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Presents
The Post Boy

August 2000

N.S.S.S. has lost one of its active members. *Philip J. Cross* passed away this last week and he will missed at our meetings. He was an active collector and helped our club in many ways. We give our condolences to his wife and family.

George Costello is back home, after spending a week in the Veterans Hospital. He is recuperating from his latest illness. We hope to see him back at the meetings, soon.

August brings NSSS to another year. Dues are requested at this time. They will stay the same as before. \$17.50 per year for individual and \$20.00 per family. August to August.

There was some discussion as to renaming the annual NEVPEX show. It might be more enlightening to the public if the show was named using the words Stamp Collecting as opposed to the Philatelic Exposition.

August also brings about a chance to vote for the following positions: Vice President: Secretary: and Three board members. Please submit your nominations at the first meeting in August. These nominations will voted upon at the second meeting in August.

At this time we now have a new Program Director. *Dick Davis* has volunteered for this position. There has been a lull in providing programs for this group and Dick will do a good job for us. We thank Dick for volunteering.

There were several stamps issued in the last week or so. The subject was Space. These were issued in conjunction with the show in Anaheim, Calif. I believe there were 6 issues. Also, there is a new stamp for Lucy Ball. Maybe the U.S.P.O stamp advisory committee will select stamps honoring those deserving recognition for their long lasting contributions to the United States and not for their short term entertaining capabilities.

For those interested in collecting Canada or topical, Canada's new issues feature Art Work and Tall Ships. The art work is absolutely beautiful. Great FDC.s

The following article was found on my e mail and found it very enlightening useful to everyone. Read it and see if you know all the facts about the "Dollar Bill".

The One Dollar Bill

Better look now before they become extinct!

Take out a one dollar bill and look at it. The one-dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957, in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running throughout it. It is actually material. We've washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used. The contents we will never know.

It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look. If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you see the scales for the balance-a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's T-square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles together, comprise the great Seal of the United States. The first Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get approved.

If you look at the left hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, and ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of United States and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet no one knows what the symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons; first, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England. Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM," meaning "one nation from many people."

Above the Eagle you have thirteen stars representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as

Truman's car was in the exact location I took the picture. I looked up and waved to him. He waved to the crowd.

I was very excited to get home, develop the negative and print the picture.

Wow. What a picture. There was Pres. Truman slightly bent over and staring right into my camera, waving to me.

It would never make a subject for a stamp but it was a treasure to me.

Pres. Harry S. Truman has been portrayed on three different stamps, but none of them hold the same enjoyment as the picture I have in my file. Fig. 4.

A little bit of trivia. A disagreement between the grandfathers of Harry about his middle name. One wanted Shippe and other wanted Solomon. The problem was solved by using the letter S as his middle initial.



FIG. 2

Harry S. Truman



U.S. Postage 8 cents

FIG. 1



FIG. 3

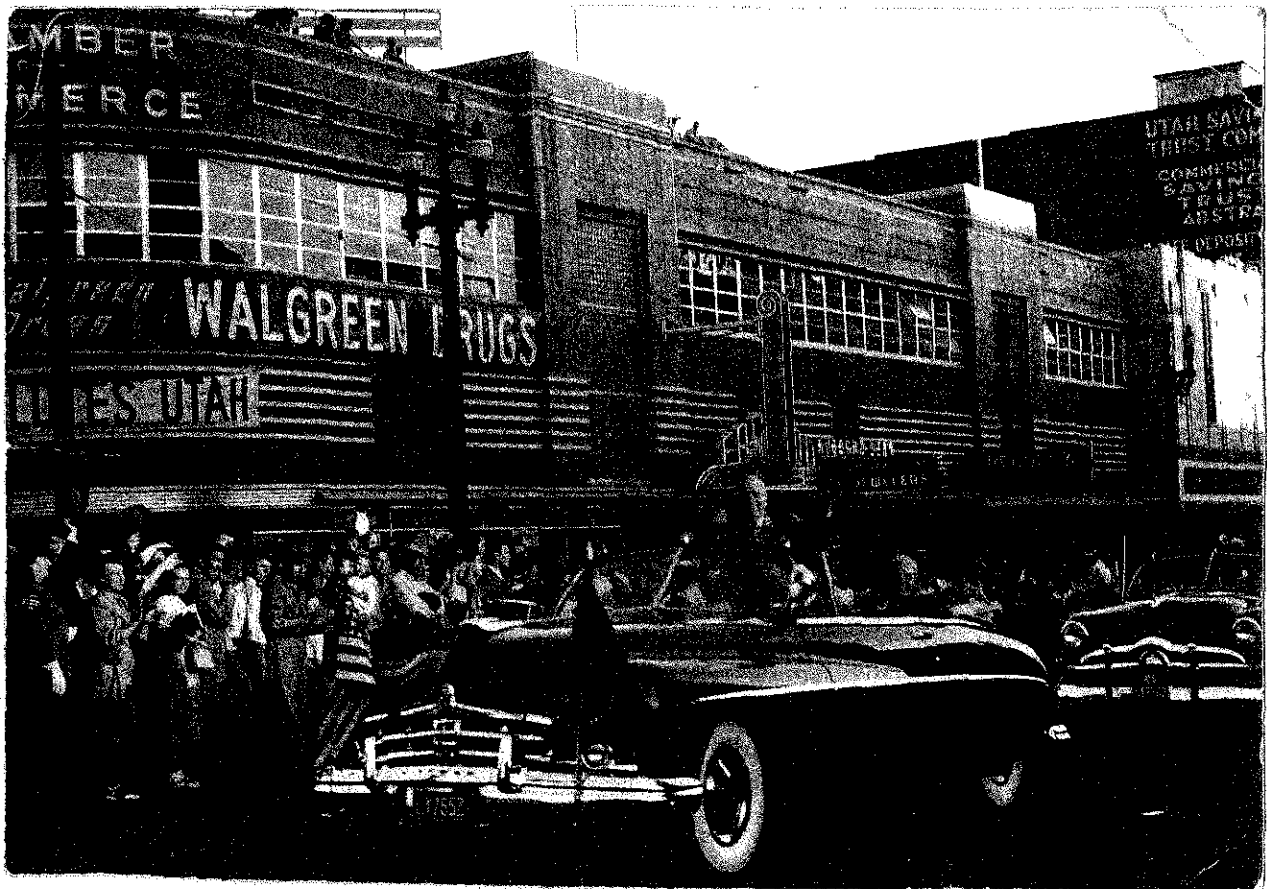


FIG. 4

one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with 13th floor.

But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of the Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 letters in "Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 plumes of feathers on each span of the eagle's wing, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you closely, 13 arrows. and for minorities" the 13th amendment.

I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this and their history teachers don't know this. Tell everyone what is on the back of the one dollar bill and what it stands for, because nobody also will.

My Picture of Pres. Harry S. Truman
by C. Wm. Brew

There was a recent article about the photograph used on the SC #1499, Fig. 1, stamp dedicated to Pres. Harry S. Truman.

My personal picture of Pres. Truman provided me with more information about this great president.

Pres. Truman took over the reins of this country when Pres. Franklin Roosevelt died in office. SC #, Fig. 2

World War II was still in progress. We had all but won the war in Europe and Pres. Roosevelt was now meeting the heads of our Allies. In the midst Pres. Roosevelt died on Apr. 12th, 1945. He had just be reelected for the fourth time.

The war was still going on with the Japanese when Pres. Harry Truman took over the job of running this country. With the attack on Tokyo by Jimmy Doolittle raids still fresh in the mind, it was now up to Truman to decide to use the atom bomb. SC #1070 Fig. 3. The war in the Pacific was soon over.

With the war over the United States settling into a normal pace, it was soon time for elections. This meant Pres. Truman had some hard campaigning to do and he used the old reliable method of grass roots contacts. He did this through train travel, with whistle stops and speeches off the verandah of the club car, at the rear of the train. He thrived on this type of campaigning, although the results of the poles indicated he had lost.

This brings me to my picture. When he scheduled a visit to Salt Lake City, I became excited. A recent purchase of a 2 1/4 by 4 1/4 graflex camera would now be ready for use. The location was on State and First Street. The crowds line up early and my location had to be in the right spot. Making sure my position was in the front row, I focused the camera on a spot in the exact of the intersection. This was necessary as this camera required me to look into the reflected image through he camera lens. As there would be no time for me to refocused when he arrived, this was all set up and all I had to do was to take the picture when Pres. Truman was in the exact center. When Pres.

Here are some of the new issues for various countries:

Canada:

- May 23. The Queen Mother.
- May 23. Fresh Waters of Canada
- May 23. Fresh Waters of Canada, 2nd group.
- June 01. Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada.
- June 29. Seventh-day Adventist Church.
- July 01. Stampin' the Future.
- July 07. Masterpieces of Canadian Art.
- July 19. Tall Ships.
- Sept. 01. Department of Labor.

Great Britain:

- July 04. Millennium: Landscapes 2nd Class.

Ireland:

- June 16. Millennium IV

Isle Of Man:

- June 21. Prince William's 18th Birthday.
- July 07. Stampn' the Future.

Russia:

- April 10. 55th Anniversary of End of World War II.
- April 12. International Cooperation in Space.
- April 20. United Nations Traffic Safety Week.
- May 05. Holocaust Victims Memorial.
- May 07. Inauguration of President Putin.
- May 09. EUROPA.
- May 17. Hanover Expo 2000.
- May 25. Regions of Russia.

These are some of the recent issues or issues to be released soon. If you have a favorite country's issue, please let me know and it will be published as soon as the newest information is available.

Are you working on your library? Sometimes the book or reference material is quite expensive, but if you watch the auctions and book sales, you can find just the item you want at a very reduced price. Believe it or not, garage sales do yield material you may be looking to add to it. Just, take a few minutes and browse through the books that are in some cardboard box and bingo there it is. The libraries of this area have special book sales of donations by members which are placed on sale. A good library does help you in your collection interests.

Here are the answers to the Quiz for the month of July.

1. Stamps
2. Topical or Capitol
3. Issue
4. Exhibit
5. Plate.

Here are the mixed words for the Month of August. 20 auction bucks for each correct answer.

1. Nitidooen
2. Gnmafygini slgas
3. Patms Nsgot
4. Gspaote Ued
5. Gsnratsreitoi

That last one may be a little tough, but if you use a stamp catalogue, the word is in it. Clue. It is one of the categories of stamps in the back of the book.

A reminder that August is the month for renewing your membership in N.S.S.S.

Also, we will be having an election for several offices and board members. It would be great if ALL MEMBERS, whether they attend meetings or have a membership in the club to put in their vote. If you want to nominate someone, please get their permission before making the nomination to the members. It saves embarrassment to every one.

I am sure that most collectors have specialized in one or another selection of stamp collecting. My collecting interests have changed one time or another. Starting with general countries, but mainly St. Luica. My service time was there and it provided me with a good knowledge of the Island. Having visited almost all of the cities on St. Lucia it was fun tying all this into a stamp collection.

Later, my interests went to Canada, then Ireland, Newfoundland, Isle of Man and Great Britain. Canada and Great Britain have some of the most beautiful covers, even though they are made by the Governments. Now, it is with First Day Covers by Staelhe. It will be a project to collect all of his material, but it will be give me something new to dig into at the stamp dealers booth. But, that is what collecting is all about. So don't hesitate to change your interests.