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OUR FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY — POLPEX 1954

MARCH 5th, 6th, 7th at FALCONS HALL, 1062 N. ASHLAND, CHICAGO

From a handful of philatelists that met in 1939, eager to exchange stamps, ideas and knowledge, to an outstanding international society of over 450 members—grew the Polonus Philatelic Society.

Do you think Poland collectors were specialists in 1939? You should see them now! Poland's stamps have been exploited into many different phases: Krakow Issue Types, Pre-Stamp Period, No. 1's, Polish Towns on Austria-Germany-Russia, Pilsudski and Pulaski Topical, Air Labels, Revenues, Proofs, etc., etc.

Outstanding Polpex Souvenir Sheets with history and art behind them were printed yearly.

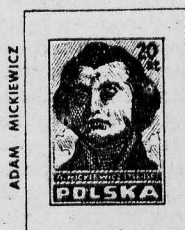
Beebas were introduced and adopted by societies throughout the country.

Yes . . . fifteen years have made many changes to the original Polonus Society.

The 1954 Exhibition promises to be a typical example of Polonus endeavors.

Polpex 1954's traditional souvenir sheet honors Poland's greatest and most beloved poet—Adam Mickiewicz, on the 100th anniversary of his death. His masterpiece PAN TADEUSZ or "The Last Foray on Lithuania" has been widely translated and has reached high acclaim in world literature. The action takes place at the time of Napoleon's march through Poland on Moscow.

A set of souvenir sheets is priced at 25 cents per set. Opening Day Covers



**POLONUS PHILATELIC SOCIETY
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are priced at 20 cents each. Send your remittance with order to seal director Adam Kloskowski, 2528 N. Drake Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

You can help Polpex 1954 by becoming a Patron. A contribution of \$1.00 will entitle your name to appear in our colorful program book. Please send your contribution direct to Chester Schafer, Hollywood Press, 864 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 22, Ill. Please do so immediately.

"Big Joe" Goes All Out For Stamps and Poloniana

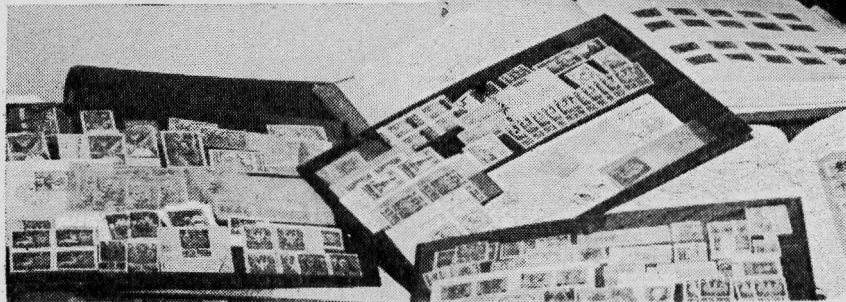
Joseph A. Kloskowski or "Big Joe" as he is known, is one of the best known philatelists in the East and a nationally recognized authority on the stamps of Poland. Joe's collection and "accumulation" takes up almost two rooms in his home.

The specialty of his collection is the stamps of Poland, and he is thought to have one of the best such collections in the world. Among a number of Polish rarities in his possession are two which he most treasures. These two so-called "Queens" are officially Scott's J10's, valued by Scott's catalog at \$375 each, which according to Joe is way under value.

Both are Austrian stamps surcharged with the words "Poczta Polska," meaning Polish Post, by the Polish authorities right after the Armistice of 1918. One overprint is in red, the other in black. Only 24 of the red surcharge and 14 of the black overprint, a total of 36, are in existence, and Joe is one of only two collectors in the United States who own both. This is quite a distinction considering that there are over 20 million stamp collectors in the world, many of whom would like to own these stamps.

Joe goes all out for collecting every type of Polish stamp—singles, mint, and used; blocks, mint and used; covers of all kinds; cancellations; and revenues. He also collects old documents and money—in fact all Poloniana.

His parents came from Poland and Joe speaks the language fluently. As a



Joe Kloskowski with a small portion of his mounted collection of Polands.

Editor's Note: This article on member Joseph Kloskowski, is reprinted from COURANT AFFAIRS, a house organ of the Hartford Courant newspaper.

matter of fact he writes a weekly column in Polish for the Catholic Leader in New Britain, and translates from English to Polish and vice versa for this and other newspapers.

He corresponds and does a lot of trading with collectors all over the world. Most of his friend collectors from other countries are in Poland, but he also corresponds with collectors in Czechoslovakia, Southern Rhodesia, England, Switzerland, Israel and in France.

Through trading with fellow-philatelists at meetings of stamp collectors and through his correspondence he obtains many of the adhesives for his collection. He also does a great deal of mail auction bidding and has been most successful in buying different lots which he wants.

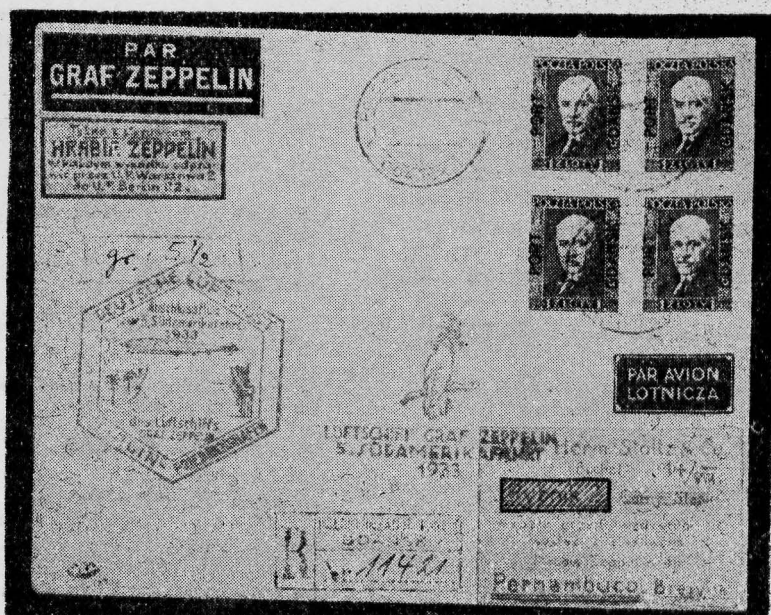
Joe belongs to many philatelic organizations among which are the S. P. A., the Precancel Society, POLONUS, Connecticut Philatelic Society, and the Hardware City Collectors Club. Of

stamp collectors, he says, "they are the most wonderful group of people in the world. They are not bothered by what position or profession you occupy in the world, or what you profess. The ever-ready question is 'what have you in stamps that I can buy or swap.' Stamps and nothing else are the topic of conversation at all philatelic gatherings."

In 1925 Joe made a seven-week trip to Poland, Germany and France. He intends to make another trip to Europe when and if traveling through some of the countries becomes safe. Since he understands Slovak and Russian and speaks Polish and English he should have less difficulty than most travelers. Naturally he plans to buy stamps throughout the trip.

In addition to his collection of Polish stamps, he has nice collections from Canada, Newfoundland, the Vatican, and Southern Rhodesia.

Next to Poland, his most enjoyable collection is U. S. Precancelled stamps. Here his specialties are precancelled stamps used in Connecticut towns, "prexie double lines," and precancels from cities beginning with letters X, Y and Z. Odds and ends he keeps in



An unusual cover with a block of Scott's 1K24 used on a Zeppelin flight. This stamp is hard to find in singles on covers.

what he calls "fuss books."

In addition to his stamp activities, Joe also is a member of two church choirs, one in Hartford and one in New Britain, and since he is a tenor he is always in demand.

Joe was born in New Britain, Conn. and "expects to live there the rest of his life," at 475 Commonwealth Ave. He has five daughters, three of whom are married, and two sons, each of whom served in the armed forces for over four years. One of his daughters, Barbara, is now a nurse in the Navy, stationed at Oakland, California. She is a lieutenant j.g.

Joe has been with the newspaper Hartford Courant in the composing dept. ad alley since Sept. 1922, and has two brothers, Stanley and Anthony, working with him in the Composing Room.

Joe has been collecting stamps since he was ten years old, and says the hobby keeps him in fine shape in every way. Next birthday he'll be 60, and he's feeling mighty young.



Two rarities from Joe's collection—Scott's J10's. One has a red overprint, and the other a black overprint.

APPLICANTS PENDING

Stanley L. Jakubowski
2108 N. St. Louis Ave.
Chicago 47, Illinois

Stefan Czarniecki
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Chicago 23, Illinois

Frank J. Majewicz
2442 W. Iowa St.
Chicago 22, Illinois

Bruce S. Hapanowicz
2333 Sunset Ave.
Utica 41, New York

KINGDOM OF POLAND TOWN CANCELLATIONS

From member V. Rachmanov we received some corrections to the list of Kingdom of Poland Town Cancellations published in POLONUS BULLETIN Issues Nos. 115 and 116:

281 BOLESŁAWIEC instead of BOLESŁAWICE.

BILGORAJ numerical cancellation No. 105 instead of 103.

JANÓW ZAMOJSKI numerical cancellation No. 103 instead of 105.

KRYNICE numerical cancellation No. 99 instead of 101.

No. 104 STAWKI instead of SZCZEBRZESZYN.

TYSZOWCE numerical cancellation No. 101 instead of 99.

OFFICERS FOR 1954

At the Feb. 12th meeting the new officers of the Polonus Society were officially installed. Our first president Lester Jankowski administered the oath to the following:

President—Anton A. Banasiak; Vice Pres.—Zdzislaw Obara; Secretary—Sigmund Bor; Treasurer—Joseph A. Banasiak; Librarian—Mathias Pristika and Director—Chester Makowski.

DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP ROLL For NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

475 W. Galeczynski
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395 Chester Kosiek
407 Henry J. Kosiek
283 Dr. R. J. Krzyzowski
430 Richard S. Mickonski
334 Julius Rikk
409 Miss Pelagia Schultz
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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

For the convenience of our members residing in the Chicagoland area, we list future philatelic events:

No. Shore Philatelic Soc. Mar. 12,13,14
Czechoslovak Phil. Soc. March 20 & 21
at 2340 S. Kedzie Ave.

Beverly Hills Phil. Soc. Mar. 26, 27,28
Field House

A.S.D.A. March 26, 27 28 at LaSalle
Hotel

Gage Pk. Stamp Club April 3 & 4
Field House

Ogden Hill Stamp Club April 10 & 11
Field House

Lithuania Phil. Soc. May 1 & 2 at K.
of L. Youth Center, 2547 W. 47th St.

LIFE MEMBERS

When we printed the Membership List in the December BULLETIN, we neglected to list the Life Members. They are: Lester Jankowski, Chester Mikucki, Ed Skupniewicz, Larry Ziebler and Thaddeus Stasik.

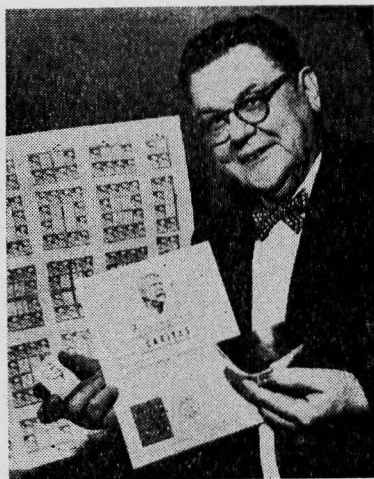
INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC CONTEST

Open to anyone who collects stamps or is interested in any phase of collecting. Entries will be accepted between February 20th and October 1st, 1954.

This contest is open to collectors of stamps, seals, precancels, or members of any other noted branch of Philately, dealers, wholesalers, and distributors. The judges will be a panel of editors, columnists and noted collectors. This contest is fully sponsored by Polonus member Leonard Utecht, 1143 N. Keeler, Chicago.

Prizes will be Philatelic Merchandise, albums, catalogs, stamps, and supplies. All that is asked is that you write (in 100 words or less) an essay on "WHY I COLLECT STAMPS". Phrase your entry in your own words. Entries will be judged on originality, aptness of thought, and clarity of statement. Entries will become the property of the contest sponsors and will not be returned. All must be postmarked before October 1st, 1954; and winners will be announced through the press on December 1st, 1954. There is no limit to the number of entries you may send, BUT—each must be mailed first-class to LEONARD UTETCHT, CONTEST DIVISION, 1143 N. Keeler Ave. U.S.A.

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WINS TOP PRIZE IN DENMARK

Dr. Matthew Uznanski displays the medal, plaquette and silver cup which judges unanimously awarded him for his U. S. Christmas Seals shown at the Caritas Exhibit in Copenhagen.

PLEASE—PAY YOUR DUES!

Your membership in the Polonus Philatelic Society expired Jan. 31, 1954. You can save the Society much expense and trouble by sending in your dues now. Mail check or money order for \$2.50 to the new treasurer: Joseph A. Banasiak, 3016 W. 41st St., Chicago 32, Ill.

BULLETIN RATES

Polonus members who wish to advertise in the BULLETIN may now do so. Following are the rates:

One inch ad—\$1.50

One-quarter page—\$4.00

One-half page—\$7.00

Full page—\$12.00

These rates are for members only.

STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED

At the Polpex 1954 Show a special box will be displayed for contributions for Stamps For The Wounded. Any duplicates, old stamp albums, catalogs, philatelic supplies, covers, etc. will be accepted and greatly appreciated. Bring your material down to the Falcon Hall any night of the Show, or send your material to Stamps for the Wounded, Barney Fialkowski, 2633 N. Emmet St., Chicago 47, Ill.

NEW ISSUES

by J. J. Domar

As mentioned in the January 1954 issue of the BULLETIN, a number of "New Issues" were contemplated. For Dec. 15th release a set of 4 bicolored stamps were to be issued picturing Poland's Beauty. This set was actually released Dec. 16 in 4 values, as follows:

20 gr. Krynice Health Resort

brown and bright blue

80 gr. "Morskie Oko" Lake in the Tatra Mountains, violet and green

1.75 zl. "Dunajec" Canyon in the Pieniny Mountains, dull green and bright brown

2 zl. "Ciechocinek" Health Resort black and orange

Perforation $12\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ —20 gr. & 2 zl.

$12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$ —80 gr. and 1.75 zl.

Paper—white, unwatermarked

Gum—white

Process—Rotogravure

Measurements 31.25 x 25.5 mm.—20 gr.

and 2 zl. 25.5 x 31.25 mm.—80 gr.

and 1.75 zl.

Also on Dec. 31st, two sets were issued:

I. A set of 3 picturing Winter Sports
Values 80 gr. green, and 2.85 zl. red brown

Perforations $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$ —80 gr.

$12\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ —95 gr.

Paper—white, unwatermarked

Gum—white

Process—offset

Size 25.5 x 31.25 mm.—80 gr. & 2.85 zl.

31.25 x 25.5 mms.—2.85 zl.

The second set released Dec. 31st was a set of 3 stamps marking the Development of Child Education.

Values 10 gr. violet, 80 gr. brown red, and 1.50 zl. dark green

Perforation $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{3}{4}$

Paper—white, unwatermarked

Gum—white

Process—Rotogravure

Measurements 31.25 x 25.5 mm.

While mounting the new issues for the past year I was quite surprised to learn what I thought were duplicates of the D13 Postage Dues actually were new issues.

The design and size are the same, the shade a little browner with less of the reddish tint, but these are printed by the Rotogravure process and not Engraved. Also, the engravers and designers names were omitted from the

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stamp, which is obvious. I mention this so that they can quickly be identified.

The values I have are 5 gr., 10 gr., 20 gr., 25 gr., 30 gr., 50 gr., 1 zl. and 2 zl.

If any of our members have information of the official first day of issue this information is urgently requested.

—Varimex

NOTES

Anyone interested in Plate numbers and position blocks of the U.S. Pulaski Commemorative can write to Peter Gouled, 115 Elm St., Montclair, New Jersey—who informed us he has some to dispose of.

This is a suggestion: Those of you who are participating in the Circuit under the direction of Roman Barkiewicz and Twin Eagle Stamp Co., that to make the Circuit successful additional material is always needed.—So if you have any good duplicates, here is a way to dispose of them. And by the way, if you have any books don't hold them any longer than necessary. Remember, the next fellow is waiting for them. (Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.)

Don't miss the outstanding philatelic showing of Polish stamps in the U.S. March 5, 6, 7 at Falcons Hall, Chicago.

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