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THE U.S.C.C. IS IN BUSINESS AGAIN

We are pleased to announce that the organization is back as a viable, functioning entity. Almost everything is ready to function as previously. Circuits are ready to go. The Newsletter will hopefully in its next issue carry something of more interest than my thoughts and announcements. New officers have been elected. However, the transition is going to be slow, and everything will not function quite as perfectly as before for a while. We only ask that you bear with your new officers during this period of transition and that everyone contribute wherever it is possible to our reorganization.

NEW OFFICERS

Most members are aware of the fact that the organization has elected new officers for the U.S.C.C. The following are our officers and were certified as elected by the then executive secretary, Daniel A. Stone.

President: Howard A. Mader, 496 Anderson Road, Aumsville, Oregon 97325. Mr. Mader is presently farming a grass seed and grain farm in Oregon on 1,059 acres after spending 18 years in the Brokerage Business. Mr. Mader collects (1) Wells Fargo, (2) Express, (3) Oregon Postmarks, (4) Alaska -- Washington -- Idaho, (5) Exposition Cards and postmarks and (6) Postal Cards.

1st Vice President Edith R. Doane, 279 Fourth Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey 07017. A native of Massachusetts, Miss Doane retired in 1969 after 50 consecutive years in business. Miss Doane is well known in philatelic circles, having published her work on "County and Postmaster Cancels," in Billig's Vol. 31, as additional new markings to Dr. H. K. Thompson's manuscript on this subject. Her second area of interest is that of "Rural Free Delivery" and third "Weather Forecast Backstamps and Reports" and her latest covers, "Mileage Postal Markings of Great Britain and Ireland, 1784-1839." She is also a member of APS, APC, PHS and specialized groups.

2nd Vice President

Ruth Grissman, 2817 - 61st Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50322. Ms. Grissman is not a new officer for the organization, having served previously in such a capacity. Major collecting interests are (1) Transportation Markings, (2) Iowa Postal History, (3) United Nations. Present Philatelic Offices are Editor of the Iowa Postal History Bulletin, President of the Mid-West United Nation Collectors, Iowa Women's Philatelic Society, APS, SPA, TMPS, ATA, MUNC and IPHS.

Governor At Large

Theodore W. Bozarth, RFD 2, Box 61, Titusville, New Jersey 08560. Col. Bozarth was a fingerprint technician, F.B.I., 1939-1942; aerial navigator, Army Air Corps and USAF, 1942-1964 when retired for physical disabilities. Began stamp collecting about 1930, postal stationery by 1934. Main interests are (1) U.S. Postal Cards and cancellations thereon (2) Foreign Postal Cards, (3) New Jersey Postal History. Member UPSS (since 1953), SPA, AFDCS, NJPHS, Coryell's Ferry Stamp Club, Washington Crossing Card Collectors Club.

THANKS TO DAN STONE

The Board of Directors has asked that we express thanks to Daniel P. Stone for his efforts on the part of the club for the past year. Upon the death of Charles Root, Dan picked up all the material owned by the club, kept the organization afloat and attempted to put it all back into working order. We all appreciate the effort and time that he put into this organization for the last year.

NEW ADDRESS

To avoid possible loss of correspondence, covers or stamps in the mail, please address letters or circuits (avoiding a disclosure of a philatelic content of the mailings) as follows:

U.S.C.C. (initials only), Box 83, Winnetka, Illinois 60093.

An alternative address may be used: C. Hall Enger Co., Box 83, Winnetka, Illinois 60093, if you wish to avoid addressing mail to the club as an entity.

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CIRCUIT MATERIAL IS NEEDED, HELP! HELP!

During the past year Dan Stone has been acting as secretary and attempting to return circuits to those members who requested return of their material. Consequently there has been a depletion of 19th century circuits to send out to the various members. If there are any members in the organization who would help us revitalize the circuits with new material, it would certainly be a great boon to the club.

Sales Booklets are available for those who need them from the new U.S.C.C. Office. Booklets with glassine pages for covers, twelve to a booklet for better covers are 20¢ each; booklets with pages for 120 stamps are 10¢ each; envelopes for insertion of up to 20 covers without glassines are 5 for 25¢. Please send requests as soon as possible. It is going to take the cooperation of every member to get us back on our feet.

Accounting for Existing Circuits

We are presently completing an audit of all circuits which are presently still in existence. It will be completed within the next week, so that circuits will be available for mailing to members.

However, there are still four circuits outstanding which have not been returned to the club. We would presume that the members having these circuits retained them awaiting word as to where to mail them. The address is now available, as stated above, and we would appreciate an immediate return so that we could complete the audit of funds.

In this regard we also note a number of instances where members have outstanding amounts due to material selected from the books that were circulated or for insurance when nothing was selected. It is again presumed that these amounts were held awaiting a definite place for which to remit the amounts due. While these amounts are often small, it is hoped that the members involved will send in the amounts due to avoid the necessity of the club expending both postage and time to remind you.

Owners and Sellers -- Please Don't Ask for Return of Your Books

The title tells it all. We do not want to return the books to you now. We need to circulate them to start our circuits again. We realize that prices may have gone up on some of the items. We further realize that you have waited well over a year and sometimes two years for your money. However, on the other hand, they could have been sold at the old price and you had only money coming.

So please wait. If you insist on their return, we will send them back (unless, of course, we had happened to send them out with the first new circuits -- and we may guarantee that will have happened). Seriously, we need them all, so help by not asking for a return.

SALES CIRCUITS ARE READY. ARE YOU?

Sales circuits are ready and will be mailed out to members desiring them as soon as boxes have been received from the manufacturer in which to ship such circuits. If you are not desirous of receiving circuits, please let us know as we will be shipping circuits in accordance with former records.

Do You Want 20th Century Sales Circuits?

In examining the circuit books presently on hand, we find that we have a plethora of twentieth century circuits. Consequently we could supply members desiring such circuits readily with a number of such circuits -- in fact it will take many months to get the circuits sent out because we have too many. Thus we would appreciate circuit requests from those members who definitely are interested in such circuits and have not been placed on the mailing list for such mailings.

First Day Cover Circuits

Once again there seems to be a number of books of first day covers (mostly post 1945) among the circuit books which have not been sent to even one member. Thus, if any member is specifically interested in first day covers, please let us know. If we have enough interest we will make up First Day Cover only circuits.

Oh! You Received that Circuit Before?

It's going to happen, and we apologize. As we revise the circuits to take care of present requests and changes since circuits were last mailed out, we are going to make errors. We are attempting to set up a better system (at least in our mind) outlining who is sent what, and when. It is extremely difficult to reconstruct presently from the records what has been sent to whom. The only factors that are evident are the last circuit mailings and a record of those who have not paid money owed to the U.S.C.C. Consequently, we will goof. We apologize. Please don't complain. Next year we will accept your complaints.

DUES -- 1976

The Board of Directors of the U.S.C.C., upon suggestion from Col. Bozarth, has agreed to forego the collection of dues for the year 1976. It was felt that the rebirth of the organization in May of this year corresponds almost to a year to the date in which last activity was noted. Consequently, it was felt that the balance of dues due for the year 1975 would be applied to the balance of the year 1976.

However, the organization would be happy to collect dues from those members willing to make a contribution equivalent for dues for the year 1976. It is felt that this approach is necessary because some members have already sent in their dues for 1976 unsolicited. The U.S.C.C. does have some problems regarding finances, and its treasury may well be depleted after it pays some outstanding amounts of unreturned circuits. Consequently, we will greatly appreciate if those who are willing to make the contribution for 1976 could send in the regular dues of \$4.00.

THE NEWSLETTER

Your editor has definite thoughts as to where the Newsletter should be going and what it is to do. However, I do not believe that it is within my province to determine what the U.S.C.C. wants. Consequently, I want you to tell me what you want to read. Within reason we will try to respond to your requests.

New Format

You have undoubtedly noticed the revised format of the Newsletter. We have made a switch from a combined vari-type, typed to a type, reduced cold offset printing. In the process we hope to be able to reduce the cost of publishing but certainly will ease the burden of publishing the Newsletter. As this Newsletter is published for your benefit, I would appreciate any comments or suggestions you may have regarding the revisions that have been made.

Articles, Writers and Covers

Obviously, as in the past, we will be happy to receive articles from members or even non-members on subjects of interest to our members. We therefore welcome and actively solicit such material from anyone who is willing to write or will send us material so that we can write an article. At this moment we have nothing for our next issue, and it is less than two months away. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate anything you believe to be of interest.

Reprints -- Are you Interested?

For many years as a member of many societies I have always wondered what went on before I joined the organization. This feeling holds true for the U.S.C.C. also. I have questioned whether articles have already been printed about subjects in which I was interested long before I became a member. Hopefully, there are others who feel the same way.

We are going to solve my problem, and I hope that you will be pleased. Whenever there is space -- and maybe as a regular feature, if it meets with the membership's approval, we will reprint an article, a cover, a story from an old issue. I realize that those members who have been members for years will discover a duplication, but I have examined the membership lists and find that there are more new members than old. We will appreciate your comments on this concept, if you have strong feelings one way or another.

THE QUESTION CORNER

As another new feature we will inaugurate the appearance of a regular question corner in the Newsletter. In looking over past correspondence, I have found enough unanswered letters with questions to fill an entire issue -- some dating back at least ten years. Since we are all here hopefully to help one another in a joint interest, we are going to print those questions, show those unidentified cancellations for identification, and we are going to ask another member to come up with the answer.

Consequently, if you have questions or cancellations, send them in. We will print them. Hopefully, one of our members will furnish the answer.

Your secretary asks that correspondence be kept to an absolute minimum in the next few months to give him time to bring all matters up to date. Hopefully once that has been accomplished most of the questions will have been answered without need for letter writing.

AWARDS

As everyone knows the U.S.C.C. has been in the habit of awarding a certificate to organizations wishing to present it at their shows. These certificates have normally been presented for the best example of postal history at the show. We have a supply of those certificates presently available and if you know of any show or organization desiring these awards, please have them write to us.

BOOKS

As most members know, the club has published and made available both books and an index on various subject matter. This material is still in the hands of Dan Stone and will not be transferred from Colorado to Illinois until next summer. Consequently, we hope that you will forego ordering of any such material until that time, as there is no way to coordinate the filling of such requests. Checks sent in for such orders will be either held or returned to you for resubmission.

INTERPHIL MEETING

It has been suggested that members of the U.S.C.C. get together for an informal meeting at Interphil. Unfortunately, as of the date of this publication this possibility has not yet been confirmed. If you would be desirous of attending such a meeting, please let me know. We will try to inform any member wanting to attend if such meeting should be held. At the same time we will try to publish notice of the meeting at Interphil if it can be arranged.

