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POLPEX 75 EXHIBITS OF HIGH CALIBER

Dr. Miet Kamienski of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada won the **Grand Award** at POLPEX 75 with his Western Ukrainian Occupation of Polish Territory 1918-19. He received tough competition from Dr. Jozef Kuderewicz of Manchester, N.H. whose powerful

exhibit of Galicia Stampless 1773 to 1850 came in next for the **Kozakiewicz Research Award**.

Gold Medals were given to Alfred Szebel for Occupation World War II, James Mazepa for Pre-Stamp Period Postmarks, Chester Schafer for Polish Liquidation



The Official Opening Ceremony at Noon Saturday was attended by (left to right:) Polpex Queen Chris Simkowski; Honored Guest Dr. James Matejka, Honorary Complex Chairman; Tom Gobby, Polonus President; Arthur Marquart, President, Polish American Numismatic Association; Chester Schafer, Polpex Chairman. (Expo Photo)



View of exhibition hall. Photo taken shortly after opening on Saturday. (Expo Photo)

Issue of 1919, and J. Kaposta of Chicago for his Airmail History of Hungary.

Silver Medals were presented to John Bartczak for Polish Postmarks of Galicia 1867-80, William Jusack for Wielkopolska Postal History 1919-20, Frank Wolosewick for Occupation of Poland 1915-18, and Fred F. Blau for Polish Airline LOT Flights.



Two senior members: Roman Reinowski and Richard Estka. (Estka Photo)

Bronze Medals were awarded to John Bartczak for Austrian Army Postmarks in Poland, J. Winstanley of Donmills, Ont. Canada for Gdańsk-Danzig, Michael Lubinski of Rexdale, Ont. Canada for Polonica Canadiana, and Ludwik Pieczara of Chicago for Project Telstar. In the Numismatic Section Chester Schafer received a Gold Medal for his Poland Paper Money 1916-23.

All in all, excellent material was exhibited at Saint James Auditorium for the February 22-23 show. A total of 104 frames were shown, receiving praise from the judges and many philatelic elders.

The crowd was heavier on Saturday during the day as the weather turned bad in the evening. Early Sunday afternoon was also well attended. The auction at 3



The U.S.P.S. Postal Substation was ably manned by (left to right) Patricia Bell, Art Barnett, and Josephine Helm. Note the display of the new Haym Salomon commemorative scheduled for release March 25th. (Expo Photo)

p.m. attracted many bidders with the Polish material receiving the action. Auction Chairman Edward Link auctioned off 150 lots and he is credited with a job well done.

President Tom Gobby acted as master of ceremonies during the award presentations at the tra-

ditional Beeba Saturday night. Beeba Chairman Walenty Poniecki and his staff put out an overwhelming spread of kielbasa and kapusta, lunch meats, salads, rye bread, home made pastries, cakes, etc. Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz's donation of forty pounds of Polish sausage was well appreciated.



Bourse dealers (left to right) Roman Burkiewicz and Roman Reinowski (seated) waited on customers like Richard Estka, Chester Makowski (seated), and Joseph Kupiec. (Estka Photo)



As the Grand Award winner, Dr. Miet Kamienski of Canada was not present, Michael Lubinski accepted the award for him from Polpex Chairman, Chester Schofer.

(J. Lukas Photo)



John Bartczak and William [unclear] Award medals.



Entries Chairman, Alfred Szebel, with judges Dr. James J. Matejka, Jacquelyn Alton and Bud Hennig.

(J. Lukas Photo)



Roman Burkiewicz (right) search Award for Dr. Jozef N.H. who could not attend



usack holding their Silver
(J. Lukas Photo)



Gold Medal awards were presented to (left to right) Roman Burkiewicz
accepting for J. Kaposta, Chester Schafer, Alfred Szebel and James
Mazepa. (J. Lukas Photo)



cepts the Kozakiewicz Re-
luderewicz of Manchester,
(J. Lukas Photo)



John Bartczak, Michael Lubinski and Ludwik Pieczara holding Bronze
Award medals presented them for winning exhibits. Mr. Lubinski holds
two medals as he accepted for the absent J. Winstanley of Canada.
(J. Lukas Photo)



The Exhibition Committee poses with Polpex Queen Chris Simkowski. (Left to right:) Walenty Poniecki, Beeba Chairman; Al Rybarski, Finance; Tom Gobby, Publicity; Roman Stzelercki Bourse; Alfred Szebel, Entries; Chester Schafer, Polpex Chairman. (Expo Photo)



Activity at the Polpex on Saturday evening.

(Estka Photo)



Three regular visitors at Polpex shows: Rev. Francis Myszkowski, Richard Estka and Stefan Kochanski. (Estka Photo)

A guest who came the longest distance to attend was Napoleon Siemiaszek of Poland.

Set-up Chairman John Bartczak provided us with a well lit-up auditorium with extra lighting for dealers. Entries Chairman Alfred Szebel had a praiseworthy layout of the exhibition which made for interesting viewing. Bourse Chairman Roman Strzelecki had a sold out bourse of twenty tables of dealers.

A popular theme this year resulted in a brisk sale of souvenir sheets, cacheted covers and postcards at the Polonus table. The U.S. Postal Service received so many requests for the special Polpex cancellation that they began cancelling mail the day before the show. Supervisor Art Barnett reported heavy activity both days with large sales of commemoratives.

There is a limited number of Polpex cacheted covers and postcards with the special cancellation still available. The cover bears the cachet of frontiersman John A. Sadowski and is franked with the 10c Fort Harrod commemorative

in view of the fact that this first white Kentucky settlement was founded by the famous Daniel Boone accompanied by two of Sadowski's sons. The postcard bears the cachet of a Polish family of settlers and is franked with the Colonial Craftsmen commemorative showing the Polish glassmaker. A set of both, cover



and postcard, is priced at 75c plus 10c postage (40c for either one, plus 10c postage)..

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—C. A. Schafer,
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