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AUCTION BUCKS is almost here. First meeting in November. So bring all your good stuff, philatelic or non-philatelic. This should be the best yet, since we have had a lot of practice to date.

At the Oct. 10th meeting Larry Scott reported on SESCAL 98 show in Los Angeles. He won a Vermeil award for his exhibit on Nepal, which was the theme of the show. Congratulations, Larry. Also William Oliver won a Silver award for his exhibit on Phillipines-Japanese Occupation WWII. Congratulations, Bill. Two great NSSS members winning in the big shows. Great.

Dan Forgues reported on Used Plate No. Coils. He mentioned future shows coming up. Oct 31 to Nov 1, at the Airport Hotel on Plumb Lane and Terminal. He noted there will be covers available on Oct. 29 for the Glenn space flight.

George Costello reported on the Junior program. NSSS will be passing out tongs to all the junior members. Also, keep your receipts from Scolari's and turn them in to Bill Brew. When we have enough, we can redeem for cash for the club.

Dick Dreiling reported on the Junior program in Fernley. It is developing slowly and should be a very nice program for the students.

The questions for the answers in the POST-BOY from Jan. to Oct. will be published in this issue. The questions are taken from stamp publications, most of which members are receiving. Questions on covers refer to the cover. All questions on the covers can be found on the cover. It does take a little research on the members, but if it didn't then all the answers would be published in the same issue of the questions.

"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

Had an interesting experience this last weekend. We visited my wife's cousin, while we were in Sacramento. They had not seen each other in over 55 years. After an exciting conversation, she pointed to a large certificate. It was the U.S. Post Office honoring her appointment as Postmistress of Sloughouse, CA. She was the Postmistress there, for 32 years. The certificate was signed by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Post Master General.

This led to the statement that I knew someone in Sloughouse, that I worked with, in IBM, in Sacramento, many years ago. To my surprise, he was her neighbor and close friend of hers. Small world.

In an interesting article by Gary Griffith on *"There's more to a hobby than completeness,* he reports on a collector by the name of Robert Zoeliner. His collection was auctioned off recently and one of the stamps in this collection was the 1 cent Z grill. There are only two known copies and one is in the New York Public Library. So only one collector at a time can own this stamp. One of the stories about this man was his possession of the 24 cent inverted air mail. It seems that his maid vacuumed up the stamp. It had dropped to the floor. He recovered it, however, it was damaged, creased, etc. This stamp was cataloged at \$135,000. But, that not disturb him, he had his agent purchased another copy for \$143,000. This man was considered an average collector. So watch what you let fall to the floor, it just might be vacuumed up.

But, if you read the latest news, Mystic Stamp Co. owner's 11 year old son, bought the stamp for almost 1 million dollars.

At the last meeting Larry Scott provided an excellent program on Stamps of Egypt. He covered the area from the first stamp issued by Egypt to the present day. He explained the history of why these stamps were issued and what effect they had on the surrounding countries. A very great program, as Larry usually provides, to the members present.

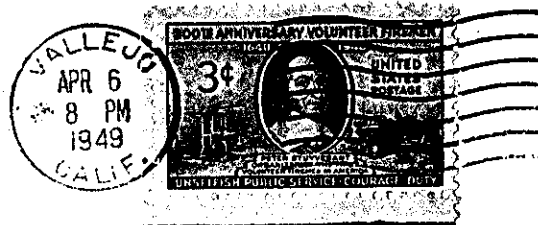
It would be nice to have 100% of the members present for just one meeting of the year. We average about 50% to 55%, (that is, 25 to 30 members,) in attendance, which is not bad for a small club as is N.S.S.S.

For those members desiring to enter their collections into show competition, there is good news coming from APS. They have added two new awards. These awards are for collections of the newer material that is available. The first award covers the period from 1940 to 1980 and the second covers post-1980 material. These awards are in place of the APS Award for excellence for exhibits at the World Series of Philately. They are to encourage recognition for exhibitors of modern material. Good idea. NEVPEX 99 would be a great place to encourage our members to provide exhibits for the show.

The latest news from the U.S.P.O. is the issuance of 18,249,500,000 (that's billion) stamps, in six different values by Jan. 10, 1999. Five of these issues will be on sale, nation-wide, by Nov. 9, 1998. The "H" stamp is one of them. This stamp covers the time frame until a new commemorate stamp showing the new rate of 33 cents. The new priority rate will be \$3.20 and will have the shuttle landing with a parachute. The other priority stamp of \$11.75 will show the shuttle being piggy-backed on a jumbo jet.

For those that collect China and/or Switzerland, there will be joint issue by these countries. The issue date is November 25, 1998. These stamps should make a very nice first day cover and the stamps appear to be very beautifully designed. Switzerland will issue 4 different lake views, two of each picture, in a sheet of 8. China will issue one value of 90 cents on a single stamp sheetlet.

The following first day cover is the only source for the answers. Each correct answer will receive 20 AUCTION BUCKS.



Mr. Ray Head,
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1. The stamp on this cover honors what vital organization of a community?
2. Where was this cover canceled?
3. Who designed the cachet?
4. Who owned or printed the cachet cover?
5. What are the five symbols, shown on the cover, that represent the tools of this occupation on the cachet?

The following are the answers for all the AUCTION BUCKS quizzes published in the Post Boy for the months of Jan. to Nov.

Jan. no quiz.

Feb. 1. b; 2, b; 3. c; 4. a; 5. c.

Mar. James K Polk. Much argument resulted by this answer, but He was president and approved the use of the first postage stamp in the United States. Also signed the Postal Act of Mar. 3, 1847, during his first term of office.

Apr. Questions were for the Junior members.

May 1. Zacery Taylor, Winfield Scott, Steven Kearny.

2. Scott No. 179 Taylor, 944 Kearny, 142 Scott.

3 816, 2217b, 2587.

June (July) Admiral Richard Byrd. Scott No. 2388.

July 1, Baton Rouge, 2 Rice, 3 Louisiana Plantation or Capitol Bldg. 4., Paddle wheel, 5. Andrew Jackson.

Aug. 1. North Church Tower, 2. Silversmith. 3 1 if by land, 2 if by sea. 4. Boston, 5. The British are coming.

Sept. 1. The U.S. Coast Guard. 2, landing troops, 3 13, one for each of the original states. 4, L. W., Staehle.

Oct. 1. Chief Crazy Horse, Chief Sitting Bull and Chief Gall. 2 U.S. District, U.S. Territory and U.S. State. All info was obtained by Global Stamp News. Pages 76 and 86.

Nov. Not published as yet. Will be published in the December issue.

There was a recent announcement of a book titled, *The Railroad parcel stamps of Germany - the updated works of H. Dusterbehn*, edited by William Barr.

He refers to an interesting sideline of philately. The collecting of Parcel Post stamps. These stamps were used for payment of freight charges carried by the railroad. Those used in Germany during the period of 1876 to 1942. The stamps are beautiful and were issued in various denominations. The U.S. Stamps are a small group and generally one color, red, but the subjects are interesting. Other countries issued similar stamps for the same purpose. So, there is an opportunity to challenge your imagination. This information was obtained by the latest issue of the Bay Phil, a publication of the Friends of the Western Philatelic Library.

By the way, this organization has one of the most complete philatelic libraries in the West. It is being used, not only by philatelists, but, it is an international library, a military library, a maritime library, a genealogical library. It houses hidden facts searched by historians every day. It is a good organization to donate your books and literature as they will receive the best of care. They also provide, to its members, tear sheets on any philatelic material, for a small pittance. They usually set up a booth at most of the stamp shows in the North west part of the states. Visit them at the next major stamp show in this area. SACAPEX 98. in Sacramento.

A recent article, in the September 28th issue of Stamp Collector, covered the subject of Registered mail. This is still widely used throughout the world. So it can provide one with a variety of material. Covers and stamps are readily available from all those countries. Covers are the most interesting as they provide a path of the travels. Sometimes the contents can be determined, which would make the cover more interesting. U.S. uses a label marked R, United States, source of mailing and a Register number. Try collecting all the cities used on this label. Over seas covers would provide the more interesting stamps, especially ones that have been censored, with all the various cancels located on the front and back of the cover.

From Linn's. Do you know what the tip of the week is for collecting stamps? How about Italy-Trieste Zone A. Popular in Italy, it is believed that they will become popular in the U.S. Especially is the Italian parcel post set overprinted for Trieste and issued in 1947-48. Scott no. Q1-12. These stamps paid for mailing packages. The left hand was adhered to the package and the right hand stamp was torn off by the postal clerk.. The 1999 Scott cat value is, for mint, never hinged, \$604.15. But, due to the fallen value of the Lira, the price is now around \$100. Check on it. It might be a worthwhile investment. But, so is Gold and Silver, maybe.

For those Scandinavian Collectors, the NORDIA show will be held in North America for the first time. It is scheduled for January 25,26, 27 and 28 in Tucson, Arizona. This location will be fairly available to use Renoites. A 4-5 hour flight or a two day drive. We may go, as my sister lives in Tucson. Put it on the schedule board.

Elna and I had a very interesting time at the Sparks Museum as volunteers. We worked from 1 to 4pm, this last Thursday. Just enough visitors to pass the time very quickly. They are still in need of more volunteers, especially ones that can be on call. Try it, you'll like it. There are always two or more people on the reception desk, plus workers in the back. They need to free up more people at the desk so they can also work on the exhibits. Please contact them and put in some, time as a volunteer, to compensate for them providing a space for our meetings. Contact Sunny, at 331-6789 or Bev. at 358-5236. They will appreciate your volunteering.

It would be helpful if the members would provide me with information on their collecting interests and other pertinent information so the Club roster can be kept up to date. I would like to print a new one for 1999. So send me all the information you can; such as address, telephone number, collecting interests as soon as possible. Thank you.

According to a recent news announcement. a block of postage stamps thought to be among the world's oldest is for sale in Britain for \$4.5 million. The 48 mint-condition Two-penny Blues, which bear the image of Queen Victoria, were issued in 1840. But they were forgotten for more than a century. Dealers say the price is the highest ever asked for stamps. A single Swedish postage stamp, dating from 1855, was sold at an auction in 1996 for \$2.2 million, making it the most expensive stamp ever sold, according to the Guinness Book of Records. That could be eclipsed by the Twopenny blue. They say stamps are a good investment, but who can afford those classic stamps.

Have you noticed the Christmas stamps are in five designs? Modonna and Child and a group of 4 se-tenant. The lower two stamps are larger than the ones above. They also have four different styles of wreathes. The Christmas Wreath stamps were announced in 1996 as part of the 1997 stamp program. They were delayed until this year because at that time the post offices had a surplus of previously issued Christmas stamps. You can order first day covers from the USPS Stamp Fulfillment Services, Box 419424, Kansas City, MO 64141-6424. Tele (800) STAMP-24.

The following dates for the U.S. Stamp program up to and including March, 1999 is as listed:

- Jan. 5- 32 cent Year of the Tiger.
- Jan. 22- 32 cent Alpine Skiing.
- Jan. 28- 32 cent Madam C. J. Walker,
- Feb. 3- Celebrate the Century 1900-09.
- Feb. 3- Celebrate the Century 1910-1919.
- Feb. 15- 32 cent Remember the Maine.
- Mar. 19- Flowering Trees.
- Mar. 25- Alexander Calder Centennial.

It's Show Time:

Nov. 5 - 7, Santa Clara, CA at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great American Pky, Santa Clara, CA. \$2.00 admission.

Nov. 7 - 8, SACAPEX '98, in Sacramento, at the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 'H' St. Free admission. Great Show. A few blocks from the store where Shakey' Pizza was born, in 1954.

By WILLIAM C. BREW
For Stamp Collector

Genoa, Nev., is a small quiet community at the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Its peaceful atmosphere belies its hectic, turbulent past.

The cover in Fig. 1 is a first day issue commemorating the centennial anniversary of Genoa as the first settlement in Nevada. The stamp is Scott #999 issued on July 14, 1951.

Charles R. Chickering designed the stamp and L.W. Staehle designed the cachet, which depicts the original building built by John Reese and the surrounding valley and mountains. The words, "Battle Born", truthfully stated the birth of Nevada and its entry into the U.S.

This first organized community was called Mormon Station. Capt. Joseph DeMont and his clerk, Hampden S. Beatie led a small group of Latter Day Saints (Mormons) to the Genoa area. Their intentions were to go on to California to the newly discovered gold fields.

However, several members of the group decided that there was more money to be earned through the sale of supplies to the settlers passing through the area. A trading post was established, no floors and no ceiling, but, suitable to the purpose.

In June 1851, John Reese arrived from Salt Lake City with a substantial number of wagons filled with supplies. He built the first permanent structure to house these supplies. Other members of the group began farming so as to produce fresh vegetables, corn and wheat. A lively trading post

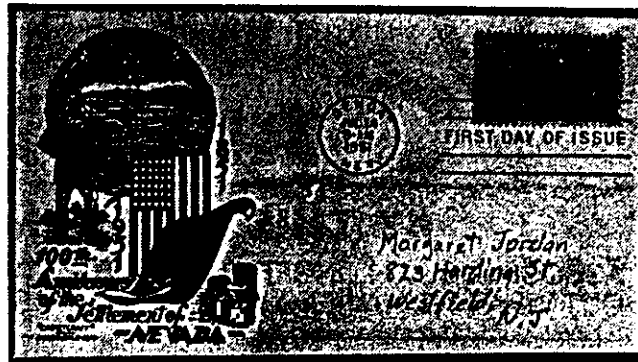


Fig. 1: First day cover marks Nevada's first settlement. 3c stamp (#999) was issued July 14, 1951.

was established.

The settlers met at John Reese' home, about 100 of them and set the rules for surveying, buying and selling land. These meetings resulted in a petition to request a territorial government as part of the Utah Territory. The U.S. Government recognized and granted their petition.

Territorial name

Genoa received its name from Elder Orson Hyde, who became the first probate judge of the newly formed territory. He likened the area to birthplace of Christopher Columbus.

In 1855, Brigham Young called all his members back to Salt Lake City who gave up their farms and developments to do that. Those non-members remained and took over all the area. In a short time, 1857, they petitioned the U.S. government to establish the Nevada Territory. President Lincoln granted their petition in March 1861.

With the Civil War in full force, President Lincoln faced problems of finances and more votes to pass his bills. President Lincoln was looking for a source of this needed support Nevada, with

its mining sources and the votes that would be available, became the ideal solution.

The word spread very quickly and with a small amount of effort, the people of the Nevada Territory petitioned the government for statehood. Although the population was under the amount required for statehood status, Lincoln granted Nevada statehood in 1864. Interestingly, due to the urgency of the situation, the tabulated vote was sent by wire. The message took 12 hours to send and at a cost of \$3,400. Thus, the term "Battle Born," was added to its flag.

Busy town

Genoa as an active community during these hectic days became involved with the mail system. It played an important part in the development of the U.S. Mail system. With the migration of the people from the east to California, mail was part of their supplies.

The miners in California were getting the mail from the east by boat to San Francisco. Individuals and freight wagons carried the mail to the gold fields. In

the summer the trails between Placerville and Genoa, were passable, but when the winter set in, travel ceased.

There was one individual who became a legend for his exploits of carrying the mail during the winter months. His name was Snowshoe Thompson and he traveled from Placerville, also know as Hangtown, to Genoa and on to Carson City. He is buried in the cemetery at Genoa and is honored yearly on Snowshoe Thompson Days.

In 1860, Russell, Majors and Waddel began the famous Pony Express system. They advertised "Delivery to the East in 9 days." This East was considered St. Joseph, Mo. and it was another four days before the mail actually reached the East Coast cities.

On Apr. 3, 1860, the Pony Express rider left San Francisco and headed to Sacramento. He passed through Placerville, over the Sierra Mountains and into Genoa. From there he went on to Carson City and stations eastward.

Genoa, Nev., is a pleasant area to visit, with its fort, old stores and museum adding to its nostalgic and sometimes violent past.

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