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Presents
The Post Boy

January, 2000

Well, here we are into the next century. The year 2000. Seems impressive. For N.S.S.S. it means a new year of fun and achievements. NEVPEX 2000, the annual picnic, Auction Bucks Auction, the annual Christmas Party and other smaller events and meetings that should provide the members with news, ideas, trading, selling and buying. There will many great new programs awaiting in the wings. The Junior Program will be a larger undertaking. So set your calendars for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month for the year 2000.

Did you see last Saturday's sports news? Dr. Sande's son and grandson were the topic. His son attended Stanford and was the center on the football team. That team played in the Rose Bowl. This year his son, Dr. Sande's grandson will have the honors of being in the same situation. He, too, will be the center on the team and will have the honor of playing in the Rose Bowl. They say this is a record for Stanford University. Congratulations to Dr. Sande, his son John Sande II and his grandson, John Sande III.

N.S.S.S. does need a program chairman and refreshment chairman. This is not a very difficult job. Provide one program per month and obtain volunteers for providing the refreshments each meeting. On the programming side, there is a number of sources for programs. APS, ATA, AFC and American Air Mail Society have many slide shows available for the clubs to borrow. They will send a list of the programs available. Programs should be about 15 to 25 min. long. A lot of information can be obtained this way and would help the members know more about stamp collecting. CALL or contact Dick Dreiling and tell him you want to help develop N.S.S.S. to be

We will continue our regular meeting schedule as in the past. The only change would be to have the Board Meetings after the second meeting of the month. There will be some special Board Meetings as needed. The first meeting of the month will have the stamp Auction and business meeting. The second will the program and stamp lots for consignment.

"To promote and enhance the hobby of Stamp Collecting"

Did you know when the word "collecting" was originated? The exact date or year is very vague, but it is known that Cicero (106-43bc) gave a speech and used the word in the year 66 BC. Cicero was a very dynamic person, an excellent orator and, guess what, he collected manuscripts and works of art.

The famous German poet, Johann von Goethe was quoted as saying the following: "Collectors are a happy people, who devote their free time to a world of their own creation." He collected minerals.

Of course, stamp collecting could not have begun until the first stamps were issued and that increased the interest in mail prior to stamps, such as pre-paid postage or postage paid by the receiver of the mail.

'philately' is derived from the Greek *ateleia*, which means 'exempt from payment'.

Some of the famous stamp collectors are: Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Enrico Caruso, Russian physiologist-I.P. Pavlov, the Indian statesman, Jawaharial Nehru, Austrian composer, Robert Stolz and Albert Einstein. Mr. Einstein said "collecting stamps was useful or intellectuals and academics as it is a form of relaxation and recreation.

So you get some free information about the hobby of stamp collecting. Probably most of you know some of this data.

Well, Auction Bucks Quiz is on a stamp which was issued June 14, 1956. It is Scott no. 1043.



1. Who were the combatants in this Battle?
2. Who was the Colonel that was in charge of the Alamo and how many men did he have in his command?
3. Who was one of those men that was a legion is his own write?
4. Where is the Alamo located? And in what year did this famous fight take place"?
5. The Mexicans won this battle, but lost to another strong leader, Sam Houston, won the next battle, six weeks later. He was known for his battle cry. What was the battle cry?

Good luck and each correct answer will receive 20 Auction Bucks. The information for those questions can be found in United States Post Office, Stamps and Stories., plus other good history books.

Here are the answers to December's Auction Bucks Quiz.

1. Seven stamps. No. 647-648, 370-371, 799-800, C-46.
2. Hawaii, Oct. 18, 1937; Alaska, Nov. 12, 1937
3. The 2 cent and 5 cent of the Regular issue of 1922-1923. S.N. 647-648. They overprinted with Hawaii 1778-1928.
4. Jan. 3, 1959. C-53 Alaska.
5. Aug. 21, 1959. C55 Hawaii.

What's this latest talk going around about "slabbing" stamps? The information that seems to be going around these days is the promotional program where stamps are encased in a plastic box, such as is done with new coins. The first time it was brought to my attention was in the latest issue of Stamp Collector. They had an opinion survey about this way of selling stamps. Most opinions seems to be it may be good for investors and on only those great classics, but the collectors are not interested. It will be an interesting subject to bat around in the next meeting.

In a recent cartoon the one below has an interesting reference to stamp collecting.



Dick Dreiling has asked he be excused from further meetings until his job in the Censer program ends. He suggested a board meeting be held soon to discuss NEVPEX 2000. He also, suggested if he be replaced as President he would agree with the change. We could have a President Pro-tem until Dick returns in 4 months. He would be available to help with NEVPEX show.

The Veteran's Stamp Program needs donations of stamps and supplies to be used as therapy for inpatients, outpatients, domiciliary members and all veterans and military personel, who qualify. For additional information write to Don Clauser, Sr., Volunteer (K11) VAMC Stamp Program, 517 North Seventh Street, Leavenworth, KS 66048. This might be a way to clean out those old boxes.

How many of you have computers with the internet feature? Would you like to see information on how to use eBay for purchasing or selling stamps? There are a few do's and don'ts about this program. If there are a number of you that participate in eBay, then there will be published list of these do's and don'ts. Let the editor know.

The following article is from a recent issue of Stamp Collector. It lists all the events which happen on Dec. 6. It is almost like a chronicle of this last century.

THIS DATE IN STAMPS

December 6

1839: The postage for a letter in Great Britain drops to 4 pence, regardless of the number of sheets or distance the letter is to be carried. This reduced (but still relatively expensive) rate results in calls for a lower rate still — Uniform Penny Postage, earlier championed by postal reformer Rowland Hill — which would be introduced the following month, although another Hill innovation — the postage stamp — would not be ready in time.

1860: The provisional government of Naples releases a 1/2-tornese blue stamp showing the white Cross of Savoy. It becomes one of the most sought-after (and oft-counterfeited) rarities of the old Italian states. Valid only until the end of 1861, the stamp today catalogs \$25,000 unused and \$3,200 in used condition.

1880: The Swiss security printing firm of Hélio Courvoisier is formed. To this day, it is still owned by the Courvoisier



Two of the first purpose-designed stamps of the Irish Free State, issued on Dec. 6, 1922.

Ireland, the "Sword of Light," the Irish coat of arms and a Celtic cross. Meanwhile, work continues to paint every mailbox in the country bright Irish green.

1923: An airmail flight crashes in Costalia, Ohio. No surviving mail is known.

1925: Finland issues a 5-markka red violet and black Lion definitive on paper with a Swastika watermark.

1926: Belgium's familiar rampant lion and the Cross of Lorraine appear on a set of five semipostals issued to benefit tubercular World War I veterans.

1927: Finland marks 10 years of independence from Russia with 1-1/2m and 2m Lion stamps. A West Indian Aerial Express service is expanded to include Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in its service between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

family and prints high-quality stamps for postal administrations around the world.

1892: By this date, Missouri's St. Louis & Suburban Railroad had a number of streetcar routes on which post office cars operated. Workers sorted, canceled and distributed mail on these cars. Eventually, about 14 routes with post office cars operated in the St. Louis streetcar system.

1918: Less than a month after the end of World War I, Italian forces occupying the Adriatic Sea territory formerly controlled by the now-defunct Austro-Hungarian Empire (including the port of Trieste) release a set of Italian definitives with a two-line "Venezia / Giulia" overprint for provisional use there.

1922: The Irish Free State issues its first purpose-designed stamps for postage, which will supplant overprinted British stamps in use since February. The 12 values of the new set picture a map of



A non-denominated (10c) Commercial Airways "AIR FEE" semiofficial airmail stamp (above) and a 1c green King George V definitive from the Arch or Leaf series (right), issued in Canada on Dec. 6, 1930.

1930: Canada issues a 1c green King George V stamp in what would become known as the Arch or Leaf series. On this same date, Canada's Commercial Airways Ltd. issues a non-denominated orange "AIR FEE" semiofficial airmail stamp picturing a monoplane to pay the 10c letter fee charged by the firm for carriage of mail on its air routes in northern Alberta and Northwest Territories.

1933: Sweden issues a 5-öre stamp in three different formats to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Swedish Postal Savings Bank.

1935: The Aegean island of Rhodes releases its first special delivery stamps, a set of two picturing a running stag.

1936: Austria releases 130,000 sets of

six innovative stamps picturing inventors, sold at two times their face value to raise money for charity.

1940: Occupying the Faroe Islands in the North Atlantic during World War II, the British military administration releases a 50-öre surcharge on a 50 Danish definitive for local use. Some 27,500 stamps receive the surcharge, which becomes the most valuable of the five such provisional surcharges that will be released during the conflict.

1944: The Italian Social Republic — a short-lived Fascist region of northern Italy nominally ruled by Mussolini (but in fact firmly controlled by German troops) — releases its final issue. The three-stamp set commemorates the Bandiera Brothers,

revolutionaries who were shot to death by the authorities in 1844. Less than five months after these stamps were issued, Mussolini would meet that same fate.

1945: Serrate-roulette versions of the Berlin-Brandenburg definitives for use in Soviet-occupied East Berlin are released.

1947: Shortly after All American Aviation Corp. Flight 23 from Pittsburgh makes an airmail pick-up at Wellsburg, W.Va., the tail section drops off the aircraft, which crashes in Franklin, W.Va. The pilot and co-pilot are killed, and 81 pounds of mail are salvaged in damaged condition, processed and handstamped at Wheeling, W.Va., and forwarded. Three covers with the marking are recorded.

1957: A 30m stamp marks the 40th anniversary of Finland's independence.

1958: A pair of French Red Cross semipostals are issued picturing Vincent de Paul and Red Cross founder Henri Dunant. Legends and legendary figures appear on a seven-stamp anti-tuberculosis semipostal set issued by Belgium.

1960: A 4c commemorative for lawyer, diplomat and ambassador John Foster Dulles is released. Dulles had served as Eisenhower's secretary of state from 1953 until his death on May 24, 1959, about 20 months before the stamp was issued. Vatican City issues a set of Christmas stamps.

1962: It is the first day of nationwide release for the 8c carmine Jet Airliner Over Capitol airmail stamp in pane, Great Britain issued booklet and coil form. Pane this £1 black definitive stamp on Dec. 6, 1972.



overprinted with phosphorescent ink the following year for some of the first U.S. experiments in the use of tagging for high-speed mail sorting. Liechtenstein issues Christmas stamps depicting a Pietà and a fresco of an angel with a harp, while a 1-peseta Spanish Christmas stamp pictures the Nativity as rendered by 17th-century sculptor Pedro de Mena.



Dec. 6, 1962, was the first day of nationwide release for this 8c Jet Over Capitol airmail.

**Damaged In Plane
Crash Flight 23
Dec. 6, 1947
Wheeling, W.Va.**

Airmail salvaged from a Dec. 6, 1947, plane crash received this auxiliary mail marking.

1973: It is the first day of nationwide issue for the new 10¢ emerald Liberty Bell stamped envelope, although the standard letter rate will not increase to that denomination until March 2, 1974. The edible frog is one of four species of Small Fauna pictured in a four-stamp set issued by Liechtenstein.

1977: Stamps are issued for the so-called South African native homeland of Boputhatswana. Since the creation of this and several other "bantustans" is seen by foreign opponents of apartheid chiefly as a sop to appease critics of that racial policy, the stamps are not officially recognized outside of the Republic of South Africa as having more than local validity.

1979: It is the first day of nationwide issue for a 22¢ international-rate air letter sheet featuring an illustration of a discus thrower, issued to mark the ill-fated Moscow Summer Olympic Games scheduled for July and August. Following the invasion of Afghanistan, the United States and other Western allies boycott the games to oppose Soviet policy. Frescos from the church of San Francesco adorn a set of four San Marino Christmas stamps.

1980: Rambouillet Castle is depicted on a 2.20fr French Tourism stamp.

1982: Byzantine bas-reliefs appear on a se-tenant pair of Greek Christmas stamps.

1983: Iceland releases 6.5-krone and 7kr commemoratives showing portraits of President Kristján Eldjárn to mourn the first anniversary of his death. ☒



This 4¢ United States John Foster Dulles commemorative displays a socked-on-the-nose first-day cancellation of Dec. 6, 1960.

1965: Six Italian sports stamps appear on Italy's 15-lira issue for Stamp Day. Scenes from six fairy tales appear on a semipostal set issued by Luxembourg to fund holiday season charity efforts. Modern Turkish warships are pictured on a five-stamp set from Turkey.

1972: Great Britain issues a £1 engraved black stamp, an oversized version of its Machin design showing the profile of Queen Elizabeth II. Ireland marks the 50th anniversary of its first stamps with a 6-penny stamp-on-stamp design showing the 1922 2d Map of Ireland. Portugal issues four new values of its 1972-77 Cities and Landscapes definitive series.

Place your answers to this month's Auction Buck Quiz:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Good luck and have a great Millennium.