

The Collector's Corner

For more than 2,000 years, letters have been the news of communication between people. The first adhesive stamp was developed by Rowland Hill, in England in 1840. Since that date we have had stamp collectors. There are 15 million known stamp collectors in the U. S. A. alone, and many, many more throughout the rest of the world. Surely this is the world's most widespread hobby.

No stamp collection need be expensive or complicated. There are so many different ways of collecting stamps. "Topical" collecting is educational and enjoyable. Just try collecting stamps of the world that picture animals, or flowers, flags or maps. The research alone will take you to every corner of the world.

Our Famous Americans Commemorative Series, with a minute biography, giving intimate glimpses into the lives of our famous men and women pictured on our stamps, will call for much research all interesting and educational.

There were over 4,000 stamps issued throughout the world in 1962 picturing various topical subjects. The ATA has published a fine listing of these stamps for \$1. Many of our members have outstanding topical collections. From all indications 1963 will give us many fine and beautiful stamps from all over the world. Jan. 9 gave us our first stamp of the year. Our 50 State Flag stamp printed on the Giori presses does not carry the usual marking "U. S. Postage." Our Flag is adequate identification, and this stamp needs no marking. Stamp collectors hope that this beautiful stamp will be used on all mail to other countries. This is one way of putting America in many places.

The Winslow Homer stamp was very late in arriving at our Medford main post office. It was issued Dec. 15 and went on sale Jan. 3. The Dag Hammarskjold error of 18 million stamps, and the Christmas stamp demand was so heavy, the postal department worked day and night. This caused a delay in filling orders for the Homer issue.

I wonder where all the 1962 Christmas stamps are. I received 164 Christmas cards and letters, only 17 have the beautiful Christmas stamp, and there were one billion of these stamps issued.

Our very first 5 cent postage stamp, issued in 1847, was good as payment of postage on a single sheet letter traveling no more than 300 miles. Today our new 5 cent Washington stamp issued for the new postage rate of Jan. 7, 1963, will carry any first class mail weighing an ounce or fraction to any part of the U. S. and Canada.

Our club meetings are always the first Thursday in each month, guests are always welcome. Join us in this fascinating hobby.

Mrs. W. H. Walwyn
Southern Oregon
Philatelic Society
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Annual Dinner of Chamber Slated On Friday Night

The annual dinner of the Medford Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

The annual tri-state conference for chamber officers, managers and board members will be held in Portland Feb. 3, 4 and 5.

Both announcements were made to the board of the chamber at a breakfast meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Murray Gardiner, immediate past president, presided at the meeting as chairman of the board.

Bill Williams, president of the chamber, urged directors to attend the Portland session and announced that he and the following officers are planning to take in the conference: Manville Heisel, first vice president; Dwight Houghton, second vice president, and Don McNeil, manager.

Committee Chairmen
Williams also announced the following committee chairmen for 1963: William Longmore, business development; Richard Grey, agriculture; Jim Warriner, greeters; Robert Taylor, civic planning and development; Robert Heffernan, governmental operations, and Robert Balk, roundtable.

The board considered the "downtown improvement" need and gave its unanimous approval to supporting the philosophy of the overall subject.

Two guests were introduced, Bert Wilcox, temporarily assigned the duties of Gene Winters as Jackson county extension agent; and George Brenner, planning consultant for the federal rural area development program.

Timber Operators Pick Representative

Portland - (AP) - Attorney Roy E. Glassow has been appointed first southwest regional representative in Coos Bay of the Timber Operators Council, it was announced by Karl Glos, executive vice president. The area he will serve is from Mapleton, Ore., to Eureka, Calif.



BUSINESS EDUCATION—Among the adult education courses beginning the week of Jan. 21 is a class in the use of office machines. Instructor Gerald Eurich is shown assisting student Mrs. Mary Robbins in the operation of the new bookkeeping machine. The course is designed to give students basic training in the operation of the various types of calculators. Other classes being offered in this area are briefhand, shorthand, bookkeeping and typing. A complete schedule of classes may be obtained by calling the adult education office at 773-7220.

Great Decisions Program Noted

Jackson county citizens, both as individuals and as members of more than a dozen local organizations and institutions, plan to take part in state-wide discussions of key issues in United States foreign policy beginning Feb. 3. Miss Voda Brower, chairman of 1963 Jackson county "Great Decisions" program, has announced.

"Great Decisions - 1963" is a nationwide annual review by the American public of current headline issues of foreign policy facing the nation and people. Topics this year include the Common Market, Algeria, Laos and Vietnam, and the Alliance for Progress. "Great Decisions" is sponsored by the Jackson county extension service in cooperation with the Foreign Policy association, a national, non-partisan educational agency.

During eight weeks of community-wide study and discussion, individual participants in the program will be able to express their opinions on each of the issues by use of an "Opinion Ballot." Tabulated results of the ballot will be published locally. Local ballot summaries will be forwarded to Congress and to the state department in Washington.

The 1963 fact sheet kits are now available from the Medford and Ashland libraries, according to Omar Bacon, librarian. The cost of these kits is \$1.50. Additional information on the "Great Decisions" program may be obtained by contacting John McLoughlin at the county extension office, 773-8215.

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Bear Creek Urban Project Reviewed

The Bear Creek Urban region, in which 64,000 of Jackson county's 80,346 people reside, is object of the 18-month study now under way here by the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research. George Brenner, planning consultant, told members of the Medford Chamber of Commerce board, when he addressed their meeting at the Rogue Valley Country club.

This area generally embraces the White City region, Central Point, Jacksonville, Medford, Talent, Phoenix and Ashland.

The \$51,000 project is financed by Jackson county, the cities and the federal government, which is matching local funds, two to one. A major portion of the project is an economic base study, which will take into account industry, agriculture, tourism and the increasing importance of this area as a regional economic center, Brenner explained.

The study will point up present economy and project the potentialities of this economy into the future," Brenner said.

The project started here with mapping of the valley area and this element of the study is nearing completion.

The inventory of land use, including percentages of use in the various categories also is nearing completion, according to the planning consultant.

Preparing various kinds of ordinances which will need to be implemented planning and to create uniformity of approach is also part of the Municipal Research assignment.

A population study of present figures is being made and estimates on future growth will be developed.

An inventory of present industrial locations in this area will be accompanied by proposals for new locations in relation to transportation and in relation to the communities.

General Land Use Plan

A general land use plan for the Rogue River valley which would include urban, agricultural and recreational areas is the seventh step in the project, Brenner said.

After this total study is completed, Brenner stated, an "exciting" joint highway study will be made looking toward a comprehensive highway plan for the area. Brenner solicited the chamber's interest and cooperation in an all-out effort to make the finished report significant, factual and of real value in planning "a strong future" for Jackson county.

Reserve Officers May Join Exercise

Applications are being received by the U.S. Army Corps from Army reserve officers who wish to be recalled to active duty during exercise "Coulee Crest," according to Maj. Gen. F. M. McGoldrick, corps commander at Ft. Lawton.

Reserve officers selected will be on active duty for 30 days starting about April 20 augmenting the staff of exercise umpires. General McGoldrick said the Sixth U.S. Army has authority to recall 70 reserve officers without reference to rank or branch of service.

"Coulee Crest," a U.S. Strike Command training exercise, will be held in the Yakima, Wash., area May 5 to 20. It will involve 44,000 officers and men from two active Army divisions and six tactical air command squadrons.

Duncan Notes School Openings

Robert B. Duncan, U.S. congressman from the fourth Oregon district, has announced several openings to the U. S. Naval academy, West Point, and the Merchant Marine academy.

Interested young men are advised to make their applications to Congressman Duncan at room 125, house office building, Washington 25, D.C., not later than Jan. 25. Full name and address of the applicant, the name and address of his parents and a short biographical sketch, including education, hobbies and particular interests should be included. If possible, a picture should accompany the application.

Applicants must be at least 17 years of age by July 1, 1963, to qualify and not more than 21 years of age. All applicants will take a competitive examination. Selection of principal nominees and alternates will be made by a board of review made up of residents of the fourth district.

Duncan expressed regret that he was not able to obtain necessary information regarding the applications at an earlier date and urged interested applicants to contact him as soon as possible.

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