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POST BOY

February 13, 2010

Closed Albums

Keith Carvin passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2010. No services were held at Keith's request. Keith Carvin, a long time member of the NSSS, won awards for his exhibits "Nobel Winners", "Swedish Postmarks" and his most popular exhibit, "Philately". It is a sad day for the club. Keith will be sorely missed.

Well, Tomorrow, according to the issue date, is Valentine's Day. Have you bought a box of chocolates for your sweetie yet? That ought to make her fat and happy!

The **Christmas Party** is set now for next December 11th. It will be at the same place, same time and with the same expectations as the last Christmas Party. There is one exception. This year we hope to actually have it. If the snow isn't too deep.

Having said that we have a new date to replace our last **Christmas party**. It will be held on March 27th. If you have the time, Contact **Kay Williams** to help with the setup. She could use an extra hand or two. The club members have voted to have their regular meeting on the day of the party so plan to attend one or the other or both.

This month's presentation was given by **Howard**. He showed us his collection of forgeries. Its

amazing how many common stamps were counterfeited for the packet trade. He also had a few of his favorite things on hand for us to view. Good show. Thank you. Who's next? Volunteers are welcome.

Marla Wetterling has asked me to let you know that the police department is looking for volunteers. There are many opportunities available with the police and other departments. The department can use your help to free more officers for duty in the street. Contact;
cityofsparks.us/governing/boards_commissions/com_service_app/.

Last month I should have (but didn't) offer you the APS show in Riverside. with 75 dealers and a ton of exhibits. It the largest show in CA since '97.

APS Ameristamp Expo, Feb 19-20 in Rverside, CA at the Convention Center at Raincross Square, 3443 Orange Street in downtown Riverside. Hrs 10 to 6. Sun 10 to 4.

NOVAPEX Mar 6-7, 2010 Senior Citizens Hall 2290 Benton Drive Redding, CA. Hrs are 10-6, 10-4.

FRESPEX 2010, March 13-14 10am - 6pm, 10am - 4pm Veteran's Memorial Building, 453 Hughes Avenue (block east of Clovis Ave at 5th Street) Clovis, California

Easter Seals Show April 10-11 Over a million .02-cent stamps, Easter Seal Center, at 3205 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA

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Playing Card Revenue

by
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Figure 1.

What is it? Figure 1 shows a female posing next to a table. Possibly in her teens. The corners of the photograph, or playing card, has its corners neatly trimmed, somewhat like the 1 cent British Guiana rarity.

On looking over this item, the first impression was that of an old family photograph. One that was made by an old time photographer, with his head covered by a black cloth and peering onto the plate glass surface. This was the manner of focusing the camera. The camera is now focused and he inserts the glass negative into its holder. His head comes out of the black cape and he's now ready to take the picture. In his left or right hand is the flash powder holder. At this moment he tells the young lady to stand perfectly still. He squeezes the lens bulb to open the lens and his right thumb presses the igniter. There is a flash of light and a puff of smoke. He now

lets go of the lens bulb and the scene is preserved .

The picture is developed and put on a thin piece of cardboard. This will be given or sold to someone to put in their scrapbook.

Ah, but look on the backside of the picture There is a stamp. A revenue stamp for playing cards. Figure 2. (next page) shows the playing card stamp on the back of the picture. This does not look like a playing card. Maybe it is a sample of the backside of all the playing cards in the pack. If that was the case then how could the stamp be attached to the backside of the picture?

A little explanation is now in order. The playing card revenue was first issued in 1862 along with other revenue stamps. The Internal Revenue issued stamps for

express, proprietary, Telegraph, Bank Check, Certificates, Foreign Exchange, Inland Exchange, Bills of Lading, Conveyance and Agreements. These stamps would bring in revenue for the operation of the Internal Revenue department, as well as show that payment has been made for that particular function.

At first the stamps could only be used for the purpose indicated on the stamp. However, after only a few months into the program, these stamps could be used on any particular transaction, with the exception of the proprietary stamp.

These stamps were issued in the later part of 1862 and into 1863. Scott #R1 to Scott #R102 were included in the first issue. The second set of documentary stamps were issued in 1871.

Canceling was done by pen and ink or by a hand stamp canceler. There were a few machine cancels but they are rare.

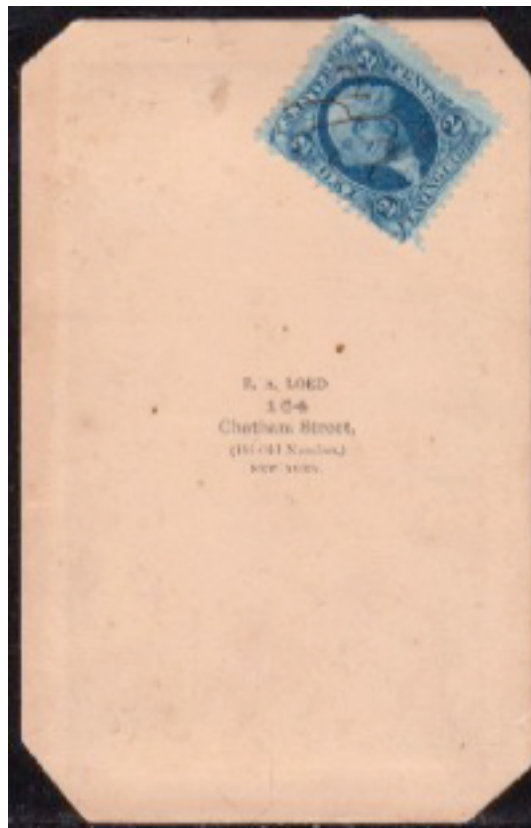


Fig. 2



The documentary stamp program was abolished in December of 1867. Now, back to the picture or "playing card". On further checking it was found that this item is a playing card sample found with each single deck of cards. The picture is glued to a stiff piece of paper backing.

Editors note: This stamp is either R11 or R13 in the Scott catalog. The earlier stamp (R11) was printed on a soft paper sometimes noted to have laid lines in the paper. Later issues were printed on paper that was thicker or on an experimental silk paper.

Auctions

I used to sell my stamps on Yahoo Auctions and it was a good place to sell my duplicates and unwanted stamps. It cost nothing to be a dealer. They gave you a place and rather nicely designed sales pages to hawk your wares. I sold at a leisurely pace. Not enough to get rich or even make a living. It was enough to pay for one or two rounds of golf every month. The people I dealt with (buyers and sellers) were an enjoyable and amicable group of people much like our stamp club. But after a year or so, Yahoo decided to close their auction pages and all of the sellers had to scramble to find new venues. I found StampOffers. It was nicely set up to sell stamps and, again, didn't cost me anything for the privilege. There was a nice group of people there and a few had come over from Yahoo. After a year or so, they decided to sell themselves to Wensy. Am I a jinx or something? Well, anyway, I decided to show you some places you can buy (or sell) your stamps on line. If you don't have a computer, go to the library. I'm sure you can, set up an account using those computers.

[Wensy.com](#); They sell a lot of sports card, sports memorabilia, coins and other things like cameras and "sexy shoes". And, with the purchase of StampOffers, they sell a lot of stamps.

[Stamporama.com](#); This actually is a stamp club and has been around for quite a while. There is an auction page where you can purchase stamps pretty cheap. You'll have to join the club to buy.

[Jaypex.com/sales/](#); This is a private person who sells mostly German material. If you're looking for something specialized and German, this is the place to go. He's very knowledgeable and friendly but not cheap. There's great information and exhibits on his site too.

[Bidbunny.com](#); A new auction site. So far all they have listed is 22 cars and one listing under toys and hobbies (but I couldn't find it). Ah well, its free to list.

[Bidstart.com](#); This one used to be called Stampwants but the old site had a problem with hackers. The stamps are good. The dealers are good and they give away prizes.

There are other sites but most have little to offer to the stamp collector. I didn't mention eBay because everyone's heard about that one and they have a ton of traffic anyway. As on all sites be careful of what you are buying as there are some cheats out there. If it's "RARE", it could be a fake. Then again, it could be real, there are a lot of honest dealers too but they make mistakes like all of us. I believe the sites I offer you here are pretty good sites (except for Bidbunny, maybe) with good dealers.

The state of Israel was created in 1947 but had its beginnings in the 1920s when the British allowed Jewish immigration into Palestine. In the late thirties The British began to restrict that immigration after hearing complaints from the local Arabs about Jews buying up all the land.

1. What American president appears on a 1975 stamp?
A) Franklin D. Roosevelt B) Harry S Truman C) Dwight D. Eisenhower
2. The founder of Zionism was the subject of a 1978 issue. What was his name?
A) Theodor Herzl B) Alfred Dreyfus C) Hessekaiah Balfour
3. The first president of Israel appears on a stamp in the same set. What was his name?
A) Chaim Weizmann B) Hessekaiah Balfour C) Golda Mier
4. What body of water is shown on a 1952 airmail stamp?
A) Mediterranean Sea B) Haifa Bay C) Dead Sea
5. A What animal is shown on a 1952 postage due set?
A) Stag B) Carp C) Sheep
6. What craft is the subject of a 1963 stamp?
A) Goldsmithing B) Basket weaving C) Typesetting
7. Israel's president from 1952 to 1963 appears on a 1964 stamp. Who is he or she?
A) Izhak Ben-Zvi B) Golda Mier C) Menachem Begin
8. What are the youngsters doing on the 1958 stamp for the first World Conference of Jewish Youth?
A) Reading B) Playing Baseball C) Dancing
9. The fiftieth anniversary of what city is marked on a 1959 issue?
A) Haifa B) Tel Aviv C) Hebron
10. What vehicle is shown in the 1955 Red Cross issue?
A) Ambulance B) Distribution truck C) Hospital ship

Bonus question: French stamps better kept with potato chips. True or False?

This quiz was just too hard for me. I don't collect stamps issued after 1949 (with some exceptions) and that includes all but the earliest issues of Israel. Hope you did better.

Back to the real world of stamp collecting with this neat little quiz about the stamps of Ireland. No leprechauns in this one but there is a harp. The questions weren't too hard but they certainly were interesting. Especially if you go beyond the Scott catalog to research your answer.

1. A. Thomas Moore was a poet/musician and songwriter but did much more. His anthology, "Irish Melodies", was performed for the London aristocracy and created sympathy for the Irish nationalists among them (#145-6).

2. B. The first thought might be Saint Patrick who chased all the snakes out of Ireland but he's on other stamps. This one was for Saint Peter, the first Pope. (#142-44).

3. B. The harp is the instrument that makes you think of Ireland and it is the instrument that honors the song writer Thomas Moore.

4. C. The Trylon and Perisphere symbolized the 1939 World's Fair and the Unisphere was for the 1964 Fair but the stamp showed the Irish Pavilion (#194-5).

5. A. Ireland used the Golden Key for its 1968 Europa issue as did all other countries that issued Europa stamps that year (#242-43).

6. A. Pope John Paul II was the most popular Pope in recent times and was thought of as the "People's Pope". He was honored on Scott #456.

7. C. The Sisters of Mercy were founded in 1831 after Sister Catherine McAuley took her vows. The purpose of the Sisters was to provide services and education to orphans and the poor in Dublin. Later, 1839, she was able to open a second branch to provide for the orphans and poor in London.

8. A & B. This was a two stamp set. The lower value (#416) pictured the Girl Guides and tents while the higher value (#417) shows the Boy Guides (or scouts) and their tents.

9. C. The Canadian Confederation was proposed by Sir Charles Tupper in 1864 but not accepted by the British Parliament until 1867. This unionized the North American colonies into the Dominion of Canada. (#234-35)

10. B. For this one you have to read the description under the picture of the wren or have a copy of it in your album. The 11p shows the Greenland White-fronted Geese. (#451).

Bonus question is True. #910 is a nice looking stamp picturing the flag of Iran.

Every now and then Bill Olcheski, who wrote these quizzes, throws me a curve. It was on #8 this time so you had 2 chances to get this one right.

Nueva Grenada

Nueva Grenada? Is that a new country or something? This looks like it might be a revenue stamp. Maybe a city tax stamp or something that was pasted on the inside of the cover of a library book (this book belongs to the library of the county of Nueva Grenada).



What it all comes down to is this stamp comes from Columbia and you will find it in the Scott catalog. This one is a forgery but it looks a lot like #17 (1861-62). The first stamps of Columbia were issued under the name "Confed Granadina" (1959-61). In 1862 the first stamps of The United States of Columbia were put in use.



The vice kingdom of Nueva Grenada was founded in 1740. It was made up of the states of Panama and Columbia. It also included parts of Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Brazil. In 1819 it was replaced by Gran Columbia which was dissolved in 1830 and replaced by Nueva Grenada when Ecuador and Venezuela declared their independence. Nueva Grenada lasted until the Granadine Confederation was created in 1858 and the country became known as the United States of Columbia. 1886 a new constitution ended the federation and split Colombia up into counties with limited autonomy. In 1903 Panama (with the backing of the US) separated from Columbia. Are you still with me? The country was known for a series of petty dictators and civil strife.



A map (above), the flag (far left) and coat of arms of Nueva Grenada (left)

Bill Brew has been a member of this club for a long time and a contributor as an officer of the club and long time editor of the Post Boy. We have been very fortunate to have him and his wife, Elna as part of our Society and study group. I have recently discovered that not only did he write for the Post Boy but was a regular writer for the Stamp Collector magazine. Seems we have one of the “heavy hitters” in philately among us. Another Tip-O-The-Hat to Bill Brew.



Do not store your stamps in your potato chip bag!

I was working on my stamp collection while eating some tortilla chips with salsa. Not really a wise thing to do but, I was being careful. I wiped my hands clean each time I had a chip and handled the stamps with stamp tongs. And I didn't lean over the stamps while I ate. I was very careful. Not careful enough. Some days later I decided to finish off the chips and poured them into a bowl. As I was nibbling I noticed something that wasn't a chip. On closer inspection I found it was a stamp. One that I was working with only a few days earlier. See if you can guess which is which.



On the next couple of pages I have taken some of the pictures from Linn's stamp magazine (1-4-2010, story by Rick Miller). They are of the non-denominated stamps that the US has issued over the past several years. You may remember that Christmas stamps had no number or letter for cost of postage for that particular year. Then there were the temporary issues for new rates that had a letter to designate the rate and the semi-postal stamps that did not have the .34 +.06 as is done in other countries....and the make-up rates, and finally the special rates for junk mail. I know that if you use those old stamps for your mail it helps if you know what the non-denominated rates were so you know what the stamp is worth. Hang on to these pages, they will be useful. More will come next month and possibly the month after.



10¢
Scott 1579
Oct. 14, 1975



10¢
Scott 1580, 1580B
Oct. 14, 1975



15¢
Scott 1735-36, 1743
May 22, 1978



20¢
Scott 1940
Oct. 28, 1981



22¢
Scott 2111-13
Feb. 1, 1985



25¢
Scott 2277, 2279, 2282
March 22, 1988



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Scott 2578
Oct. 17, 1991



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Scott 2579-81
Oct. 17, 1991



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Scott 2582
Oct. 17, 1991



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Scott 2602-04, 2907,
3270-71
Dec. 13, 1991; 1993;
1996; 1998



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Scott 2877-78
Dec. 13, 1994



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Scott 2879-80
Dec. 13, 1994



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Scott 1818-20
March 15, 1981



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Scott 1946-48
Oct. 11, 1981



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Scott 1939
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