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The Copley Family
Painting by John Singleton Copley

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Sales Talk

Notes from the A. P. S. Sales Division
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Reference Collection: In the July issue of *The American Philatelist*, members were invited to send counterfeit and bogus stamps, overprints, and cancellations, as well as any other phony philatelic material to the Sales Division for inclusion in the *A. P. S. Reference Collection*. The response has been most gratifying. Within two weeks of publication of the request five members donated extremely useful material. We hope that more members will send their dubious items for inclusion in a reference collection which will benefit everyone in the society.

We express our sincere thanks for the useful counterfeits and reference material donated by:

H. R. Gutschick, Alexandria, Va.
T. V. Marquis, Los Angeles, Calif.
Carl Woodt, Parma Heights, Ohio
R. H. Moore, Berkeley, Calif.
Thomas E. Munsley, Lebanon, Wash.

Sales, FY 1964-65: During the period July 1, 1964-June 30, 1965, the Sales Division received sales books and settled accounts with members amounting to \$342,014.74. During the coming year the amount of money settlements will increase greatly. Are you taking advantage of this ideal method of disposing of your duplicates or unwanted material? Many of us have long neglected accumulations which would benefit us and other members if mounted in A. P. S. sales books and circulated among collectors desiring that type material. Experience the enjoyment of receiving a postmarked check from the Sales Division.

Plaudits: The Sales Division occasionally receives a letter in which the writer expresses his dissatisfaction with some facet of the increasingly detailed operation. Frequently these complaints are completely justified. By far the largest percentage (approximately 90%) of letters containing comments concerning the operation of the division are complimentary. Excerpts of two letters from one day's mail follow:

"... Thank you! Having these stamps come just before the long weekend was perfect! ... This is a fine service."

"Many thanks for several evenings interestingly spent." -J.M.S.

Iowa Federation Show Dates Set

At the Waterloo meeting of the Federation of Iowa Stamp Clubs selected Cedar Rapids as the site for the 1966 show and meeting. The dates are April 23-24, 1966, at Cedar Rapids' Muessem Hotel.

Federation officers for the new fiscal year are Elaine Wilson, president; Muriel Frank, vice, and Dr. A. E. Cook, secretary-treasurer.

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Share Your Discoveries

Portugal Scout Double Impression



A. P. S. member Wilbur Kattner of Fort Worth, Texas, a Portuguese and Colonies specialist, reports the discovery of a double impression on the low value of the Scout Stamp set of Portugal (Scott #885). The discovery was made while he was sorting a mixture of used Portuguese stamps.

Kattner pens: "The variety consists of a double impression of the legend appearing on three sides of the stamp's border. The second impression, which is equal in strength to that of the prime impression, is offset to the right about 0.3mm.

"At first glance the commemorative legend seems to be blurred, but careful examination under a glass reveals, as is shown in the illustration, the true nature of the double impression. Twelve million copies of the 20c. value of the set were printed by offset in sheets of 50 in the Casa da Moeda, the Portuguese mint.

"Only two stamps are known. However, if a full sheet of the error was produced, a collector would have one chance of finding an example in looking through 240,000 copies. Since both copies are used, it is surmised that the entire sheet must have been used commercially. It thus seems likely that most of the copies, if not all the remaining 48, have been lost to philately. Preliminary inquiries among dealers and specialists in this country and in Portugal have disclosed no other copies of the error in the 20c value, or in any other value of the set of six.

"There is no clue as to the city in which the errors were mailed. The illustrated stamp is the only one bearing any portion of the data on the canceler, the letters, "GTF." The other error owned by this writer has only a small portion of the outer circle of the cancellation, and no letters or numbers from the cancellation appear on the stamp.

"Fellow members who may be able to deduce the town indicated by the illustrated portion of the cancellation, or have the good fortune to discover one of the errors, are invited to correspond with the writer at 3128 Tanglewood Trail, Fort Worth, Texas.

Churchill Omnibus Issue Delayed

The Crown Agents report that the Sir Winston Churchill omnibus issue for British territories originally announced to be released Sept. 15, has been postponed until Jan. 24, 1966—the first anniversary of the death of Britain's wartime prime minister.