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TID BITS

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Rev. Paul Piechocki of Middleton, Conn., who passed away. The late member Rev. Piechocki introduced the Beeba — Polonus style — to Eastern societies.

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Good luck to Chicago member Joe Olszewski who moved into his new building at 1306 W. 51st Street where he opened a barber shop.

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At the August 27th program meeting Doc Kozy gave an informative historical and philatelic talk on the Polish astronomer Nicholas Kopernik and a forgotten Polish patriot Adalbert Trapczynski.

A Beeba followed which was attended by guests from the downtown C.P.S.-S.P.A. Show. Among the guests were George Ritter of Tampa, Fla., Dr. James Mateyka, J. C. Pennington of St. Louis, Mo., Elsworth Post, and many, many others.

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An Editorial Staff for the BULLETIN was named at a recent board meeting. It consists of Zdzislaw Obara as chairman, V. Rachmanov, Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz, M. Steczynski, Steve Rich, C. Makowski, John Bobo and A. Banasiak.

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The Society of Philatelic Americans awarded POLONUS a plaque naming us as Chapter No. 110 in the S.P.A.

Barney Fialkowski received a bronze medal for getting 14 new members for the S.P.A. Ben Reeves received a Newberry award for service to philately. He was also re-elected President of

the S.P.A. Steve Rich received an honorary life membership. And Vincent Domanski Jr. was made a director.

Taking part in the C.P.S.—S.P.A. Exhibit and winning silver medals were Steve Rich, Theo. Light and Myron Steczynski. Dr. Russell R. Voorhees walked off with a gold medal. Doc Kozy's stamps were in the court of honor. At a bourse table, dealer Roman Reinowski seemed very busy and had no complaints about business.

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For the second meeting in October a Donation Raffle will be held. Only members present will be able to participate. A Poland No. 1 donated by Doc Kozy will be raffled off.

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Our BULLETINS will now be found on the shelves of the library of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

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Frank Kovarik, the Czechoslovak Bulletin Editor, returned home from a hospital after an auto accident.

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Did you know that Dr. M.E. Uznanski collects Submarine Mail? Program Chairman Zdzislaw Obara, upon discovering this, promptly talked him into preparing a lecture and scheduled him for the Nov. 26th program meeting.

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Spirited bidding took place at our August 23rd auction conducted by Roman Reinowski. This was followed by a swap nite and Beeba.

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Dr. Russell R. Voorhees of 1844 E. 86th St., Cleveland, Ohio, is looking for commercial air covers. Will trade or buy.

VLADIMIR RACHMANOV

(Reprinted from "The Collectors Club Philatelist" Vol. XXIX, No. 1)

Vladimir Rachmanov was born in Warsaw on April 27, 1886. Since 1905 he has collected the stamps of Hanover, Russia, British Colonies, and also rural issues. In 1907 he joined the Philatelists Club in Petersburg, becoming a specialist in the stamps of eastern Europe. After his return to Warsaw, Rachmanov began collecting Switzerland, and within six years his collection was awarded first prize in 1922 at the International Exhibition in Geneva.

In 1918 he began forming a highly specialized collection of reborn Poland, which he used as a basis for the first handbook of Polish stamps, published in 1925.

At the exhibition in Warsaw in 1928, his Polish collection received a gold medal and the honorary award of the Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs. For his collection of stamps and covers of 1858-1860, he received gold medals in Antwerp, Brussels and Warsaw.

Between 1923 and 1925 he contributed his time and effort to the founding and development of the Polish Pos-

tal Museum in Warsaw, was for several years president of the Polish Philatelic Society in Warsaw, also the first president of the Federation of Philatelic Societies in Poland.

In the years 1928-38 Rachmanov was a member of the jury at philatelic exhibitions in Gdansk (three times), Berlin, Hamburg, Koenigsburg, Paris, Vienna, Prague, Copenhagen and Torun. For his philatelic works he was awarded a gold medal at TIPEX in 1936, and a special plaque NORDOST in Koenigsberg, also a plaque SAVO in Vienna for his pre-stamp postmarks.

Rachmanov is an honorary member of the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie, the Philatelic Alliance in Torun, the International Alliance of Philatelists in Dresden, founder and member of SAVO in Vienna, and member of the Philatelic Academy in Paris, the Collectors Club of New York and the Polonus Philatelic Society of Chicago. He and his family are now making their home in New York.

FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC

On Sunday September 12th the first Polonus Picnic was held and will be long remembered by those who were there. 47 people motored to Aquilla Resort in Powers Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz proved a perfect host. Besides offering members the use of his lodge, he put out a free breakfast for the early arrivals.

A busy day followed. A volley ball match was held in which the ladies beat the men three games in a row. Emerging as champs of the raw egg throwing contest were John Skotnicki and daughter Patricia. Free prizes were given to many at the various raffles that were held. Thanks to Ben Reeves for the many prizes he donated.

And thanks again to Doc Kozy for being a wonderful host.

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Any members with multiple pieces of the 10 hal. Newspaper stamp (Scott P-4) are asked to send them to Jack Domar of the Experts Committee. Mr. Domar will pay the postage both ways. He is plating the 10 hal. stamp and compiling data compiling data which will be used in expertising them.

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The Stamps of the Second Poznan Issue

by V. Rachmanov

The following is reprinted from THE COLLECTORS CLUB PHILATELIST, the publication of THE COLLECTORS CLUB, 22 East 35th Street, New York 16, N.Y., which publishes six times a year philatelic research articles from outstanding students. Membership in THE COLECTORS CLUB is open to qualified philatelists all over the world.

All sheets of the provisionals of this value show in both left corners small markings which coincide with the corner perforation and were used to insure correct position of the sheets during the surcharging process. They can be found in the perforation of position 1 and 91. Due to those markings the surcharges are always in the center of the stamps and no shifted surcharges of stamps are known.

Inverted surcharges of this value are unknown and exist only as forgeries.

CANCELLATIONS

The great majority of genuine stamps of this second provisional Poznan issue are used, as the purchasers used them mostly on philatelic inspired covers or had them cancelled to order. Unused copies are considerably rarer and deserve a much higher price than used ones, although most catalogs give valuations contrariwise. For a printing of only 10,000 to 12,000 copies, they are priced much too low in most catalogs, especially in the Scott Catalog.

The great majority of these stamps were cancelled with new Polish town and date cancellers, which can be recognized by a "o" after the indication of the hour in the date. I know of the following cancellations:

GNIEZNO *1*, *1b, *1c, *1e, *1f, *2*
JARACZEWO
ODOLANÓW
OPALENICA
OSTRZESZÓW
POZNAŃ *1a, *1k, *3b, *3f, *5a, *9c
SKALMIERZYCE ***, *a*
STRZELNO
TRZEMESZNO
WITKOWO
WOLSZTYN
WRZEŚNIA **a, **b

Of old German postmarks (single circles) I have seen only the following:
BUKOWICE (Kr. NEUTOMISCHEL)

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Oct. 8, 1919)

KUSCHLIN (Nov. 4, 1919)

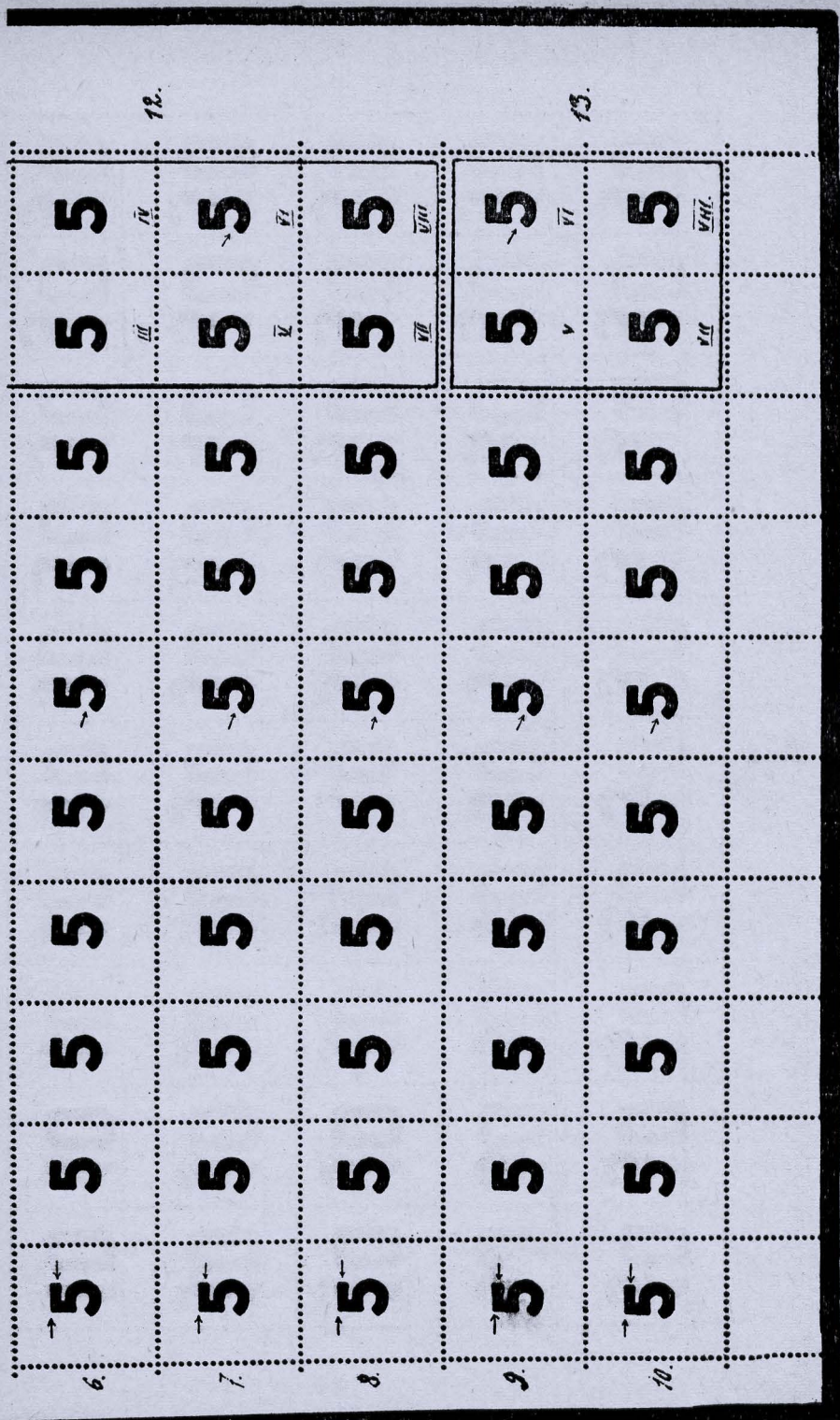
On registered letters, only German registration labels, with German town names can be found, as Adelnau for Odolanów, Gnesen for Gniezno, Posen for Poznań, Wreschen for Września, etc.

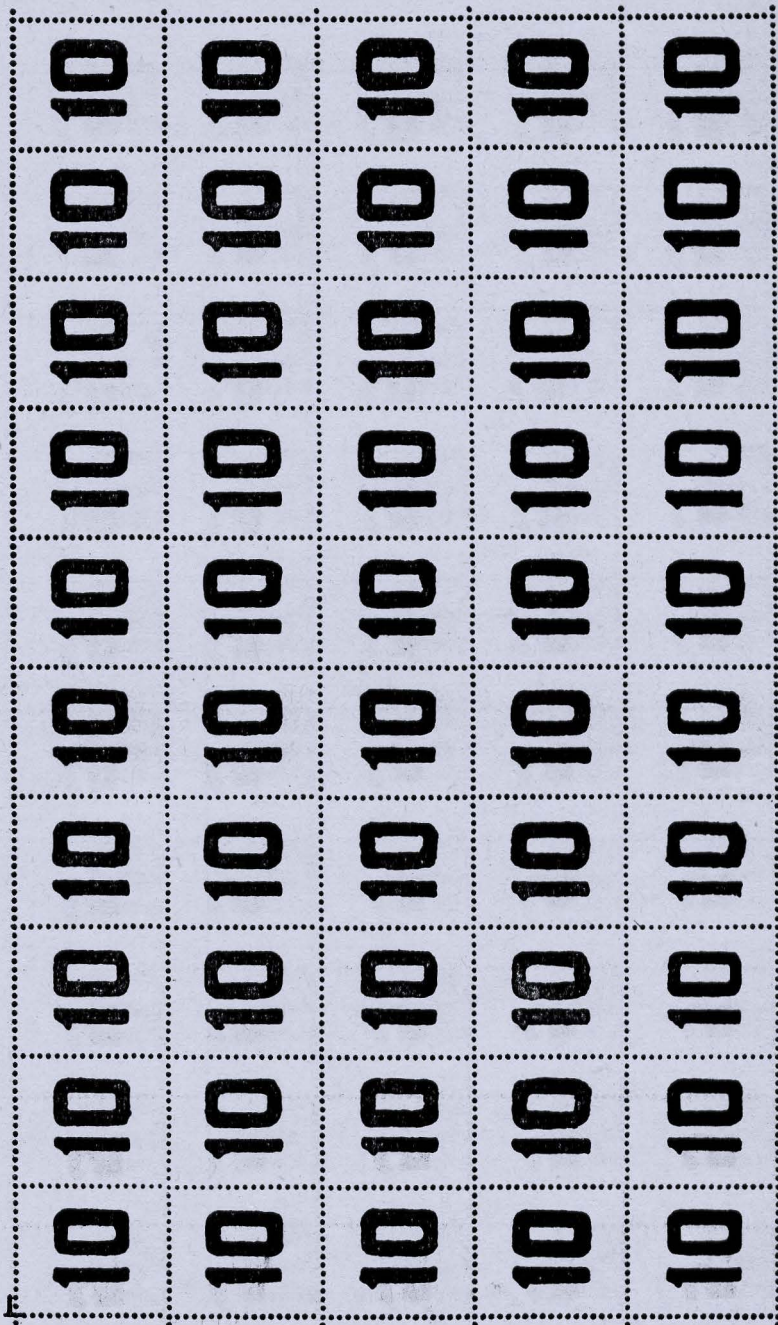
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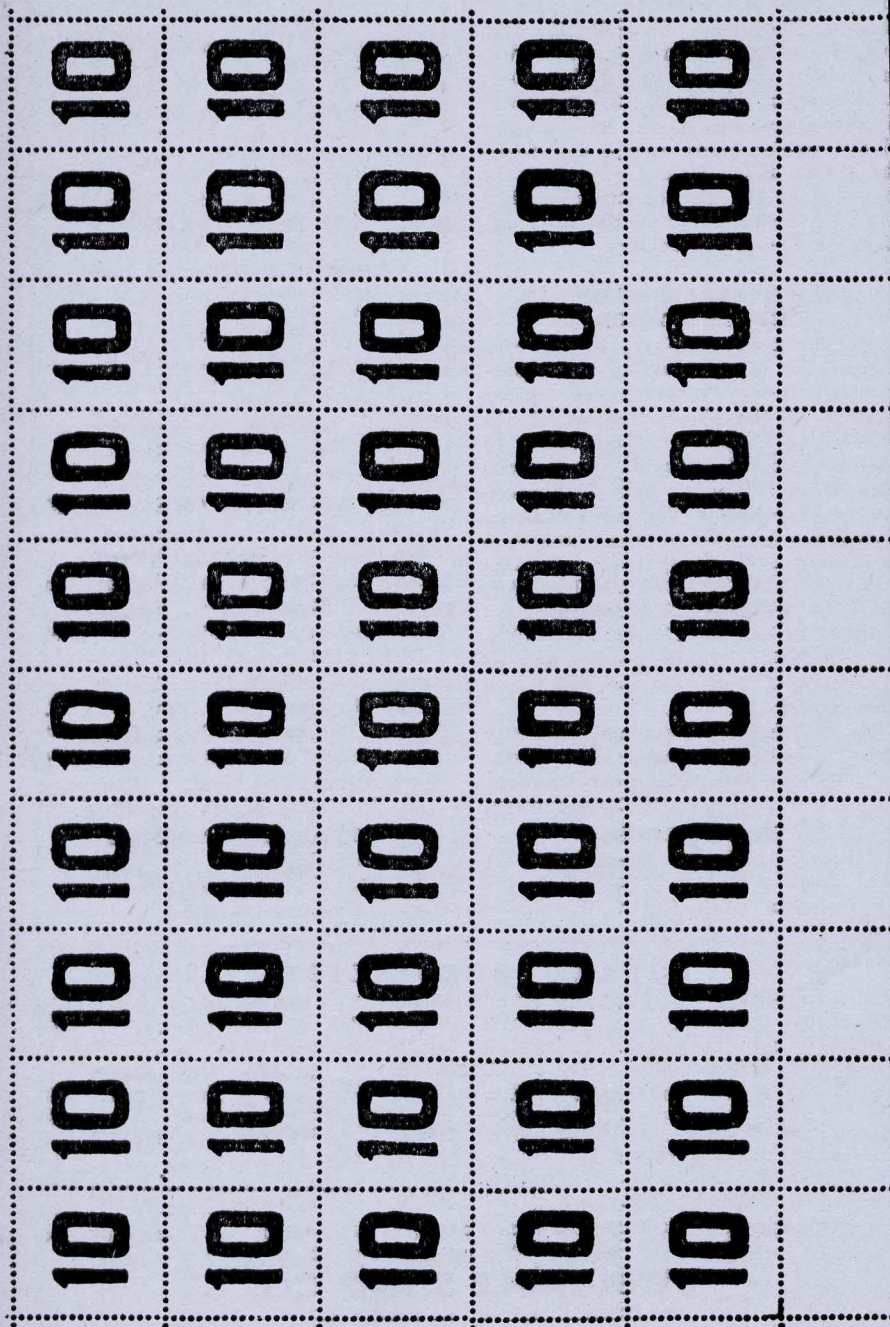
Only of few provisionals can such a large number of faked surcharges be found as of the second Poznan provisionals. Over a dozen of more or less dangerous forgeries are known of each value. It is impossible to give the characteristics of these forgeries as this would fill many pages. It would not be of much use anyway as some of the dangerous forgeries can only be recognized by the specialist, who has the necessary experience and has large reference material available. This task is a very difficult one as some forgeries can be found with the signature of well known experts or reputable stamp dealers who have sold them in good faith as originals. The faked surcharges can be found lithographed as well as typographed, unused as well as used (with genuine predated or faked cancellations) and even on bogus covers.

I am sure that at least 75% of these provisionals in collections in this country are forgeries. To enable collectors to exclude them from their collections, I advise that the opinion of a recognized Expert Committee be sought. Furthermore, prospective purchasers of these stamps would be well advised to follow a similar procedure.

Before closing this article, I want to draw the attention of the Scott Catalog to the fact, that these two provisionals as well as the provisionals of the first Poznan issue are listed in the Scott Catalog under Germany, Polish Occupation (Scott No. N101-107).







But these provisionals belong under Poland, as they were issued in the second half of 1919, when the province of Poznan was definitely a part of Poland. They were issued by the Poznan Postal Administration which was a civilian authority and had nothing to do with military occupation. The Poznan provisionals are without any doubt regular Polish stamps and should be listed under Poland. It is to be hoped that the present erroneous listing will be corrected in the next edition of the Scott Catalog.

POLISH CELEBRATION AT MONTE CASSINO

On the 19th of May, 1954, a celebration at Monte Cassino took place commemorating the tenth year of the victory at the bloody battles of the Polish 2nd Corps at the monastery of Monte Cassino. On that day the official post office in Cassino had a commemorative cancellation for all correspondence. The cancellation was in the form of a horizontal oblong imprinted: DECIMO ANNIVERSARIO DELLA BATTAGLIA DI (MONTE CASSINO) 2-0 CORPO POLOCCO 19 MAGGIO 1954. In translation: Tenth Anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino, 2nd Polish Corps, May 19, 1954.

For Polish philatelists, and especially those collecting commemorative postal cancellations this is a great souvenir.

— V. Hermanowski

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Roosevelt Phil. Soc.—Englewood Masonic Temple, 6735 Yale, Oct. 16 & 17.
Hawthorne Stamp Club, Albright Gym, Cermak at 50th Ave., Nov. 4 & 5.
First Czechoslovak Phil. Soc., Olympic Bldg., 6136 Cermak Rd., Nov. 6 & 7.
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