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Wow, what a winter it's been. The entire Eastern seaboard has suffered through a record snow and cold spell. Even Florida is freezing. Out here, the last week of February saw two feet of snow dumped on us and, as it started melting, another foot came along. Then it rained and washed it all away. Incredible.

The **Boy Scout Merit Badge College** is back and, as usual, **Paul Glass** will be heading up the mission to help some of those Scouts earn a badge for stamp collecting. Of course, we are looking for volunteers to help out. It will only be for a day, two if you want to do both days. It will be held at Bishop-Manogue Catholic High just off South Virginia on Saturday, April 24th and May 15th from about noon to 3 PM. Join us. It's kind of fun.

The **Christmas Party** is still on. If you've forgotten, it will be held on the 27th of this month at the usual place, the Masonic Temple, at 601 W. Peckham. Don't forget your side dish, utensils and a present (under \$10.0) for everyone in your party. Foodbank gifts will also be accepted. **Dick** will roast his famous "turkey-in-a-bag". If you arrive early, I'm sure **Kay Williams** will be grateful for any help setting up.

The **Stamp Show** is coming in August but there are earlier deadlines for many of the

preparations. If you have an idea for a cachet and/or cancel, now is the time to put it on paper and get it in to **Harvey**. The deadline is coming fast!

This month's program was "How to Research Your Stamps on Line" and was delightfully given by **John Wetterling**. The theme revolved around the search for an imperf pane of Swedish stamps from the thirties. Good program, John. Thanks.

**Dick Dreiling** is attempting to put together a collection of NSSS show covers and needs one from each year. If you have any of the missing covers, bring them in. The collection is being made for the club and will be displayed wherever appropriate. 1978, 1983, 84, 86, 87 and 89, 1991, 92, 94, 97 and 98, 2000, 01 and 05, 06, 07 and 08. Take a look through that mess of covers you have and see if you can pull out a couple from one of those years.

**NOVAPEX** Mar 6-7, 2010 Senior Citizens Hall 2290 Benton Drive Redding, CA. Hrs are 10-6, 10-4. Due to an error in advertising the **FRESPEX** stamp show in Clovis, Ca. has been canceled and will return to its normal venue in 2011. **Easter Seals Show** April 10-11 Over a million .02-cent stamps. Easter Seal Center, at 3205 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA

## The Scanner and the Collector

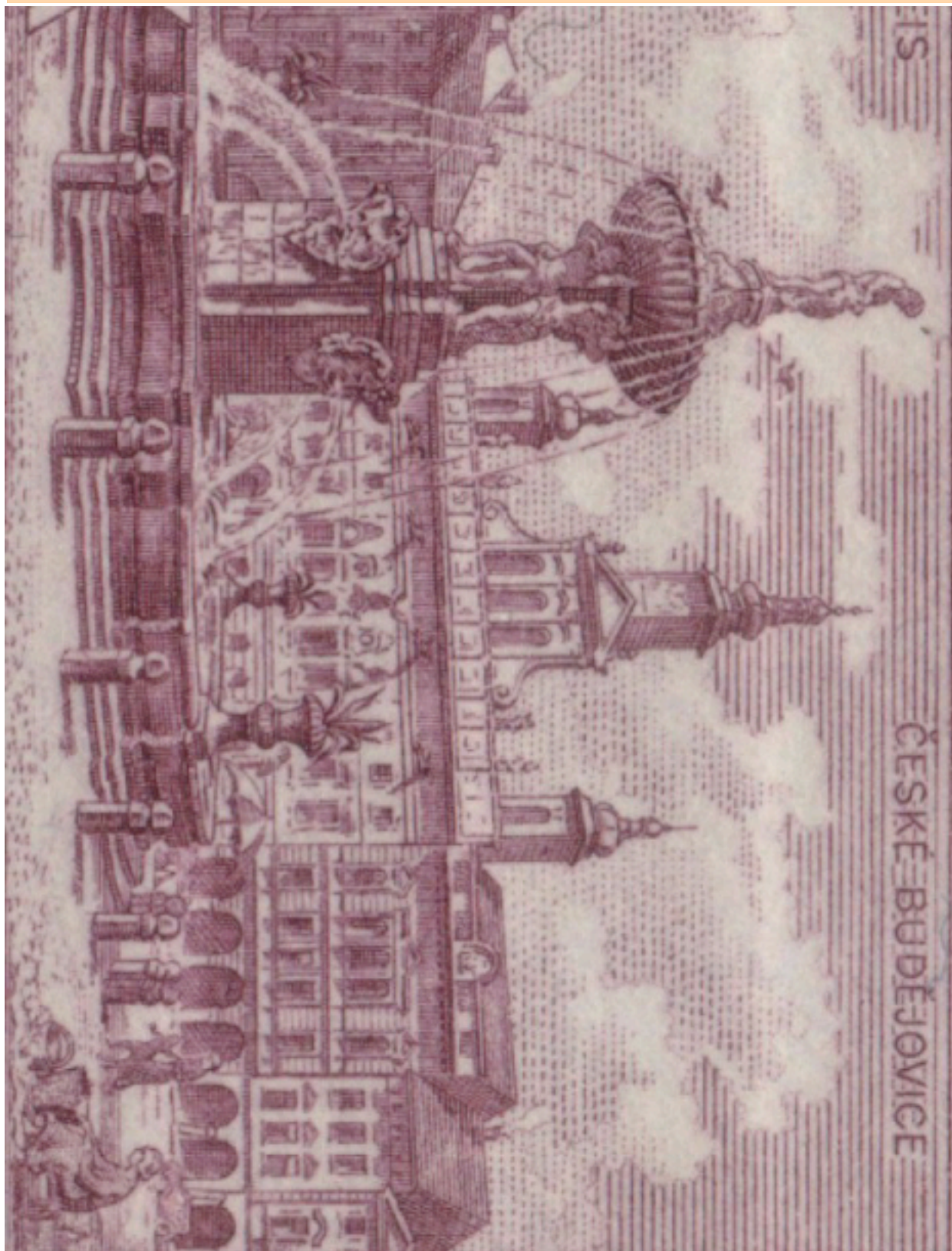
There was time when I thought about buying a scanner so that I could talk to other people on the internet and illustrate what I was saying with an occasional picture. I could even ask about a stamp I have without describing it. So I decided to buy one. That was when I discovered new wonders about the stamps I had begun collecting so many years ago.



Bohemia  
and  
Moravia  
Scott #44-  
48.  
German  
occupation  
of the  
Czech  
Republic in  
1940.

The stamps above are approximately their normal size. They are common and when you look at them the first thing you see is the color and some buildings. You might miss some of the details of the stamp like the train on the bridge in the first one, or the town that is framed by the supporting arch. And the house sitting by the river where it turns out of sight below the town. On the last stamp, the twenty Koruna there is a bridge. The water can't be seen but there are people walking across it and under the arch at the end. There are couples and single people and groups. Some are walking and some looking out over the town. Did you notice the name of the town? Its Prague, Praha in Czechoslovakian. Its printed in the upper right.

The scanner is a great tool. Its the best magnifying glass I have (and I have several) so I have chosen to show you, not only what you may have been missing but what I get to see every time I use it. On the next page is an enlargement of #45, the second stamp at 1200 dpi (dots per inch). The town's name is Ceske Budejovice. You may recognize it as Budweis, the German name. Now you can see the lady in the lower right corner with her baskets, selling her wares and the mother and child walking to the fountain and the time of the picture on the tower clock that says ten after six. And the umbrella behind the fountain, indicating a sidewalk cafe. Amazing what a scanner can do!





<http://www.stampcollectingroundup.blogspot.com/>

# THE STAMP COLLECTING ROUND-UP

Interesting news, resources and links about stamps, stamp collecting and postal operations.



Don Schilling

Don Schilling is retired from the US Army and is a public relations marketing consultant now residing in Glendale, California. He is also the man who brings us this website.

The site is a source of stamp news that's easy to read and is quite informative. As most news sites, this one changes from time to time. Each of the articles is dated, the first one being on the 17th of February. That

would be today as of this writing. Other articles follow from day to day with an occasional day off. This man works hard!

The first article (again, as of this writing) is about the new electric postal trucks they soon hope to be using all over the nation. They're being developed by several companies in California. The gentleman in the picture is Tom Gage, CEO of AC Propulsion. California will probably get to use them first. Maybe some of them will spill over her to Nevada.



Aside from the article there are about a jillion links to various stamp collecting sites, including several you have seen on this page. Further down are links to past issues of the Round-up.

A country that looks like a boot kicking a football is sure to do well in the World Soccer Championships. Now see how well you can do with this stamp quiz about Italy. Some of these questions may be a little tougher than they appear but I'm sure you will figure them out.

1. What physicist appears on a 1979 issue?  
A) Einstein                      B) Newton                      C) Galileo
2. In what year did Italy issue two stamps for the world Bicycling Championship?  
A) 1959                      B) 1969                      C) 1979
3. What opera house is the subject of a 1978 issue?  
A) Metropolitan Opera      B) La Scala                      C) Opera de la Bastille
4. What sport is shown on the 1977 Stamp Day issue ?  
A) Volleyball                      B) Soccer                      C) Basketball
5. The 400th anniversary of the death of what Venetian painter is marked by a 1976 stamp?  
A) Tintoretto                      B) Michelangelo                      C) Titian
6. A 1973 stamp shows a map of Italy and the emblem of a service group. What is the group?  
A) Red Cross                      B) Rotary                      C) B.P.O.E.
7. What anniversary of the birth of Michelangelo de Caravaggio is marked by a 1973 issue?  
A) 400th                      B) 500th                      C) 600th
8. What world famous tourist attraction appears on a 1973 stamp?  
A) The Prado                      B) Colosseum                      C) Leaning Tower of Pisa
9. Saverio Mercadante is honored on a 1970 stamp. What was his occupation?  
A) Football player                      B) Composer                      C) Winemaker
10. What patriot is the subject of a 1955 air mail stamp?  
A) Garibaldi                      B) Giuseppe Mazzini                      C) Giuseppe Verdi

Bonus question: The time on B & M #45 is 9:05 AM. True or False?

Giuseppe Verdi's works caused frequent conflicts with Austrian authorities, who felt that his operas encouraged Italian nationalism. Now, is this the one you're looking for?

These are the answers to the November quiz. It was a tough one that required more than selecting A, B or C.

1. B. Harry S Truman was shown on #561, three years after his death in 1972. When Roosevelt was president he felt unsure of the legitimacy of the proposed Israeli state. Truman supported the Jews and was willing, and did, recognize the state of Israel on its establishment in 1947.

2. A. In 1897, at the First Zionist Congress, Herzl organized the Zionist movement on a worldwide scale. The stamp is #695.

3. A. Chaim Weizmann was the first president of Israel, his term beginning in 1949. He was also the president of the World Zionist Organization, the group responsible for the creation of the State, from 1935 to 1946. The stamp is #696.

4. B. On # C7, Haifa bay is the subject along with the city seal. Haifa is an old area inhabited about 3,000 years ago. The city was a small town until it was used as a port in the 1850s.

5. A. They running stag is the subject and design of the entire set of postage dues, #J12-20.

6. C. A typesetter is shown standing and working on a page of type in #241.

7. A. In 1920, Ben-Zvi helped found the Jewish National Council to represent the Jewish community in Palestine. He became president in 1952 on the death of the first president, Chaim Weizmann. The stamp is #255.

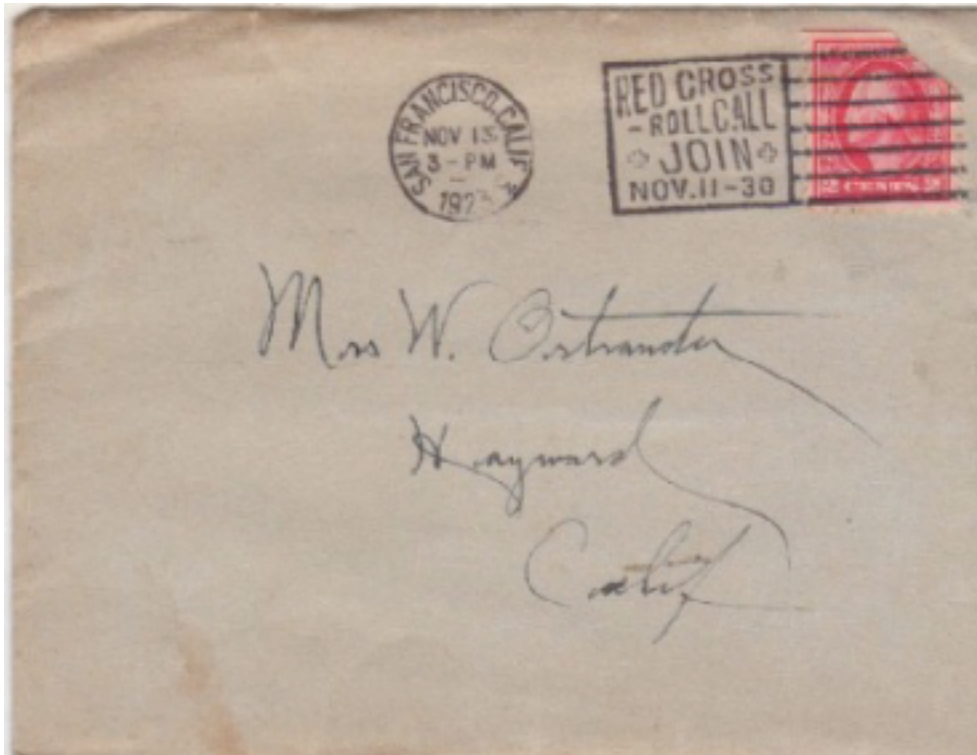
8. C. #143, issued for the First World Conference of Jewish Youth shows a group of children dancing.

9. B. Buildings in Tel Aviv are shown on #160, the stamp issued to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of that city.

10. A. 1955 was the twenty-fifth year of the Magen David Adom, also known as the Red Cross. The stamp, #104, pictures an ambulance.

Bonus question. This is a false statement even if you didn't read the article. French stamps, or any stamps should be kept out of your potato chip bag.

Well, I must admit, some of those Israeli stamps are a bit difficult to find in the older Scotts that are printed in black and white. Maybe the time has come to secure a newer set of catalogs.



## The Red Cross Roll Call

My Uncle, who lives just over the mountain in Calaveras County, handed me a bunch of old mail that he wasn't sure what to do with. He said they had been in his family for many years. I told him I'll try to see if I can find a use for them.

Most of the covers had been franked with Washington-Franklin issues so I looked at them with both trepidation and excitement. Trepidation because Washington-Franklins are some of the toughest stamps to identify, especially on cover. Excitement because these stamps had been stashed away for many years, unlooked at by a collector, for many years. Who knows what might be found here. Alas, there seemed to be little of importance or value.

The letter was written on November 12, 1923 (Germany was near the peak of their inflationary period) and posted the following day in San Francisco. The writer left no return address on the envelope but wrote "Daly City" at the top of the letter. It arrived in Hayward, at the time a small town well south of Oakland, on the same day.

Boring isn't it? Well, when the cover is boring read the letter and learn a little about what was going on in 1923. In this case the writer is talking about his new house. Here's what he has to say;

"I have started to build my home, of course I expect a lot of help so I have to help others and that is all I have been doing for about four months, Saturday afternoon and Sunday's (sic)

When my home is all finished I am planning for you to come over and stay Saturday night and Sunday.

Gee Sis, it's going to be a hum dinger, 5 rooms and bath with a large breakfast room and eight foot basement."

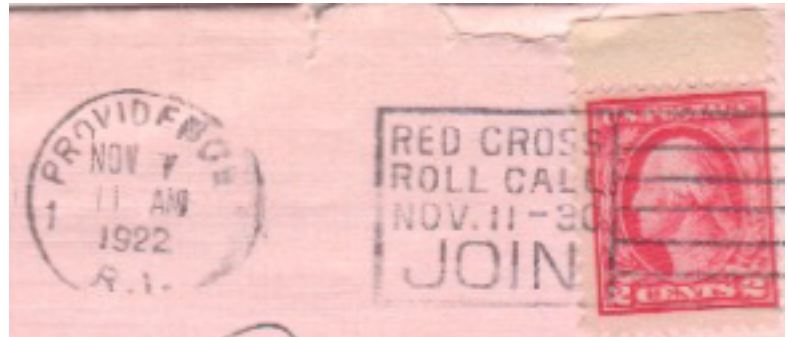
Hmmm, try to build a house anywhere near San Francisco let alone Daly City these days and see how many inspectors you'll meet. Things were different in 1923.

On the previous page you may have noticed the headline said “Red Cross Roll Call” and saw the postmark that said the same thing. Obviously there’s more to this story.

This postmark attracted my attention because I found a second one in another part of my collection. This one had a similar date (November 7th) but was sent a year earlier in 1922. It was also sent from Providence Rhode Island. This was not a local Red Cross drive.

The design was a little different “Roll Call” and “Red Cross” were made level with the letters all being the same size, the stars on either side of “Join” were removed and the dates were moved to a different position but that might be expected, coming from a different part of the country.

And, it was a year earlier. The differences are minor and it still gets the message across.



When the third cancel came up my interest was peaked. This one was just like the the second cancel except for the place and date which takes us back to 1923 in Denver Colorado.



I’ve never heard of the Red Cross Roll Call so I went to my trusty computer and did some research on Google. According to the New York Times, Dec. 17, 1918 the Red Cross Roll Call was established to enlist

the help of Americans to contribute money for the relief of war victims overseas and at home. In the article they cite the distraction in Europe and the many left homeless as a result. The article ends with “Who will be delinquent, who will not move up into the shining ranks?” The Red Cross is asking Americans to sign up and contribute on a regular basis. This program, apparently was started that year (1918) and is still going to this day. You can join the Red Cross as a contributor during the drive which has historically run from Armistice Day (Nov 11) to Thanksgiving according to the dates on the postmark. I would assume that it continues on the same dates.

I will keep scouring my covers and postcards, searching for more postmarks seeking people who will join the Red Cross Roll call. Maybe there are more stories to be told. I am only happy the post office chose to support this campaign.





**15c**  
Scott 2908-10  
March 17, 1995; 1996



**25c**  
Scott 2911-12B, 3132  
March 17, 1995; 1996; 1997



**32c**  
Scott 2948-49  
Feb. 1, 1995



**10c**  
Scott 3228-29  
Aug. 14, 1998



**1c**  
Scott 3257-58  
Nov. 9, 1998



**33c**  
Scott 3260, 3264-69  
Nov. 9, 1998

The last of the non-denominated stamps will be shown in the next issue.



5¢  
Scott 2893  
Jan. 12, 1995



5¢  
Scott 2902, 2902B  
March 10, 1995; 1996



10¢  
Scott 2905-06  
March 10, 1995; 1996



5¢  
Scott 2903-04B  
March 16, 1996; 1997



5¢  
Scott 3207, 3207A  
June 5, 1998; Dec. 14, 1998



25¢  
Scott 3208, 3208A  
June 5, 1998; Sept. 30, 1998



10¢  
Scott 3447, 3769  
Nov. 9, 2000; 2003



34¢  
Scott 3448-50  
Dec. 15, 2000



34¢  
Scott 3451-53  
Dec. 15, 2000