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The President's Message

The splendid co-operation shown at the recent POLPEX 1945 has given me much encouragement to approach the coming year as your President.

One is impressed with the past record of our Society. The story of its achievements during the past 6 years is inspiring from any angle. It had its start when a small group of American collectors of Polish extraction believed there was a need of a philatelic fraternity which would direct its efforts to the wants of the collector of the Stamps of Poland. This group expanded so rapidly that in a short while it became outstanding in its many fields of philatelic endeavor and secured for itself an enviable reputation.

Its membership is composed of the foremost collectors of Poland in this country as well as abroad where its record is well known. Its activities have met with widespread approval, and its progress has surpassed the expectation of the organizers. The credit of this success is due to the excellent effort of its Officers and the heartfelt co-operation of its members.

We must remember that the primary objective of the Society is to encourage the collecting of the Stamps of Poland. At first our enthusiasm knew no bounds, but during these trying times we humbly acknowledge a slight lessening of interest. This can be understood, but the 27 members now in the Armed Forces of our country are looking to us to keep alive the spirit of our Society until they return. It therefore becomes our responsibility more



now than ever before to give to our Officers that co-operation and assistance and I am confident it will be given them.

We can do this by thinking of the Society as a meeting place of unselfish endeavors for a common good, where criticism will be constructive, where knowledge of philately in all its branches should be given in a helpful attitude. We should think in terms of freindship and good fellowship among ourselves and other philatelic organizations.

What problems tomorrow will bring we do not know. From time to time we are urged to undertake new ventures and activities. I suggest that until our present activities are brought to a level on which we want them to rest we be very cautious about future un-

dertakings. On the other hand a planned program is a necessity and with this in mind, here are some suggestions.

We all should try to sign up one new member this year. Let us shorten our meetings and eliminate as much as possible the business that can be transacted by the Board of Directors. Continue to devote every second meeting of each month to philatelic instruction or program. This, to be of such nature as to attract both our members as well as outside collectors. These programs to be planned far enough in advance to be given proper publicity. Have a Lecture Committee, whose function will be to prepare lectures and also have a speakers group available for other Societies. We should have a Committee on Information, who would distribute as much data as possible on the Stamps of Poland and its associated countries. This can be done thru the medium of our BULLETIN, various stamp publications and lectures. In addition it should issue in some form instructions on the preparation of collections for exhibition purposes.

Let us try and remember our members in the Armed Forces by writing to all we know personally at least and I am sure the others too will welcome your letters. We will continue to mail them the BULLETIN direct and remember them also during the various holiday seasons.

As your President for 1945, I appeal to each of you for tolerance, interest, cooperation and goodfellowship. Permit me also to offer my most sincere appreciation for your confidence and trust in electing me to the office of President and I assure each of you that I shall do everything to justify your faith in me.

Dr. M. E. Uznanski.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

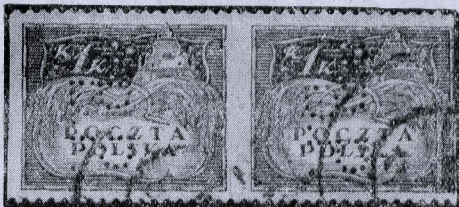
Our sympathies are extended to Frank Wolosowick and his family upon the recent death of Frank's Father. We share your loss with you Frank.

It is also with deep regret that we announce the death of the Mother-in-law of Ray Bartz. The Officers and members extend their heartfelt sympathy to Ray and his family.

Buy War Bonds & Stamps

THE VERTICAL IMPERF. NO. 128 a.

By Frank Jancowski-Treasurer,
Pulaski Philatelic Society



The One Korona dark green, Scotts No. 128a of Poland imperforate vertically, was found in a partly perforated sheet in the supply of stamps of the Bank Przemyslowy, in Lwow, Poland. This partly perforated sheet was used by the bank on mail, to one of the New York banks, between Dec. 17th and 20th, 1919. All of the known copies of 128a, have this bank's initials B. P. perforated through each stamp.

The above findings were established after a long and exhaustive correspondence from about 1923 to 1935 by this writer with various philatelists in Poland. The particular variety described was unknown in Poland, and the Ikaros Handbook dealing with missing perforations on the 1919 issue states that stamps from the outer edges of some sheets, have either the vertical or horizontal perforations missing. As far as stamps of this issue being imperforate between Ikaros does not mention their existence.

This sheet of 100 stamps did not have perforations in the last five vertical columns. Consequently stamps no. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and so on down to the bottom of the sheet were left imperforate vertically, the balance of the sheet being perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$.

Of the 50 stamps that were imperforated vertically, 46 have been located and accounted for. There are three blocks of four, one horizontal strip of four, four strips of three and three pairs, (one pair and a strip of three of the above being damaged). In addition to the above, there are the following vertical strips of three and one vertical strip of four.

SEEN AND HEARD
by Victor Bukinik

Well, folks, the editorial staff has shaken us out of the moth balls and

has decided to let us babble again. Times have changed since our last appearance and now we no longer are at the mercy of the public, but of the printer.

We have heard it said that New York is the philatelic center of the world, but philately in New York has apparently forgotten Polish Stamps. The fact is, that the demand for Polish stamps is so great that there simply are no stocks and practically nothing offered at auction. We have noticed that some of the German occupation issues have gone up in price because the local optimists expect them to be scarce after the war. We are however, so hostile towards the perpetrators of these issues that we frown upon their acquisition, at least until the war is over. There must be plenty of this stuff in Europe.

The Legion sheet B35 has dropped somewhat in price and is more or less stabilized at about \$4.50. On the other hand the "NA SKARB" set, B15-25 has gone out of hand and retails for about \$14.00. We feel that the price is too high since 100,000 sets were issued, but the philatelic speculators boost their prices on the basis of the European market and the local demand. PORT GDANSK issues are all bringing about 3/4 of the catalogue price with 1K24 selling for \$10.00 to \$12.00.

Insofar as the issues of the Polish Government in London are concerned we find it hard to make a decision. It is quite obvious that 95% of these stamps are or will be in the hands of philatelists and that therefore, there will be very little wastage which is common with normal issues used by the public. Consequently there always will be a supply of these on the market and we feel they will prove very popular with the collectors in Poland as well as provide good trading material. We also feel that these stamps will be more scarce used than mint. It is personal belief, not based on any fact that these stamps will soon be withdrawn from circulation.

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COMMITTEES APPOINTED

I submit herewith a list of Committees which will carry the burden of the many activities of the Society, I earnestly urge your wholehearted co-operation to the end that Polonus may continue its splendid record of accomplishment.

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THE WARSAW STAMP



1st day of issue, Mar. 11, 1945.
 Designed by Flight Lt. Arhur Horowicz.
 Engraved by W. Vacek.
 Perforated, 11½ x 12.
 Color, Green, Amt. issued 100,000.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS

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- #244. Alex Klik, 605 W. Spring St., Utica, New York. (E. P. P.)

FROM OUR BOYS

Pvt. Stanley Falcon writes from Fort Lewis, Wash., where he is stationed, and requests that he be remembered to the Polonus gang. He is exceptionally busy at this time but promises to write in further detail as soon as the opportunity permits. We wish you luck, Stan!

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We have received a card from Pvt. Stanley C. Kucharz requesting that his address be changed to one with a Pacific Coast A. P. O. Good Luck Stan, our prayers are with you for a speedy return. Lets hear from you as soon as you get the time.

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April 1st, 1945

"Your letter finally reached me at Camp Barkley Regional Hospital, where I am a patient. Have had a slight operation and have been flat on my back for 21 days....still 4 to go....happy to get the "BULLETIN." Give my regards to the gang.

Capt. L. S. Sluzynski.
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March 21st, 1945

"Everything fine with me, was released a week ago from hospital and am now back at my old job of taking care of the passengers. At present we are taking the Marines from Iwo and rushing them back to Hawaii and the States. They sure had a rough time of it up there. That is one of the many good things

that the A.T.C. does, to get the wounded back quickly where they can get the best medical care. How was Polpex? You know I would have liked to have received one of those 12 trophies.... Maybe after the war I'll be able to participate. So long and good luck.

Pvt. Thad. Stasik, Mariannas.

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Apr. 9th,

Please change my address so that I won't miss the BULLETIN. Very happy to belong to a wonderful bunch of boys.

Pvt. Johnny Sopezak.

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Apr. 4th,

It usually takes a letter from home telling us to write or else? Thanks for the BULLETINS. From the amount of publicity received Polpex must have been a success. Wish I could have been there, that probably goes for the rest of the boys who couldn't be there this year.

In the two years I have been overseas I have picked up some interesting philatelic items. In closing thanks again for the BULLETINS.

Cpl. A. Kloczek.

Nice to hear from you Tony, First letter in two years.

THIS 'n THAT

Roman Reinowski reports that at the Garfield-Perry show in Cleveland he met members Leonard Zeller, John Konwinski and Walter Franckiewicz.. the only one missing was Miss Regina Sierowiecki.

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The only known Polish stamp booklet was recently purchased by member Vincent Domanski at the Irwin Heiman auction held March 1st. It is our belief that this booklet is from the Jacques Rogers magnificent collection of Booklets, and is our hope that in the very near future we shall be able to pass on more information to you.

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Frank Jancowski, the energetic treasurer of the Pulaski Philatelic Society of Detroit has donated 1000 Polish Patriotic envelopes in two very colorful and appropriate designs to the BULLETIN. Frank attached a "rider" to his donation. He specified that one-half of the envelopes of each design are to be sold to the members at one cent each. The proceeds so derived to be given to the "Stamps For The Wounded" fund. The other half of each lot are to be used to mail the BULLETIN to our members.