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Presents
The Post Boy

July, 2001

The annual election is over and the present officers have been volunteered for the next term. **Dick Dreiling** will continue as President, **Bill Brew** as Secretary and **Al Shay**, **Jim Goodwin** and **Ed Hartley** nominated for the board for another term. **Nadiyah Beekun** nominated and accepted as a new member of the board.

A correction is in order. It was **Muhib Beekun's** program to accumulate names for the issuance of the Muslim Christmas stamp. This resulted in a beautiful design for the upcoming Christmas stamp. Congratulations, **Muhib**.

The annual NSSS picnic will be held on Saturday, July 28th. Bring your own plates and utensils plus a side dish for 6-8 people. It will be held at Rancho San Rafael Park. The site is located at the far west end of the road in the park. Just keep going until you see the NSSS meeting sign. Parking is available on the west side of the row of bushes. Bring games, stamps, etc. It is a nice secluded area.

Ken Lippman provided the program for the second week in June. It was on Spain and it's postal history. A very fine and informative program. There were lots of questions afterwards which always makes the program more interesting and creates good participation.

Dan Garrett will be presenting the program for the second meeting in August. It will be on Latin American.

Al Shay noted the Library in Tonopah is in need of books on Philatelic material and, I suspect, other general books, too. You can send these books at book rate. 7 pounds is the average size of a package. Send them to:

Jane Logan, Chairman
P.O.Box 808,
Tonopah, NV 89049

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This is one way of possibly starting up an active stamp club for that area. So, please send your extra philatelic literature to her. It will go to a good cause.

Annual dues will be coming up for renewal this August. Dues are \$17.50 per person, \$20.00 for a family.

NEWS

U.S. postage rates were raised on certain items. The post card rate increased by 1 cent to 21 cents. Express Mail was raised to \$12.45 for the half-pound and \$16.25 for the 2 pound flat envelope. This rate is to help make up part of the expected 2 billion loss this year.

Jack Potter has been named as the 72nd Post Master General of the United States. Mr. Potter has been an employee of the post office for 23 years. He started his postal career as a part time clerk in Westchester, N. Y.

The new 34 cent stamp for the Mexican Artist Frida Kahlo was issued on June 21, but it will not be a joint issue with Mexico as originally planned.

The United States first day ceremony programs have been standardized. The program will contain the date of issue, an insert of one or more of the stamps with the first day date. This is different from the old practice of designing the FD program for each individual new stamp of issue. You can receive more information from the American Ceremony Program Society. Contact John E. Peterson, 6987 Coleshill Dr., San Diego, CA 92119-1953

The U.S. P.O. has an e-mail address. It is called Postmaster Finder and its address is www.usps.com/posterfinder. The information will contain names and information about the local postmasters and post offices in seven categories, including postmasters by city, post offices by county or state and post offices by ZIP code. By this time there is information about 12,000 post offices. This could be useful for those doing research on the postal systems.

More General Trivia

Did you know, in the movie and on the stamp, Peter Ustinov was described as portraying "Inspector Poirot". "Poirot" was a private investigator or detective.

William Powell was portrayed as the "The Thin Man" in the movie, but it was the victim that was the "Thin Man". Not Nick Charles, played by William Powell.

These were stamps issued by the Dominica Republic. Oh Well.

Steve Brown, one of the dealers at our recent show, has a lot of Mexican material, dating from 1895 to 1898, for sale.

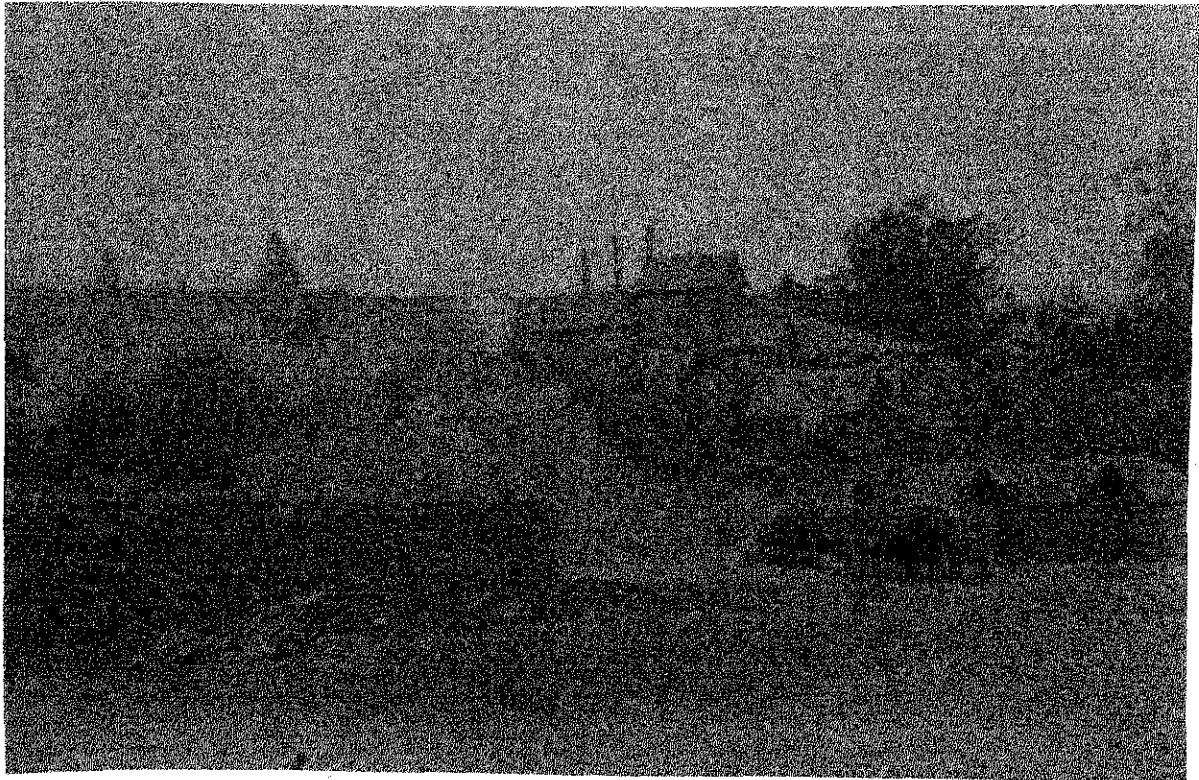
If you can keep your eyes open when visiting a stamp dealer, one can discover very excellent and interesting items. Recently, a collector, found a Colorano First Day cover without its cachet. Actually, the cachet was extremely lightly printed. Almost invisible. The discoverer was tempted to alter the design, which he did, to portray a zany character on the cover. It looked more like a picture from the **MAD** magazine. Of course, it was not a silk cover as usually issued by Colorano, but a cutout from the magazine. The whole idea of this is to show one the opportunities of finding unusual items in some dealers catch-all box at a show.

I personally have found some good collectable covers in such a box at recent show. Just have fun at the shows and keep your eyes open for these interesting items.

Sheep Ranch, Calif.

In the state of California lie the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. In the midst of them there is a county called Calaveras. 14 miles from the town of San Andreas there lies a small community of 50 to 60 people called Sheepranch. Sheep Ranch, has been written on several pictures, but it is incorrect. A very successful venture. The minerals mined for the two mines, at that time, were processed and shipped to San Andreas, over a narrow winding road. In the Roosevelt era, the mines were flooded and the operation ceased.

In 1956, a mining prospector met the recent owner of the only mine in Sheepranch. They traded notes and the result was an agreement to process the tailings of the mine. The tailings had assayed at \$25.00 a ton. The price of gold was \$36.00 an ounce, at that time. Thus, began the work, which included repairing the water flow to Sheep Ranch, building a rock bin, added rock crusher, a float table and a generator. After several weeks of hard labor and at a cost of \$15,000, the processing began. To the owners and operators the result was minerals that priced at \$1.50 per ton. How did this happen? Well, the owner has picked only the rocks that contained gold streaks in them and assembled into a test load. When the shale and the rocks were included in the processing it reduced the value to \$1.50 per ton, instead of the \$25.00 per ton sample the owner had delivered to the assayer. Life's little problems. Below are some pictures of the town, in the early days. Also, a picture of the recent post office. The mail is now handled in San Andreas. A cover, bearing the cancellation of Sheepranch, addressed to Mrs. C. W. (Laura) Brew from her sister, Twila Rockwell. Wife of the prospector. An interesting true story.

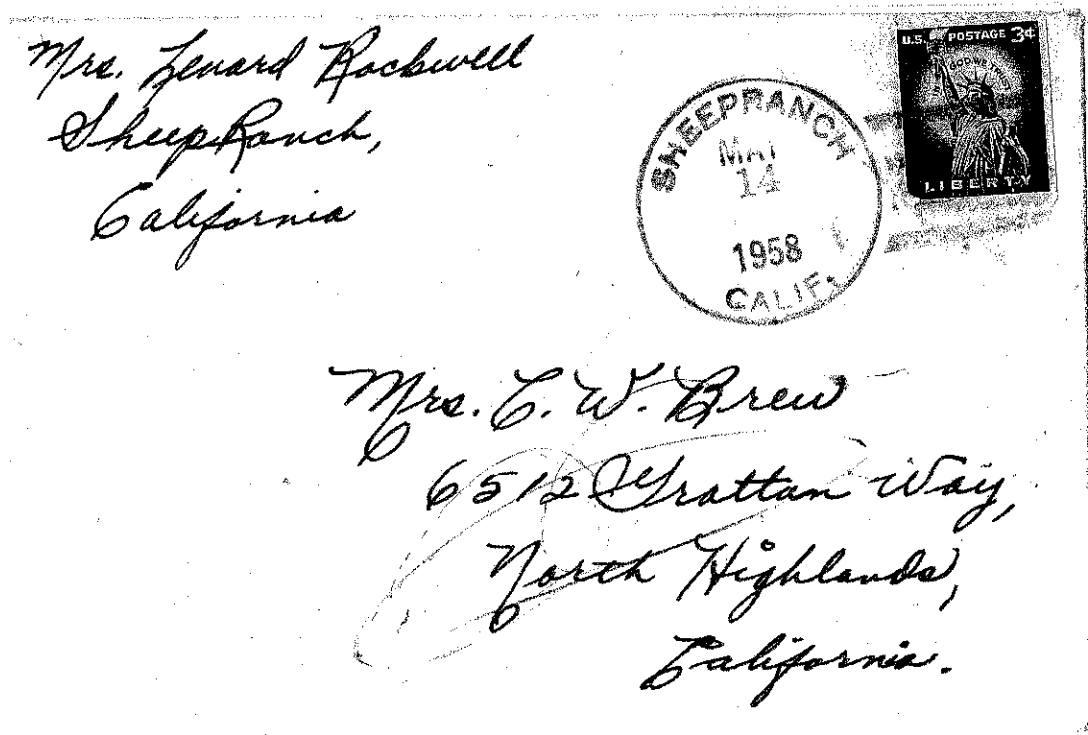


The Sheep Ranch Mine of J.B. Haggitt

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Sheepranch, Calif. Post Office



Cover from Sheepranch, Calif.

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The answers to June's Auction Bucks quiz are as follows:

1. 1946.
2. Manuel L. Quezon.
3. Eisenhower.
4. Leyte.
5. Fairchild FD-2.
6. Bull.
7. Bicycle.

Each of these men served as postmaster general of the United States. Identify the President under whom they served. Score 20 Auction Buck points for each correct answer.

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| 1. | Arthur E. Summerfield. | 1. _____ |
| 2. | Winton M Blount. | 2. _____ |
| 3. | John Wanamaker | 3. _____ |
| 4. | James A. Farley. | 4. _____ |
| 5. | J. Edward Day. | 5. _____ |
| 6. | Samuel Osgood. | 6. _____ |
| 7. | Albert S. Burleson. | 7. _____ |
| 8. | Lawrence O'Brien. | 8. _____ |
| 9. | Walter F. Brown. | 9. _____ |
| 10. | Robert E. Hannegan. | 10. _____ |

These are difficult questions, but, the information is available in any Almanac. This will be a good chance to gain 200 Auction Bucks.

Final Bit of News

On May 9, Switzerland issued a stamp to commemorate the 100 years of Chocosuisse. The stamp design contained a block of chocolate of 15 squares. And, believe it or not, there was an aroma of chocolate emanating from the stamp.

