
FLASHBACK!

Bits & Pieces

“**CLUB CORNER:** ...Many members can acquire old covers—but few get a chance to come across old material on phillumney. To wit: the application below was found in an old matchcover album given to ye editor by a non-member.

Whatever happened to the club, or club money, or officers, is a mystery. There are a few of those “matchonian” members in RMS now; some will talk, others will not. One member, a Mr. Davenport, from Monrovia, Calif., came forward with a newsletter called the “United” which was dated “January 1939”, and the size of about 6 inches by nine inches. Dues were \$1 per year, which entitled the member to a monthly newsletter. (Later, the newsletter size was increased to 6¼ x 9½ inches; July 1939). Ads cost 1¢ per word at that time. Carl Davenport had his picture and story in the January ‘39 issue, when he attended “Citrus College” in Glendora, Calif.

...Another newsletter of old was a 5¼ x 8¼ inch copy called “Match Lights”, published by Jess Heuszel, of Kansas City, Mo. Altho this is not a club, per se, a subscription price, however, is asked for. The February, 1938 issue (Vol. II, No. 5) cost 25¢.

Nevertheless, as with the “United” newsletter, this one had other hobbies entered. Such as stamps, labels, etc. However, in a column (in Match Lights), called Match Cover Review, the editor tells of a matchcover from Waikiki, Honolulu, of a Chinese Restaurant called the Lau Yee Chai, that has this message on the matchcover: “Moh ligh cassey China lestlant any placey wold; Me P. Y. Chong, numba one China cook allsame big boss.” (funny, huh?) Matchcover has a picture of Mr. Chong; by Diamond Match.” *January/February 1979 RMS Bulletin* [Ed note: *Anyone have that cover? Would appreciate a scan, if so*]

“**RAMBLINGS:** A letter from Glen A. Speers, of St. Petersburg, Florida, tells of the “Book Match Hobby Club” and their “National Hobby Bulletin” during the early 1940’s. The newsletter was published in Rochester, New York.” *[May/June 1979 RMS Bulletin]*

RMS CONVENTION: Room prices at the 39th RMS Convention—Single: \$33+tax; Double: \$40+tax *[May/June 1979 RMS Bulletin]*

“**CLUB CORNER:** A new matchcover club has been formed in Missouri by Steve Stockton and Andy Anderson, in 1978. It’s called the “Missouri Matchcover Association”. *[July/August 1979 RMS Bulletin]*

“**RAMBLINGS:** Looking for some unusual city names? Something like: Dime Box, Texas? Or Rising Star, Texas? Well, The First State Bank of Dime Box has a 20s set of the USA/1776 covers by Superior Match. Dime Box got its name from the old RFD days—if a person did not have a stamp for their letter, a dime was put in the box, and a mailman put a stamp on and kept the change for his efforts (had to be pre-war days, eh?)” *[July/August 1979 RMS Bulletin]* [Ed note: *The only constant is change, and the only constant change is simplicity inevitably becoming complicated.*]

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT: Of the 52 new members reported in the November/December 1980 *RMS Bulletin*, 8 had been brought in by the advertisement in Beach albums and 1 was brought in from a similar advertisement in Hobbymaster albums. *[November/December 1980 RMS Bul.*