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N.S.S.S. is growing one by one. Our newest member, *Stan Cronwall*, was elected to be one of our directors. He brings new ideas and experience to N.S.S.S.

Nadiah Beckun, who just returned from Mauritius, after spending one year there, with her Husband and family, will be presenting the program at the second meeting in October. The subject, of course, will be *The Postal System of Mauritius*. This will be a fine program, so plan to be at the meeting.

Since October is *Stamp Collecting Month*, Tom Morrissey is in the process of arranging a tour of the Post Office on Vassar St. sometime during the month. At the present time the visit is still up in the air.

The first meeting in November will be **AUCTION BUCKS AUCTION**. The mini-auction will **NOT** be held at this meeting, due to the time frame of the ABA. As you know, from past experience, this is one of the fun things N.S.S.S. members enjoy at this time of the year. All the Auction Bucks you have earned during the year can now be used to bid on the many items donated by the members. All of the items are superb material, philatelic and nonphilatelic. You do not have to have a big supply of ABAs to make you bid, so be there and enjoy the fun.

The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Masonic Lodge located on Peckham Lane.

There will not be any meetings until the first Saturday in January, 2001. How time flies. This year has moved very fast. A lot has been accomplished.

Do you have any suggestions for next years programs? Would you like to volunteer to present one. Tell us something about your favorite collecting interests. Contact *Dick Davis*, at 331-7192 or tell him your intentions at one of the meetings, in the near future, and on what dates you would to make your presentation. He would appreciate it.

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News

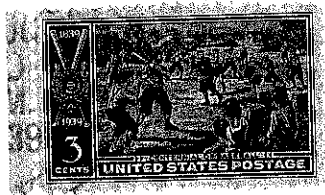
This may be the first Christmas in a long time in which the U.P.S. has not issued a Christmas stamp or stamps. The issuance of the Christmas stamps has been a tradition for a long time. Most of the Countries of the world have issued Christmas stamps. Maybe there is a trend of reducing the number of issues per year by the postoffice. That would be nice, but it seems they could have started with some issues that are not so traditional.

More News

There have been several articles in recent stamp magazines concerning the collecting of the modern stamp issues. These recent issues are low in value and very common. This is a great chance to start some one on the fun of collecting stamps while disregarding the emphasis upon collecting with the goal of the possible increase of value of ones collection. Starting a collection in this manner can develop a knowledge of stamps. How to mount them. How to catalog them. How to set ones sight on a future specific field of collecting.

World Series

Once again the annual World Series of baseball is fast approaching. The process of selecting the final two games will be decided by this week end. This brings about the number of stamps relating to baseball. First was SC #855, which honors the centennial anniversary of the game of modern day baseball. This stamp was issued on June 12, 1939. in Cooperstown N.Y. It was also the scene of the opening of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. It seems, according to some historians, that a gentleman by the name of Abner Doubleday, adopted the rules of the English game called "Rounders" and created the basic rules for our modern day baseball. By changing the rule of "tagging the runner", the hard ball was introduced. This allowed longer hits of the ball and a faster playing game. His initial team was made up of cadets attending a preparatory military school. Mr Doubleday was an instructor at the school. In 1919 the town father of Cooperstown leased the site of the original playing field, used by the cadets. In 1923 the land was permanently transferred to Cooperstown. The Field was name Doubleday Field and it is the site of the Hall of Fame inductees. Two professional teams of today's era put on an exhibition game to honor the occasion.

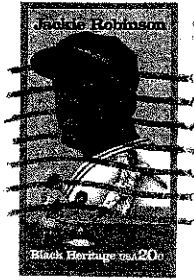


That stamp was followed by the Sept. 24th 1969 issuance of SC #1381, in honor of professional baseball. Jackie Robinson's portrait on SC # 2016, issued on Aug. 2, 1982. On July 6th, 1983, the picture of Babe Ruth hitting the long ball was issued. SC #2046 In 1984, on Aug. 17th, the stamp honoring Puerto Rican Roberto Clemente. SC 2097. He was killed in an airplane accident while delivering food and medical supplies to the people of Puerto Rico.

SC # 2417 was issued honoring Lou Gehrig. He was one of the most outstanding player of the New York Yankees for the honesty and honor he gave to the sport of baseball.

On Aug. 29, 1991, Bud Abbot and Lou Costello were honored in the comedian series. Probably for the skit "Who's on First"

The Olympic baseball event was issued on Feb. 6, 1992. SC #2619.



In 1996 a set of four stamps honoring the Folk Heroes, among them was "Casey at The Bat". A poem about a Great Ball Player, who was to be the hero of the day., SC #3083. They were issued on July 11th.

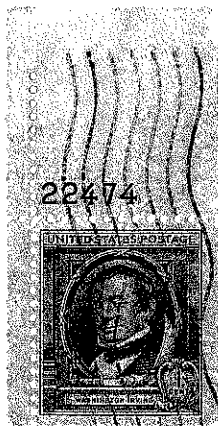
1998, the "Celebrate the Century" sheets were issued. On the first sheet, SC #3182n, the first world series anniversary was honored.

On the second sheet issued, Babe Ruth was again honored. This is SC #3184a. Then on issue SC #3186c Jackie Robinson was the subject. The first black player to be in the major league division.

On sheet 3187c the subject was "The Shot Heard 'Round the World". and SC #3187j, which depicts the "World Series Rivals".

In sheet SC #3188n, Roger Maris was honored as the man who broke the 60 home run record set by Babe Ruth, in 1927.

With all of these stamps honoring baseball events and heroes, who face is missing? Abner Doubleday, the person who developed the modern day rules of "Rounders", as it was known in England. He laid out the diamond and set the initial rules, many of which are still enforced. Actually there may have been several persons involved with the development of early baseball. Mr. Spalding, the sports manufacturer of sporting goods was present and in the company of Mr. Doubleday. This may be the difficulty of recognizing Abner Doubleday with the issuance of a stamp in his honor.



Halloween



The witching hour of Halloween will upon us at the end of October. Which brings to mind the issuance of SC #1548. American Folklore Issue. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

This piece of writing was created by Washington Irving. SC # 864. He also wrote another well-known story, "Rip Van Winkle".

Washington Irving was known as the "father of American Literature." and "inventor of the short story.

He was born in New York city on April 3, 1783. He died in 1859.

He gained an education in law. He passed the bar in 1806 and set up an office on Wall Street. But that profession was not to be with him. He did write essays, with his brother which were published under the name of *Salmagundi*.

His most widely known work was *The Sketch Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gen.* In it were thirty difference pieces, which included the subject on SC #1548, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.

This short story is about a school teacher who is somewhat eccentric in his manners. At the local Holloween party, he is led to believe that a headless horseman bounded through the neighborhood, at this time of the year. This had him worried or frightened, so, as he was walking home from party and horse mounted by a seemingly headless person almost ran him down. The next morning a large smashed pumpkin was found in the roadway, in the area, Ichabod Crane, the teacher, supposedly was attacked.

The stamp depicts Ichabod Crane being chased by the headless horseman. The color of the is related to the Holloween theme, being black and orange.

More News

A.P.S. is getting closer to moving into the Match Factory. The expansion of the present facilities would create a situation where the present site is worth more by not adding to the building. This is due to a new highway passing through State College, PA. The Match Factory will provide 5 (five) times more space than is available in the present building.

The new location will be in Bellefonte. Thusly building permits and codes would have to be obtained from them. If this all passes and the APS board approves than reconstruction of the factory will begin. This will be a big step for the A.P.S. and we, as collectors, will benefit from it.

Topical News

In a recent issue of one of the larger stamp magazines a list all of the stamps on a particular subject or individual. This time the subject is Sir Isaac Newton. The following countries have issued stamps honoring this scientist.

Country	Scott No
Ajman (Michel1994)	Ascension 142
Chad	Benin C276
Germany 1771	Bulgaria 3793
Great Br. 1175	Congo Rep. C238
Guinea 988	Dubai C57
Lesotho 578	France 861
Mexico C377	Ghana 1031
Niger C124	Ghana 1130
Redonda 8737	Grenada B14
Togo 1365	Grenada 1535
(1658)Yeman Arab Michel (909)	Gren.G. 909
	Guinea 1262c
	Hungary 2485
	Korea,N.
	Mali C301
	Madagascar 1100b
	Maldive Is. 1268
	Mali C301
	Nicaragua 878
	Nicaragua 1985d
	Paraguay 871
	Paraguay 874
	Poland 884
	St.Pierre C56
	San Marino 1023
	Russia 5601
	Togo 1409
	Uganda 566
	Vietnam Michel

U.S. Stamp Program 2000

This is a list of the stamps due in Sept, Oct, Nov and Dec.

Sept. 7	33 cent Claude Piper. Washington D.C.
Sept. 8	33 cent California Statehood. Sacramento CA 98513
Sept or Oct	Edward G. Robinson
Oct. 2	33 cent. Deep-Sea Creatures. Monterey, CA 93940
Oct. 3	33 cent. Thomas Wolfe. Asheville, NC 28810
Oct.	20 cent Postal Card. Reindeer.
Nov. 9	10 cent NYC Public Library Lion. New York, NY 10199

Answers to Sept. Puzzle Boxes

20 Auction Bucks for each correct answer.

1. Essay
2. Mini-Auction
3. Maximum Card
4. Upper Right Hand Corner Plate Block
5. Post Cards

Quiz

This month the quiz will be on Countries that are found in the catalog. The country name will be scrambled. Your job, if you decide to take it, will be to unscramble the name. Each correct answer will receive 20 Auction Bucks. Auction Bucks Auction will be held at the first meeting in November.

1. SRATAUI
2. OSHOTLE
3. GAPUARYA
4. DGNUAA
5. IBUDA

In an recent article in Stamp Collector News, Barry Krause gives some tips selling your collection. They are pretty good and right to the point.

1. There is a difference between wholesale and retail prices in stamps. The price you pay is much more than the price you may be able to sell. A lot has to do with the dealer. If he has a seller ready for your material he may offer 10 to 20 percent off the anticipated selling price. But, if your material may have to stay in his stock for quite a

while, then you may only receive 70 to 80 percent of his anticipated selling price.

2. Be realistic when evaluating your own collection. The stamp market fluctuates very

much during each year. Keep yourself informed on the latest prices. Knowledge is power.

3. If possible and practical, shop around for a better price when you sell your stamps. A bourse is ideal for taking your collection around the various dealers.

4. Choose the 'right' dealer when selling you stamps. Sell your FD covers to a FDC dealer. Sell your foreign stamps to a foreign stamp dealer not one who specializes in U.S. Don't try to sell your normal prices stamps to a dealer who only wants rarities.

5. Try to avoid "distress sales" of your stamps. When you are forced to sell your stamps or if you heirs want to sell the stamps as fast as possible, you definitely will not receive their best value.

6. Sell the cheaper stamps first. The more expensive are a long easier to sell.

7. Start a new collection immediately after selling an old one. That is, if you desire to stay with the hobby. This keeps the your interest in stamp collecting.

8. Try to photograph your best material before you sell them. It is always wise to have a visible record of your stamps. One, in case of loss and two, to have the photos of them to be used in some sort of display. Otherwise, you will only have a memory of them.

9. Don't forget to collect information as well as stamps when you're buying or selling. A true description of your stamps can be used when you sell to an auction house or to evaluate your collection. Also, develop a nice set of reference books. Auction sales books are good to keep as they give you some idea of the price stamps are selling.

10. Remember that money is not everything in stamp collecting. May be your heirs may not understand, neither will stamp speculators. But, you have had a lot of enjoyment from them.