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WHOLE NO. 9

FROM THE EDITOR

I am really behind schedule this time. This issue is late getting out but I am glad to finally be able to get it together and in the mail to you. In the early part of January my wife and I decided to re-build and enlarge our den also the addition of a study for me. For almost eight weeks the house was in a big mess, everything was piled up in the living room and no room to move about. Finally we moved to the new space last weekend, first of March, and me to my own room with plenty of space, and plenty of bookshelves. My room is 13-14 which will provide me with excellent facilities for my Masonic and Philatelic work. The walls are sound-proofed with a complete privacy. But now that things are getting back to normal I have a tremendous backlog of letter answering, stamp collecting, editing, secretaring, and so many other things. The next issue will be coming out real soon. After this issue is mailed out the next issue will start being prepared.

NEW AGE MAGAZINE: I am very pleased to report that the New Age magazine, The Official Organ of The Supreme Council 33^o, gave our Unit a very nice publicity in the February 1969 issue, page 44. The result, 20 new members and many inquiries. The list of these 20 new members will be found elsewhere in this issue. We are very happy to welcome these brethren and we hope that they will benefit from our association. I would like to thank the Masonic Service Association and The New Age magazine for their kindness in announcing our Unit to the Scottish Rite brethren.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGNE: The membership campaign is continuously on. Don't forget for every new member sponsored each receives 50¢ credit towards next year's dues.

MASONIC COVER CLUB: The Masonic Cover Club has been quite since the No. 9 issue last November. Of course, since November not many stamps were issued by the U.S. and those that were issued none with Masonic connection. Masonic Covers No. 1 thru No. 9 are still available. Some of them, however, less than a dozen still on hand. Remember each issue, thus far, only 200 Masonic Covers serviced. The covers available are as follows:

#1 - Illinois Statehood (Shadrach Bond)	35c each
#2 - F. D. Roosevelt Re-designed coil	35c "
#3 - U. S. Airmail 10c (Morris Sheppard)	40c "
#4 - Law and Order (J. Edgar Hoover)	35c "
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#6 - Henry Ford	41c
#7 - Walt Disney	35c
#8 - Art Series (Thos. Grosvenor). Only 9	35c
#9 - EFIMEX Souvenir Sheet (Miguel Hidalgo)	1.00 each Only 10

Mint Souvenir sheet of EFIMEX is also available at 50 cents each. On this order please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Bro. Marshall Loke, Rochester, New York: On page 67 a reader asked how one gathers and stores information re his collection. I imagine there are as many methods as there are collectors who save information. My particular system is us of 3" x 5"s on which I note all bits of data and the source of same, all stamps relating to the subject, what literature to refer to, etc. All these are filed alphabetically.

From Bro. Richard M. Newham, Lancaster, Ohio: On the second page of Whole #8 issue of MSC, in the section of "CAN YOU ANSWER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, I did have the answers to the one on the Masonic memberships of the Founders of Rotary. But it seems that of all the Masonic cacheted covers that we put out for that special cachet, I pulled a boo boo--I failed to keep one for myself. So all I can say is that I hope that one of the MSU members who has one of these covers will write in and tell you the answers--they were most all included in the cachet. John Quincy Adams was an anti-Mason and no member of the Craft. The remaining names from Bro. Evans do not appear in the 10,000 Famous Freemasons with the exception of Henry Clay, who was a Mason, and conducted the only Masonic convocation in the Halls of Congress, as such. On March 9, 1882 in the Senate, to be exact. In fact he was Grand Master of Masons in Ky. in 1820. If you would place a small notice in the pages of MSC the next time, and ask that any Brother who has a cover of ROTARY to spare, I'd be glad to purchase same for my files. A MAHDEEN Masonic cover, of course. I don't think there were any others. In regard to exhibiting Masonic material at a stamp show, the 1st and only time I ever exhibited any of my MAHDEEN Masonic FDC's was back in 1953 at the Chillicothe, Ohio Sesquicentennial of Ohio Statehood exhibit, and I received an Honorable Mention in that affair. Naturally, one of the judges is a Mason, Bro. Harry Lindquist. Probably to him, do I owe the Certificate. In regards to cornercards, Masonically speaking, I have a large lot of duplicates to anyone interested in swapping. Mostly from this area, North Central States. As far as mounting same, I haven't gone that far; I just accumulate them at present. Mahdeen Cover Service will issue a cachet for the 50 anniversary of the American Legion, featuring Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., "Father of the American Legion."

CALIFORNIA FREEMASON

The California Freemason, Official Publication of the Grand Lodge of Calif., in their Winter 1969, Vol. 16, issue, page 19, published one of the articles appeared in the MSC on Masonic Postal History on the cover addressed to Jacob Hart Neff. The name of my article as appears in this journal is "Relic from the Past" in its entirety and illustration of the cover.

YOUR EDITOR CANDIDATE FOR A. P. S. OFFICE

Your editor is pleased to announce that he is a candidate for the office of Secretary in the American Philatelic Society. The elections will take place this Summer. Nominations by Chapter Clubs are now open. I have many nominations from Chapter Clubs from all over the Nation. Any support our A.P.S. members can give me will be greatly appreciated.

The cover on the left belongs to Bro. Donald F. Garrett, Jackson, Miss. who also submitted the following article which appeared in an issue of the Masonic Philatelist of the Masonic Stamp Club of New York.

With the passing of R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre in Montgomery, Ala. on April 7, 1888, the sun of life went down for one of the greatest personalities and one of the most outstanding Masons in the history of Freemasonry in Alabama. He was well-known in many other jurisdictions and to the Masons of the state of Alabama, his name was as familiar as a household word. He had a devoted love for Masonry and for the principles it inculcates. He not only taught those principles but practiced them as well. He had a large capacity for labor and an outstanding, intelligent knowledge as to how it should be done. As pointed out by Past Grand Master H. C. Tompkins in his report to the Grand Lodge of Alabama on Brother Sayre's death, his qualities "must necessarily have made him what it did make him—a model Grand Secretary."

Brother Sayre was born of New Jersey parents in Franklin, Warren County, Ohio, on January 13, 1808. In 1820, as a lad of twelve, he moved to Montgomery, Ala. then a little hamlet. He married Miss Musidora Morgan on November 25, 1835 in what was then Benton, now Calhoun County, Alabama.

In 1844, Bro. Sayre moved to Talladega, Ala. where he edited a Whig newspaper called "The Watchtower," until 1850, when he moved to Tuskegee, Ala. Here he edited another paper of the same political faith, the "Macon Republican," until 1857, when he was appointed Grand Secretary to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Bro. Amos P. Pfister. Bro. Sayre was then elected to the office of Grand Secretary at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama held in Montgomery the following December. From that time, he was annually re-elected, very seldom, if ever, having an opponent. It was said, after his death, that, "No higher tribute

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

244. J. W. Fleming	17130 N. W. 86 Ave.	Palm Springs North, Fl. 3301
245. T. Dix Sutton	Suite 1008 - 700 Bldg.	Richmond, Va. 23219
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ASTRONAUT DONN F. EISELE

Astronaut Eisele was born June 23, 1930 in Columbus, Ohio. He attended U. S. Naval Academy; received Bachelor of Science degree in 1952. Received Master of Science degree in astronautics from the Air Force Institute of Technology in 1960.

Bro. Eisele is a member of Luther B. Turner Lodge No. 732 F. & A.M., Columbus, O.

This information submitted by Marshall S. Loke who writes just in case some of the sand dune shiekdoms put Schirra, Eisele and Cunningham on stamps because of their recent 11 days of orbiting above is a bit of data about Eisele. Bro. Loke also mentioned that in Linn's Dec. 23 issue it was mentioned that a special slogan cancellation reading "HOME OF ASTRONAUT EISELE" to be available at the Columbus, Ohio, post office for 60 days.

PIERRE SAVORGNAU DE BRAZZA

Born January 26, 1852, an Italian. Educated in Paris. Served in Franco-Prussia war 1870-71. Became French citizen in 1874. Entered navy and in 1875-78 explored the territory later to be known as French Equatorial Africa. Established a military post named Francoville and founded Brazzaville in 1880. He was commissioner-general of French Congo 1886-98. Re-organized in 1910 as French Equatorial Africa. Died at Dakar, French West Africa Sept. 14, 1905.

Brazza was initiated June 28, 1888 in the Lodge "Alsace Lorraine" at Paris.

He is shown on stamps of French Equatorial Africa (1937) Scott #42-50, (1951) #185, (1941) #B9, (1951) #C35. Gabon (1932) #32-39, (1930) #J20-22.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York

could have been paid to his merits, and no higher testimony of the love and confidence of his brethren could have been than is found in his annual re-election, almost without opposition, through a period of over thirty years, to a position to which is attached the highest honor, and which has been, for this country, since the war, considered even lucrative."

In addition to being Grand Secretary longer than any one else in the state of Alabam, Bro. Sayre held other important Masonic offices. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Alabama for almost thirty-one years. He was Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Correspondence from December, 1850 to December, 1855, a job he did unusually well. He also accumulated many books from which Masonic knowledge could be obtained, for the Grand Lodge library.

In 1860, Bro. Sayre boldly and fearlessly edited a Bell and Everett campaign paper in Montgomery. He was never deterred from proclaiming those principles which his heart and mind told him were just and true, although he might be in the minority. This was also true in his fraternal dealings.

In spite of the tempestuous times during the War between the States and during the period of Reconstruction, the Grand Lodge of Alabama prospered and showed progress under the capable leadership of Bro. Sayre and other outstanding Masons. It was not until 1875 that there began a decline and this was due to a severe nation wide business depression that left its mark everywhere.

Brother Sayre was also honored, loved and respected in his private life. He left behind him legions of friends, both in and out of the Fraternity.

Ed. note: The original article on Bro. Sayre in the Masonic Philatelist was written by Arthur H. Dailey. This is a part of a series on Masonic Postal History. The cover illustrated in the Masonic Philatelist is different than that as shown on the opposite page submitted by Bro. Garrett. Your editor has a similar cover of Bro. Syre in his collection also. Covers from the Grand Lodge of Alabama are seen to be quite frequent in circulation.

THE DECEMBRISTS

"Decembrists" was the name given to a group of Russians would-be revolutionaries who staged an uprising in St. Petersburg (Leningrad) on Dec. 26, 1825. Their purpose was to replace Russia's autocratic form of government with a constitutional monarch, although a few of them advocated an outright republic. The whole affair was ill-planned and half-hearted. The mutineers who had assembled on Senate Square before the Winter Palace were dispersed by artillery fire. That night the leaders of the conspiracy were arrested. After a trial five of the leaders were executed and over a hundred of the remaining conspirators were sent to Siberia.

Russia (1950) #1536 shows the scene in Senate Square and portraits of the five revolutionist leaders. They are also shown in profile on Russia (1925) #332, 335. They are, left to right:

1. Kondraty Fedorovic Ryleev. Born Sept. 18, 1796. Executed July 13, 1826. Initiated in 1820 in Lodge "Etoile Flamboyante" (Flaming Star), St. Petersburg. He is mentioned in the lodge list as a Brother in the first degree in 1820-21.

2. Kachowski. Executed July 13, 1826. Lieutenant Kachowski was a member of the Lodge "Amis du Nord" (or "Freunden des Nordens"), St. Petersburg.

3. Pavel Ivanovic Pestel, 1793-1826. Initiated in 1812 in Lodge "Les Amis Reunis" (United Friends), St. Petersburg. Raised March 1, 1812. Affiliated in February 1817 with Lodge "Trois Vertus" (Three Virtues) and was removed as a member Nov. 5, 1819. No reason given.

4. Sergej Ivanovic Muravioff-Apostel, 1796-1826. Initiated January 2, 1817, passed April 24, 1817, Raised June 10, 1817 in Lodge "Trois Vertus" (Three virtues), St. Petersburg. Removed as a member No. 5, 1819. (It is only fair to the memory of the lodge to mention that most of the revolting members gradually retired from its lists.)

5. N. A. Bestuchev-Riumin, Member of Lodge "Michael du Erwählte" (Michael the Elect), a lodge of intellectuals including aristocrats and revolutionaries.

Submitted by Bro. Marshall S. Loke, Rochester, New York.

WILLIAM C. HANDY

The U. S. Post Office will issue a 6c stamp to be released at Memphis, Tenn. on May 17, 1969 as a tribute to the great Negro musician and in recognition of Memphis' 150th anniversary. It will be blue and red by offset and red by Giori, to afford a purple, light red and light blue "jazzy effect".

Handy was an American Negro composer known as "Father of the Blues". b. Nov. 16, 1873 at Florence, Ala. He taught school from 1892-93, becoming a teacher-bandmaster in the latter year. In 1900 he was with the music department of the A. & M. College, Normal, Ala. until he became an orchestra leader for minstrel shows in 1903. In 1912 he started devoting all his time to composing and publishing as president of the Handy Bros. Music Co., Inc., N.Y.C. Among his most famous blues songs are St. Louis Blues; Memphis Blues; Beale Street Blues; and the march, Hail to the Spirit of Freedom. He was author of Negro Authors and Composers of the United States; W. C. Handy's Collection of Negro Spirituals; Father of the Blues (an autobiography); and Unsung Americans Sung.

William C. Handy was a member of the Prince Hall group and a 33° AASR. died March 31, 1858. He was buried with Masonic rites.

FRANCESCO BARACCA

Baracca was born May 9, 1888. He attended the Army academy in Modena and became Officer of the "Royal Piedmont" Cavalry; in 1912 he took his War Pilot Brevet at the Air School in France and he became Capital Aviator. During the World War I he knocked down 34 Austrian and German Airplanes and for this he awarded the Gold Medal of the Order of Savoy, a few Silver medals, the War Cross from Belgium, France and Serbia.

He was raised Major on the battle field and he was named the first "Knite of the Air". He died June 16 1918 during the Battle of Montello when he was passing close to the enemy lines with his plane, he was mortally wounded by a gun shot.

Baracca was a member of the Lodge "Dovere e Diritto" (Duty and Right) of the Orient of Luge di Romagna, also member of Chapter Rose Croix, 18° of the SRAA Supreme Council of Italy.

Baracca is commemorated on 1968 stamp L.25 issued by Italy, Scott #983, on

the 50th anniversary of his death.

Submitted by Bro. Bruno S. Guglielmi, Sanremo, Italy.

Bro. Bruno S. Guglielmi of Sanremo, Italy, also submitted the following two items

NAZARIO SAURO

Sauro was born in Istria 1880. died in Pola 1916. Italian Patriot and Martyr.

He enlisted (1915) in the Italian Navy, and he failed to discharge an engagement with the Austrian Army. In the Italian Navy he became Commander of the Submarine "Giacinto Pullino" (shown on the stamp of L.40 of the Victory set issued in 1968, Scott #984). After a few victorious naval battles in the water of Trieste, Parenza and Adriatic Sea, his submarine stranded and he was seized, prosecuted and hanged in Pola by the Austrian Government.

He was a Mason, member of R. L. of Capodistria.

CESARE BATTISTI

Battisti was born in Trento 1875. D. 1916. Italian Patriot, journalist, writer and geographer. Member of the Parliament in Vienna for the minority Italian population under the Austrian Government (Trentino and Venezia Giulia). After the declaration of war of Italy against Austria and Germany, he joined the Italian Army as an Officer of the "Alpini" Regiment. In Trento, his native Town, he had a martial process in the Castle of "Buon Consiglio" and hanged, 12 July 1916.

Battisti was a member of R. Lodge Castrense.

A PHILATELIC PHENOMENON

"Queen Of Sheba's Visit to Solomon"

By Jan Bart, column "Stamps of Approval, American Examiner

One of the most surprising and puzzling stamp issues has come out of the Mutawakelite Kingdom of Yeomen. This is a set of ten stamps and two souvenir sheets in full color depicting the historic legend of the Visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon. One of the stamps clearly depicts the Kotel Maaravi as it now appears but with Arab figures in front of it. The other nine stamps (four of which are set-tenant pairs depicting an entire scene each; one, Solomon's visit to the Queen, the other, the caravan of the Queen of Sheba on her way to King Solomon), while the other stamps show the Queen and King separately. The others show the sailing vessel with the map of the route the Queen followed to get the Jerusalem from Marib. Another stamp showed the hand-hoisted coach carrying the Queen, and the last one shows a painting by an unknown artist of the historic legendary visit of the Queen to King Solomon.

Ironical is the fact that a set of such stamps should have been issued immediately after the Arab-Israel conflict, and should also include a stamp clearly showing the present condition of the Wailing Wall.

It is logical to assume that this visit has been vividly described in our Bible and one cannot escape the fact that it was clearly annotated by our biblical writers, yet it is almost impossible to believe this action by an Arab Kingdom on the Arabian gulf. Letters to the Government of Yemen have gone unanswered since the appearance of these stamps have prompted numerous inquiries. No word has been



received by any other Arab Government denouncing or assenting to the issuance of this series of stamps. No approval or disapprovals have been made publicly, and no official or unofficial announcement has been made prior to its issuance. Happily, Judaica collectors have been buying the issue and making it a welcome addition to their collection of Bible on stamps. Searching for evidence directly in the Bible for any sign for such an incongruous gesture, I can only find the narrative in the Bible which related this legendary meeting thusly:

"The Kingdom of Sheba has heard of the wonders of King Solomon, and of the name of God of Judah, and she came to prove for herself by asking direct questions. She came to Jerusalem with a large army, camels laden with spices and a great deal of gold, and other treasures of spices and precious stones. She came

to Solomon and she spoke to him of everything that was in her heart. Solomon answered all her inquiries and the Queen of Sheba recognized the wisdom of Solomon and marveled at the House that he had built. She partook of his delicious food and admired his servants and was awed by their attire as well as the attire of his court and all therein. She was completely overwhelmed by the reception she received and she said to King Solomon: 'All that I have heard of you, your kingdom and your wisdom is quite true I did not believe them when I first heard them speak of you and I had to hear and see for myself. All I can say is that all I have heard is not even half of what my eye have beheld. Bless your people, and your slaves who serve you. Glory be to your God who has seen fit to sit you on the throne of Israel, for your God eternally loves Israel. Therefore he has made you their king to be righteous and do righteously.' And she gave the King one hundred and twenty tons of gold and many spices and many precious stones. Never before had so many spices come in the Kingdom of Judah." KINGS: Chapter 7, Verse 5. (This is my own free translation from the Hebrew.)

Surely there is no evidence of any coalition between the two countries that had been made by this visit and thus throws no further light on the rhyme or reason for Yemen to make this grand and flourishing philatelic gesture. The Metropolitan Museum has a painting which depicts this legendary moment in the history of our people, and this legend has been taught our children since the beginning of our Bible.

Historians further analyze the visit as only a trade mission, saying that the Queen of Shebah having heard of the richness and splendor of King Solomon's reign was interested in furthering the economic growth of her own country, and having heard of Solomon's fondness of women decided to make the venture by herself and impress him with her looks to accomplish her real purpose.

I have yet to learn whether this episode has been described in the history of the people of the Arabian gulf. If so, then would this gesture on the part of the Yemen Government constitute an endorsement of the friendly relationship that had existed so many thousands of years ago? Then again, keeping in mind the political differences of Yemen and Egypt, would this be a direct affront to Nasser and the action he has taken against Israel?

These are the questions which we are trying to have answered. Why depict the Wall? Why the issue now, immediately after a tremendous victory by Israel over the Arabs? Why the recognition of the Hebrew Bible text, since each of the pictures on the stamps clearly shows parts of the legend as presented in the Bible?

I am sure that these questions are being asked by other Arab nations who have seen this stamp issue, and perhaps are puzzled even more than we over its appearance. Nevertheless, until the Yemen government explains it thoroughly and until history records the reason, we in the Judaica Philatelic field would like to feel that this is a step purposely perpetrated by one of the Arab nations as a gesture of peace, as a sign of a dereliction of religious cognizance of historic affiliation, and perhaps as a sign of hope of recognition of the existence of such an affiliation by the evidence of time, found in the Bible of the ancient Hebrews.

If there is any other reason, it would have been definitely stated by the nation in question, and other Arab nations would have made a desperate denunciation of Yemen. Perhaps somewhere, somehow, this might have ignited the beacon of peace, I certainly would like to think so.

This article was submitted by John M. Cunningham, Washington, D. C. This set of stamps would make a nice addition Masonically concerning King Solomon.

BIO-SKETCH RICHARD M. NEEDHAM

Born in Chicago, Ill., in 1917; has lived in Bloomington, Ill., Detroit, Mich., Columbus, Ohio, Norwood, Ohio; Ft. Thomas, Ky., Louisville, Ky., Kentucky Military Institute, Lyndon, Ky., Pataskala, Ohio, and Lancaster, Ohio since Oct. 1949.

Occupation: Graphic Arts Instructor at Fairfield School for Boys and part-time Deputy Sheriff of Fairfield County. Graduated from 8th Grade at Ky. Military Institute in 1932; Graduated from Pataskala High School in 1936; attended Ohio Wesleyan University as a Journalism major 3 years, leaving in 1940 to serve in the U.S. Army with the 37th "Buckeye" Infantry Div. during World War II; was in the Occupation of Japan. Married: Ruth Kathleen Poling, of Logan, Ohio; no children.

Was only secretary of Fairfield County Philatelic Club, as long as it functioned as an organization, as well as only editor of its publication, the Forest Ross Philatelist. While living in Pataskala, after World War II, was foreman of the composing room of the Standard Publishing Co., publishers of The Pataskala Standard, and wrote a stamp column for that newspaper under the nomdeplume of "Phil Ately" which ended in Oct. 1949. Stamp Column was resumed in Dec. 1964 under same nomdeplume and has appeared, not regularly, but from time to time, ever since. The Standard, a small-town weekly, has been in the Needham family since 1893. Is a life member of American Topical Association, Society of Philatelic Americans, and National Philatelic Society; member of Bureau Issues Ass'n, Masonic Stamp Club of New York, Philatelic Press Club, Philatelic Traders' Society, and A.I.J.P.; charter member of American First Day Cover Society. Author of several philatelic articles in philatelic press. Collecting interests are: USA (all issues except wines), Canal Zone, Cuba, Guam, Hawaii, Philippines, British North America, and Danish West Indies.

Masonically, was raised in Pataskala Lodge #404, F. & A.M.; exalted in Lancaster Chapter #11, R.A.M., serving as King Presently; greeted in Lancaster Council #88, R. & S.M.; and Knighted in Lancaster Commandery #2, K.T., serving as Eminent Commander 1961-2. Member of Scioto Consistory, A.A.S.R. Valley of Columbus as a Life Member. Also a member of M. Z. Kredier Chapter #145, Order of Eastern Star.

BACK ISSUES STILL AVAILABLE

Most of the Back Issues of the Masonic Stamp Collector are still available in limited quantities at 50¢ each. If you are not one of those original members and are lacking some of the early issues you should act right now so you may have the complete issue of the Masonic Stamp Collector from issue No. 1. Order direct from the editor.

THOMAS MANN

German author. Nobel Prize for Literature. Mann was not a Mason, but deals with the subject in his brilliant philosophical novel "The Magic Mountain". In this novel he dwelves into the deepest human problems and takes issue with same; also with Freemasonry. The hero of the novel Castorp, in highly intellectual discussions with the Italian Mason Settembrini (Italian freedom fighter and author, 1813-1877, Master of a Lodge in Neapel) and the Jesuit pupil Naphta (probably taken from Naphtali) the subject of masonry is dealt with sagacity and clarity. The discussions between the characters present a brilliant dissertation of the spirit of romantic masonry.

Submitted by Paul S. Velie, Riverside, R. I.

Mann is shown on Germany #746.