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Closed Albums

Hugo Havet passed on Sunday. September 28 at about 5 AM. Hugo made it clear that did not want a memorial service and his wishes were honored. It is with sadness we say goodbye, Hugo. You will be missed.

This is the last issue of the Post Boy before the "**Greater Reno Stamp and Cover Show**" which will be taking place on the weekend of the date just above this paragraph. Have you got your frames ready to show? A little extra spending money? Check out page two of this issue for past and present postal rates up to 1991.

Hugo housed a large number of frames, tools and other item needed for the show. Thanks to **Stan Cronwall**, they have been retrieved and placed in his garage and **Nadiyah Beekun's** storage unit. Thanks also to

Dick Dreiling for organizing and supervising the move.

I'm afraid this is going to be a brief issue this month. With Hot August Nights and Street Vibrations followed closely by the Chili Cook-off. I haven't had a lot of time for this grand old publication. However the important things are here. That is YOU reading it. See you at the show.

1775-1993 Domestic Rates For Letters And Postcards

Prior to the middle of the 19th century, rates were based on the number of sheets in a letter and the distance it was traveling. In 1845, rates were based on the weight of a letter and the distance it was going. Beginning in 1863, domestic letter rates became "uniform," that is, they were based solely on weight, regardless of distance.

Postage listed below is in cents.

Letters

Effective Date	Per 1/2 OZ	
March 3, 1863	3	
March 3, 1883	2	
		Per OZ
July 1, 1885	2	
November 3, 1917	3	
July 1, 1919	2	
July 6, 1932	3	
August 1, 1958	4	
January 7, 1963	5	
January 7, 1968	6	
May 16, 1971	8	
March 2, 1974	10	
		Each First Added Ounce Ounce
September 14, 1975	10	9
December 31, 1975	13	11
May 29, 1978	15	13
March 22, 1981	18	17
November 1, 1981	20	17
February 17, 1985	22	17
April 3, 1988	25	20
February 3, 1991	29	23

Postal cards (Postal Service Issued) and Postcards (Privately Manufactured)

Effective Date	Postal Cards	Post cards
May 1, 1873	1	--
July 1, 1898	1	1
November 3, 1917	2	2
July 1, 1919	1	1
April 15, 1925	1	2
July 1, 1928	1	1
January 1, 1952	2	2
August 1, 1958	3	3
January 7, 1963	4	4
January 7, 1968	5	5
May 16, 1971	6	6
March 2, 1974	8	8
September 14, 1975	7	7
December 31, 1975	9	9
May 29, 1978	10	10
March 22, 1981	12	12
November 1, 1981	13	13
February 17, 1985	14	14
April 3, 1988	15	15
February 3, 1991	19	19

This should help you in your search for the proper cover. Unfortunately, it doesn't give the extra rates for such things as registered mail. Postage due is easy to figure, unless it's on a cover that was overweight and the contents are missing.

You'll notice, there are only two times in American history that postal rates have dropped. The first time in 1883. The second time was at the end of the "Great War" in 1919.

Happy hunting. May all your covers be worth a thousand times what you paid.

This quiz is not really tougher, but will require a little extra perseverance in figuring out the answers. As long as you are comfortable with Mr. Scott you should be able to see your way through. A tall glass of milk and a small package of Oreos should be enough to finish this one.

1. What famous yacht race is the subject of a 1980 US envelope?
A) Americas Cup B) Bermuda Cup C) The Regatta
2. How many stamps in the "Overrun Countries" set of 1943 - 44?
A) Eleven B) Twelve C) Thirteen
3. Who is on the ten cent stamp of the 1938 definitives?
A) John Tyler B) William H. Harrison C) James K. Polk
4. Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin. On what denomination stamp is he honored?
A) One cent B) Three cent C) Four cent
5. What foreign monument is shown on a US issue of 1945?
A) Brandenburg Gate B) Arch de Triomphe C) Trevi Fountain
6. Augustus Saint-Gaudens appears on a three cent stamp. In what year was it issued?
A) 1939 B) 1940 C) 1941
7. What flower appears on the Alabama statehood issue of 1969?
A) Camellia B) Magnolia C) Rose
8. In the Famous American series what is the color of the stamp showing Mark Hopkins?
A) Green B) Brown C) Rose Carmine
9. Who is on the two dollar stamp of the 1938 definitives?
A) Warren G Harding B) Harry S Truman C) Woodrow Wilson
10. What year was the use of rotary press printing introduced for engraved US stamps?
A) 1907 B) 1912 C) 1915

Numbers 4, 6 and 10 made you work a little extra, didn't they? I hope the answers gave you a bit of a clue, but you'll still have to dig deeper for number 4. Good luck and good answers.

-After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral? When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut! - Will Rodgers

Many of you got all the answers correct in this quiz but a few missed the biggest clue or just didn't believe it was real. That's okay, though, because you still did well. I'm glad to see the response to these quizzes are bigger than I had anticipated. Lots of members earning auction bucks for the big auction next month. So, how did you do this month?

1. - B. Scott # 807 reveals to us that the purple critter features our third president, Thomas Jefferson on the three cent issue.
2. - B. Tom Sawyer is whitewashing the famous fence in Mark Twain's novel, "Huckleberry Finn", painted by Norman Rockwell, is the boy on the stamp. # 1470.
3. - B. Six stamps with quotations from George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Francis Scott Key and Patrick Henry. #'s 1139 to 1144.
4. - B. Robert H. Goddard is shown with an Atlas rocket launching in the background on Scott # C 69. It was issued on the 82nd anniversary of his birth on October 5, 1882.
5. - B. # 1448 honors Nicholaus Copernicus, said to be the father of modern astronomy. Issued on his birthday, April, 23.
6. - B. Parcel postage due (not to be confused with parcel post), were all printed in green ink. #'s JQ 1 thru JQ 5 were at the same time as parcel post and were allowed to be used as postage.
7. - B. Of course you remembered the Famous American Series was issued in 1940 so this wasn't too hard to look up and identify John J. Audubon on # 874.
8. - B. You'll have to look in the "Phillipines under US Administration" to find this one. It's Scott # 382, basketball pictured along with baseball (# 380) and Tennis (# 381)
9. - B. One might expect to find this in the airmail section of the catalog, but it is with the regular issues. # 1341 was issued to cover postage for airlift services of parcels to servicemen overseas. It was, of course, good for all postal services. It is the eagle that adorns the stamp's surface.
10. - B. Christmas Seals were first introduced to the American public in 1907 by the American National Red Cross (# CS 1). Denmark had them in 1904, created by Einar Holboell, an employee of the Danish Post office.

Omigosh! So that was the clue. They were all "B". Well, you never know. Hoping you all had good answers.