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Where we've been.

November 7

Twenty-five members were on hand for "Toledo, Ohio," an historical/philatelic look at U.S. Navy ships named after our city and state. Not many people know that the first *Toledo* was a submarine chaser that didn't really become *Toledo*. Likewise, many don't know that there have been five *Ohio*'s. Similarly, the fourth *Ohio*, the Battleship BB-68 never came into existence. It was a lengthy program, but no one was heard snoring. We did our customary drawings and had our usual stamp collecting camaraderie. Philatelic knowledge was exchanged as is always the case.



November 21

"A Philatelic Walk Through the Toledo Zoo" was tonight's program. It was looking at some of the animals the Zoo has that are on stamps. It is amazing how many birds, insects, snakes, fish and animals are on stamps. It is also amazing how many are not. There is no way the well over 10,000 species our zoo contains could be on stamps. It would take a little while to look at them all if they were!



Where we're going.

December 5

Tonight will be a formal auction. These are always looked forward to. Make sure you don't miss all the excitement of acquiring items for your collection.

Our annual show is not too far down the road. We may take a couple of minutes to review what needs to be done in preparation. It will only be a couple of minutes, though, as the auction will be tonight's focus.

Directory

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December 18

**This is a
Wednesday!**



6:00 pm.
Hollywood Casino
Meet at lounge area
adjacent to
cafeteria.

You must have a
casino card to get a
discount on your
meal. They are free
and easily obtained.



Where in the World is . . .

Nyasaland?

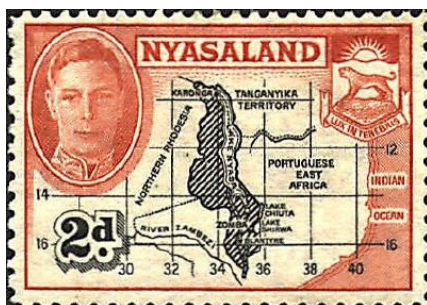
Nyasaland was a British Protectorate located in Africa that was established in 1907 when the former British Central Africa Protectorate changed its name. Between 1953 and 1963, Nyasaland was part of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. After the Federation was dissolved, Nyasaland became independent from Britain on 6 July 1964 and was renamed Malawi.



cated in the United Kingdom, became increasingly politically active and vocal about gaining independence. They established associations and, after 1944, the Nyasaland African Congress (NAC).



Nyasaland's history was marked by the massive loss of African communal lands in the early colonial period. In January 1915, the Reverend John Chilembwe staged an attempt at rebellion in protest at dis-



When Nyasaland was forced in 1953 into a Federation with Southern and Northern Rhodesia, there was a rise in civic unrest, as this was deeply unpopular among the people of the territory. The failure of the NAC to prevent this caused its collapse. Not long afterwards, a younger and more militant generation revived the NAC. Ultimately, they invited Hastings Banda to return to the country and lead it to independence as Malawi in 1964.

crimination against Africans. Colonial authorities reassessed some of their policies. From the 1930s, a growing class of educated African elite, many edu-

December 5, 1933

21st Amendment Ratified

The Twenty-first Amendment (Amendment XXI) to the United States Constitution repealed the Eighteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which had mandated nationwide Prohi-

bition on alcohol. The Twenty-first Amendment was proposed by Congress on February 20, 1933, and was ratified by the requisite number of states on December 5, 1933. It is unique among the 27 amendments of the U.S. Constitution for being the only one to repeal a prior amendment, as well as being the only amendment to have been ratified by state ratifying conventions.



able black market for alcohol, fueling the rise of organized crime. Throughout the 1920s, Americans increasingly came to see Prohibition as unenforceable, and a movement to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment grew until the Twenty-first Amendment was ratified in 1933. Cheers!



The Eighteenth Amendment was ratified on January 16, 1919, the result of years of advocacy by the temperance movement. The subsequent passage of the Volstead Act established federal enforcement of the nationwide prohibition on alcohol. As many Americans continued to drink despite the amendment, Prohibition gave rise to a profit-

December 18, 1878

Josef Stalin

Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin, the controversial Russian dictator, was born in Georgia in the Russian Empire in the later part of the nineteenth century into a poor family. Drawn early in his life to the ideals of Vladimir Lenin, he joined Bolsheviks almost at its inception and very soon made a place for himself with his organizational capability, playing an important role during the October Revolution. Later as the Bolsheviks came to power, he quickly rose through the ranks to become the party's General Secretary. He first used his post to consolidate his position and then to eliminate all his rivals to become the supreme leader of the country, continuing to rule Russia with an iron hand till his death at the age of seventy-four. Although he single handedly elevated Russia from a backward country to a major world power, he was also responsible for millions of deaths and deportations. He was a ruthless SOB who starved millions of Ukrainians while collectivizing farms. He also purged (killed) party leaders and the army officer corps of anyone who might be a threat to him. He had no conscience when it came to sending political prisoners to the gulag in Siberia. It was during his tenure that USSR became the second country to devel-



tion all the turmoil and misery and death he caused all over the rest of the world.

Sorry for editorializing. Not!

op the nuclear bomb. After his death, his successors, notably Nikita Khrushchev, denounced his legacy and initiated a process of de-Stalinization.

Pardon my English, but he was an evil, self-serving rat bastard that was responsible for the death of millions of his own people. He was as bad as Adolf Hitler, if not worse. Not to men-



Merry Christmas to all.

Stamp Collector's Club of Toledo

All meetings are held at the Perrysburg Masonic Building, 590 E. South Boundary, Perrysburg, OH 43551. Members begin to gather at about 6:30, with the business meeting to begin at 7:00. Programs or activities follow the business meeting. Guests are always welcome to attend.

Internet Links

Linn's www.linns.com
 OPHS www.ohiopostalhistory.com
 APS www.stamps.org
 ATA www.americantopicalassn.org
 USSS www.usstamps.org
www.stampfinder.com
www.zillionsofstamps.com

Local Shows

Blue Ribbon Show, Third Sunday, 9:30-3:30. St. Clement's Hall, 3030 Tremainsville Rd., Toledo.



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The Back Page

The Mystery of the Shilling

July 30, 1898, Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal.

Great Postage Stamp Fraud.

The British Post Office Loses Thousands!
 It has been the proud boast of British philatelists that, with the exception of the imitations of the 1d, black, there has been no dangerous forgery of our stamps during the fifty-eight years of their existence; but, alas! This boasting is vain, for we have found in our stock a *very large* number of counterfeits of the One Shilling, green, plate 5.

To meet the ever-growing demand for used old English stamps, we recently purchased a large parcel of them. Many of these stamps had been on telegraph forms, as the reader will see by the postmark, which is that of the Stock Exchange Telegraph Office, and shows the date of July 21, 1872. No less than 100 of these forgeries, all used on the same date, were found in this one parcel; and, as the fraud was never discovered, the Department may have been robbed to the tune of £5 a day for many months. The question will naturally be asked how it is that this forgery has been brought to light twenty-six years later. Most collectors, however, aware that stamps used on state telegraph forms seldom course into the market, for the reason that the forms are filed and put away for future reference and after the lapse of a certain number of years they are officially ordered to be destroyed. It however, occasionally happens that by the connivance of some person employed to carry this out the stamps escape destruction, and find their way into the stamp market, as has happened in this case.

The points of difference between the Genuine and Forged stamps are chiefly as follows: First, all of the forgeries are without watermark, whereas the genuine stamps from this plate are always watermarked with a "Spray of Rose." It would appear that the stamps have been copied by a photographic process.

We have no doubt that a *very large* fraud on the postal revenue took place in 1872; this could have happened in only two ways, as far as we can see:—*First*. By the connivance of someone in the telegraph office attached to the stock exchange. *Secondly*. By one or more stockbrokers' clerks using these forged stamps in the place of genuine ones.

Once again the stamp fraternity has been proved to be the best detective agency at the command of the Inland Revenue authorities.

This is the watermark on the genuine 1d green of 1872.

In how many instances do forgeries out value the genuine stamps? This one does!

Crooks since the beginning of time have made fake items to make illegal profits, To this day we cannot shed ourselves of this plague. Not only are stamps counterfeited, but overprints, perforations, covers and postmarks are faked as well. We have to be on our toes!



FORGERY.



GENUINE.