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Souvenir Sheet
The Lincoln Stamp Club’s monthly news

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The Club is an affiliate of the American Philatelic Society,
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Collecting Stamps and Memories
by David M. Frye

When I was a boy growing up in Lebanon, Pennsylvania (17042), I knew where all of the local post offices were and whether they were close enough for me to get to them on my bicycle.

Lebanon’s downtown post office was close enough, but I never thought to ride my bike in town. So my favorite post office to visit to buy stamps was the Cleona Post Office (also 17042).

I could ride the two and one-half miles along the winding two-lane roads through the countryside, past the local dairy, by the undulating cornfields, to the red brick post office.

I don’t remember the face of the postmaster, but I do recall, fondly, that he didn’t mind taking out all of his stamps when I asked, “What stamps do you have?” He would show me the definitives and the commemoratives. He was glad to sell me individual stamps, carefully separated from the larger sheets along the perforated rows and columns.

Eventually I added the Annville Post Office (17003) to my list of stops, first when my Mom would drive me there when we went ran errands, and later, when I got my driver’s license.

The staff there was helpful too, even cancelling a stamp on a newly issued Bicentennial two-dollar bill.

As I moved around, I would often make a point of befriending a clerk or postmaster. When I moved to Nebraska, I got to know the postmaster at Gurley (69141). She was friendly, knew the news in the town, and was glad to sell me stamps for my collection.

Later, when I moved to York (68467), a clerk in that post office, learning that I collected stamps, told me he had a supply of commemorative sets going back a number of years. I was glad to lighten his inventory, adding to my collection of both stamps and memories.

LINPEX ’11 Update: Seeking Exhibits

The Lincoln Stamp Club’s annual stamp show, LINPEX, is set for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 26–27, 2011, at the Holiday Inn Lincoln Downtown.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the Prospectus for Exhibitors and the Exhibit Entry Form.

If you have never prepared an exhibit, this is a great opportunity to give it a try. It is an experience that brings focus, satisfaction, and the joy of sharing your passion.

On the Web: www.lincolnstampclub.org/linpex/