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HAM RADIO MAIL

John Hotchner (# 62)

The Turkish cover shown below has a bit of trivia attached to it that might interest "worldwidiers". Note the markings in the upper left corner •• "TA1A".

"TA" is the Turkish ham radio call sign prefix. "TA1A" was the first officially licensed ham radio in Turkey.

These number and letter combinations can be found on

acknowledgement of transmission cards and letters from all over the world. Each country has its own prefix(es). "W", "K", and "N" (i.e. N4LR) are the call sign prefixes for the U.S.A.

Watch for them as you look through miscellaneous cover boxes. ••••

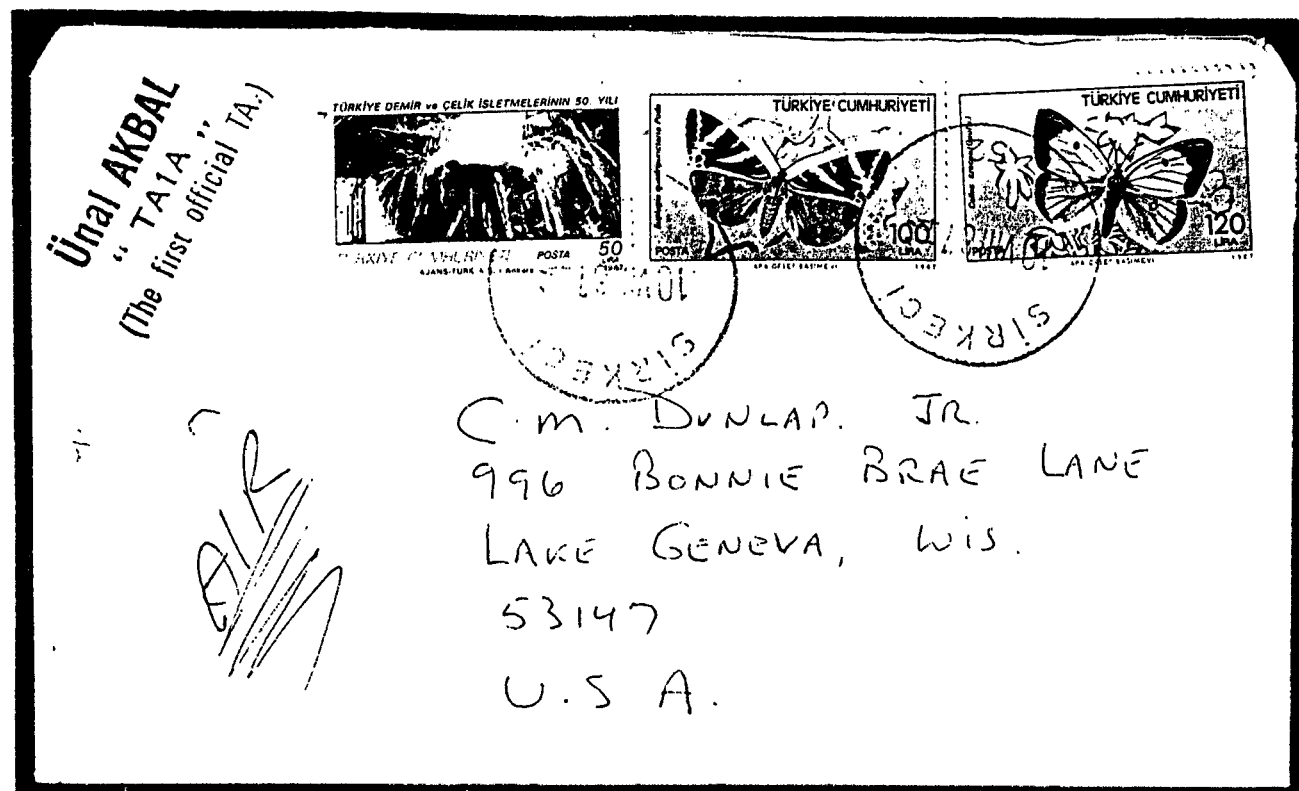
•••Thanks to Barbara R. Hagen of Winter Haven, Florida, who provided the cover and information in this "short".

APS STaMpsHOW 88

Tom Bejma (# 108)

First let me say I am sorry that each and every member could not attend this fabulous show held in Detroit this year. While I only attended one day of this four day event, there was so much going on that you would not have been bored each day. There were meetings of various APS affiliated, seminars on various aspects of the hobby, an auction each day, plus exhibits and 125 dealers hawking their wares. If you just attended the seminars you would never get to the show, there were that

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APS SHOW (cont'd)

many!

One of my purposes in attending the show was an informal meeting of members of our club who wanted to get together and to introduce any prospective new members. I made arrangements with APS for a meeting room on Saturday between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. I sent out postcards to all members within a reasonable radius of Detroit and invited each of them to attend. Well, a total of five people showed up; disappointing at best - with this show supposedly breaking attendance records. But I've always felt that worldwide stamp collectors are loners for the most part and shun the organized factions of the hobby. This just serves to add to my beliefs. However the five of us did discuss our interests and had a respite from the rigors of spending all our money at the dealers' bourse. Oh, by the way, four of us were members and one was a prospective member. One of the members came from Virginia, so even the local members failed to show up.

All in all the show was very interesting but the recruiting efforts were rather dismal. Maybe the '89 show in California will prove a better forum for our club.

ROSTER CHANGES:

- # 15 Jenkins - Change to:
PO Box 91298
Henderson, Nevada 89009
- # 64 Rosow - Change to:
PO Box 876
- # 72 Guethlein Change to:
4516 Randolph Road # 64
Charlotte, North Carolina 28211
- # 79 Graham - Deceased
- # 159 Smith - Change to:
13 E. Stephen Drive
Newark, Delaware 19711
- # 192 Marcus - Change to:
32 Deichman Lane
- # 197 Ward - Resigned
- # 212 Johnson - Change to:
302 Stanford Drive
Beckle, West Virginia 25801
- # 288 Long - Change to:
1322 Linden Street
Rogers, Arkansas 72756

Please Post Changes on Your Roster

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Ken Jenkins (# 15)

It has been a long hot summer most everywhere, perhaps worse for some of us by missing the summer issue of *The Circuit*. Hopefully, by next summer we can resume our bi-monthly schedule. Our ability to provide a better, more frequent newsletter depends upon you, the membership. We still are not receiving any feature articles we can use on the front page.

We have initiated several programs to increase revenues to the ISWSC treasury. Here is really your chance to help. The donation auction lots are listed elsewhere in this issue; make a bid or two. All income above expenses goes to the club treasury. Dalene Thomas (# 101) has volunteered her services as auctioneer manager for the donation auction and approximately 20 lots have been donated by members. Another auction is upcoming this winter. Dr. Wallace D. Johnson (#212) will be conducting an auction/mail sale for your profit. Again, Dr. Johnson is serving as a volunteer from his busy practice of internal medicine in Beckley, West Virginia, to assist the ISWSC and his fellow stamp collectors. The details for this auction will also appear elsewhere in this issue.

Another of our great members, Tom Bejma (#108), volunteered to set up a meeting/get-together for all ISWSC members attending STaMpsHOW 88 in Detroit. I hope that many of you stopped by to say "hello" and talk stamps and worldwide collecting.

The brochures are now available and I encourage all of you to participate in your club by requesting some for distribution at any stamp shows in your area or any you plan to attend. Dave Nelson (# 25), our PR man, has the brochures available for distribution. Hal Erickson (# 173), our librarian and archivist, took a number of them to Helsinki, Finland. He reports much interest and many contacts. Hopefully the membership will reflect this interest in the coming months. Ray Compton (# 73) has agreed to be our International Secretary to receive and coordinate all foreign members. There will be more forthcoming on this program as it develops. The basic idea is to provide methods for those worldwide collectors from countries that have currency restrictions to

pay their dues and participate in the auctions, etc.

One of the services that was initiated for the members benefit is in trouble. I am speaking of the Sales Circuit. Roger Bergeson (#132), the sales manager, reports that it has not been able to show a profit yet because of low participation and low sales. If you are participating and are not receiving the type of material that you wish to purchase, let Roger know so he can more effectively screen the incoming books. The Sales Circuit will be continued for sometime yet but sooner or later some hard decisions will have to be made.

You will note elsewhere in this issue my change of address. I did not move, the post office did, and in the process forced thousands of patrons to make tens of thousands of address changes at their own expense! Bureaucracy in action???

This summer has seen the loss of a good friend, shipmate, neighbor, and fellow member of ISWSC. Joe Graham (#79) passed away in July. Our weekly trading sessions (bull sessions, too) are already missed.

Many of you, including myself, have received letters promoting a pyramid scheme for stamps from a fellow member of ISWSC living in Canada. I would like to remind all members at this time that all such pyramid schemes are illegal in the USA. Anymore of this material brought to my attention will be given to the postal inspectors.

One last item, Dave Nelson reports disappointing results so far for volunteers to participate in the stamp "Beauty Contest". It may be because it was summer and you had not been thinking stamps. We do have a few months yet to get this off the ground so I hope there will be more responses forthcoming.

OMNI EXCHANGE

TO JOIN
the Official ISWSC
Exchange
Write to: Tom Allison
Box 252
Wilmette, IL 60091

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ken Costilow (# 142)

Now that the long, hot summer has passed, I am sure that most of us will be ready to get back to some serious stamp collecting! The Society has several new programs underway and everyone is encouraged to participate in their success! The *Most Beautiful Stamp in the World* competition plus two mail auctions will expand our horizons considerably. The first auction is all donated lots, coordinated by Dalene Thomas (# 101). The next auction will consist of lots entered by members and be coordinated by Dr. Wallace Johnson (#212). Additional details on both auctions can be found elsewhere in this Circuit. A lot of pre-planning has gone into these events, in setting up schedules and procedures, etc., but if everything doesn't work perfectly the first time, adjustments will be made so they do on the next one.

Donations for the ISWSC Youth Program are still coming in on a regular basis from renewals and new members. Many have provided multiple, or "over and above the minimum," donations so now I have a rather large box of stamps for our Youth Program. Additionally, Ken Jenkins has turned over the remainder of his on-hand supply, so I am now receiving requests from leaders of youth groups for stamps. Along with the donated stamps, I have received notes from many of you. Although I did not reply in all cases, the correspondence was appreciated greatly.

VAPEX '89 will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia, on November 18-20. Any member who is planning to attend is requested to let me know, and I will try to set up an appropriate time for an ISWSC meeting - or give me a phone call after arrival. (I am in the phone book: 464-6081).

WHATZIT? ANSWERS

#15 - Is noted as a Turkish newspaper stamp in the Scott catalog, under Cilicie, though the design type is not listed under Turkey proper.

#17 - Is a Peruvian Postal Tax Stamp (Scott # RA 13)

#20 - Is a Japanese Revenue

RESULTS OF QUESTIONNAIRE

Ken Jenkins (# 15)

In response to requests from the membership to effect certain changes in the rules for ISWSC a survey was conducted among the members of the Board of Directors and the membership in general in the June issue of *The Circuit*. Here are the results and the decisions made based upon input from all sources.

Question # 1 - Request for a life membership to be established

Result: Responses were ambivalent. It would require a change of Art. IV of the bylaws to implement. More thought, study, and input from members is needed before trying for a bylaw change. In the meantime, Herb will accept dues for up to three years at the regular rates.

Question # 2 - Eliminate the 250 stamps as portion of dues requirement.

Result: It was unanimous to keep the youth stamp program. Stamp dues can be substituted by paying an extra \$5.00 dues each year. The feeling of most respondents was — "how could a stamp collector not have stamps for kids?" We all get more mail than that each year from philatelic sources. A change in this requirement will also need a bylaw change. The extra \$5.00 can be used to purchase bulk lots by the club VP to complete stamp requirements.

Question # 3: Expiration of membership dates and dues collection

Result: There will be a common expiration date for all members. The details will be in the secretary/treasurer's column. Please bear with us. It will be easier to make the transition now than it will be five years down the line and the present method is a nightmare for the secretary as well as for the members.

WHATZIT?

23 - I have a copy of Vietnam # C-10 socked on the nose with a 1956 Washington, D.C. Cancel. Does this mean it was used by Vietnamese Embassy staff, or what?

24 - I have an East Africa & Uganda, Type A1, that is grey green with center in apple green; no such color is listed. It is watermark (3). Any information on such a stamp?

Missing Newsletters:

If you don't receive your newsletter, please notify either Arlene Futrell, Editor (# 2) or Herb Holland (# 31). After each mailing, all remaining copies are divided and sent to Arlene and Herb. The publisher keeps only one file copy of each newsletter and thus has no spares to send you. Every couple months Herb and Arlene compile a list for the publisher to check, change or add to the mailing list; if the mailing list is correct then it has been lost in the mail. If it becomes a frequent occurrence, then you need to complain to your Postmaster about non-delivery of mail. You'll save time and postage for us all by writing directly to Arlene or Herb. Thanks so much.

Future Issue Dates

To the Editor: November 1, '88

Circuit Mailed: December 1, '88

To the Editor: January 1, '89

Circuit Mailed: February 1, '89

WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

There are various kinds of club members and I have come up with a few descriptions of those that are in all clubs. I hope no one is offended by them but if they are and the shoe fits, wear it.

Backbones: These are the ones you must have and they do most of the work.

Hambones: These are the ones that make a lot over themselves but along with the

Jawbones: Do a lot of talking but little more than that.

Wishbones: Are those that wish that the rest of the members would do everything and if approached, they become

Legbones: Who exercise their legs by running away from the work.

In addition to the "bones" there are also some prominent "misses" such as: Misrepresentation - Misstatement - Misunderstanding - Misinformation - and Mistake. These are all self explanatory and are not meant to belittle any of the lady members of the club.

SECRETARY- TREASURER'S REPORT

Herb Holland (# 31)

Quite awhile since we last got together but we should be back on regular schedule now that the summer is past. It sure was a hot one, wasn't it? While there weren't any newsletters for a few months, the club's business has still been moving right along. We have quite a few new members, many of you renewed your memberships, and we have received a lot of donations. So, financially we are in fair shape for the first time in a long time.

The big news here on Secretary-Treasurer front is that I finally bought my computer and busy trying to learn how to use it. Have mastered Microsoft Word enough to be able to use it - at least basically - but am just getting started on dBase III Plus and Lotus 1-2-3. I now have all members on disk.. As soon as I get the bugs out of my print roster program, I will send a new updated roster off to Rita and if all goes well, we should get a new updated roster out by the first of the year.

As many of you know, I have had some problems with my manual dues "system". Frankly, the many changes, combinations and permutations just overwhelmed an inadequate "system" and I'm using the word loosely. So now I'm automating it. Sure hope I'm not resurrecting that old computer problem: GIGO (Garbage in, Garbage Out). Please be patient with me. If I do make a mistake all you have to do is let me know and I'll correct it immediately, if not sooner.

We have some bad news too, unfortunately. The following members are dropped for non-payment of dues:

8 (Kubon) - #12 (Wottreng) - # 40 (Harkcom) - # 69 (Hinkel) - #77 (Holgate).

We also have to drop three members for lack of a mailing address (their dues are also in arrears): #196 (Schmiedel) - # 203 (Miller) - #242 (Hogan). If any member is in correspondence with any of these, please let them know.

New member Sheetrum (#317) sent a real nice lot of stamps which she asked be given to a kid "serious/studious enough to notice cancellations, perforations, coils, overprints, etc. contains several items that catalog \$3 to \$5 each." So do any of you know of a young person that fits that descrip-

tion? If so, drop me a line with his or her name and address and a little pitch. I'll send the stamps off to the one who seems the best qualified and tell you all the results next time. If the winner isn't obvious, I'll draw lots.

Member # 197 (Ward) has resigned from the club as he is now a specialist and no longer a worldwide collector. Darn!!

Our President, Ken Jenkins # 15, didn't move, but his post office did. Be sure to note all the roster changes on another page.

I pass on the sad news of the death of Joe Graham # 79. Joe died in early July and will be mourned by his many friends and all of us in ISWSC.

The club acknowledges with thanks the following generous donations:

Mbr #	Name	Amount
58	Sherwood	\$10.00
64	Rosow	5.00
97	Burmeister	10.00
98	Berkowitz	4.00
130	White	.50
143	Farnum	5.00
157	Hyde	5.00
210	Young	1.00
243	Rawlings	10.00
244	Hirschbach	3.10
252	Treutler	5.00
314	Kirby	5.00

AND NOW FOR AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Effective immediately all dues will be due in October of each year, regardless of the month in which you joined. Once this is accomplished it should simplify things for everyone, including old watoshi. In early September I will print an address label for each member and mail out the dues notices. Additionally, *The Circuit* will carry a prominent notice reminding everyone. Those who don't pay will then be dropped, all at one time. Except for resignations and deaths we will then be all set for a year.

Now, how are we going to get to that point? Well, from now on as each member's dues approach expiration I will send a notice that will tell the amount of dues to get the member on the new schedule. For example: In December I will send notices to those whose dues expire in Jan. and Feb. telling them to send \$3.40. When we pass the midpoint, it will go the other way. In February, I will send notices to those whose dues expire in Mar. and Apr. telling them to send \$7.80. This will pay forward one year from

the coming October and save on checks and mailings. All members will pay the same in the long run (except for a few cents due to rounding) and in a year we will all be on the same schedule. Whew!!

Of course, new members joining will have a similar schedule (which I will publish in the next issue of *The Circuit*). Those of you who are members of APS are already familiar with this system. Oh yes, one other item. When you receive your dues notice, regardless of the amount thereon, you can always add \$5.00 for another year or \$10.00 for another two (you can pay up to three years ahead). That way you don't even have to think about it for a long time. Just trying to be helpful!!

Well, guess that's about it for now. I better quit while I'm ahead. I am ahead, aren't I?

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Advertising Rates

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AUSTRALIAN EN- JOYS COLLECTING "HIS WAY"

R. H. Wickens (# 267)

At the age of eleven and living in Brighton, England, I was introduced to the hobby of "collecting foreign stamps". The year was 1933 and such money that my parents had was not for wasting on stamps.

You will notice I wrote "foreign" because it was just not done to collect the stamps of one's own country. The aim of every schoolboy collector was to reach the magic number of 1000 in his collection. If there were girl collectors I did not meet any.

With countries like Germany, Austria and France making up close to 50% I was able to pass the magic figure after about 3 years. The albums of the time were informative and I could rattle off capital cities and populations and many other details of many major countries of the world.

Unfortunately, the albums never seemed to have sufficient pages for Germany, Austria, France, etc. Somehow I accumulated more and more stamps with only the odd coin coming my way, but there was never enough money to buy a larger album. The only alternative seemed to be to create my own albums.

I can't remember how I managed to acquire some school exercise books with the graph-lined pages and these became my albums.

When I left school at the age of 15, I put aside childhood games and hobbies but always kept my stamp collection. Years passed and in time I arrived in Australia.

My son began collecting stamps around 1966 so out came my old collection of Germany, Austria, France, etc. That is when I learned the old order changeth. He wanted Australian stamps and not all that foreign stuff! So we collected Australia until we got to the "hard" one, then switched to New Zealand and Great Britain.

It was about this time that he lost interest, while mine had been well and truly re-awakened. Those who considered themselves "experts" informed people like myself that "You cannot collect the world". But I have always been a bit determined (some call it stubborn) so I collected everything. Hardly a month passed that I didn't branch into a new country.

The wheel turned a full circle, because with three children, I did not have the money for albums. No bother! I bought a couple 2-ring binders and sheets of graph paper and created my own.

But that was about 15 years or more years ago. I still collect the world but I had to modify ideas a little and become more selective. My present collecting interests are still governed by available finance because I am now retired and living on a pension. But I still collect anything that takes my fancy although it was many years ago that I decided not to collect expensive stamps!

Later this year, when I find time to sit down and wonder that to do next, I will write about my "eccentric collecting habits" well, that is how I was introduced as a guest speaker at a club meeting a couple years ago.

COLLECTING IN SWITZERLAND

Jerry Farnum #143

Some months ago Arlene Futrell asked me for some comments on stamp collecting in Switzerland. Collectors here reflect the basic nature of the Swiss. It is very serious business, limited to what one knows well, e.g. usually only Switzerland and perhaps Liechtenstein, and a concern for condition that borders on fanaticism. It is said that Swiss collectors mount their uncanceled stamps backwards so that everyone can see that the gum is perfect.

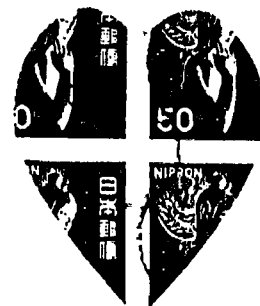
Switzerland a hundred years ago was a very small country of villages where everyone knew everyone and almost nobody ever moved. Consequently, early Swiss stamps are rare and devilishly expensive, unless of course they are in less than perfect condition. There are also many variations of Swiss stamps depending on plate wear, plate re-engravings, paper variations as well as the more known perforation and watermark types. Connoisseurs of Swiss stamps have been known to utilize microscopes to assemble a sheet of stamps where each plate position is slightly different from the others.

When I came to Switzerland more than 20 years ago, I was a worldwide collector who would rather fill 100 modern holes than chase after an expensive moth-eaten item at the very front of the album. Investment quality stamps were not fun and, as I was often told, should be kept in a Swiss bank

vault under constant humidity control. Now that I notice more than a few grey hairs becoming interleaved with the glassene strips, I am reverting to type. A stamp is a stamp and there's no sin in enjoying sticking in a bunch of soakers early Sunday morning.

Question of the day —

Through how many hands does an "unpicked" mixture have to travel before it is "Picked"?



ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR KIDS

'Veterans Chapter Co-ordinator' Glenn Mitchell forwards the illustrated cutout as an example of ideas for kids. A heart, cut out of a block of 4 Japanese stamps, thereby reducing the "value" of said stamps immediately to absolute zero. This is a great suggestion, simply for the reason that the supposed intrinsic value of the stamps IS destroyed! The biggest obstacle to new collectors, the greatest disincentive, is the monetary orientation the hobby has taken, even for us worldwiders.

For those of you that will give of your time to help new kids, or disabled veterans, or others trying to break in to hobby, this serves as a stark reminder that FUN is the objective, NOT investment. Forget those tongs, throw away those mounts, use a 5 year old catalog for its educational value alone and stop trying to plant the seeds of greed in our new collectors. Hinged versus never hinged? well, maybe they should consider glue.



THE EDITOR'S LINE

Arlene Futrell (# 2), Editor
RD # 1 Box 65 • Stokes, NC 27884

You have done so well with sending in articles & letters that there isn't room to put them all in again! There is, at this time, so much club business that will take up the room. PLEASE don't be discouraged! Send your article or letter in if you planned to. We need your input, especially if you can write a "technical" article on collecting. It would be good.

Fall is upon us and for many of us it brings the cold weather in which we can sit by the fire with stamps. Have fun doing it and keep those letters coming!

CANADIAN'S MEMORIES OF THE 20's AND UP

Lloyd Drury (# 227)

My thoughts go back to 1921 when at the age of 8, I was introduced to stamp collecting. A great aunt missionary of mine was home from India on furlough with wonderful stories to tell. After her return to the mission school near Madras, a letter arrived along with some India and Ceylon stamps, some Queen Victoria, some Edwards VII and a good lot of George V. That was the beginning of several years of correspondence and stamp activity. A few weeks saving of my 15¢ allowance and I could purchase a stamp album and hinges. At school I found a couple of boys who were also collectors so I was able to exchange the duplicates.

The local barber sold packers of stamps and after a haircut I would look over his selection and usually go home with a packet. Then came requests to the Marks Stamp Co. in Toronto for price lists. On one of the lists I was intrigued by a picture of the "Camel Stamps" from Sudan (A1) and again a few weeks allowance went for stamps. This time however I wanted mint ones so I mailed \$2.00 to the postmaster in Khartoum requesting as many different camel stamps as it would purchase. It was a long wait but after 4 months the stamps arrived and I was

the envy of my exchange friends.

Then came high school and the acquaintance of the local stamp dealer, Mr. A. Wicks. At times he needed assistance making up approval sheets so I would spend the odd two or three hours after school helping him and the pay was in stamps. When I look at the holes in my Canada collection I think back to the mint 1897 Jubille and 1908 Quebec Tercentary issues that he had in stock. Today they would be worth a small fortune.

In the middle teens I seemed to think girls were more important than stamps and in order to take in the dances, the movies, etc., I decided to sell my collection. Then several years were "stampless", when after discharge from the army in 1946, there followed marriage to a wonderful girl and the beginning of a family.

In the 50's our two boys came home from school one day and said the teacher was starting a stamp club and they wondered if I could get any foreign stamps from the office. I was quite friendly with the lady who opened the mail and a box of chocolates on special occasions paved the way for a bonanza of foreign stamps. I think every youngster in the club ended up with the complete animal series from South Africa and the high value "Arms of Australia".

A purchase of three small albums from the grocery store and I was again into stamp collecting and the boys beginners. Kiloware, mail exchange clubs and foreign exchangers through ads in stamp papers, etc., opened up hours of hobby enjoyment but after public school the boys found sports, especially hockey, more interesting but I was caught with the bug. After retirement in 1975, I find I put in about 4 hours a day. The time spent has been most rewarding; an evening of stamps after a hard day at the office seemed to ward off "ulcers", and the making of several new friends over the years and in retirement meeting several overseas friends on our travels.

My present project is a mint collection of Canada to pass on to our grandson and hopefully he will become a collector and receive as much enjoyment as I have. Good Stamping to all!!

Enthusiastic About Getting Others into Stamp Collecting

Glenn Mitchell (# 291)

I was just reading in the Circuit about dropping you a line about collecting, etc. I have been collecting about 10 years. I find stamps and people who collect one of the most interesting things in the world. Antone Mello, who passed away, was the one who really got me started. He sent me many stamps and a great deal of information. He will be missed.

I started helping handicapped people and it has spread great, the joy of a person who sees nothing but a few stamps come to them is hard to put into words. Then they pass them to their children.

What is behind every stamp is a great story and I doubt if every story will out — History, Geography, Events.

I have been using Space stamps in collages and hear good results from people. This leads to where you could make collages about of any one topic. I wrote to a person in New Hampshire whose daughter is working along these lines. I hope to help her. I have seen beautiful art work made out of stamps that have been cut up in small pieces and glued into all kinds of pictures. These could be good projects for children, schools, organizations, Scouts, Veteran Hospitals, etc. Good way to use up defective common stamps.

I have started working with a V. A. which has an outreach program. I only write to one but plan to contact more. There are 180 of them; stamps and correspondence would be great for our vets who are hospitalized.

David Creson (Seaside, CA) is another great one. I could name many. Our nursing homes, which I live in one, is another great chance for our Seniors. I just told Dave Nelson I would do all I can to get new members. It all takes time, but I am going to do all I can to interest as many as I can.

I also want to say thanks to all members I have met thru the Exchange of worldwide collectors.

DEADLINE
for NEXT issue
November 1, 1988

How do you tell the difference
between line perfs and comb perfs?

AUCTION

Closing Date: March 1, 1989

Wallace D. Johnson, MD (# 212)

**Auction Chairman
302 Stanaford Drive
Beckle, West Virginia 25801**

The following rules have been proposed:

1. Consignments for sale should be mailed to: Auction Chairman at the above address. All items should be inventoried, along with catalog values (Catalog and year stated), along with full name, address and telephone number of consignor.

2. Latest Scott Catalog values will generally be used, except that larger lots (more than 10 stamps) may not be re-catalogued. Descriptions may state, for example, 1986 Scott Catalog value is ____.

3. Bidding increments are as follows:

\$ 5.00 - 30.00	\$ 0.50
\$30.00 - 50.00	\$ 1.00
\$50.00 - 100.00	\$ 2.00
\$101.00 & Over	\$ 5.00

Minimum Bid on any lot is \$ 5.00. In case of tie bids, earliest postmark gets the lot.

4. Lots will be sold at one advance over the second high bid.

5. Shipments over \$100.00 will be insured. Postage and handling fees will be actual postage plus \$0.50 handling to cover costs of mailing. Invoices will be sent with shipments. Payments must be in US currency.

6. Consignors may specify a minimum bid to protect against unreasonably low bids. If no bids at or above the minimum are received, the material will be returned to the consignor.

7. Deadline for receiving lots will be December 1, 1988.

8. Description of lots will be published February 1, 1989; closing date for bids to be March 1, 1989.

9. Consignors will receive 80% of selling price of lot. 20% will go to ISWSC, less expenses. Payments will be made on about May 1, 1989.

10. Final description of lots is the responsibility of the auctioneer. Obvious major faults will be noted.

11. Anything of philatelic interest may be submitted, including philatelic literature, covers, sets and singles, country collections,

etc.

12. If items are not listed in Scott, another catalog value (Gibbons, Michel, etc.) may be given.

13. Monies received will initially be deposited in an interest-bearing account. On or about May 1, 1989, this will be transferred to a checking account and all proceeds distributed. A full accounting of all receipts and disbursements will be provided the treasurer along with banking records.

Items to be decided upon: Input to Ken Jenkins, President (# 15), Please!

1. Should this be strictly "members only"? What if a member belongs to a Stamp Club and stamp club members (not ISWSC members) want to bid?

2. What to do about accounts not paid in 60 days (by May 1, 1989)? Should seller be paid anyway?

3. Fate of lots returned for any reason, including undescribed faults. They could be held for next auction or returned to consignor.

4. Selling price if only one bid received? Could be at bid, at minimum bid, or anywhere inbetween; halfway seems to me to be fair to everyone).

WITH THE KIDS - OKLAHOMA BEN FRANKLIN WINS OVER KIDS AND ADULTS

Alma Benedict (# 80)

I now have 28 kids - 6 to 14 years old - in the Edmond Junior Stamp Collectors. We meet the 2nd and 4th Saturday morning at our public library. Average attendance is about 14-18 per meeting. School activities and Edmond being a sports-minded town takes several away each meeting. Many times the parents sit in on the meetings and have become interested and I suspect their interest has had a lot to do with their children's collections, albums, and continued interest.

Our club activity at the present time is putting together a three page exhibit on the subject of their choice to be on display at OKPEX 88 which will take place on April

22-24 at the Central Plaza Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City. The show is put on by the Oklahoma City Stamp Club of which I have been a member about 14 years and the club's secretary the past four years.

Two of my members of the Junior Stamp Club will exhibit for competition. At OKPEX the Oklahoma City Club will have a "Youth Booth". I have been chairperson of this for the past three years. Last fall at our annual bourse the members of the club took charge of the booth, and will again in the spring. Member explain the basics of stamp collecting to the youth attending OKPEX. One will explain and show use of the 'tools of the trade' (tongs, how to hinge, watermarking, etc.); another will explain how to use the catalogues that are available at all our local libraries, a chart is made of the various different stamps and they are explained to the beginner. They enjoy doing this and I have several members that really know their U.S. stamps.

A few weeks ago the Marketing Division of the Oklahoma City Post Office came to a meeting and took video film for the entire meeting. This film will be used across the state to show what the Ben Franklin Clubs are all about. We were explaining how to put exhibits together at that particular meeting; I would have preferred they film a different subject matter, but their decision to film our meeting was a last minute one and we couldn't change the subject matter.

Last fall quite a few of the employees of the Marketing Division of the Post Office attended our bourse and had no idea of what went on at a stamp show. Several were collectors, some just bought mint stamps and put them aside; now we have stamp collecting interest at the post office.

A Bit o' Humor:

Old Postmen never die; they just lose their zip!

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<u>LOT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
1.	54 First Day Covers, Addressed & Unadd. - Incl. 18 USA, 15 Canada, 6 UN, and 15 Jugoslavia. Years 1964 - 1986	MB \$ 5.00
2.	10 Covers on 12 pages from "America's Bicentennial Covers 1776-1976" - US and Foreign covers with Bicentennial related stamps and cancels. Pages are enclosed in plastic and 3-hole punched.	MB \$ 5.00
3.	US # 2122 - Used \$10.75 Express Mail stamp - Very Good	MB \$ 5.00
4.	Sweden # B18 - Unused - no gum - Average condition	CV \$ 75.00
5.	India # 22 & 23 - Mint light hinge - Fine	CV \$ 19.75
6.	India # 23 - Mint light hinge - Average - tiny speck	CV \$ 17.50
7.	India # 26b - Mint light hinge - Very Fine	CV \$ 20.00
8.	India # 19 - Mint light hinge - Fine	CV \$ 11.00
9.	India # 019 Pair - Very Fine - & India # 04 single - Fine - Both mint light hinge	CV \$ 17.50
10.	Algeria 126-130 - Mint never hinged - Very Fine - & - St. Vincent Grenadines Unlisted 1978 Souvenir Sheet & Stamp Set (3) commemorating 25th Anniversary of Queen's Coronation - Fine	MB \$ 5.00
11.	70 Western Europe Stamps - Used - Includes Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Norway & Sweden - Good to Fine	CV \$ 19.61
12.	13 Poland - Mint never hinged - includes 2 Souvenir Sheets - 1986-87 - Very Fine	CV \$ 11.15
13.	Belgium # 31 - Used - Blunt corner - Tiny tear	CV \$ 62.50
14.	Germany # 88 - Used - Fine	CV \$ 13.00
15.	Canada # 122 - India # 19 - Bosnia & Herzegovina # 14 - Used - Fine	CV \$ 12.38
16.	91 Australia Stamps - Used - & - 1988 First Day Cover of 6 Living Together cartoon stamps - Good to Fine	CV \$ 20.55
17.	USSR/Russia - Used - # 1340, 1419, 1506, 1512, 1513, 1547, 1984-1686 - Fine	CV \$ 22.35
18.	Red China (PROC) # 1983-1987 & # 2049-2062 - Mint never hinged - on 2 Display Pages (10 x 13) in 3-hole punched plastic covers	MB \$ 5.00
19.	US "We The People" Folder - contains 13 pages for Constitutional Bicentennial - each page contains text & a US stamp with special cancellation. (Retail \$15.00)	MB \$ 5.00
20.	New Zealand Lot - First Day Cover of 1987 Military History Souvenir Sheet - Souvenir Sheet commemorating 1990 Philatelic Exhibition - & - 25 used stamps - Good to Fine	MB \$ 5.00
21.	US Cards & Covers - IPMS Show Card commemorating BEP 125th Anniversary - SULLPEX Show Card commemorating Constitution Bicentennial - USPS Georgia Statehood postcard with First Day cancellation - & - 9 Covers with various fancy cancels	MB \$ 5.00

End of Donation Auction Sale

Please add this page to your ISWSC Roster

Huron School
Box 248
Huron, S 247437
April 26, 1983

Dear Mr. Jenkins

Thank you for the stamps. I think there are 1,000 of them. Thanks! You are a nice person.

Love,
Grace

Prof. Allen
213 W. Oak St.
Logansport, IN
47553

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Bob Allen

# 309	Glender Bruce unit 6, 7 Ozoné St. Alberton 5014, So Australia AUSTRALIA	30 Apr 88	Yes	Used
# 310	Ed Mayer 8225 W. Hidden Lakes Roseville, California 95661	2 May 88	Yes	Both
# 311	Lonnie M. Hodges 1536 McNeal Avenue Norfolk, VA 23502	14 May 88	No	Both
# 312	Norman Perlman 13082 Mindanao Way # 48 Marina Del Rey, California 90292	20 May 88	Yes	Both
# 313	N. Clarke 61 Trelleck Road, Coley Park Reading, Berkshire RG1 6EN ENGLAND	7 Jun 88	Yes	Used
# 314	Laverne J. Kirby 17557 - 71st Avenue Tinley Park, Illinois 60477	16 Jul 88	Yes	Both
# 315	Jamie G. Rienow 1634 Paulson Green Bay, Wisconsin	22 Jul 88		
#316	Gary R. Anderson 116 Gail Drive Felton, California 95018	25 Jul 88	Yes	Both
# 317	Janice Sheetrum Box 2304 Batesville, Arkansas 72503	25 Jul 88	Yes	Used
# 318	Markus Ashton 107 Ashworth Park Knusford, Cheshire WA16 9DQ	28 Jul 88	No	Used
# 319	Bob Greggs PO Box 8346 Port St. Lucie, Florida 34985	29 Jul 88	No	
#320	Rose-Marie Bourlier B. P. 42 54130 Saint Max FRANCE	22 Aug 88	Yes	Both

Love & hugs
from
Mama

Dear Mr. Jenkins,
We got the stamps you sent us.
I am happy you sent the stamps
Mr. Jenkins and I hope you send us
more some day please.

Love, Rose
P. O. Box 65
Stokes, NC 27884
May 10 1993

Love, Linda,
Stephanie, Stewart

Dear Mr. Jenkins,
I thank you for all the
stamps you sent us. We also
really enjoyed them. We also
enjoyed all the different kinds
of stamps.

Stephanie, Stewart
P. O. Box 218
Michelle, Jr. 47446

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