

THE CALGARY PHILATELIC SOCIETY

It is hoped that this Bulletin will become a permanent feature of our Society and every effort will be made to have at least ten a year prepared and mailed, not only to resident and non - resident members but to any other interested parties as well. Such a publication, if it can be called such, has long been considered by many Society members and it is perhaps an auspicious time to attempt such a project this year being the fortieth anniversary of the founding of our Society. Too, it has for some time been somewhat embarrassing that the Edmonton Stamp Club has been able to provide their membership with an excellent monthly newsletter, under the Guidance of our good friend Ernie Christensen. Naturally we feel that, even if their entries in our exhibition can merit most of the awards, "anything they can do, we can do better" or at least as well.

The first meeting of the 1961 - 1962 season will take place, as usual, in the Mobil Oil Company Auditorium at 8 o'clock, on the 5th September. Please remember this date as no cards will be sent. It is hoped that the newsletter will be mailed in time each month to remind the membership of the first monthly meeting. Cards will be sent as usual notifying you of the "Auction" night on the third Tuesday of each month.

This first meeting introduces our new executive who, as you probably know are as follows:

President: Dr. Rudy Martin, Vice President: Herb Akitt
Secretary: H.N. Bennett, Treasurer: Jack Benningen

AUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT: From past experience, most material of good quality and realistically priced usually sells well. Lots of "bulk" material are no longer too popular but for some reason "surprise" packages command a better than average price although it is doubtful that this will continue as there have been rumblings of discontentment. It would be very encouraging to see more people submit lots as it seems to have fallen on the shoulders of a very few to provide the material to support the auctions.

SALES CIRCUIT COMMITTEE REPORT: One would think that in this group it should not be necessary to mention the problem of HINGING stamps. Many, many of the books being entered have stamps hinged to fall out at the first opening of the circuit book while others appear to have had the hinge glued to the stamp. PLEASE use a good grade of peelable hinge which holds securely and the book will have a much more attractive appearance to a prospective purchaser. As with the auctions, good quality material of most any colony or country etc., if priced reasonably, will sell. New books of Canada, Germany and United Nations are needed immediately. We are urgently in need of someone to take over this job of taking care of the circuit books and although we won't pretend that it is an easy chore, it does have it's rewards and is quite interesting.

ON THE SICK LIST: Our good friend Bill Good has spent most of the summer in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

If there is sufficient demand we propose that in future we will have a page of members ads in which they may indicate their current "wants" or let the group know of surplus material. Suggested rate is .50¢ an insertion. Anybody interested?

Remember that the 1961 - 62 dues are now payable and as passed in the recent amendments to the Bylaws, they are now \$3.00 Those members not paying punctually must, for economic reasons be dropped from the mailing list, so lets pay those dues NOW.