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Will this Polpex decide the Larking Award? Two members have won the trophy twice, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz of Chicago and John Crimlisk of Britain. Should either one of these men take the grand award this year—the Larking Trophy will be retired.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to justified exhibits. The medals will be presented in a framed plaque—something new this year!

For the first time POLONUS will present something many collectors have always wanted to see—a complete showing of the stamps of Poland according to Scott's Catalog.

Something that has been neglected the past few years—the appearance of articles on Poland stamps in national philatelic publications—will be resumed this year.

Have you sent in your Polpex entry blank yet? The show is limited to 100 frames and it's first come, first served. With this issue of the BULLETIN we are again enclosing a copy of the entry blank for exhibiting at Polpex. **Don't wait until the last moment. Send your entry now!**

We appeal to all members to contribute \$1.00 as a Patron or 50c as a Goodfellow to our Polpex 1956 Fund. One of the biggest expenses of a Polpex is the printing of the catalog. Contributors' names will be printed in our colorful catalog to be distributed

at the show. Please mail your contribution to Chester Mikucki, 1844 N. Winchester, Chicago 22, Ill.

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Inquiries for other information pertaining to Polpex 1956 should be sent to the Polpex Director Roman Burkiewicz, 3553 W. Shakespeare Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

IMPORTANT MEETING JAN. 27th

All Chicagoland members are asked to attend the Friday January 27th Polonus Meeting. The very important task of Nominating Officers will be held and a large attendance of members is important so that the best possible men are selected.

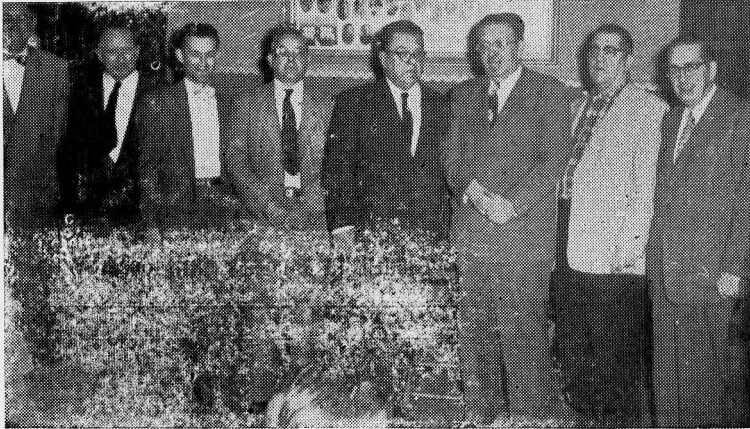
TID BITS

Austin Philatelic Society's newly elected president is Barney Fialkowski.

A. Konarzewski stopped off at our fair city enroute to New Britain, Conn. He visited with Chester Makowski and spoke with several members on the phone. He was discharged from the Army last July and during the interim worked as a cook in Reno, Nevada. "Reno is not the best place to stay for any length of time" he avows.

1956 Dues are now payable. Please mail your \$2.50 to the Treasurer now!

PAST PRESIDENTS' NITE



Past Presidents: (left to right) Anthony Banasiak, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz, Chester Mikucki, Adam Klosowski, Dr. M. E. Uznanski, Myron Steczynski, Jack Domar and Lester Jankowski. (Photo A. Szebel)

POLONUS held its Second Annual "Parade of Past Presidents" together with a Christmas Beeba at the Friday December 23rd meeting. A true Christmas spirit was present as you could see by the many smiles, warm handshakes and the jolly atmosphere.

The Parade of the Past Presidents got under way when Program Chairman called each of them present to step up to the front and take their place in line. Each were then asked to say a few words. Our first President Lester Jankowski had this to say: "Polonus played a pleasant and profitable interlude with me, philatelically and friendship wise."

Jack Domar: "The average man would not have the opportunity to meet so many prominent men as I was able to at Polonus."

Myron Steczynski: "The Society was instrumental in bringing the first day sale of the Polish flag stamp to Chicago. We represent Poland in Scott's Catalog. Polonus looms stronger each year and has maintained the slogan we printed on our first day flag stamp covers 'Friendship Thru the Years'."

Dr. M. E. Uznanski: "I enjoyed the social life in the Club and recommend stamp collecting for people with insomnia."

Adam Klosowski: "I urge the new members to stick by Polonus . . . keep

up the standards set up by our predecessors."

Chester Mikucki: "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz: "Polonus has been recognized by Poland. Philatelists all over the world look forward to reading our Bulletin. Keep up the Polonus Bulletin—it belongs in Philately."

Anthony Banasiak: "We fight tooth and nail, disagree, but int the end we agree and friendship prevails."

These were just excerpts from what the men had to say.

A traditional Beeba followed and the evening was highlighted with music by the Polonus Polka Band.

The Program Chairman John Skotnicki expresses his thanks to the following: Anthony Banasiak for the lunch meat and cheeses, Sidney Shaysman for door prizes, lunch meat and tomatoes, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz for the pop, Roman Reinowski for the beer, Bill Juszcak and Ed Kowalski for the music, Chesters Makowski and Schafer for helping with the post card mailing.

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A New Catalog on Stamps of Poland

by Dr. Rayall de Ragan

Translated by Walter Szymlek

Recently, a third price list of postage stamps of Poland issued from 1944 to date, was published by the "Państwowe Przedsiębiorstwo Filatelistyczne" (State Philatelic Enterprises), Warsaw, which has had an exclusive commercial monopoly as the only stamp dealer in Poland for the last four years.

It is worth while to take a closer look at the prices of stamps in Poland, according to the new catalog.

According to the Socialistic fundamental principles of trade (in theory) this commercial venture is not set up for profit, but to satisfy the needs of the people. The following chart will illustrate how this theory is answered in practice:

The total of 561 stamps for eleven years is about twice the number of stamps issued between 1916-1939. Out of this 91 stamps were never sold at the Post Office; were obtainable on subscription only in quantities limited to four stamps per subscription and for foreign export. In order to obtain the 1955 issues, 48.00 zł. face value, the collector pays 97.95 zł. for mint, and 63.20 for used.

The sale and shipment of stamps abroad is prohibited by law and the violation of this is punishable up to three years of imprisonment. The exclusive exporter-dealer of stamps is the Government firm "Prasa i Książka" in Warsaw. The prices are the same, only quoted in dollars: 4.00 zł. equal to \$1.00.

ISSUES OF POLAND POSTAGE STAMPS, 1944-1955

YEAR	Regular Postage	Semi-Postal	Postage Dues	Official	Air Mail	Souvenir Sheets	Total no. of stamps	Face Value	Price in zlotys Mint	Price in zlotys Used
1944	8						8	8.75	83.90	82.20
1945	34	7	2	1			44	176.50	91.90	36.50
1946	13	12	7	2	6	1	41	523.50	337.75	305.90
1947	37	5		3	3		49	1038.00	89.20	59.75
1948	34	5		3	12	1	55	2273.00	378.75	264.25
1949	25		7				32	745.00	62.75	32.90
1950	24		7		1		32	980.00		
In new currency revaluated	100 zł.						100 zł.	3.90	59.10	22.60
1951	27		11			1	39	36.30	54.35	17.80
1952	33	35	1		8		77(19)	80.85	152.35	78.00
1953	41	2					43(19)	44.35	72.50	23.26
1954	47		2	2	6	2	57(21)	72.65	107.45	58.15
1955	69		11			4	84(31)	48.00	97.95	63.20

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IN OUR MAILBOX

"Dear Sirs,

"In your October BULLETIN you reprinted an article by J.G. Freiburghaus titled 'A Chat About Polish Stamps.' I read this article with interest but was deeply shocked to find a mention of a stamp which was detailed at 'Litzmannstadt.'

"Has it not occurred to you that this name was given to the City of Łódź by Adolf Hitler during the Nazi invasion, and that neither before or after such name was used, except by the Nazis?"

—Jan Langrod, N.Y., N.Y.

"Dear Editor,

"Members of POLONUS may obtain an interesting article on 'The X-ray Investigation of Postage Stamps' by requesting Vol. 31, No. 2, 1955 of Medical Radiography and Photography booklet published by Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N. Y. Three methods are detailed for ex-ray examination of postage stamps as to design, cancellation, paper and watermark. The methods will further detect tears, thin spots, damaged areas, counterfeits and altered stamps which often cannot be detected by the naked eye, high magnification, or studies with ultraviolet light.

"Other worthwhile publications on the subject are:

Pollack, H.C. and Bridgman, C.F.:

X-Ray Philately, Part I, S.P.A. Journal. Published by Soc. of Phil. Americans, J. E. Zinsmeister, Editor, 340 N. Pine Ave., Chicago 44, Ill. 14:601-604. Aug. 1952.

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