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RIGHT up to the time when the "dummy" had to be okayed, this full front page was held open for a story from the committee in charge of STAMPOREE. We had hoped to be able to give you details of some of the features planned for your enjoyment. However, nothing has been received so we can only give you below the bare skeleton frame of the affair. We feel sure that it will be a good show, and we hope that many of our readers will be able to attend.

STAMPOREE, 1962 will be held at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel at Fort Lauderdale on June 29th through July 1st. Hotel rates are $5.50 single, $10.50 double. Registration including Banquet, Sunday Breakfast and an Official Catalogue is $8.50. There will be "Workshops" on Programing, Judging and Publicity. David A. Roberts, P.O. Box 6141, Davie Station, Fort Lauderdale may be contacted for further details.

That this issue is a few days late must be blamed on the Post Office. The original copy and the galley proofs got "lost in the mail" and had to be replaced.

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President's Report

STAMPOREE is rapidly approaching and plans are being made all over the State by various people for this show. Federation affairs are starting to brew thick and fast and each day's mail brings some new item. I would urge you not to miss Fort Lauderdale. In addition to STAMPOREE, the American Air Mail Society Show will be going on practically next door in Miami at the same time. Never before have you had the opportunity to attend so many shows in one weekend!

I have been asked if it is possible for non-delegates to attend the business sessions of the Federation. The answer is a positive "yes, subject only to the ability of the room to seat the voting delegates." Such persons do not have speaking or voting privileges, but as spectators, they are welcome.

Recently, there has been some question concerning the sales of circuit books. Mr. John DeNood, of St. Augustine, is in charge of the Federation Sales Circuit. Each club by now has received a supply of blank books, which the members may use for submitting stamps in the circuit. The books will be out for approximately one year—the time required to cover a minimum number of clubs. Remember when entering these books in the circuit to make sure the prices asked are reasonable, for only so will they sell. If priced out of the market, no one will buy them. Don't fool yourself. This is an excellent means of disposing of your better surplus material, when priced reasonably. I urge you to make use of the circuit.

'63, Let's See

The matter of 1963 meeting locations will be coming up at STAMPOREE. I hear rumors that Jacksonville is asking for FLOREX 1963. Please consider the matter of STAMPOREE 1963 in your local clubs and ask for this meeting. It can do wonders for your club.

I have a copy of the postal history committee's report, A Chronology of Florida Post Offices. It is a most significant publication of your Federation. It will go on sale at STAMPOREE for $2.50 per copy. Make sure that you have your delegate purchase a copy for you, if you are unable to attend.

A quick look at Federation finances shows that the Federation is still operating in the black. It would be a great help if those clubs which do not subscribe 100% to the Philatelist, would consider doing so. Most clubs include this in the dues structure. If all clubs would do this, an extra page could easily be added monthly, and thus enbale the use of more photos,

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cuts, and other material.

Last, but not least, I am eagerly looking forward to the three workshops coming up at STAMPOREE. These are: Judging, moderated by Ken Rice (West Palm Beach); Programs, by Roy DeLaFosse, Jr. (Jacksonville); and Publicity, by Mary Scott (Sarasota). Undoubtedly these will be among the high points of Florida Philately this year. These workshops are open to **all** members of the Federation. . . . Fred Stivender

Bradbury-Hallock Handbook

A copy of "A Chronology of Florida Post Offices", by Alfred G. Bradbury and E. Story Hallock has been received. The work, consisting of 104 pages, is one of which the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs may well be proud, and which collectors of Florida Postal History will find invaluable.

All available data concerning every post office in Florida from 1832 through 1961 has been alphabetically arranged; name changes noted, dates given, counties indicated, etc.

The Introduction makes very interesting reading and gives convincing evidence of the skill and perseverance of the joint-authors in overcoming the many difficulties encountered in ascertaining and co-ordinating the data now so conveniently arranged in this, the Handbook No. 2 of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs.

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In The Reports

After fifty years of reporting and disseminating prosaic news items, our good friend Harry French has gone lyrical. See his story under the Ridge Stamp Club heading. Maryette Lane in her St. Petersburg report pulls a "Madison Avenue" on us and Helen Robbins writing from Sebring says a few people in Japan need a bath and that "everybody wants to go see". Twittering birds. Lathering Nips. This issue has everything. Nothing copyrighted. "Say you saw it in The Florida Philatelist".

The C.P.S. News, magazine of the Chicago Philatelic Society, tells us that Postmaster General Reagan of the Confederacy was and is the only American Postmaster General to show a financial profit from his administration. This is a considerable compliment to the Texan, especially since an agent sent to England to have some ten-cent stamps prepared is reported to have so succumbed to hospitality as to order a quantity of ONE-Cent stamps for which the Confederacy had no more use than it had for the "carpet baggers" who later picked up the unused stickers. You can buy one now for about ten dollars.

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Federation Club Doings

Ridge Stamp Club

Report on meeting of April 24—"IT RAINED!"

We were glad to see what rain looked like after the long dry spell but it would have suited us better if the downpour had come earlier in the day rather than just before meeting time.

And to still further reduce attendance our president, Gene Watson, was home busily packing in preparation for an early start on a long drive to Pennsylvania on vacation; and our secretary, Mrs. Colvin, had taken a plane earlier in the day on a hurried business trip to her former home in the midwest.

When Vice-President Hardy Sutherland and the acting secretary (guess who?) counted noses we found just 11 present, three of whom had come all the way from Winter Haven in the rain. Some members appeared in raincoats or slickers, some huddled under umbrellas, and one or two were just plain soaked through.

Our program chairman, Fred Stark, had planned to take us on a "tour" of Holland but that too was rained out. However, "a good time was had by all" as we gathered around the long table talking stamps and trading stamps. When it came time to go home the storm was over and you could almost hear the grass growing and the birds chirping happily. . . . A. H. French

St. Petersburg Stamp Club

Congratulations to Al Bradbury and Story Hallock for the preparation and publication of Federation Handbook No. 2. All students of Florida Postal History, and the rest of us too, owe them an expression of deep gratitude. It is a reference volume that will stand against time not only for philatelists, but for all who are interested in the history of Florida, and it is bound to bring attention, credit and respect to the Federation. It was of such accomplishment as this that dreams were made on that cold December day in 1949 when the Federation was organized. A Chronology of Florida Post Offices is a profound and magnificent piece of work and we are proud, proud, proud.

Someone from another club asked us recently if we can recommend some speakers who might be available to other clubs in the State. Last month we suggested two, and we have two more this month: **Polly (Mrs. Henry T.) Van Dyke,** an excellent speaker, who recently talked to us on the subject, "How To Put Together a General Collection of Any Country". It's an ambiguous subject, but not when Polly handles it, and there is not a collector who could not pick up some suggestions from it for his own collecting. Our other recommendation is **Fred L. Stark** from Lakeland, who talked to us during May on, "The Other Side of the Stamp". He illustrated his talk with his own very professional looking slides in color. Everyone enjoyed both of these talks, and we heartily recommend them to you.

Hope to see you in Ft. Lauderdale! . . . Maryette B. Lane

Sebring Stamp Society

We had a good meeting tonight, May 24. We had guests from Japan: Dr. Jim Satterwhite, son of Mrs. Satterwhite who owns the Book Shop here, and his sons Jimmy and David. The boys arrived only recently from Nippon. Dr. Jim is back home to do some studying before they all return to Japan. Before they left the Orient, the boys invested their allowances in Japanese stamps. These are beautiful and we bought some.

We made all three honorary members of our society. Dr. Satterwhite, a medical missionary, then spoke of Japan as a country; commenting on its scenery, on the progress being made and on the general friendliness of the

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Japanese. He remarked that they are very clean people; in the twelve years that he has been at the hospital there, he said, he had found only two or three who were badly in need of a bath. It was interesting, and we all want to go see.

Plans were completed for the Birthday Banquet on June 16. Do hope you all can come. . . . Helen Robbins

Daytona Beach Philatelic Society

In the absence of both President Eichel and First Vice-President Shollenberger, Second Vice-President Ray Buccini was in the chair for the business meeting on May 2. Mrs. John B. Niklas was reported in hospital following a heart attack. Rev. Eric Robinson, a new resident of Olds Hall, was a visisitor.

Program for the meeting of May 20 centered around philatelic questions submitted by the members, which were answered by a panel composed of Frank Berger, Simon Eichel, and Wayne Patetrson, chaired by Mrs. Shollenberger.

After an enforced absence caused by a broken kneecap and other injuries sustained in a fall, Frank Berger was heartily welcomed back. A cast is still on his right leg, but he is ambulatory with a walker.

IN THE NEWS: David Buccini, 12-year-old son of Second Vice-President Ray Buccini, won the State Marble Championship and will compete in the National Tournament at Greenville, Tennessee, May 21-24. Former member Ernest Murphy, also a former treasurer of our club, died early in May. Miss Bess Chadrow will graduate from the University of Florida at its June Commencement. . . . Paul E. Alden

University Stamp Club

Members of the University Stamp Club now look forward to attending the Trading Sessions of our club quite as much as to our Auction Nights due to the diligent work of our President, Mr. F. J. Salichs, and the willing cooperation of our members.

Mr. G. S. Knoth started the programs rolling by giving an enlightening and instructive talk on mounting and displaying of stamps and many useful tips on collecting. Although his talk was aimed primarily at our novice members, the writer noted that it elicited considerable interest from even our more experienced collector members.

At our last session Mrs. H. G. Horne gave a delightful talk on her special topical—maps. It was quite evident from her presentation that she derives a great deal of pleasure from her specialty and has devoted much time to research and study.

Our Auction Nights are busier and more fruitful than ever. Drop in on us whenever you are in the neighborhood. . . . Paula K. Dolid

Missile Stamp Club

Must have had a mal-function in the orbiting device—or maybe the pup chewed it up! No report from . . . Bill Pierpont.

At Sarasota

Emmett Brunson III has been appointed Publicity man for the Sarasota club and he has sent us this excellent account of the club's activities to date. We look for regular reports from this group hereafter.

Marve Cross, our program chairman, has been giving us a wide variety of Philatelic entertainment. In February we had SAREX at the Lido Beach Casino lasting for two days. Several hundred came and looked over forty-six frames of stamps. The judges were Fred Stivender and Henry Van Dyke, who did an excellent job of honest judging the material. The Grand Award was won by Mrs. Florence M. Brant, whose material was on Scouts on Stamps. Class 'A' were as follows: First, Dr. W. F. Henderson — selected U.S.; Second, Ciril Gibbons—Life of Christ. Class 'B' were as follows: First, Thelma Kostecos—My Mother the Tree; Second, Ruth Challon—Birds on Stamps. The Junior Award was won by Linda Challon, daughter of Ruth. Marve Cross was the General Chairman.

On April 5th the program revolved around the results of the Linn's Stamp Derby. In first place was: Frank Magers; Thelma Kostecos, in second place, and with Les Fetter taking dishonorable mention.

For April 19th the club played the stamp game called 'Stampo'.

On May 3rd Henry Van Dyke and his charming wife Polly, visited the club. Henry discussed Stamp Insurance. He classified many confusing points and explained Inland Marine and the floater-type policies along with many other items. We suggest that you should invite him to your club for the same discussion.

We are sorry to report that two of our members, Mrs. H. L. Brant and Dr. W. F. Henderson, are in the hospital but we are happy to say that they are both doing well. Mrs. Lenore Clayton has been called to Saranac Lake, N.Y. because of her brother's serious illness.

. . . Emmett Brunson III

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