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ARE YOU COMING UNHINGED?

From the Apfelbaum auction catalogue of November 1961, a hot topic then, and maybe still one today?

Philately is at a cross-roads and its future is in doubt. This opinion is expressed not because stamp collecting has lost any of its appeal, but rather because of a fad taking hold among new collectors - new issue dealers are promoting the sale and collection of only unHINGED stamps.

Of course new issues only come unHINGED, but how can a collection grow if older hinged (and for that matter, newer hinged) stamps are not a part. What great collection consists only of unHINGED stamps? And unless they are placed in an album gum side out, what is the point? Those who want stamps from the first stamp century are out of luck here, should they desire only unHINGED – even a premium for unHINGED early issues does not guarantee they are not merely regummed.

So, what do you think? Do you pay a premium for mint unHINGED? How about mint lightly hinged? Or is this no longer a topic of discussion among today's collectors?

Speaking of which, remember these ads???



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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB, Tuesday August 1
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB Wednesday August 2
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB Wednesday August 16
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB Tuesday August 15

*One Page Exhibits—
upcoming topics:
September: Stamp show souvenirs
October: TBA
November: TBA*

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMNWALT BERRY

Once again, the attendance at our July meeting indicated there is considerable interest in our hobby of stamp collecting. Members gather from near and far for the year-round monthly meeting at St Matthews Lutheran Church in Hanover. Our meetings present an opportunity for friends to come together for exchanging their excess philatelic treasures during the auction – and friendly chatter during the evening.

One interesting part of the evening is the single page challenge – whereby the winner of the evening voting gets to chose the topic for a following meeting. Members do have a wide range of collecting interests and it would be encouraging to see a few more single pages to challenge the regulars. This challenge does not have specific rules to follow – other than the chosen topic. Perhaps the chosen topic should include an exhibitor's choice to encourage a few more participants.

The end of the evening is also interesting – it is the monthly members auction of material submitted. Usually there is a wide variety of interesting material – along with the ample supply of on/off paper stamps of the world. Should a member have better material they wish to place in the auction, a fair reserve price may be indicated... members are encouraged to bid fair prices for this better material.

We are now into the summer weather (hopefully the rain will give way to sunny warm days) and vacations can be enjoyed by everyone. During these warm sunny days, many of our collecting friends tuck away the collections to enjoy time with family and friends. Whatever one does it is important to enjoy both (family & friends / our hobby).

What's coming up...

See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:

August 12—Kinex 2017—Kincardine Stamp Club show

October 7—Owen Sound Annual Stamp Show

November 25—Waterloo Regional Club STAMPFUN



ANOTHER MEASURED MOMENT.....Jim Measures

The 1931 New Zealand Health Stamps as seen in 1932

The 1931 Health stamps, commonly known as “The Smiling Boys”, are now the most sought after of all Health stamps and according to Campbell Paterson’s catalogue are valued at \$450.00 MNH and \$245.00 used. They were not always seen this way.

According to Ray Collins, writing in the RPSNZ’s magazine in February 1932, they were describe as “*not particularly pleasing*”. Advance publication had said that the stamps would show a “typical New Zealand Boy Scout:”. The boy shown does not appear to be in uniform, however. Mr. Collins goes on to say “*any boy appearing with the waved locks shown on the stamp would soon be made more than uncomfortable by his mates. In Mr. Mitchell’s original drawing (he is the designer) the shading on the face was depicted by means of dots, but in the stamp the dots have been replaced by lines, with the result that the so-called scout appears to have been mixed up in a brawl, and to have emerged with two glorious black eyes.*” He goes on to say that “*the background is hardly typical New Zealand scenery*”.

I acknowledge that Mr. Collins was one of New Zealand’s foremost philatelists in his day, however I choose to disagree with him. I am no expert on New Zealand scenery but I am very happy to have these two stamps in my collection and, although I agree that there is little evidence that the boy is in fact a Boy

Scout, I see him as a handsome figure and totally appropriate for a “Health” stamp. As for his hair style, it is much like what I had, as a Boy Scout in the 1950s—times and styles do change!



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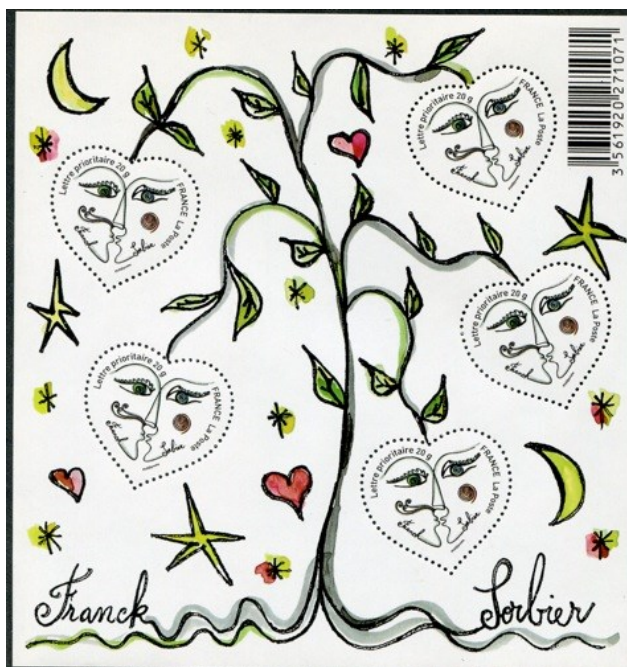
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That each collector shall always be free to pursue the hobby in his/her own way for his/her own maximum enjoyment.



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