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"TO WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR"



Since we did not seem to have a blaring front page lead story, I hope the members will grant the editor a bit of latitude for using a personal item to extend New Year's greetings to the G-P membership. The post card illustrated above was addressed and sent to my father in 1910, when he was 12 years old. It depicts a traditional holiday scene - carolers in a snow covered street - set in a broad silver metallic finish frame with embossed holly leaves and berries. It is a most attractive item.

On the reverse are some supplementary postal markings that enhance its philatelic appeal. The sender apparently forgot to put a stamp on it when first mailed and cancelled on Jan 3rd. It was detained by the postoffice and stamped "Held for Postage / Jan 4 1910" in magenta. After the postage was satisfied, it received a second marking, also in magenta "This is the card for which / you sent postage." It then went through the canceller a second time on Jan 12, finally cleared for delivery to my father at a new family home in Henrietta, New York. The message side of the card is shown on p. 6.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Jay Stotts has been named chairman of the judging panel for the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition to be held the weekend of Feb 6 - 8 at the Sarasota Municipal Auditorium in Florida. **Phil Stager** is also a member of the panel. The show, a WSP event, is about the same size as our March Party, with about 200 16-page frames.

The following weekend, February 13 - 15, **Phil Stager** will also serve as a judge at the APS AmeriStamp Expo 98 to be held at the Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. This show has been touted as an experiment to attract new exhibitors with an emphasis on One-Frame and so-called Display Class exhibits. There will also be focus on "works in progress," as a way for novice exhibitors, or collectors who have never exhibited, to test their ideas in a competitive, but friendly atmosphere. **Steve Kaplan** and **Dale Pulver** have entered one-frame exhibits in this show.

Dick Parker underwent bypass surgery at Lutheran Hospital on January 12 and expects to be home recovering by the time members receive this *Perryscope*. If you'd like to send him a card or note, his address is: 1526 Marview Drive, Westlake, OH 44145. We hope to see Dick back at meetings real soon.

MARCH PARTY NEWS

Everything remains on schedule for our 108th anniversary March Party. It will be March 27-30, so block out that weekend on your calendar. The venue is the same as it has been for many years, the Masonic Auditorium, Euclid Ave. at East 36th Street. The Holiday Inn-Lakeside will again serve as the headquarters hotel for visiting guests and some social events.

The U.S. Philatelic Classics Society will join us for their annual meeting and will celebrate the 50th anniversary of their existence. Special events are planned. We're very happy to have them with us again as their meetings usually attract many out-of-town visitors for the weekend. This will be the sixth time the USPCS has held its annual meeting in Cleveland.

If you held off applying for frames to exhibit at the show, don't bother — it's too late. All frames had been reserved by about ten days before Thanksgiving. Filling up this early is unusual, but it makes the exhibits chairman's job easier. He doesn't have to engage in any frantic last minute arm twisting.



MEETING PROGRAMS

Here is a list of the entertainment scheduled for our Friday night meetings for the next quarter. (*Ed. note: Dick Parker is always looking for new ideas. Call him if you have any.*)

Jan 2	New Year's Weekend - No meeting
Jan 9	Annual Meeting - Induction of Officers
Jan 16	Bob Toth - "Sphinx and Pyramid Potpourri"
Jan 23	Dale Pulver - "My First Computer Generated Exhibit Mounting"
Jan 30	Phil Stager - "Airships of the United States" (Not Phil live - APS Slide show)
Feb 6	Reg Morris - "Machine Cancells - Part II"
Feb 13	Members - Show & Tell - Items related to the February Holidays.
Feb 20	Dick Jones - "Why Are Machines So Complex?"
Feb 27	Shawn Wilson - "More Shades of the 3¢ 1851 Stamp"
Mar 6	Roger H. Edward - "A History of Postage Meter Impression" (APS Slide Show)
Mar 13	Ed Patrick - "Collecting Vintage GI Joes of the Civil War"
Mar 20	Final Review of March Party Arrangements
Mar 27 - 29	The 108th Anniversary March Party
Apr 3	March Party Review
Apr 10	No meeting - Easter
Apr 17	All Members - Show & Tell - March Party acquisitions.



THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We're a little late again, but you should have this in plenty of time to make all your important arrangements for our big anniversary bash. Keep your fingers crossed that all the cold, snowy weather we've missed in the past three or four weeks doesn't decide to concentrate itself at the end of March!

The Club had a nice Christmas get-together on December 29. There were about 20 people in all, most of whom dined in the restaurant beforehand. Santa was generous as usual as most everyone brought a gift to exchange. I received two copies of an ancient stamp journal called *The Columbian Philatelist*, published prior to the turn of the

century. Below the title was this bold slogan: "Fearless and Independent - and below that: "Published Monthly in the Interest of Philately." The older of the two magazines carried the date Nov 20, 1897 and contained 28 pages of short news items, ads, and club reports. A subscription from then until Jan 1900, was advertised at 29¢! It seems incredible that someone could keep such a publication going at that price. And perhaps they didn't for very long.

There was some interesting reading in these two magazines. I have excerpted a few items on p. 5 that members may find enlightening and amusing. My thanks to whoever put this gift into the exchange. It provided me with a good measure of enjoyable reading.

Finally, don't forget that March Party set-up day is Thursday, the 26th. Even though we have new frames that should be less labor intensive than our old ones, we still can use plenty of help. So, come on down, see your friends, and give us a hand. 'Til next time....

DRP



G-P MEMBERS
SCORE IN FALL
STAMP SHOW
COMPETITION

Local members were not particularly active in the competitive arena at the major stamp shows this fall. But there was representation by some of our out-of-town cohorts. Here are some results of their efforts.

MILCOPEX, Milwaukee, Sept 19-21,

Don Bianchi won several special awards, along with a gold medal, for his "1909 Hudson Fulton — the Stamp and Expo." He received the APS 1900 - 40 Medal, the BIA award, and the Milwaukee Philatelic Society William J. Uihlein Trophy for the best Americana.

At the same show, **Bob Markovits** took a vermeil for his "U.S. 1871-75 7¢ Vermilion Stationery, as did **Ann Trigg** for "British Guiana Postal Stationery." Ann also received the AAPE Award of honor.

Greater Houston Stamp Show, Sept. 5 - 7

Bill Jones took a vermeil medal for "Merit Badges for the Boy Scout Eagle Award." Bill also won the American Topical Association award. In the One-Frame exhibit category, **Jay Stotts** won a gold and the Grand Award for his "Plate Varieties of the Fourth Bureau Issue."

CHICAGOPEX 97, Nov. 21 - 23

Stan Bednarczyk received a gold medal for his "Chicago Street Railway Postoffice — Postmarks and Their Usages." He also received the Collectors Club of Chicago Research Award.

FLOREX 97, Orlando, FL Nov 14 - 16

Our good friend and Florida member, **Clyde Jennings** won second place in the Display Class with "Ya Gotta Have Balls." We are left to wonder what this exhibit is all about. Perhaps he will enter it in one of our future March Party exhibits.

**A SCHEDULE OF
MARCH PARTY EVENTS**

Here is a tentative schedule of the meetings and events planned for the March Party.

Friday, March 27

Show open from 11 AM to 6 PM
Classics Society program by Dick Graham 4 PM
Wine and Cheese Reception 6:30 PM
Classics Society Dinner 7:15 PM @Sammy's
(Reservations required)

Saturday, March 28

Show open from 10 AM to 6 PM
Classics Society Annual Meeting 1:45 PM,
includes talk by Tom Alexander on 1847s
Germany Philatelic Society Meeting 2 PM
AAPE Meeting and talk 4 PM
Judges Critique 5 PM
Awards Banquet @ University Club 6:30 PM
(Reservations required)

Sunday, March 29

Show open from 10 AM to 4 PM
Classics Society meeting - 3¢ 1851 Study Group
discussion 11 AM

Also, a public sale is being planned with Summit Auctions (formerly Herb LaTuchie's firm) for Friday and Saturday afternoon. Details on this and firm timing on the events will be printed in the show program. They will soon be available on the Garfield-Perry web site, which can be accessed at:

[HTTP://members.aol.com/GPSTAMP/GPSC.html](http://members.aol.com/GPSTAMP/GPSC.html)

The address is case sensitive, so be careful.

FOR SALE

1997 was the last year for our 12-page glass fitted frames. This year we will use the 16 page aluminum frames that have become standard with most national shows. Our old ones are available to clubs, dealers or individuals who might use them for display purposes.

\$7.50 or \$5.00 each,
depending on condition
(Contact Editor or Club Officer)

SOMETHING OLD AND REVEALING

As noted in *The Editor's Corner*, I received a 1897 copy of *The Columbian Philatelist* as a Christmas exchange gift. This little magazine, published monthly, gave some interesting insight on our hobby in those early years. First of all, this journal served, according to its masthead, as the official publication of several societies, including the Columbian Philatelic Society (from which it took its name) and The Ohio Philatelic Association.

Despite of the fact that there could not have been more than a few hundred subscribers, if that many, it was chock full of news tidbits and ads from some of the big names of the day.

It was noted, for example, that George W. Linn had just become a member of the Ohio Philatelic Association. He was member No. 68, lived at 1234 Penna. Ave., Columbus, and paid 25¢ annual dues.

There was no specific mention of the Garfield-Perry club, but there were names mentioned of some of our early members. W.H. "Ham" Barnum is listed as Vice-President of the OPA. He had joined G-P in 1892 as a teenager (14), and was then about 19 years old. Barnum remained a member of G-P for over 40 years, and held all the major offices of our Club.

Another familiar name was H.C. Crowell. Henry Crowell was an attorney who apparently dabbled in the stamp business on the side. He had several display ads in the journal, one of which is reproduced here. He, also, was prominent in G-P, serving as Secretary-Treasurer in 1905-6, and President in 1910-11. Crowell's membership in G-P lasted until 1922 (death?). In one of Crowell's smaller ads, he offers his service to subscribers as a collection agent, "...I am an attorney by profession and if you have any debts you want collected write to me. No matter where the debtor is located. I have 8,000 correspondents who will call on him for you. Terms reasonable. Correspondence solicited." Wow! Incidentally, the address is different from the one in the ad reproduced on this page.

There are, of course, some mouth-watering offerings by today's standards. For used Columbians: a \$1 value sells for \$1.60; \$2 for \$1.20 and \$3 for \$1.60. Another dealer offers the 5¢ 1847 for \$0.55! And finally, R.G. Widdicombe of St. Catharines, Ont. will sell you a mint short set of Canadian Jubilees, ½ to 50 ¢ for \$2.25.

Hooray for the good old days, no!?

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THE COLUMBIAN

Approval Books

As I make a specialty of the approval trade you need not fear that I retain my best stamps and only send out the less desirable ones.

I can supply something for any kind of a collection up to 7,000 varieties, or I can help along the beginner.

My books of stamps are works of art and not an eye-sore as some we have seen. They are arranged according to sets and countries as far as possible.

I have a fine line of U. S. Revenues.

These beautiful stamps are becoming more in demand daily and I find it difficult to purchase enough to meet my trade.

I can supply you most anything from a hinge to a stamp cataloging \$50. All orders, no matter how small, given prompt attention.

The mail is collected 17 times daily in this building, and as letters are answered as promptly as possible (as I believe collectors like to receive answers from their communications as soon as possible), you practically get a reply on the next train leaving Cleveland for your place, and there are any number of them. Send for a selection NOW and give good reference.

50c, Lease, (Cat. 50c),.....	25c
1c, 1869, (Cat. 75c),.....	25c
30c, Justice Used, \$16.50, post free.	

H. C. CROWELL,

502 Mohawk Bldg.,

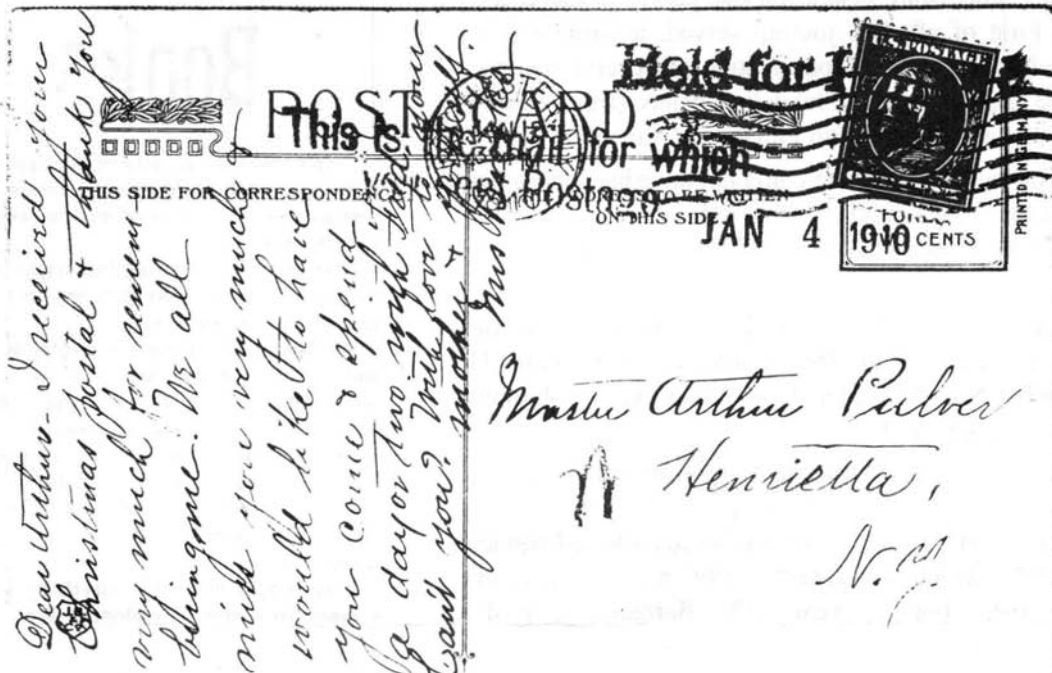
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Notice in the ad the claim that mail was collected 17 times a day in the building where Crowell was located. That's incredible, isn't it?

Does anyone know where in Cleveland the Mohawk Building was located?

The Happy New Year card, continued...

This is the back of the post card illustrated on page 1. Part of the "Held for Postage" handstamp was obscured when the one cent Franklin stamp was affixed. And the two machine applied cancellations (of Rochester, New York) ended up virtually on top of each other. But the dates can be discerned with sufficient magnification.



SCENES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE

We include a few photos taken at our Christmas party, December 29. Our thanks to Tony Smith who was the man behind the camera that night. Sorry we can't show everyone — some of the photos weren't suitable for publishing.



Jeanette and Gene DeSimone. Gene is the one growing out of the poinsettia.

More SCENES FROM THE CLUBHOUSE...



Here we have Dale Pulver, Rosemary & Bob Toth, Loretta and a wee bit of Dick Parker.



Upstairs in our private hospitality room for the gift exchange, Shawn Wilson and Tom Mahon assumed bar-tending duties which they discharged with competence and aplomb.

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