

NETHERLANDS PHILATELISTS of CALIFORNIA (now in its 45th year)

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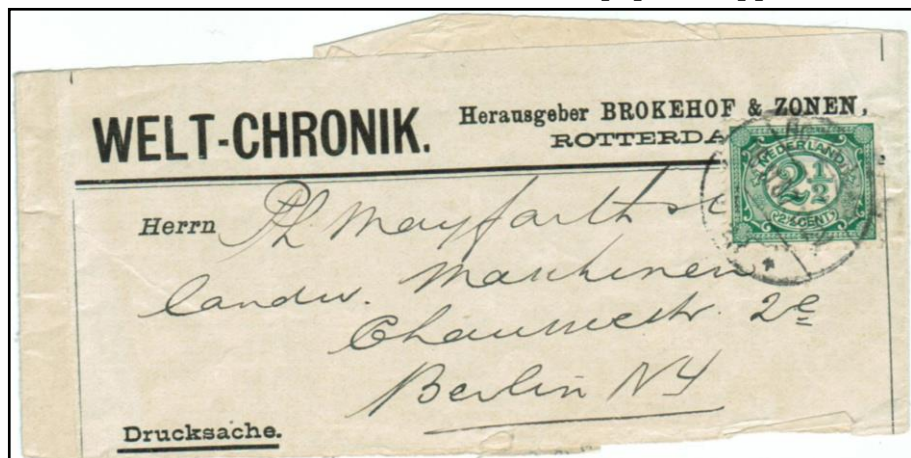
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December meeting. Attending at the home of Jo Ann Miller were: Dennis Buss, Franklin Ennik, HansPaul Hager, Stuart Leven, Arno Kolster, Hans Kremer, and Fred Van der Heyden.

NEW/ OLD BUSINESS

AROUND THE TABLE

Fred Van Der Heyden passed around a vintage stereo-view card made by the Keystone View Co. that illustrates Indonesian natives harvesting coffee beans in Java. The Keystone View Co. was the major distributor of stereographic images from 1892 through 1963. Fred also showed us a selection of vintage Dutch paper money: Nederlandsch-Indie, een gulden, serie 1943; Nederland muntbiljet 2½ gulden, serie 1945; Nederland een gulden, zilverbon, serie 1938; and a Nederland 2½ gulden, zilverbon, serie 1938.A selection of vintage Netherlands post cards ca 1940s-1950s; A selection of vintage trading cards from Dutch cigarette packages illustrating the flags and coats of arms of various countries; and an intact newspaper wrapper sent from the WELT-CHRONIK. Publishing Co., in Rotterdam to Berlin, New York.



The **January 18th meeting** will be held at the home of Dennis Buss starting at 12:30pm. Dennis' telephone number is 707-774-6296.
The **February 15th meeting** location has yet to be determined.

Arno Kolster described his recent auction bidding failures, and, success with an exceptional find of an envelope addressed to a Kolster family member that was franked with a NVPH nr. 1 Willem III 5 cent. Finding philatelic items that may have been handled by or sent to family members in the 19th century is always a plus in one's collection.



Dennis Buss talked about the art work of Dutch graphic artist, Aart van Dobbenburgh 1899-1988, known for his black and white lithographs. Van Dobbenburgh provided the designs for several stamps such as the 1934 Child Welfare issues, the triangle airmail issue of 1933, and the 1938/1953 "crow" airmails. Another famous Dutch graphic artist who provided some stamp designs for the PTT was Maurits C. Escher 1898-1972 with the 1935 National Air Fund issue, the 1998 "Metamorphose" issue, the 1949 Neth. Antilles/Suriname U.P.U issues and some cinderella designs. Escher's art work was influenced by the intricate Islamic designs of the tile work and architecture in Alhambra, Spain.



HansPaul Hager passed around examples of vintage railroad cancels, both round and block types.

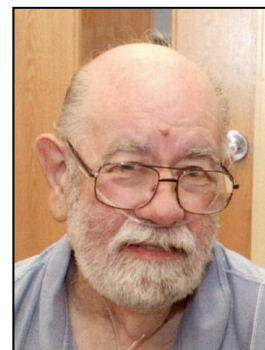
Stuart Leven told us that he bid on several must-have DEI LUX Soap advertising postcards that featured Hollywood starlets of the 1920s and 1930s.. One has surfaced recently that was used during the Japanese occupation.

As a follow up on an illustration shown in the November newsletter, **Hans Kremer** showed us a selection of PLIKART business cards used in the Netherlands; an *Arbeidslijst* card that records the number of hours worked by a company's employees; a selection of post cards cancelled by the Transorma sorting machine; a cover with a recent routing sticker sent from Schiphol airport to San Francisco, CA airport; and a copy of the book, *Zee- en Landtransport in het post verkeer met Vml. Nederlands indie*, by Dr. R.E.J. Weber, which features information about ships that carried the mail to the Dutch East and West Indies and points in between.

 CLOSED ALBUM Richard "Dick" Phelps (1940-2013).

Dick Phelps was born on March 23, 1940 in Plover, Wisconsin to parents Lloyd and Clara Phelps. Dick loved music all his life and began with piano lessons; later played the clarinet and saxophone. During his lifetime Dick was a member of various bands. As a boy he also was a member of the Boy Scouts. He loved astronomy and as a teen in 1959 was a member of a Rocket Club that launched a rocket that reached nearly 5,000 feet.

Dick worked for JC Penney's for over 30 years and retired in the late 1990s. At JC Penney's, he was known as the "Professor" for his brilliance, knowledge and desire to share his expertise. He loved strategy games such as GO, Chess, and Bridge. Dick also enjoyed cooking and many of his recipes have appeared in church cookbooks. After Dick retired he



always said that he couldn't figure out how he had time for work because he had so many other interests.

In the ASNP, we knew Dick not only through his years (1998–2008) of being the very capable ASNP auctioneer, but also for his many contributions, such as writing articles about the cancels of the former Caribbean Dutch territories, especially Aruba and Curaçao. He was particularly adept at identifying secondary cancel types and also found dates older than were published in the philatelic literature.

In the Dallas, TX area Dick was very involved in local philatelic organizations, not only as an organizer but also as a frequent exhibitor. Dick has shared his exhibits by putting them on CDs and passing them on to his fellow collectors. The ASNP members who knew him will fondly remember Dick.

Dick was married in 1965 and had four children with Patricia. They divorced in 1989 and he then married Penni in 1990. Dick passed away on December 11, 2013 in Plano, Texas. Our thoughts are with Penni and the children.

CLOSED ALBUM John Heimans (1918–2013).



John passed away peacefully with his family at his bedside, at the age of 95. John was born in Amsterdam and he emigrated to the U.S. with his parents at the age of 9. He was an Eagle Scout (attending the 1937 World Jamboree in the Netherlands as a U.S. representative), a Grand Rapids, Michigan High School graduate and attended the University of Michigan. He also served two years in the U.S. Navy.

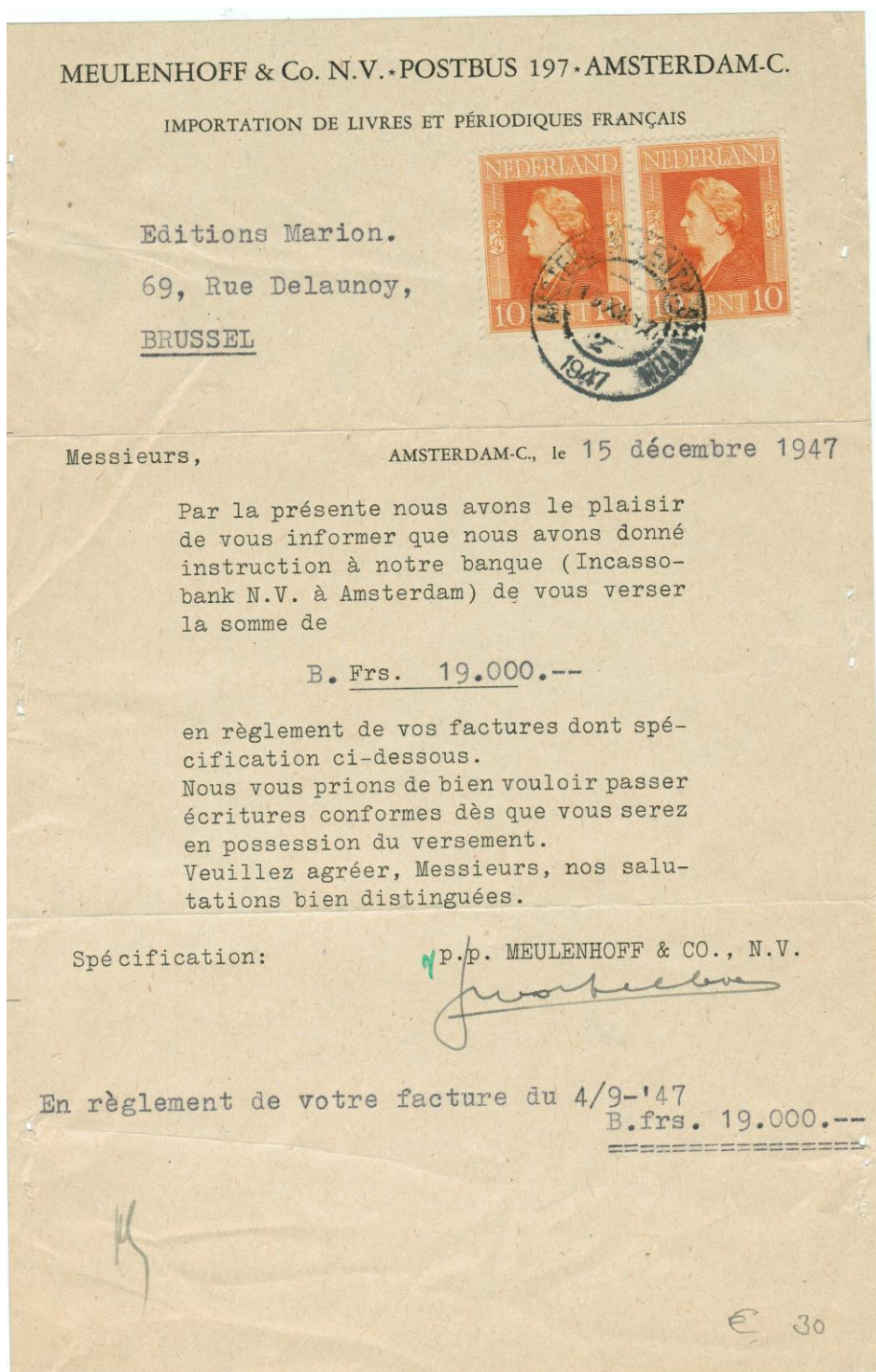
John was employed by San Jose Steel Co. for 47 years. He was V.P. of the company. He formed and ran the fencing division SCS Inc., until retiring at 75. John was a member and president of the International Fence Association, a Mason with San Leandro Lodge # 113, and a member of the Sportsmen Club. He was an avid outdoor sportsman and enjoyed meeting and talking to people around the world.

John was a member and co-founder of the Netherlands Philatelists of California (NPofC) and an early member of the ASNP (member # 65). He served the NPofC as its president for many years, was active in and organized local stamp shows, where he also exhibited successfully. John contributed to the NPofC's anniversary publications with articles about plate faults and other philatelic subjects.

John also served the ASNP with distinction, being a governor from 1996 through mid 2004. When the ASNP encountered internal discontent, John, at his own expense, flew to the Netherlands to smooth things out.

John is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Eva, his brother Richard Heimans, five children, eight grandchildren, and two great grand children.

The members of the NPofC and ASNP will miss John and our thoughts are with Eva and the children.



Notification sent to Brussels as a folded letter.

This business notification was sent to Brussels from Amsterdam Central Station December 10, 1947. Perhaps there was a shortage of envelopes after the war. The receipt is printed on a rather thin sheet of paper but succeeded in arriving at its destination without damage and held together with only staples. The letter rate to Belgium in 1947 was 20 cent.

This notification informs the recipient that a payment of 19,000 Belgian Franks has been paid to him and asks him to inform the Incassobank of Amsterdam if payment has been received.

Please note that the Holiday Dinner and Soirée has been **rescheduled** to January 4th at Uncle Yu's Restaurant, 2005 Crow Canyon Place # 160, San Ramon, CA 94583 starting at 5pm. Their telephone is 925-275-1818.