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N.S.S.S.

POST BOY

Presents

The Post Boy

December 1999

This issue of Post Boy will be the last of this year, Dec. 31, 1999 and this century and this millennium. Our next issue will be in the Jan. 1, 2000 and accepted as the beginning of the new millennium. The scientists say Jan. 1, 2001 will be the actual beginning of the millennium, but it's more fun to say Jan. 1, 2000. Anyway, play the stockmarket until 2008, then sell.

George Costello thanks everyone for their good wishes and prayers for him and will be back soon. He needs them. He appreciates all the calls and visits. George Costello is home now and resting. So give him a call at his home. 331-7574. He would like to hear from you. Or drop him a card as that would be appreciated, too. We will be looking forward to seeing him at the meetings again.

Congratulations to Mr. Ho for his work at the Bernice Mathews school. There are now 14 kids in the Jr. program. Thanks to Jim Ringer and Tom Morrissey, who are helping in George's absence. It started out with 7 and has almost doubled in size. The parents are showing more interest in the program and it has all the aspects of becoming one of the best in the area.

December 4th was the day of the annual N.S.S.S. Christmas party. 39 people attended and it was as great as it has ever been. Lots of good food, plenty of conversation and wonderful gifts. We are indebted to Kay Williams for providing the room for the party and to Dorothy Geiger, her daughter and to Pat Barriage for arranging the table settings. They were beautiful. It was hard for those picking gifts to keep from exchanging the table settings for their own gift. The attendance was the highest of all the parties held here. It was a good way to prepare for the new year.

Dr. John Sande went through some hospital stay, but is home and on the recovery again. We wish him good health and look forward to his return to the meetings. He attended the Christmas Party and had a great time.

Did anyone go to the post office and have a cover dated 11/19/99? The next time all odd numbers appear in the postal cancellation will be in the century 3000. It had to be an old Ham radio operator to remind me of such an event. He told me the day after it happened.

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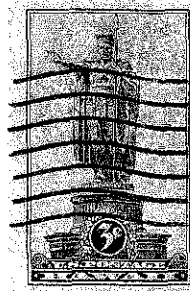
"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

The Hobby Show was somewhat of a success. NSSS split the profits with the Coin club and we received \$277.50. But, the sad part was the lack of participation by the other hobby clubs in the area. There were only three or four clubs that were provided displays and exhibits. So there will be another try for the next year in hopes of more clubs showing up.

N.S.S.S. now has 52 members by my count and that is number of Post Boys that are sent out each month. In some cases, where there are family members only one copy is sent to the home.

Nov. 27 turned out to be a fine meeting. Dick Dreiling provided a short program on stamps and stamp covers. There were about 28 members and one guest. As the winter months approach, the attendance should increase since all the vacationing is about over.

For this month's Auction Buck Quiz, here are the five questions. You will receive 20 bucks for each correct answer.



1. How many stamps were issued by the United States whose subject was related to Hawaii and Alaska, prior to them receiving the status of Statehood?
2. Which stamp was the first one to honor one of these states?
3. Which stamps were overprinted to mark the 1928 sesquicentennial of Hawaii's discovery?
4. What year was the Alaska declared the 49th state and what stamp, (Scott No.) was issued?
5. What year was Hawaii declared a Statehood and what stamp, (Scott No.) was issued for the occasion?

Here are the answers for last month's Auction Buck quiz.

1. A postal card is one issued by the government with a rate printed on it. A post card is one which requires postage to be placed on it and is used for advertising, pictures, cartoons, etc.
 2. The first use of picture postcards was at the Columbian Exposition.
 3. May 11 and 12th in 1873.
 4. The subject of the first postal card was Liberty, Scott No. PC1
 5. The first Paid Reply Postal Card was issued on Oct. 25, 1892.
- All the above answers were found in the Specialized Scott Catalog.

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

In the early 1800's the traditional Christmas celebrations evolved to our present day methods of commemorating Jesus Christ's Birthday. England and the United States had suppressed this celebration, at first, because of its pagan views. But, as the world turns so does its opinions and thus the postal system becomes involved with the rest of the world.

Great Britain began its commemoration program in 1966, when it issued S.G. No. 713 and 714. No. 713 depicted a child's drawing of the King of the Orient. Des Tasveer Shemza was the artist and No. 714 was a drawing of a snowman. J. Berry was the artist. Both these artist were the winners of a children's design competition. In 1967 the designs were more professional and featured "The Adoration of the Shepherds" from the School of Seville. "Modonna and Child" by Muirillo and the "The Adoration of the Shepherds" by Louis le Nain. S.G. No.s 756-758. In 1968 the subject of the Christmas stamps were toys. S.G. No.'s 775-777. No.775 showed a boy and a girl on rocking horse, 776 presented a girl with a doll's house and 777 was a picture of a boy with train set. Stanley Gbbons No.'s 1071-1074 showed carolers in various scenes.

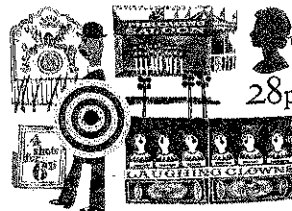
In the following years the subjects related to the religious themes, depicting Angels, the Three Shepherds and the Three Kings. These religious subject were on Great Britain's issues until 1978. The more pagan subjects appeared with scenes of the Christmas tree and the singing of Christmas carols. 1979 brought back the religious topics of the Nativity scenes, the Three Kings, Angels and Shepherds and Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem. In 1980 great Britain issued stamps depicting Christmas trees, candles, apples and mistletoe, crown , chains and Bell and Holly.

Children's Pictures were the subjects of the 1981 issues, followed by Christmas Carols, birds, crayon sketches, Christmas Pantomime, Christmas customs, Childhood memories, Christmas cards and other related subjects of Christmas.

The colors of these stamps are magnificent and well designed. To this day England's Christmas postage is most beautiful and easy to collect. Their subjects vary from toys, postal mail boxes to religious themes.

The Christmas feast of roast goose, potatoes, vegetables and topping it off with plum pudding is still the main dinners in the wonderful country. A bit of hot grog, tea or other sumptuous drink climaxes the day. It's a time to forget one's troubles of the past and enjoy the friendly companionship of the neighbors.

No matter what are one's religious beliefs, the Great Britain stamps capture the friendly spirit of Christmas Day with beauty and great designs.



Christmas Carols 1982

ROYAL MAIL FIRST DAY COVER

2000 U.S. STAMP PROGRAM

- January - 33¢ Year of the Dragon.** Gummed commemorative in pane of 20 (SSP). Lunar New Year series. (*Stamp Collector*, 10/25/99, page 18.)
- January - Celebrate the Century 1980s.** Commemorative pane of 15 se-tenant 33¢ stamps including: Fall of the Berlin Wall, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, American Hostages Freed, *E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial*, *The Cosby Show* (Hit Comedy), *Cats*, Hip-hop Culture, Figure Skating, San Francisco 49ers, Personal Computers, Compact Discs, Cable TV, Space Shuttle Program, Video Games, Cabbage Patch Kds. Printed by AP. (SC, 12/28/98 page 3, 4/28/99 page 10.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Patricia Roberts Harris.** Self-adhesive commemorative in pane of 20. Black Heritage series. (SC, 10/25/99, page 18.)
- 2000 - 20¢ University of Utah.** Postal card. Historical Preservation series. (SC, 10/25/99, page 18.)
- 2000 - Louise Nevelson.** Five 33¢ stamps depicting sculptures *Silent Music I*, *Royal Tide I*, *Black Chord*, *Nightsphere Light* and *Drawn's Wedding Chapel I* in se-tenant commemorative pane of 20. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- April - Celebrate the Century 1990s.** Commemorative pane of 15 se-tenant 33¢ stamps including: Recovering Species, Gulf War, Improving Education, *Titanic*, *Jurassic Park*, Computer Art and Graphics, *Seinfeld*, Special Olympics, Baseball Records, Extreme Sports, World Wide Web, Virtual Reality, Return to Space, Cellular Phones, Sport Utility Vehicles. (SC, 4/12/99 page 16, 7/19/99 page 10.)
- April - Pacific Coast Rain Forest.** Ten 33¢ self-adhesive commemoratives in overall tableau pane picturing 26 animal and plant species. Nature of America series. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - U.S. Navy Submarines.** Five 33¢ stamps in Prestige booklet depicting *USS Holland*, S-class submarine; *Gato*-class submarine; *Los Angeles*-class attack submarine; *Trident*-class ballistic missile submarine. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - Nebulae and Galaxy.** Five gummed se-tenant 33¢ stamps in commemorative pane of 20 honoring astronomer Edwin Powell Hubble showing images from the Hubble Space Telescope: Eagle Nebula; Ring Nebula; Lagom Nebula; Egg Nebula; Galaxy NGC1316. (SC, 10/25/99, page 18.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Wile E. Coyote & Road Runner.** Self-adhesive 33¢ commemorative in pane of 10. Looney Tunes series. (SC, 9/13/99, page 10; 10/25/99, page 18; 11/08/99 page 18.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Wile E. Coyote & Road Runner.** Picture postal cards. Looney Tunes series.
- 2000 - 33¢ American Samoa.** Gummed commemorative. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Library of Congress.** Gummed stamp for bicentennial in commemorative pane of 20. (SC, 10/25/99, page 19.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Summer Sports.** Gummed commemorative. (SC, 10/25/99, page 18.)
- 2000 - Youth Team Sports.** Four 33¢ commemoratives in gummed pane of 20 depicting basketball; football; soccer; baseball. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 20¢ Middlebury College.** Postal card depicting "Old Stone Row" of college in Vermont. Historical Preservation series. (SC, 10/25/99, page 18.)
- 2000 - Distinguished Soldiers.** Four gummed se-tenant 33¢ stamps in commemorative pane of 20 depicting Alvin C. York, John L. Hines, Audie C. Murphy, Omar C. Bradley. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Adoption.** Self-adhesive stamp in commemorative pane of 20. (SC, 10/25/99, page 19.)
- 2000 - The Stars and Stripes.** Twenty gummed 33¢ stamps depicting historic American flags in pane of 20. (SC, 10/25/99, page 20.)
- July 7-16 - Space Achievement and Exploration.** Circular holographic \$11.75 stamp picturing the Earth and four gummed 8-by-5-inch commemorative panes: Landing on the Moon (\$11.75 stamp showing lunar lander leaving Moon); Probing the Vastness of Space (six 60¢ se-tenant stamps picturing optical and electronic telescopes); Escaping the Gravity of Earth (two \$3.60 se-tenant stamps showing Space Shuttle at work); Exploring the Solar System (five pentagonal \$1 stamps showing images of the Sun). Also to be offered as a 16-by-20-inch sheet with the circular stamp at the center of the four abutting panes. To be issued at World Stamp Expo 2000 in Anaheim, CA. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- July 7-16 - Stampin' the Future.** Four se-tenant stamps designed by students ages 8-12 in the USPS Stampin' the Future contest in se-tenant commemorative pane of 20. To be issued as part of the World's Kids Congress at World Stamp Expo 2000 in Anaheim, CA. (SC, 9/13/99, page 20.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Edward G. Robinson.** Commemorative pane of 20. Legends of Hollywood series. (SC, 9/13/99 page 10.)
- 2000 - 33¢ California Statehood.** Self-adhesive commemorative in pane of 20. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Claude Pepper.** Gummed, bicolored definitive in pane of 20 with header Great Americans series. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- Oct. 1 - Deep-Sea Creatures.** Five gummed 33¢ commemoratives in pane of 15: Fanfin Anglerfish; Sea Cucumber; Fangtooth; Amphipod; Medusa. National Stamp Collecting Month issue. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 33¢ Thomas Wolfe.** Gummed commemorative in pane of 20. Literary Arts series. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- October - 33¢ Thanksgiving.** Gummed commemorative in pane of 20. Holiday Celebrations series. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- October - 33¢ Madonna & Child.** Self-adhesive booklet of 20. Painting by Jan Gossaert. (Christmas — Traditional.) (SC, 11/08/99.)
- October - 33¢ Old World Santas.** Four self-adhesive stamps in panes of 20, booklets of 15 and 20. (Christmas — Contemporary.) (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 20¢ Ryman Auditorium.** Postal card depicting former home of Grand Old Opry in Nashville, Tenn. Historical Preservation series. (SC, 11/08/99.)
- 2000 - 33¢ White House.** Self-adhesive stamp in commemorative pane of 20 marking bicentennial of White House. (SC, 10/25/99, page 19.)