

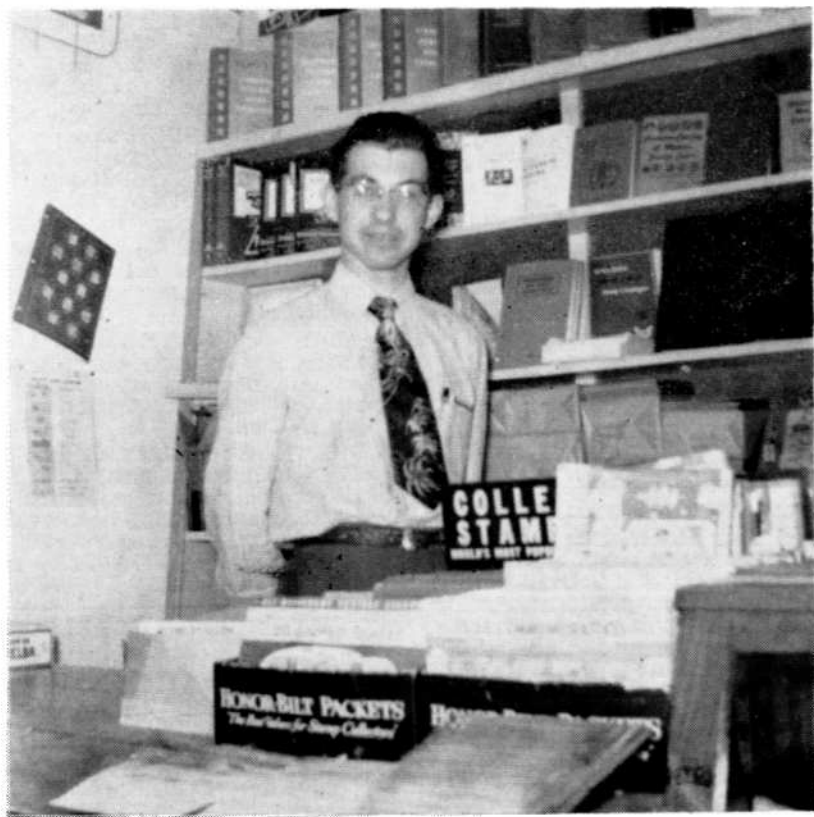


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#### New Members

Alvin D. LURCH,  
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 Ivanhoe Lodge No. 610, N. Y.  
 Chester L. McALEXANDER,  
 Star Route,  
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 Huntingdon Lodge No. 106, Tenn.

#### MRS. HARRY M. KONWISER

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Harry M. Konwiser and family in their bereavement. May her departed soul find eternal peace.

#### MRS. JAMES M. SWEENEY

Our deepest sympathy to Brother Sweeney and family in their deep sorrow. May she find the peace everlasting.

#### BROTHER CHARLES A. GROOM

We mourn the loss of our departed member and pray with those he left behind. May his wife and family know of no further sorrow and his soul find everlasting peace.

#### PERSONALS FROM YOUR SECRETARY

Many members were very thoughtful with the numerous seasons greetings to the club when remitting their annual dues to our treasurer, Russell Roane. We realize that distance is the only barrier that has kept them away from meetings. To Brother Henneman in Denver, Bro. Matters in St. Petersburg, Florida, Bro. Dabel in San Francisco, Br. Williams in Blackpool, England, Bros. Weiller and Head in California, we send our distant greetings and to the host of others we exchange greetings and best wishes.

We were saddened by the deep loss that has befallen Brother Konwiser and Brother Sweeney. Time is like the double faced Janus, a grim reaper and great healer.

The meetings of our club have been well attended, aside from the tempta-

tion of television. A night out with the boys is still the best tonic. How about it?

#### FIFEX AHEAD!

The year ahead is going to be a very busy one for many in our club since the greater part of the executive board of the National Association for Stamp Exhibitions now planning the next international show, FIFEX, to be held in New York in March, 1956, are all members of the Masonic Stamp Club of N. Y. The fact is that we are temporarily dispossessed from our downstairs meeting hall at the Collectors Club and will hold them in the upstairs lounge. However, the increased philatelic activity that is anticipated will no doubt be an added incentive for our members to help in this great show.

There are plans afoot to really go all-out for Masonic Philately in promoting the FIFEX 1956. If there are any suggestions from our members along these lines, please send them to the chairman of the Special Exhibition Committee, Jacob S. Glaser, or any of the committee consisting of Sam Brooks, Charles Lott, Thomas Phillips or George Wray, Masonic Stamp Club, % Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

#### LINCOLN DISPLAY

A display of materials relating to the new Abraham Lincoln 4¢ postage stamp in the ordinary series has been placed on exhibition at the Lincoln Museum, 511 Tenth street, N.W., (Washington, D. C.) as part of the Museum's Lincoln's Birthday observance. The items were loaned the museum by the Division of Philately, Post Office Department. They will be on display for several months.

Included are photographs of subject material considered for the stamp, a facsimile of the model as approved by the Postmaster General, four progressive die proofs showing the development of the stamp and also the finished and completed die proof as approved by the Postmaster General.

The exhibit also shows the respective steps taken in developing a stamp from the original art work to the completed project.

The 4¢ stamp has for its central subject a likeness of Abraham Lincoln, reproduced from a portrait by Douglas Volk, now in the Mellon Collection, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C. The name "Lincoln" is placed on the right below the center of the portrait and in the lower left corner of

the stamp, arranged in two lines, is the denomination "4¢" and the wording "U. S. Postage." The color is lavender and lettering white face Gothic. The 4¢ Lincoln stamp was first placed on sale at New York, N. Y., on November 19, 1954, on the occasion of the annual convention of the American Stamp Dealers Association.

### SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

Special slogan cancellations may be obtained by sending self-addressed envelopes to appropriate postmaster with request that cancellation be applied:

"175th ANNIVERSARY  
BATTLE OF SPRINGFIELD  
JUNE 23, 1780"

(Springfield, New Jersey)  
Date of Receipt to June 30, 1955

"1655-1955

• Chelmsford Tercentenary  
June 9, 10, 11, 12"  
(North Chelmsford, Massachusetts)  
Date of Receipt through June 12, 1955

"1855 - Bethel - 1955  
Centennial

July 10 Aug. 10"  
(Bethel, Connecticut)  
February 10 through August 10, 1955

"Vernon County  
1855 Centennial 1955  
July 3 - July 9, 1955"  
(Nevada, Missouri)

Date of Receipt through June 12, 1955

"BEMENT CENTENNIAL  
JULY 31 — AUGUST 6  
1855 — 1955"

(Bement, Illinois)  
February 7 through August 6, 1955

"100th ANNIVERSARY  
CAMERON, MISSOURI  
1855 to 1955"

(Cameron, Missouri)  
Date of Receipt through August 6, 1955

### SLOGAN SLANTS

1954 "GOES TO TOWN" with 178 different slogans which makes it approximately 50 more than the previous high year (1953). 124 new and different slogans were put into use in various cities throughout the country and 54 were carried over from 1953 or previous years.

SIOUX CITY CENTENNIAL YEAR  
1954 appeared with 2 dater circles;  
SIOUX CITY condensed and expanded.  
ATCHISON CENTENNIAL ATCHI-

SON, KANSAS also with 2 dater circles; N,K (no spaces) and N, K (space between comma and K).

1854 - CENTENNIAL - 1954 COOKEVILLE, TENN. 100 YEARS OF PROGRESS was used with a worn Dater Circle and a NEW Dater Circle.

HELP RETARDED CHILDREN from Muncie, Ind. appeared with both a Condensed and Extended type in Dater Circle.

EVANSTON WELCHES WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES with 2 different Slogan Dies; CI of COUNCIL under C in WELCOME and CI under LC in WELCOME.

TAMPA'S CENTENNIAL 1955 on 3 machines; 1, 2 & 3 in 1954 probably will be the same in 1955.

OMAHA CENTENNIAL ALL YEAR 1954 on 5 machines; \*, 1, 2, 3, 4 (Burlington Sta.). The latter was put into use for about 2 or 3 weeks in December to help out during the Christmas rush.

Los Angeles, Calif. now using Slogan Type Special Service marking MISSENT TO LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Universal machine. It is affixed to the reverse side of envelope.

New type Zone Number Dater Circle in use at New York 1 & 51, N. Y. Numeral 1 & 51 appears **after** the N. Y. in the Dater Circle.

MONMOUTH COLLEGE CENTENNIAL 1853-1953 from Monmouth, Ill. appeared with 2 dater circles; H, I (no spaces) and H (space), (space) I.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS 1850-1950 CENTENNIAL also with 2 Dater Circles, one Extended type and the other Condensed.

Quite a number of the slogans used in 1954 will probably be put into use for short periods in 1955.

Any additional information pertaining to the use and collecting of U. S. Postal Slogan Cancels can be obtained from the writer, Moe Luff, 1557 Hoe avenue, New York 60, N. Y.

### FOR THE MASONIC PHILATELIST Membership List Corrections

By this time all members should have received the club membership listing. Please notify secretary of any changes or corrections, and it will be noticed in future issues of the Masonic Philatelist.

\* BURLEIGH E. JACOBS,  
Master of Philately.

A compass extended over the world is shown on a French 30f stamp issued October 4.