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Our January 20, 2018 meeting was held at the home of Hans Kremer; attendees included Dennis Buss, Franklin Ennik, Arno Kolster, Hans Kremer, and Fred Van der Heyden.

AROUND THE TABLE

Hans Kremer passed around several covers sent (to the US) franked with reduced rate 2017 *decemberzegels* (73 cent instead of the regular 78 cent. The reduced rate decemberzegels are valid and available for use on Christmas holiday mail from December 10th to January 10th (see also presentation by FE). Hans also showed us a cover with red-franking by the Universal Postal Franking Machine of 1925; a discussion about the difference between Landmail and Zeepost: Landmail includes delivery segments by both sea and overland, whereas Zeepost means delivery only by ship, and a clipping from *Linn's Stamp Magazine*, January 1, 2018 featuring the stamps of Surinam and the Dutch West Indies.

Fred Van der Heyden passed around a large selection of vintage post cards and covers, including a card sent from the coaling Port of Sabang, Sumatra to Irnsum, Friesland dated 27 February 1904; a 7½ cent DEI postal card overprinted 5 cent sent from Malang addressed to the Weltevreden School of the Orgaan van het Ned. Indies Onderwijzers Genootschap (=Ned. Indies Teachers Assn.) dated 15 oktober 1930; a card franked with the 5 stamp-set of 1941 Voor Het Kind charity stamps; a selection of salesman's advertising postcards; a card with a 1927 advertising cancel sent from Beek to Alphen a/d Maas, and this charming, hand-tinted photograph of two Marken children. The young man is holding what appears to be a young chick or duckling but the young girl doesn't seem too impressed.



The **March 17, 2018 meeting** will be held at the home of Franklin Ennik starting at 1200 noon. Franklin's telephone number is 925-952-9424.
The **April 27, 2018 meeting** will be held at the WESTPEX Stamp Show on Friday starting at 11:00am. NPofC has reserved a meeting room. See the WESTPEX program guide for the correct room number.



The card is cancelled with a **Scheveningen 2** cancel dated 27 August, 1923 and franked with the correct postal rate of 12½ cent to the US.

According to the website, <poststempels.nedacademievoorfilatelie.nl>, this hand cancel was manufactured by **Posthumus** in February 1907 and was used first in the main Scheveningen post office from 12 February 1907 until 15

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er 1930 ---- which corresponds to its use on this post card. Its second period of use was in the branch post office from 16 November 1930 until 21 October 1949.

Dennis Buss brought to our attention the notice in the current issue of the ASNPN journal *Netherlands Philately* volume 42, no. 3, page 58 about the recent death of Dutch stamp designer Robert D.E. (Ootje) Oxenaar.

He is well known for designing the guilder denominations of Dutch banknotes. He began designing Dutch stamps in 1963 and by his death had completed a total of 33 stamps, most notably the 1963 Independence issues, the Children's issues of 1964 and 1968, and the Welfare issues of 1970.

Franklin Ennik passed around the notice from the *KNBF Nieuwsbrief* nr. 093 (9):15 Januari 2018 that the KNBF Bond Library has moved from Baarn to a new location in Houten (Utr.) effective 1 February 2018. Their new telephone number is 030-3075469. Their email knbf@knbf.nl and website www.knbf.nl remain the same as previously.

My nephew, Jan Ennik, in Appelscha, sent me a recent news clip stating that the Netherlands



PostNL has begun a system-wide program of reducing the number of street POSTAL drop BOXES, =brievenbussen, because the Dutch public communicates mainly now electronically via social media and email. The USPS has made the same reduction of street drop boxes in the US.

Also passed around, from my nephew, are examples of private delivery of holiday mail by



SANDD. Notice the reduced cost of the private delivery = 50 cent delivered to their mail box, (regularly 78 cent with PostNL but only 73 cent with these special non-denominated december stamps).

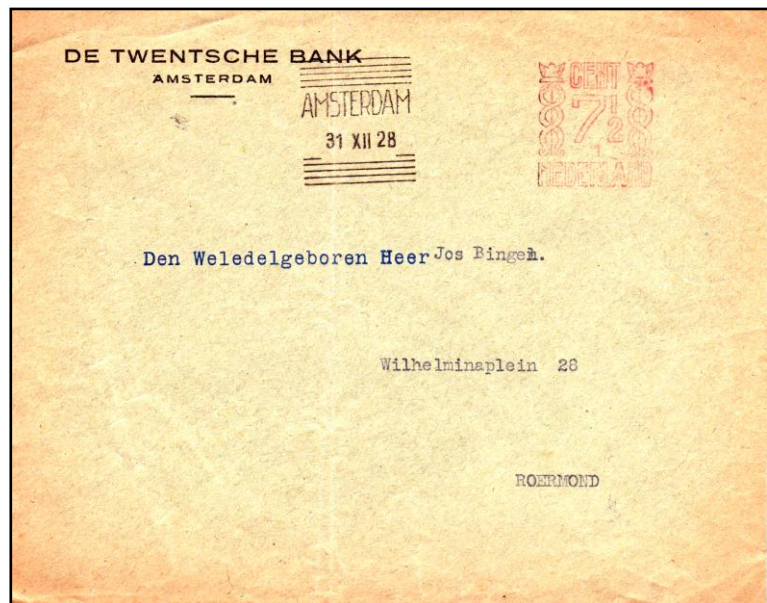
Shown here is an intact block of the 2017 december stamps that are sold at a reduced postal rate of 73 cent each for use on holiday mail. This reduced rate is PostNL's answer to the reduced rate charged by the many private delivery services in the Netherlands. Also shown on the block are the names of the stamp designers.



Dutch Universal Postal Franker # 1

By Hans Kremer

The first Universal Postal Franking (UPF) machine was sold by the "N.V. Ruys Handels Vereniging" to the Twentsche Bank in late 1925. In total, only 24 of these UPF machines were sold. The last one (# 24) was used by the "Steenkolen



Handels Vereniging." The town and date part of the cancel (in this case **Amsterdam 31 XII 28**) is usually in black while the part with the number of the machine (**#1**) and the postage denomination (**7½ cent**) is usually in red.

Monster Zonder Waarde (Sample with no value).

By Hans Kremer

The “*Monster zonder waarde (Mzw)*” bag shown here (**Figure 1**) was sent, most likely late 1890s, early 1900s from Amsterdam to Argenteuil, a suburb of Paris. The abbreviation “Mzw” written on the bags referred to the contents having no real value.

The partially shown text on the bag refers to “*Echantillon sans valeur,*” French for “Sample with no value.” After a bit of Internet googling I came across a number of these bags, all sent to the same person: Monsieur A. Taillandier. The sample bags were 133 x 214mm (= 5¼ x 8½ inches).

Figure 1. “Sample w/o value bag” sent from Amsterdam to Argenteuil, France.

It turns out that A. Taillandier was a chemical Company (**Figure 2**).



ALCALOÏDES DU QUINQUINA
Anc^{tes} M^{tes} J. THOMAS et C^{tes}.
A. TAILLANDIER
USINE A ARGENTEUIL.

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*Médaille d'Argent* : Bordeaux 1865, Havre 1868, Paris 1878.  
*Médaille d'Or* : Amsterdam 1883.

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Le Sulfate de Quinine chimiquement pur de Taillandier est exempt de Sulfate de cinchonine; il a une composition toujours constante, soit :

QUININE	74.31
ACIDE SULFURIQUE MONOHYDRATE.	11.24
EAU DE CRISTALLISATION.	14.45

C'est le Sulfate de Quinine officinal répondant aux divers essais du Codex de 1884.
Sa cristallisation aiguillée et plus grosse le distingue des autres sulfates de Quinine. En le prescrivant, MM. les Docteurs seront sûrs d'avoir un produit pur et toujours constant.

DANS TOUTES LES PHARMACIES.

Figure 2. An A. Taillandier chemical product label for pure Quinine sulphate.

Of all the bags I saw, only one had a sender's address on the back of it. They all came from Amsterdam. Since the handwriting on all bags came from the same person we can safely say the samples were sent by the “*Handels vereeniging van Dudok de Wit & Co. en Matthes & Bormeester*” (**Figure 3**).

It was a company that mainly dealt in sugar, which must have been used extensively by A. Taillandier for manufacturing their products.



Figure 3. The Company that sent out the sample bags.

Why was it important for a shipment to qualify as having no value? Imported and exported commercial shipments were (and are) subject to taxes. The amount of tax depends on the value of the shipment.

If a shipment had no value no tax would be due. One can imagine that companies went to great lengths to have their shipment qualify as having no value. In the old PTT's 'rules and regulations' one can find many references as to what qualified and what did not qualify as being a '*monster zonder waarde*.'

The general description for '*monster zonder waarde*' as far as the customer offices are concerned, is the commercial value of the shipment. If it had no commercial value it would qualify to be passed through customs free of tax.

While checking on the names of the various people involved in the shipment shown here I came across the name **Dudok de Wit**. One would think that **Dudok** would be the first name and **de Wit** the last name, but that is not the case; the last name is Dudok de Wit. Having a double last name has always been something special, but how does one get a double name?

In the case of **Dudok de Wit**, it happened in 1873 when the husband (named Isaac de Wit) of a lady with the maiden name Margaretha Dudok died. Normally her children would have **de Wit** as their last name (after their father) but one could petition the government that in honor of their mother her last name could be added to her husband's last name. Thus the name **Dudok de Wit** came about.

Once again this "sample without value" bag turned out to be an item that looked pretty uninteresting at first but kept me "glued" to my computer for a couple of days finding out more about what was behind it.

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CLOSED ALBUM

Paul H. Swierstra, 8/23/1932 - 11/30/2017

Our NPofC member of many years, **Paul H. Swierstra**, peacefully passed away Thursday, November 30, 2017. He was born in Utrecht, Netherlands and grew up there until the age of 18 when he decided to immigrate to the United States in 1950. His love of travel eventually allowed him to visit all 50 of the United States and many foreign countries. Paul at first settled in Salt Lake City, Utah but later moved around the US to several other locations and finally settled in San Carlos, California. He served in the US Army and was stationed in Okinawa and Japan.



In 1961 Paul married Heddy Sanders and together they were a devoted family with two sons, Andrew and Ymke, and daughter, Lynda.

Paul was a special man with a wide range of knowledge and interests. He was dedicated to the game of soccer and refereed many games in the US and in Europe, including several Olympic matches. He had a great passion, as well, for his other hobbies: anything having to do with philately, the art of stamp collecting. And, everything concerning trains and trams, including their time tables, routes, cancels, and stations, particularly in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Paris, France.

His long, 31 year employment with Lufthansa Air Lines at the San Francisco Airport allowed him to travel often to the Netherlands and many other world destinations, often with his family. Paul was an avid member of the Netherlands Philatelists of California (NPofC) and American Society for Netherlands Philately (ASNP), which focuses entirely on the stamps and the study of philatelic history of the Netherlands and former territories. He was also a member of the Sequoia Stamp Club in Redwood City, CA For many years he maintained the ASNP philatelic library consisting mainly of Dutch language materials.

Paul was a friend to all. If you expressed an interest in something collectable, he was always on the lookout during his travels for providing it for you. We will miss his boundless energy and commitment to life and most of all, his friendship.