohio. This is a national level show and it will be held at a new location, Franklin County Veterans Memorial, 300 West Broad Street, in downtown Columbus. A new headquarters hotel has been designated, the Holiday Inn City Center, 175 East Town Street.

The show committee is seeking exhibit entries and interested collectors should contact Paul H. Gault, Exhibits Chairman, 140 West 18th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210.

DONATIONS TO THE G-P TREASURY BY MEMBERS

A tip of the hat to the following members who have made donations to the Club above and beyond their regular dues. We are very appreciative of this added financial help. It has assisted us in maintaining dues levels constant for more than 15 years! As Joe Egar - pointed out in his letter with this year's dues notice, some of our members are on fixed incomes and higher dues could pose a hardship. We should point out that this is only a partial listing -- representing those who returned their notices prior to January 15. There is still time to help; we'll list new donors in the next issue.

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A BACKWARD GLANCE

Robert W. Richardson

Editor's note: This is the fifth in a series of guest columns by Bob, recalling memories of his association with Garfield-Perry dating back to the 1930's. We have enough material for several more editions and we hope members are enjoying these stories.

The 1930's saw a tremendous rise in the number of stamp collectors. The depression sent people in search of something they could do in their newly acquired spare time, especially things that would take their minds off the worries of that period. Many a businessman found stamp collecting a great relaxation. All kinds of hobbies and avocations grew tremendously. I recall a claim that sailboating on Lake Erie had increased 3000% and I am sure stamp collecting could show a similar change. Many collectors became part or full time stamp dealers, with the result that bourses at the annual exhibitions such as the March Party saw a large increase in the number of dealers and offerings. They'd come from a five state area.

Reflecting the financial hard times, there was a increased interest in specialties that didn't require much money to collect. Precancels became a much collected specialty, with a breakdown into further sub-specialties like the Bureau issues, states, and the like. The rapid expansion of airmail routes and the proliferation of first flights with special post office cachets and postmarks attracted many and the small American Air Mail Society soon became a very large society (which prospers to this day). Herbert H. Griffin and the Kingdom brothers were leaders in this activity. These broke down into fascinating specialties like the pioneer flights of the early 1900's, crash covers, and so on.

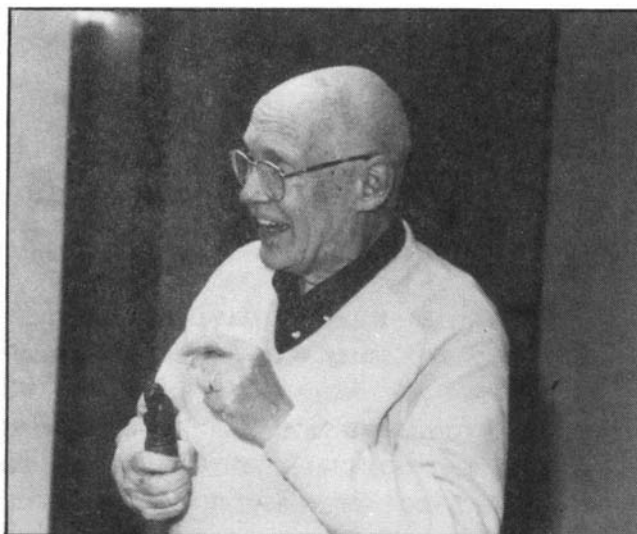
BACKWARD GLANCE, Continued...

Clayton W. Bedford, a chemist at B.F. Goodrich, spearheaded a large and active interest in plate varieties such as double transfers, shifts, and other indications of extra work on stamp plates. His group called themselves the Shift Hunters and "C.W." had me print some early offset printed "letters" for these specialists. He made up the aluminum plates and wanted just 56 copies, though I urged him to get 100 made as future converts would want them. But no, it was to be just 56, run off on an old hand press converted for the offset rubber blanket printing. C.W. was delighted when one year G-P gave him one of its coveted awards.

C.W. had an alarming habit, at least to the owner of a U.S. collection Bedford might be inspecting. He would allow the ash on his cigar to grow longer and longer while closely examining stamps with a glass held in the same hand. The ash seemed ready to fall at any moment upon the prized album pages with their stamps, while the owner hovered nervously hoping a disaster would not occur. We never saw that incredibly long ash fall on any display and there was much speculation that C.W. somehow engineered it that way. We also suspected that he knew the tension he was creating and was enjoying the concern. Some of us snickered on the way home one time, recalling how one U.S. specialist had been mopping his brow with a handkerchief with the cigar ash suspended over his precious stamps.

SCENES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

Not a whole lot of space for snapshots this time but we thought these two would be appropriate in view of the news stories included herein. The left photo shows part of the dinner crowd which turned out for Fred Hibben's "Old Timers Night". Left to right are: Bob Toth, Jack Whittlesey, Bob Stanger, and Tony Smith. The other picture captures a rather whimsical Norm Townsend displaying a statuette given him by his Chinese friends to keep him in good health during his recent trip. It seems to have worked!



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