

Lincoln Stamp Club

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Monthly News of the
Lincoln Stamp Club

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MEETINGS

The Club meets the
first and third Thurs-
days, 7:00–9:00 p.m.

LOCATION

St. Paul United
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AFFILIATION

The Club is an affili-
ate of the American
Philatelic Society:
APS #0799-064882.

Inspector Trains Keen Eye on the Case

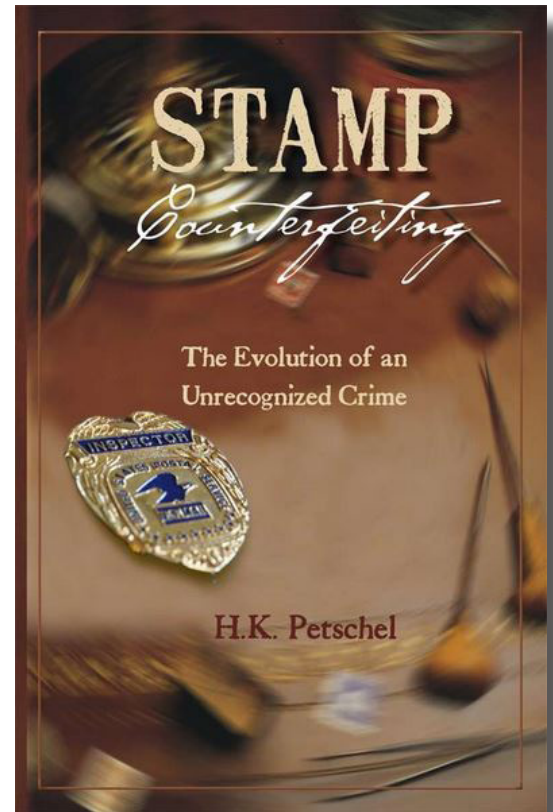
by *David M. Frye*

A retired postal inspector, H.K. Petschel, brings a career's worth of insight and experience to telling the history of a little-publicized, yet rampant class of federal crimes. His book, *Stamp Counterfeiting: The Evolution of an Unrecognized Crime*, sheds light on the major cases investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service from 1894 to 1940.

Each chapter leads readers through a particular case or a cluster of related cases. The author weaves together results of his research of government archives, newspaper reports of the period, and material appearing in the contemporary philatelic press. In the chapter, "Where the Story May Have Begun: Chicago 1895," Petschel writes:

Back in the 1890s, the nation's newspapers were not noted for understatement They immediately identified this event as the most important swindle ever perpetrated on any government. Newspapers across the country did not hesitate to pick up this story and have some fun with it.

One newspaper in Nebraska could not resist the opportunity to take their jab at the government. Tongue in cheek, they described one sure way to tell the product of the government from the imitations: "Moisten the gum and place the sample on



the upper right hand corner of the envelope. If it sticks, it is a counterfeit" (p. 5).

With keen observations, dry wit, and a flair for storytelling, Petschel's book entertains and educates. It's worth a stamp collector's time.

Web: www.stampcounterfeiting.com

Details: 183 pp., 6x9 softcover, eight illus.
ISBN-13: 978-061550885-6.

March 2012 Club Exchange: Tools of the Trade

The March 1 exchange will feature several lots. These items are all donations to the Club; proceeds will support Club activities.

Lot # Description

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| • 01 | Brookman 1987, spiral-bound | • 06 | Scott's 1995, Vols. 1–5, complete |
| • 02 | Brookman 1993, spiral-bound | • 07 | Scott's Specialized 1995 |
| • 03 | Scott's Specialized 1990 | • 08 | U.S. Postage Stamps, pp. 93–241, years 1938–1970, ring-bound |
| • 04 | Scott's 1990, Vol. 3, G–O | • 09 | Roosevelt Album, Elbe Line, some pages marked in pencil |
| • 05 | Scott's 1992, Vols. 1–4, complete | • 10 | Harco Easy-Way Stamp Drying Book |
| | | • 11 | Lighthouse UV-Lamp for Stamps. |

USPS RELEASES: MARCH–MAY 2012

March 24: *Cherry Blossom Centennial*; two forever (45¢) comm., Washington, D.C.

April 11: *William H. Johnson*; single forever (45¢) comm., American Treasures Series, Baltimore, MD.

April 21: *Twentieth-Century Poets*; ten forever (45¢) comm., Los Angeles, CA.

April 24: *The Civil War*; two forever (45¢) comm., New Orleans, LA.

April 30: *Louisiana Statehood*; single forever (45¢) comm., Baton Rouge, LA.

May 7: *Great Film Directors*; four forever (45¢) comm., Silver Springs, MD.

May 7: *Bicycling*; four forever (45¢) comm., Minneapolis, MN.

May 7: *Pixar Films: Mail a Smile*; five forever (45¢) comm., Orlando, FL.

Program Offerings

If you have worn out the ears of your relatives telling them about your collecting focus and passion, consider offering a program at one of the Club's meetings. We have listening ears! Contact David Frye.

WANTED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, send your descriptions and prices to questions@lincolnstampclub.org by the twenty-fifth of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter (**March 25 for April 5 exchange**).

More significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, should be sent by the same deadline for the second exchange following the submission (**March 25 for May 3 exchange**).

If You Have "11" by Your Name on Your Label, Send Your 2012 Dues of \$8 to the Club Right Now to Remain an Active Member. This is the Last Issue for 2011 Members.

Meetings: Business, Flyspecking, & Remington

The Club's meetings are held in one place:
St. Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's parking garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor.

- **Business Meeting & Exchange**
Thurs., March 1, 2012, 7–9 p.m.
See front page for list of Exchange Items.

- **Program:** *Flyspecking*, by Ken Pruess
Thurs., March 15, 2012, 7–9 p.m.
- **Business Meeting & Exchange**
Thurs., April 5, 2012, 7–9 p.m.
- **Program:** *A Portrait of Frederic Remington*, by David Frye
Thurs., April 19, 2012, 7–9 p.m.
- **Looking Ahead:** May 3, 17; June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 16; September 6, 20.



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