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EDITORIAL

We go forward to the new year of 1942 with our hearts heavy with the world at war. Now that the United States is at an officially declared state of war with Germany, Italy and Japan, we must put aside most of our pleasures and give our spare time to the strengthening of our own defense.

I know that the little spare time I will have will be used in looking through my collection of Czechoslovakia and remembering the gay and free country that it was for such a short time. I hope and pray to see it again as it was and should always be.

Remember to buy Defense stamps. Every stamp we buy will help to dull each blow of the Axis.

Mr. Kreischer has set me a very hard example in the swell job he has done for our paper as Editor. I might as well admit now that I will have to have the cooperation of all the members to make each issue of the "Specialist" interesting. Every member is urged to send me any notes, articles, etc. on Czechoslovak stamps that he thinks will be of interest to others.

Sincerely,
Lolly M. Horechny, Editor.

Our Mr. Emil Michaelson, who was in the Medical Corps of the 66th Division of our Army at Fort Bragg had been released from duty on November 12th! What now Emil?

LIBRARY

Our librarian informs me new articles keep coming in slowly. Come on Members, let us know what you have and would like to have.

The latest is an article from "Mekeels Weekly Stamp News," No. 23-A. Czechoslovak Stamp Designs. A fee of 10 cents is charged for each loan and postage is paid by the borrower.

Even though it is still some time before our annual convention, I would like to ask now for donations which may be sold at the auction. We did so well at the last auction, I trust we may be able to do as good or better. Remember, that our effort in keeping the dues low puts a strain on our Treasury. Every little bit helps, so members please send your donations to me or Mr. Lowey.

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members:

- No.
92—Dr. Morris Roth, 31-14—35th St., Astoria, N. Y.
93—Joseph J. Palme, 248 Nuber Ave., Mt. Vernon, N. Y.
94—Marion E. Todd, 3210 Guildford Ave., Baltimore, Md.
95—Robert E. Langer, 444 E. 11th St., Schuyler, Nebraska.
96—Egon Berka, 941 E. 54th Place, Chicago, Illinois.
97—John G. Schurer, 6141 Argyle St., Philadelphia, Pa.
98—Dr. L. Stolfa, Medical Superintendent, Yuba County Hospital, Marysville, Calif.
99—Charles A. Smith, 32 Cherry St., East Hampton, Mass.

1942 MEMBERSHIP DUES

In the December issue members were reminded that dues for 1942 are about to be paid. It should be repeated that dues must be paid by February 25th though we would appreciate your cooperation if you would remit now. In addition, we bring your attention to an amendment to our constitution, which was accepted at the May Convention in New York, and which reads: "Annual membership dues shall be \$1.00; in addition the following groups are being created: Associate Members \$2.00, Patron Members \$5.00".

Of course, all members, regardless to which group they belong, have equal rights. However, those members who are financially able to enter the two last named groups, are hereby asked to do so.

The March issue of the Specialist will contain a revised membership list.

The Secretary has released the annual publicity campaign in the major philatelic press, especially in most of the nation's leading stamp journals. Among others "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" has given our society prominent publicity. "Linn's Weekly Stamp News" has even gone further by bringing a feature article giving all facts about our organization. The issue will also contain a postcard with the latest cancellation of the Czech Army in England applied on October 28th in commemoration of Czechoslovakia's Independence Day. At this time we are not informed about the exact date of the Linn issue. However, each member will receive a copy, or may already have received one.

Mrs. Mildred Glawe, our charming librarian, has given birth to a healthy baby girl. The society is happy to extend sincere wishes and greetings to the parents of the little lady.

Czechoslovakia's Stamp Artists

The new stamp designs for the issue of 1920, obtained by public competition, introduce other native artists. The dove with letter stamps were created by Jaroslav Benda. He is a painter and graphic artist, born April 27, 1882 and is professor at the Industrial Arts School in Prague. His principal works have been drawings and woodcuts for books, ornamental copies of famous historical documents, such as the letter of Jan Hus from prison, the address of the Czechoslovak Nation to A. Denis, the address of the city of Prague to the city of Paris (1921) the credentials to the Czechoslovak Peace Conference Delegation, bank notes etc. etc. His dove design was a most suitable one for typographical printing, being in the woodcut manner but the ornate style of his figures rendered a re-engraving of the 25h stamp necessary to make the figure "2" unmistakable.

Eduard Karel was the engraver of the first portrait stamps of President Masaryk, as painted by Max Svabinsky. Karel was born at Smirice in 1861 and is a teacher in the Industrial Art School in Prague, a position he has held since 1919. As engraver of the first portrait stamps his name has figured with that of Svabinsky in microscopic letters below the design on the 500h and 1000h stamps of 1920, but it is omitted from the 125h slate blue in the similar type issued a few months later.

TO ALL
OF YOU

A Happy New Year

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CZECHO-SLOVAK ARMY FIELD POSTS

(Reprinted from STAMPS Magazine)

By J. W. Lowey

"September 15th, 1940. In honor of Peter Bezruc (Czech patriot-poet). Motif: Lysa Mountain at Ostrava, the poet's native town. In the foreground, "Lizard smoking pipe." On several occasions when writing to friends Bezruc drew a lizard smoking a pipe instead of affixing his signature. Figure 5.

"October 28th, 1940. Commemorating the Independence Day of Czechoslovakia and showing Coat of Arms and posthorns. Color Red. Figure 6.

"March 7th, 1941. In commemorating the birthday of liberator President Masaryk, showing initials T. G. M. and the laurel branch. Figure 7.

"March 15th, 1941. In memory of our homeland, showing pre-Munich map silhouette of Hradcany Castle and laurel branch, the latter one indicating our hope for liberation of our country. Color Black. Figure 8.

"May 4th, 1941. Commemorating the tragic death of Milan R. Stefanik, Czechoslovakia's First Minister of War. (Stefanik, during the World War was a noted flier and co-worker with Masaryk and Benes in the liberation of the country.) Motif: Tatra Mountains with double cross and airplane propeller. Color Red. Figure 9.

"May 28th, 1941. Honoring the Birthday of our Commander Dr. Edward Benes. Motif: Initials of the President and Lion. Color Red. The same postmark was applied on July 2nd, 1941, commemorating the battle at Zborov. Color Red. Figure 10.

"Figure 11: Bordered Rectangle with bi-lingual inscription 'Czechoslovak Field Post May 28th, 1941.' This cancellation was used in conjunction with Figure 10. Color Red.

"In closing I wish to extend greetings to all our fellow countrymen living in the United States. They are invited to write to our soldiers who in turn will be pleased to send them cards on days on which commemorative cancellations are applied. . . ."

AUTHOR'S NOTE: If any reader wishes to subscribe to the Czechoslovak army paper or is interested in acquiring Czechoslovak field post cancellations, I will be glad to mail to him the necessary addresses, upon request, accompanied by a self-ad-



Fig. No. 5



Fig. No. 6



Fig. No. 7

dressed and stamped envelope.
 Address J. W. Lowey, 201 Marcy
 Place, Brooklyn, New York.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

Seen in "Our Chicago Letter" of
 Linn's Weekly.

"Our Chicago Letter" is a column
 in this well known Weekly and is
 conducted by our good friend and
 member Fred Peters who never fails
 to mention that he is a member of
 one of the finest group of philatelists
 in the country. Meaning our own C.
 S. P. S. N. A.

During my 30 odd years of stamp
 collection I have been in contact with
 most every type of collector. Perhaps
 the most enthusiastic of all are the
 members of the "Czecho-Slovak So-
 ciety of North America." (I should
 mention that I am excluding "bill"
 collectors—the ones I know are tops).
 About 8 or 10 of the Chicago contin-
 gent get together once a month and
 are doing a really swell job of re-
 search work on the stamps of Czecho-
 Slovakia. Frank Kovarik and John
 Velek have prepared some very in-
 teresting articles and they have been
 published in the Society's magazine
 "The Czecho Slovak Specialist." The
 Editor of the magazine is Lolly Hore-
 chny. It behooves anyone who collects
 the stamps of this country to join
 this aggressive national society. The
 dues are only \$1.00 yearly and this
 includes the monthly magazine. I will
 be happy to send an application blank
 to anyone interested. At our last
 meeting we enjoyed the company of
 Mr. Ernest Berka who has a magnif-
 icent collection of Czech stamps, in-
 cluding proofs, essays and the like.

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 words; over 25 words, cash, money
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Fig. No. 8



Fig. No. 9



Fig. No. 10



Fig. No. 11