

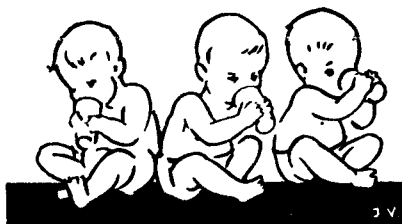
# The Postscript



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*UNICEF cover (above) seems appropriate to illustrate lead story written about children by Don Plaskett.*

## “For the Kids”... By Don Plaskett

In the last issue of *The Postscript*, President Mike Francis exhorted Club members to get more children interested in stamp collecting. (Vol. 6, No. 4 pg. 4)

Gosh! How do we do that? My grandchildren are “27 generations” and 2,000 miles away in Canada.

I'm not sure what the future is in philately with e-mail, the INTERNET, fax machines and machine stickers at the Post Office. Even if

stamps get “stamped out,” shouldn't our current stamps become more valuable? Wouldn't a collection become more treasured?

I posed that question to an acquaintance of mine as we drove along I-10 one day. A few weeks later, he asked me if I had any common stamps he could have because he knew a girl in his church who might be interested in collecting stamps. So, I have made up several packets  
See **KIDS** Page 2

In The **POST ROAD** Ahead

**Apr. 8** - How to Dispose of Your Stamp Collection by Don Plaskett

**May 13** - No Program . . . Bring Your Stamps to Sell or Trade

**June 10** - Bring Your Stamps to be Identified by the Experts

Meetings at 7:30 p.m. in Art Annex Senior Citizen Center - North Monroe & 7th Ave.

of stamps which he uses when working with children in his church.

That convinced me we must TALK PHILATELY at every opportunity. For example, a week or so ago I dropped into Office Depot somewhat annoyed that they keep changing the paper and labels for my stamp albums. When the manager listened to my problem he assured me he understood fully. He collects plate blocks. WOW! He has been invited to attend our stamp club meetings.

**One Grandchild in the Yukon**

But, let me tell you about one of my grandchildren. He lives in the Yukon and is eight years old. He is learning French, loves sports, especially soccer, but his big love is animals. He even has his own dog sled and enters races in Whitehorse.

Every time I write to him, I slip a few stamps in the envelope as well about dogs, sports and, perhaps, I will find a stamp from France with some dialogue printed on it. I don't know whether or not he will ever become a stamp collector, but at least I have laid the groundwork if the "bug" ever does bite.

**Keeps Envelopes Handy**

I have some used envelopes handy whenever I work on my stamp collection and stamps go into one for my grandchildren to pique their interest. Common definitives which keep getting in the way go into another envelope to give to some youngster who may test their knowledge of geography or languages.

My neighbor returned recently from a visit with a war time buddy in

Australia. He discovered his friend's ten year old daughter had just started collecting stamps. Every time he writes to Australia I give him one of my envelopes full of stamps to send along. You can make those minimum value stamps work for you!

One of my other loves is Toastmasters to which I have belonged since 1959 and I rarely miss a meeting. I remember one of our presidents wondering how we could attract more members into a non profit organization with a limited budget.

If you had to make a presentation or talk where would you go for help? The Library, of course. So, we made up pamphlets and stealthily inserted them into all of the books about public speaking. Our members checked the books and replenished the pamphlets every two or three months.

**What About the Library?**

The Leon County Library has a full set of stamp catalogues which collectors use as well as non collectors who may be checking on the value of an inheritance. Shall we try this? Is our meeting room large enough to accommodate those who may join?

Despite the prophets of doom and gloom, I think philately has a great future and I have enough confidence there is interest in the younger generations. All we of the present generation need to do is for YOU and I to talk PHILATELY at every opportunity.

Now, fill up those envelopes with stamps and get them working!

**Give Stamps to Kids**

**Another "A" Puzzle**

By Rene Manes

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**Clues:**

Across

- 1. King Zog once ruled here.
- 5. Florida place and race track
- 6. U.S. Scott 1727 commemorates them.
- 7. One of the Leeward Islands.

Down

- 1. Ancient name of a Rhineland province.
- 2. Artistic trinket or bauble.
- 3. Job for a carpenter.
- 4. The home of the Masters.

**Answers on Page 4**

**1997 Club Officers Remain the Same**

In December, Club officers for 1996 were reelected to serve again during 1997. Elected were: Mike Francis, President; Bert Davis, Vice President; Frances-Jeanne Hansen, Secretary; and Edwin Walters, Treasurer. Larry Benson will continue as Editor of *The Postscript* during the coming year.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN...

## Pay 1997 Club Dues Beginning April 1

Yes, it's that time of year again when Stamp Club dues should be paid. Beginning **April 1**, members should pay dues and will have one month to do so before they are considered to be delinquent.

If dues are not paid by June 1, membership is revoked which places members in inactive status and suspends all benefits and services.

Enclosed is your 1997 Dues Statement form. Please complete it and mail to our post office box shown on the statement or give the form and your check to Club Treasurer Ed Walters at the next meeting.

**Don't Delay - Pay Today!**

## Member's Article Published in A.P.

*The American Philatelist* (A.P.) published by the American Philatelic Society carried an article in the January 1997 issue (Vol. 111, No.1) written by TS&CC member Larry Benson. It was featured as a "Philatelic Favorite" and appeared on page 96.

The short article was about a Tonga cover Larry found at FLOREX in 1996 which was mailed 62 years ago from "Tin Can Island" to an address just two blocks from where he was born and raised in Enid, Oklahoma.

After finding the cover, he wrote to the person to whom the letter was addressed, but it was returned marked "Attempted - Not Known" by the Enid Post Office.

## Miller Wins Silver At Sarasota

TS&CC member Ken Miller won a Silver Award and the American Philatelic Society (APS) Research Award for his exhibit on Estonia at the Sarasota (Florida) National Stamp Exhibition held on January 31 - February 2, 1997. Ken has won several medals for his exhibit. Congratulations, Ken.

## Club to Staff Table at Springtime Tallahassee

In response to an invitation from Debbie Powell, customer relations coordinator for the USPS here in Tallahassee and TS&CC member, the Club decided to staff a table at Springtime Tallahassee on Saturday, April 12, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The post office will have a table available near their "kiosk" and Club members will assist USPS personnel by affixing the special Springtime cancel to covers bought by the public. The Club also will be selling Springtime covers from prior years.

## TS&CC Club Officers

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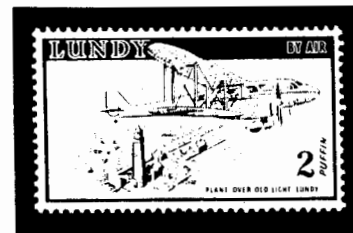
## Stamps With No Postal Function

By David Wike

There are a number of stamps on the philatelic market that have no postal function. They have no postal standing in that they do not meet standards and regulations set forth by the Universal Postal Union because their publishers usually do not provide any postal services and have no postal sovereignty.

Fake stamps are often introduced by governments in exile, resistance movements or separatist organizations which have no postal sovereignty but use the stamps for political propaganda.

There are those who just want to make an extra buck. Then there are those who just simply want to have some good ol' philatelic fun. Also, there is, or was, Mr. Martin Harman of Lundy Island who thought he was the "King of Puffin Land!"



*One of Harman's Lundy Island Creations  
Note "PUFFIN" next to numeral 2*

The Stamps of Lundy Island present a highly unusual story about a man who set himself up as a king of an island off the southwest coast of England not too many years ago.

This yarn comes into being in 1925 when a wealthy Englishman, Martin Harman, became the owner of the minuscule 3-mile long Island of Lundy near the coast of Devon County and Barnstaple Bay.

See **Lundy** on Page 4

## Club Environment Is Successful... Let's Keep it Up

We are well into the new calendar year and already we have had some great meetings. Attendance, on the average, has been higher than it was for last year.

The auction table has been so popular that we are running out of room on the table at each meeting. All of this points to a successful Club environment. Let's keep it up!

### Club Auction in May

In May, we will have one of our two annual in-house philatelic sales. Bring your stamps, supplies, albums, and anything else of a philatelic nature.

In June, we will have a round table session where each of us can ask and answer questions about our hobby.

There is more than enough expertise right in our own Club to help everyone with their questions. Please don't be bashful and not ask a question because you think the rest of the Club members will laugh. We are all there to learn and enjoy our hobby. As much as I think I know about stamps, I learn something new, or clarify what I thought I knew, at every single meeting.

### Looking for Presenters

We are looking for speakers for July, August and September. Please contact me or Bert Davis if you are interested in presenting a program.

And, if you have questions about a topic you want to present, ask us about what you have in mind because we will be glad to help.

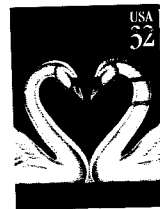
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Shortly thereafter, Harman in a dreamy abstraction nurtured a thought: "Since I am the owner of this island, why shouldn't I also be king?" The idea seemed to have a sense of logic and thus Harman, like any good sovereign, proceeded to coin money and issue postage stamps for use by the island's inhabitants. The stamps and coins exhibit a picture of the Puffin, a paunchy bird with a proud haughty facial expression which inhabits the island in great numbers.

**To Be Continued...**

**Your article for  
The Postscript  
is Always Welcomed!**

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### Answers to Puzzle on Page 2

Across:

1. Albania 5. Sebring 6. Talkies  
7. Antigua

Down:

1. Alsatia 2. Bibelot 3. Nailing  
4. Augusta

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