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“COLLECTING STAMPS AN OFFENSE IN CHINA”

How times change! This was the heading of an article in a 1972 issue of The New York Times. Apparently the Peking regime of the time had banned stamp collecting since the Cultural Revolution of 1966. Visitors returning from China were reporting that it was very hard to buy old stamps there, and regulations were in effect which forbid the taking of old stamps out of the country. It also appears that young people were forbidden to take up stamp collecting for the reason of preventing “invasion of bourgeois thought”, and finally, that nationalized stamp-dealing firms which had been closed during the Cultural Revolution had not resumed business. It is interesting that new stamps from mainland China did continue to appear on the philatelic market however—obviously a source of revenue to the government!



EDWARD VIII

A nice block of four of the 2 1/2p Edward VIII issue, part of a set of four issued in 1936 (Scott # 233). See “Another Measured Moment” on Page 3 for an interesting story about this British monarch!

(Jim’s connection to the story? His mother was a student of Miss Milroy!)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- SAUGEEN STAMP CLUB, Tuesday June 3
- KINCARDINE STAMP CLUB, Wednesday June 4
- KITCHENER-WATERLOO PHILATELIC SOCIETY Thursday June 12
- GUELPH STAMP CLUB Tuesday June 17
- OWEN SOUND STAMP CLUB Wednesday June 18
- STRATFORD STAMP CLUB Thursday June 26

One Page Exhibits— upcoming topics:

June: Interesting Covers
July: Churches & Cathedrals

Aug: Royalty (but not QEII)

September: TBA

October: TBA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT..... WALT BERRY

Our annual show is now history!! Thank you to all who were able to help in any way – many hands make less work for all. Volunteer organizations rely on persons like our members and friends of philately to keep the hobby at the forefront. Canada Post and other postal administrations provide hand out material – members donate items – thank you to these people also. Congratulations to member Marion Ace for winning the Peoples Choice Award.

There was one suggestion presented at our meeting three days after the show “A SINGLE PAGE CHALLENGE WITH ALL MEMBERS PARTICIPATING” - this is a challenge which all members could participate in without the agony of putting together a large multi page exhibit. Our membership has great depth in philatelic material – obvious from the scope of the survey of members collecting interests and the interesting variety of “Show & Tell” & auction material. One page from each member – no limit on the range of topics – begin now to plan your one page!!

Membership in our club remains strong with many willing hands to keep the year round meetings interesting and well attended. Remember to support the member auction with fair and reasonable bidding prices – for well described material. One should also support the dealers who attend local shows as it may become more difficult to get dealers if they do not get a reasonable return on their day.

Many times we hear of situations arising where a stamp collector is unsure of what is to happen to their collections when the time comes. **Are you ready?** I know that my children and grand children are not interested. **what to do? what to do?** I am not ready for sure. Happy stamping – Enjoy the hobby. Walt

What’s coming up...

See the Grand News for complete information on the following shows:

May 28—World Stamp Show, New York

August 13—KINEX—Kincardine SC Annual Show

August 19-21—Royal*2016*Royale, Waterloo

September 17—Cambridge Stamp Show

September 24—Owen Sound Stamp Show

October 15-16—CANPEX2016 London ON

October 22—Guelphpex 2016 Guelph Stamp Club Show

October 29—GRVPA Club Fair, Cambridge



ANOTHER "MEASURED MOMENT".....D.J. "JIM" MEASURES**Royalty at our doorstep!**

An Article by MPS Member Jim Measures (Canada)

Let me share with you a fascinating story about a local schoolteacher, Millicent Milroy, and her relationship with the Duke of Windsor (Edward VIII).

Milli was born in Galt in 1890, and went to school there. She became a schoolteacher, and would go on to teach in Lambton Mills, Malton, northern Ontario and then Rockwood for some 35 years.

Edward VIII was apparently quite an irresponsible playboy. After World War I, he came to enjoy Canada and spent a great deal of time here.

On one of his visits, in 1919, he stayed at the Iroquois Hotel in Galt (which burned down in 1974) and met Millicent through her father, James Milroy. It was the start of a love affair that would last for years.

Edward purchased a farm outside Calgary, and lived there for several years. Millicent joined him there, where she claimed they were secretly married and had two children, Edward and Andrew.

At some point, Milli moved back to Rockwood, and Edward back to England. When his father, George V, died in 1936, Edward became King of England, but his reign lasted only 325 days and he was never officially crowned. He chose to give up the throne after his plan to marry Wallis Simpson - a divorcee from New York - was met with fierce opposition from the British government and the Church of England. George VI, who was Queen Elizabeth II's father, became King and Edward was created Duke of Windsor. He later served as governor of the Bahamas and died in exile in France at the age of 78, in 1972. Upon his death, Milli had the tombstone at Mount View Cemetery engraved to read:

Millicent Milroy A.M.M.M. St. P
 Daughter of James and Helen Milroy,
 1890 — 1985
 Wife of Edward VIII,
 Duke of Windsor
 1894 - 1972

(Of course, the '1985' was engraved after her own death, some 13 years later).

Due to this, she received widespread media attention. She maintained that she had entered into a morganatic marriage - a legal union between a member of the royal family and a commoner, with the agreement that the wife and any offspring would have no claim on the husband's estate or title.

When asked for proof of her marriage, Milli said that the Duke had taken the pictures, records and mementos of the event with him back to England.

She did claim to have documents in a family Bible, proving her relationship with Edward was real, and that these would be made public after her death. But after her death in 1985 at age 95, her home was broken into and the Bible and any documents it contained were stolen.

...so the question arises: Did Milli really have a morganatic marriage to Edward, or was this just in the imagination of a crazy old spinster?

(My apologies for the quality of the print in this article—it is a direct scan of the original which appeared in a New Zealand magazine some years ago.)



Saugeen Stamp Club

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GRVPA NEWS...

Check out the latest *GRAND NEWS* for information about our fellow clubs, and their meetings and shows.

The next GRVPA Directors meeting is June 14 2016.

MEMORIES

The following item appeared in the July-August 1944 issue of "Popular Stamps", shared from the files of the VGG Foundation with thanks:

New Association Formed

A meeting of the Galt, Brantford and Kitchener Stamp Clubs was held at the YMCA in Galt on Tuesday evening, June 19, when a new Club was formed to be known as "The Grand River Valley Philatelic Association" - this association to include all Clubs in the immediate vicinity. It will hold debates on Philatelic subjects, show films, hold auctions and have social evenings. Any club in the Grand River Valley District may obtain further particulars from their club secretary. Those present were: J.A. Fraser, C.M. Bryans, J.F. Babb, Galt; B.L. Baulch, E.D. Taylor, Geo. Theobalds, Brantford; A.E. Fuller, A.R. Borth, Kitchener; and Mrs. B. Skelton, Waterloo.

The following cartoon was saved by, and in memory of, long time GRVPA Treasurer and good friend, Ken Koch,



The above two items thanks to Ken Magee, editor, *Grand News*.