

Court of Flags Motel Cachets

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Most first day cover collectors are aware of Jacques Minkus and his patriotic envelopes that were issued in the 1940s. They had many themes and were sought after by collectors and ordinary citizens to use on mail. Special events could also be serviced. These were sold everywhere (Figure 1).



Figure 1.

Also, later in the 1940s, the Van Dahl cachet was made available to collectors and the general public. The first design was a globe, and the second was a stylized globe with lettering (Figure 2). I have seen this design used over several decades!

Self-service envelopes have been around ever since; even Don and his brother Thomas Ashley have made many available to the public. The Presidents and Baseball general purpose envelopes are just a few that they have done and are shown in Figure 3.

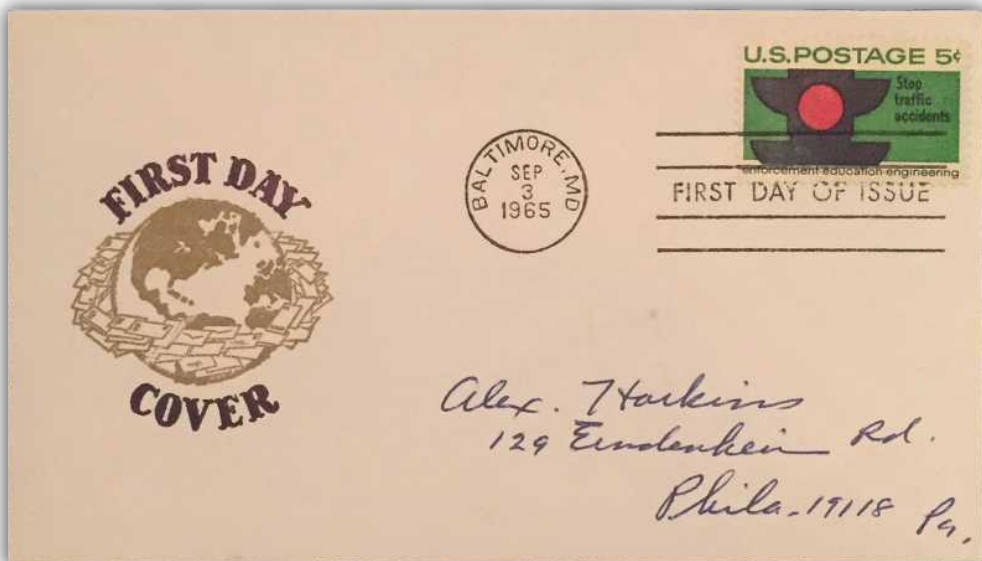


Figure 2.