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Meetings : Nova Scotia Museum, Summer Street, N.S.

Next Meeting : Tuesday, December 10th, 1985 -- 2000HRS (8PM)

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644. Program for the Next Meeting -- Ron Lewis :

The program for the December 10th meeting of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club will be a talk and slide program by Marty Zelenietz on " Stamps Used in Other Countries ". As Marty works in P.E.I. and only is home on the weekends, we haven't been able to get any details from him but understand it basically deals with stamps issued by a country while in another. I would presume that wartime occupation stamps would provide the greatest number of this type of stamps. He evidently has been helped by Doug Casey and Doug Allen with this program so it is certain to be an entertaining and informative evening.

In addition, don't forget, this is the night of the " NO RESERVE " auction that numerous members have been asking for to see if it'll improve our normal monthly ones. Over the past few years the Executive have been bombarded with complaints about the poor material and high reserve bids placed on auction lots. It should be interesting to see what type of material members will put on the block for a " No Reserve " night. Remember everybody, any lots entered at this auction must go in at no reserve. If this is successful, we may end up by having every one of the monthly auctions this way.

645. Catalogue Auction -- Bob Fear :

As stated in last months' Newsletter, the 1986 Catalogue Auction will be publicized or listed in a different manner than in the past to reduce the expense of printing and postage. It is hoped to have between 200-250 lots and all members are asked to try and submit some material for this auction. Remember to make up your lots with the same information on it as in the past as

nothing else will change, only the list of material up for sale. Material for this auction should be sent to Bob Fear, 5959 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N.S. B3H 1Y5. If you have any questions, Bob can be reached at 422-3880. It would be appreciated if all material was sent as soon as possible and the absolute deadline for the receipt of material is December 31st.

Don't forget the Club gets 10% commission on all sales. All items submitted for this sale must have a reserve bid of not less than \$ 2.00. The reserve, as well as the Catalogue number (preferably Scott's) should be stated. It is recommended that the reserve price be as realistic as possible in order to have competitive bidding. Material should be top quality, free from defects and of a philatelic nature only. Descriptions should be as accurate as possible to encourage bidding with confidence. With the reduction in information in the print-out, the time to view the lots will start at an earlier time than previous years and further information in this regard will be in the next Newsletter.

646. Questions & Answers -- Phil-A-Telic :

Before this column is started an explanation of the heading will have to be carried out --Instead of it being " Is Stamp Collecting a hobby or investment ", it should have been " Is Stamp Collecting an Investment "? So, in last month's column, the yes side of the question was answered. This month is " No " Stamp Collecting is not an investment ;

- NO --- for the accumulator who buys sheets of stamps and simply hoards them in the expectation that they will magically multiply in value as the years tick by.
- for the speculator who buys in on a certain stamp or stamps in the hope that they are " hot " and will rapidly increase in value.
- for the gadfly who flits from country to country in his collecting hoping to find the key to untold wealth in stamp collecting.
- for the gather-upper who simply gets all the stamps he can get hold of and keeps them in cartons, bags and boxes intending to dispose of them for small fortune some day.

Stamp collecting will give you what you give it. It is basically a leisure activity with some rather high potential salvage value which will be based on the care, knowledge and love the collector has lavished on it as a hobby. Being a leisure activity it is also a social one. The wise collector joins his local stamp club and is active in it. He belongs to other national and international stamp groups which can give him the benefit of informative periodicals, lending libraries of specialistic stamp books, sales circuits of good stamp material and annual gatherings which are part conventions and part exhibitions. Stamp Collecting an Investment ? Yes and No .

47. Policy on Awards -- Marilyn Murphy :

If the award is designed to have a specific number of shields on the award, this is the period of the award and the award is retired at that time. The Nova Scotia Stamp Club has the option to re-open an award.

On accepting new awards from donors, the Nova Scotia Stamp Club should accept them for a set period (not exceeding 9 years). There should only be a maximum of 7 awards administrated by the Club.

Awards such as the Francis Hill Memorial Award is retired as of April 13th, 1985.

The Madge Morison and Bill Stephenson award will be retired when all existing shields are engraved, as it was felt by the donor there were a few more members of the Nova Scotia Stamp Club deserving the Madge Morison award.

In regards to the Bill Stephenson award, Stu Blumenthal and Chris Adams are agreeable to retire immediately or continue the Bill Stephenson award until all shields are completed.

Retired awards should always be exhibited at the Annual Exhibitions -- requested by Dr. Henry D. Hicks, donor of the Madge Morison award.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Murphy
Ken MacDonald
Stu Blumenthal
Chris Adams
Dr. Henry D. Hicks

October 28, 1985

48. A German Panorama -- Doug Casey :

(cont'd) On November 10th, 1919, it issued it's first Air Post stamp, one of the first countries to issue stamps for that purpose.



Earlier on May 1st, 1919, the first German semi-postal stamp was issued - to raise money to assist disabled war veterans.



The period of the Weimar Republic included the inflation period - a well known era which saw the decline of the German mark from a high of 819 marks to the US \$ 1.00 in 1919 to a low of 4,200,000,000 marks to the US \$ 1.00 in November 1923. This period is portrayed on the stamps of Germany and is a popular one amongst collectors.



On December 1st, 1923, new currency was introduced and economic stability gradually returned. A variety of commemoratives as well as definitives were released during the period of the Weimar Republic, all of which can make for interesting collecting. This period also marks the rise to power of Adolph Hitler, who became Chancellor of Germany on January 30th, 1933. On that day the Weimar Republic came to an end.

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649. Philatelic Knowledge -- A Definition ? :

(cont'd) The philatelist, for example, will want to know why a particular stamp was issued. Generally a stamp appears for a reason. Maybe it's only the simple one of providing money to help some government balance its budget, but the reason is there nevertheless. So the " Why " of a stamp's existence is the first point of concern of a philatelist.

The reason for a stamp's issue is often the most significant part of its story. Maybe it was needed because there was a change in postage rates. Perhaps it appeared because a new postal service was established. Again, a change in a government or a new ruler called for a new postal paper. Maybe it was in order to celebrate an anniversary or honor some distinguished personality.

January 20th.

- Coasters For Sale -- Hugh Rathbun has 12 left so get a last stocking stuffer at the next meeting - \$ 7.00.
- Christmas Cheer Auction -- A total of \$ 268 was realized from this year's auction and half will go to The Salvation Army and the other half to Bonnie Lea Farm. Our auctioneers commented on the excellent material put in by the members this year and the Executive would like to pass on their heartfelt appreciation for those members who not only donated material but of such a good quality. Once again " A Good Show " to both the donaters and buyers. Our receipts this year exceeded last year's by \$30.00.
- New Frames -- Pete Ineson stated that plans are to have the frames manufactured on December 7th at Pete's place, this may change if Max Somer's father's health doesn't improve.



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Ron Lewis.

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C. ARCHIE THOMAS
GEORGIE SOMERS
GARY COOLEN
BOB FEAR
COLLINS BAUGILD

TO ONE AND ALL, A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR (IF WE
DON'T SEE YOU AT THE
NEXT MEETING.)

Kerlyn Murphy

Hugh Rathbun

Pete Ineson

Boys McGee