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In the last issue of the M. P. we mentioned the fact that the farm scene on the Trucking Industry commemorative postage stamp was one that had been used on a rejected design of the Future Farmers stamp. We can now give the name of the owner of that farm and the fact that his sons all belong to the Craft.

James Kenworthy Howe of Tunbridge, Vermont is the owner of the farm that is featured in the background of the trucking stamp and the smaller farm nearer to the background

city on the stamp is owned by one of his sons, Charles Howe. James Howe is not a Mason but all of his four sons are and their wives are all members of the Eastern Star. Their lodge is Rising Sun Lodge No. 7 of South Royalton, Vermont, and the wives belong to Rising Sun Chapter No. 12 of South Royalton.

In the family portrait of the Howe family (illustrated), Father and Mother Howe are seated in the second row center. In the same row are eight of their four sons and five daughters.

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THE COVER

(Continued)

Left to right is Mark A. Howe with his wife Barbara behind him and his children before him. Mark served four years with the Armed Forces (1942 to 1946) and owns a large adjoining meadow farm with a model cow stable and a herd of 25 registered cows and heifers. The next son in the row is John A. Howe with his wife Shirley and two boys behind him and boy and girl before him. John owns a large farm across the road from his father's farm, with his home and barns across the river that flows under the covered bridge that is seen in the background in the trucking stamp. He owns a herd of 35 registered animals. He was a director of the State Farm Bureau for three years and has served term as director of the New England States Holstein-Friesian Association and as vice president of the Vermont Holstein-Friesian Association. Has been a selectman for the town of Tunbridge since 1944 and Moderator since 1945.

The next son, Dr. Luke Howe, standing behind his mother, has since the time of the photograph (August 17, 1952), been married and is practicing

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medicine in the nearby town of Chelsea, Vermont. The son sitting next to his father is Charles, the eldest, who owns the small homestead seen in the stamp background. Charles served as president of the Vermont State DHI Association in 1949 and 1950 and at that same time was president of the Vermont Holstein-Friesian Association. Served two years as director of the New England States Holstein-Friesian Association and was recently elected its president. He is also assessor for the town of Tunbridge and is active in the local Methodist church. His wife, Jean and two boys stand behind him and a girl and boy are seated in front of him.

MASTER OF PHILATELY DEGREE

Members taking the degree on April 2, 1954 were: Alfred A. Werfel, Maurice M. Kaplan, Dr. Samuel Goldberg, Fred Barovick, Joseph A. Oster, John V. Shelse, William H. Dabel and Edwin Trachsler.

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Vermont Farm of James K. Howe Which Provided Truck Stamp's Background

MAY 7, 1954 MEETING

Bro. James M. Sweeney was present at this meeting and was congratulated on the fact that his Blue Lodge Waywayanda Lodge No. 315 of Sparkill, New York was honoring him on his 40th year of membership as a Mason.

Just prior to the annual members' exhibit, Bro. Thomas Phillips presented our President Carl Pihl with a gavel. Bro. Phillips told us that this gavel was found in an old building in old Tappan, New York.

Bro. Jake Glaser led off on the exhibits by showing two frames of philatelic mementos of Cipex and also showed official presentation albums of stamps given him by the United States and some foreign postal departments. His latest was one of the 8 cent Liberty U. S. postage stamp albums.

Bro. Harold Gunter showed two frames of stamps built up in a topical collection that was to be presented to his grandchildren. We think that Bro. Gunter will find it rather hard to relinquish the collection, because he seems to have put some thought into its makeup.

Bro. Fred Hill featured two frames of Israel, mounted on those special album pages as Bro. Hill is so well known for. First day of issue and all stamps showing the tabs. Bro. Hill owns one of the finest collections of

stamps on Religion and makes the issues of Israel a part of it, as these stamps come from that country that played so much a part of virtually all religious beginnings.

Bro. Irving E. Black showed us an old stamp album published by Appleton of New York City dated 1863 and commented on the size of a world stamp album of that day and those of today.

Bro. Edwin Trachsler showed a remarkable presentation of Confederate covers. Each cover was mounted on separate page and was encased in a plastic folder with description typewritten regarding its source, history, etc.—an exemplary showing. We hope Bro. Trachsler will give us his full display of covers some day instead of just whetting our appetite.

Bro. Emmanuel Reggel finally let go with his Southern Rhodesia and it was a very fine treat for us to see it. Just think, ten years ago we nearly lost him because our mailing list had his address wrong and a "man lost" appeal was sent out and like the Canadian Mounties, we found our man.

First day of the 8 cent foreign rate U. S. stamp with its complicated plate numbers and data on the fact that to have a complete set of plate numbers on first day cover one would need 92 covers; was shown by Bro. F. Ellis.

This wound up the evening's pro-

gram. The chairman of the exchange committee, Bro. Bob Pech, reports an excellent turnover of the stamps exchanged—about \$75 worth of stamps are sold each meeting. Would like for more metropolitan members to submit books of stamps, because of the demand. —Dr. Yarry

NEWS NOTES ABOUT THE CLUB

Bro. Richard M. Needham was knighted in Lancaster Commandery No. 2, K. T., by the Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Sir Knight Homer C. Helsler, at the York Rite Reunion in Lancaster, Ohio, April 24, 1954.

When are you going to cross the hot sands, Richard?

Bro. Ray W. Head, 327 West Lincoln, Chico, California is interested in building a Masonic stamp collection and is starting Masonry in California and is using for page one the information regarding Peter Lassen, Postmaster. As the Lassen ranch is only 20 miles from Chico, it is of interest to him. Bro. Head would like to find a Lassen autograph on anything for his collection. On May 25th the Niagara Frontier Stamp Club honored Bro. Charles Lott at a dinner held in the Niagara hotel, Niagara Falls, N. Y. Bro. Lott is retiring from business. Bro. Jake Glaser and Bro. Harry Lindquist flew up to attend the dinner.

Bro. Sam Brooks informs the club that Bro. Dr. Rudolf Holz, 1555 Grand Concourse, New York 52, N. Y. is very ill and has retired from practice. Bro. Holz collected physicians, nurses and hospitals on stamps.

This issue is the 10th anniversary issue and will be the last issue for this term. The next issue will be published in August.

The origin of design for the troops landing on a beach in the background of the National Guard commemorative postage stamp is from a photograph, described: "Under simulated combat conditions, infantrymen of the 130th Regimental Combat Team, 33rd Division, hit the beach at Wakayama, Honshu, Japan. After landing, they marched into Wakayama and entrained for Kobe. 25 Sept. 1945."

The plate numbers available in Washington on the first day of issue of the 8 cent (Liberty) stamp on April 9, 1954 were:

Flat press, frames 24912, 24913, 24914, 24915, 24926, 24929, 24930, 24932, 24933, centers 24916, 24917, 24918, 24919, 24935, 24936, 24937, 24939.

Rotary press, frames 24923, 24924, 24928, 24940, 24942, centers 24921, 24922, 24927, 24938. A total of 92 plate number blocks to complete the combinations.

Gen. Mark W. Clark was presented on May 11, 1954 in Boston, the highest honorary decoration of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. Bro. Clark was awarded the Gourgas medal in recognition of distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, humanity or country. He is the seventh recipient of the medal named in honor of John J. Gourgas.

U. S. PETROLEUM STAMP?

Bro. J. F. Reinhardt of Wichita Falls, Texas writes: "As an oil-stamps-of-the-world collector and specialist I find that the United States, with its great drilling and production, never has honored the oil industry with a stamp. Other countries, with less production, have issued beautiful stamps in this field. So I want to go on record as starting an oil stamp movement. Postmaster General Summerfield has been written to on this subject by me, also my senators and congressmen. Let's boost for an Oil Stamp."

Bro. Reinhardt exhibited his oil stamp collection recently in Chicago.

We hope he gets his wish and can put it over. In 1945 the School of Mineral Industries, Pennsylvania State College, requested the Post Office Department to issue a stamp for the drilling of the Drake well on Oil Creek in Pennsylvania, but failed.

Rev. Irenaeus Herscher, OFM, librarian at St. Bonaventure college, in 1949 tried to interest the department in a stamp with a portrait of Father Joseph de la Roche, who visited the old Seneca oil spring near Cuba, N. Y., in 1627 and wrote the first report of the existence of oil in the New World.

Representative Gavin of Pennsylvania in 1948 introduced a bill, H. R. 7039 for the issue of a stamp to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the petroleum industry in the U. S.

February 28, 1949 Senator Martin of Pennsylvania introduced a bill S. 1098, for a stamp to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the petroleum industry, symbolized by the successful completion on August 27, 1859, at Titusville, Pennsylvania, of the Drake well, the first oil well in the United States. This stamp was to show a reproduction of the John Mather photograph of the Drake well and a likeness of Colonel E. L. Drake.