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ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OCTOBER 1967

Meeting place: Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences  
657 East Ave..

Time: 2nd and 4th Thursdays - September through  
June - 8 P. M. - Swappers from 7:30.

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1967-1968 Officers

President -- James G. Papin  
Vice-President -- Norman Stevenson  
Secretary -- Miss Suzanne Meyn  
Treasurer -- Leslie J. Roll

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A message from the President.

I would like to thank those who helped at the RPA booth at the Monroe County Fair, to the Board of Governors for their help at the close of 1966-67, and to the many members who volunteered for committee work .

In order to make our monthly bulletin a success I would like to ask all members to contribute by writing a short article that would be of interest to our readers. Send or give articles to Audrey Pankratz or Warren Stevens.

Many new ideas and programs have been set up for the coming year - auctions, dinners, speakers, etc. The new membership board is about ready and will be installed at the second meeting in October. If you have not already done so please fill in the rooster slip, indicating your name, address and collecting interests so we can have your tag typed up for you.

The new constitution and by-laws are ready and will be passed out at the next meeting.

Hoping to see you all at the RPA

Jim Papin  
President RPA

On October 12th the Club Constitution will be reviewed and explained to the membership. Also at this meeting the Club Collection will be brought in and shown.. How many members know about this collection? How many have seen it? All these things will be discussed at this meeting.

The October 26th meeting will feature a slide show called "Stamp Printing methods". This is another one of the 50 available slide programs furnished by the APS.

On November 8th the club will hold its first auction of the season and all members are expected to bring in lots. The usual 10% commission will go to the club. Auction sheets will be made available at the October meetings. a limit of 10 lots per person and the auction will be limited to one and a half hours 8:30 to 10.

#### CLUB NOTES

Did you know our RPA library is growing smaller all the time. Please look around your own library and see if you have any books belonging to the RPA library which you have forgotten to return.

Congratulations to James Wennermark and Gordon Morison for bringing back a couple of metals from NOJEX.

Nice going Virginia Gubler for your fine article in Linn's on the "Red Cross.

Glad to hear EdMeyering is doing such a fine job of recuperating -- We will be happy to see you back Ed..

By error we left out the name of one member of our APS Committee for the next year.  
Director of Security and Insurance  
Raymond M. Stone- "Sorry about that"

The RPA will be well represented at UNIPEX II show in Buffalo on Oct. 21,22,23. This will be a chance for Rochester collectors to see a big stamp show near by.

#### WANT LISTS

Orman T.. Franke - Has duplication in Belgium Congo which he would like to trade for stamps of Ceylon. Phillipines or Burma.

Herman Gross would like to exchange mint never hinged Switzerland stamp 1952 to date for mint, never hinged Switzerland prior to 1952.. See him at the meeting or call him at his home - 544-4823.

And one interested in Revenues of the world, contact Audrey Pankratz . (lots of Mexican)

Also does anyone have Japanese use Audrey would like to trade or buy.

Bonny Yurchison is selling philatelic "Things" for the club and is always interested in buying anything made of or with stamps. Let her know if you see any of this material in your travels.

Warren Stevens would like to trade for old covers, United States or foreign. Mainly interested in Columbian Stamped Envelopes or Advertising covers.

Know what to do with all that duplication? Put it in the RPA Exchange Georg LeFebre will be happy to give you as many blank sheets as you need. In no time you can have a good collection by country or topic started. I'll bet most every country in the world is represented in Georg's Exchange Books.

Where would you deliver the following letter if you were a postman.

WOOD  
WILLIAM  
MASS.

To: William Underwood, Andover, Mass. of course-----

## VATICAN CITY

By

James G. Kapin

Although this article should be on some phase of Philately, I thought it interesting to prepare a short article on Vatican City since there are so many Vatican Collectors.

Vatican City is situated on the right bank of the Tiber River in Rome, Italy. It is an independent state subject to certain political restrictions under a treaty with Italy. (A city within a city) Vatican City covers an area of about 1/6th square miles or 108.7 acres. Population - 1,025 (1967).

Vatican City has been the principal residence of the Popes since the return of the Avignon in 1377 and the official residence since the capture of Rome by the Piedmontese in 1870.

Vatican City was built by Pope Symmachus (498-514) and rebuilt by Nicholas V, Sixtus IV, Alexander VI and Julius II. The most famous of the chapels are known as the Sistine and the Chappella Paolina. The rear wall of the former contains The Last Judgment of Michelangelo

Among the art treasures, housed in the Vatican are the Torso of Hercules, the Belvedere Apollo and the Laocoon. Many famous works of art by Raphael, Lenardo da Vinci, Fra Angelico, Murillo, Perguino, Titan and many others.

In the importance of its materials the Vatican library stands first among the great libraries of the world containing approximately 50,000 manuscripts and 350,000 printed books..

Also contained in the Vatican is an astronomical observatory, a modern polygot printing office, a museum, a numismatic collection and the Museo Cristiano.

Vatican City has its own military guargians, the Swiss Guard, and its own police the gendarmes. Before 1870 the Vatican was under the administration of the Papul States.

Vatican City has the smallest railroad in the world, less than 300 feet long with no turn arounds. Vatican City publishes its own newspaper The Obsevatory Romano.

Of much interest at the Worlds Fair was the Vatican's famous Fieta. A marble statue which in part is held together with brass pins. To this day no one can answer the question as to how the brass pins found their way into the statue. This question has been st studied by many experts and to date no one has the answer. Reliable sources predict it never will be answered.

Just to touch on Vatican City stamps - In 1934 a set of six stamps were issued and sold at a face value of \$2.08. Today the same set sells for \$1400.00. To say the least that's as good as AT/T stock..

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY  
NEWS

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The Journal of the APS, The American Philatelist, already the largest monthly stamp journal published by any stamp society, has now expanded to 100 pages per issue.

The 100 page monthly journal will provide the necessary space for more in-depth monographs. With the growth in the stature of philatelic research as more students commence the study of the stamps they collect and the stories associated with their issuance.

Another service of the Sales Division is the addition of cover circuits to its list of available categories embracing all major collecting phases of the hobby. A new book that permits the placement of covers on specially-constructed pages. The new book contains 14 pages with a tight pocket on each page, which allows a member to place 14 covers in a sales book without hinging or mounting them.

These new sales books can be obtained from the Sales Division, Box 800 State College, Pa. 16801. The books are 25 cents each or 9 for \$2.00.

Little known information on the RFD or Rural Free Delivery appears in an article on page 888 of this months bulletin. This article by Arthur Hecht from his book "RFD The Changing Face of Rural America"

The book is a nostalgic history of a very important mail service of this country beginning with the 1890s and extending to about 1920.

If you are interested in the stamps of Honduras you might read the article by Dr. Malcom D. McLean this months issue called "Handling Stamp issues of Honduras."

Another article in the series US Freaks "N" Oddities by Elsworth Post called "Foldovers" appears on page 898.

The final article in the "Black Jacks" can be read in this issue and this series will be made into a handbook to appear early next year.

To go along with our program of September 28th the APS has published in this issue a Literature Review that summarizes the latest books and pamphlets available to stamp collectors in all fields.

Also on page 963 is a listing of publications from the APS.

For those interested in Perfins a good article on Canal Zone stamps will be found on page 931.

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The following new members were voted in at our September 14th meeting.

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