

KNOXPEX '88 PLANS

The plans for the biggest and best KNOXPEX are well underway ! The show will be held at the Rodeway Inn, March 5 and 6, 1988. Many activities are being planned, such as children's activities, a live auction, silent auction, doorprizes, and special guests. Helpers are needed for many of the activities, especially manning the club tables and to bring food for the snack buffet on Saturday.

We also need those of you who are planning to exhibit, to see Paul Phillips to sign up for your frames. We encourage everyone to put together an exhibit, and time is running out ! See Paul at the meeting and reserve your space now !

The cachet has been delivered from the printers and it is outstanding ! A copy was shown in last month's newsletter. Some of you thought it was the same design as last year's. This is not so ! Look at the design carefully. It is for the ratification, also, the colors will be dark blue and silver on a gray background. The cover is designed to complement last year's cover, and will make a very attractive set when you have both of them together. We have some new committee heads. They are: Barbara DeArmond - Saturday Buffet Committee, and Angie Toal - Children's Activities. If you would like to work on either of these committees, please see the person above.

Last, but not least, we will have a very special guest at the show. He will be assisting with the ribbon-cutting ceremony and will be around for autographs and pictures later. His name is Benjamin Franklin, and we know that you will all want to be there to warmly greet him ! Make your plans now to GET INVOLVED in the greatest stamp show ever held in Knoxville - KNOXPEX '88 !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

DUES

DUES - Yes, folks, it's that time again ! We need to collect your dues for 1988 as soon as possible. To facilitate this operation, a special dues treasurer has been appointed - Jo Mynatt. She will be taking the dues at the meeting. Please look for her and get your money in. You will be asked to fill out a short form so that our records will be kept straight. If you cannot attend the meeting, we ask that you fill out the form enclosed with this newsletter, and mail it to the club, PO Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422. Send it now while it's on your mind ! We're looking for 100% renewal in 1988, and YOU are the only one who can make us reach that goal !

Dues remain the same as in the past - Regular membership - \$5.00, Family membership (Please list all names to be included as members) - \$7.50, and Youth membership (Under 17 years of age) - \$1.00.

HOLIDAY PARTY DECLARED HUGE SUCCESS

The Holiday Party was held December 1, 1987 at Quincy's. There were 33 members and guests for the dinner, and a total of 37 attended the auction. The forty-two lots were varied, and brought good prices for the owners. The auction was capably handled by our own Bruce Roberts, who did an excellent job of moving the lots quickly and painlessly. Everyone said that it was the best party and auction we have ever had ! The food was delicious, the fellowship great, and the auction exciting ! We appreciate all the efforts of Bob Toal, Bill Boegly, Neal Henderson, Mike Carmichael, Bruce Roberts, Jo Mynatt, Jamie Large, Hazel Large, and Ron Mynatt for making it such a success !

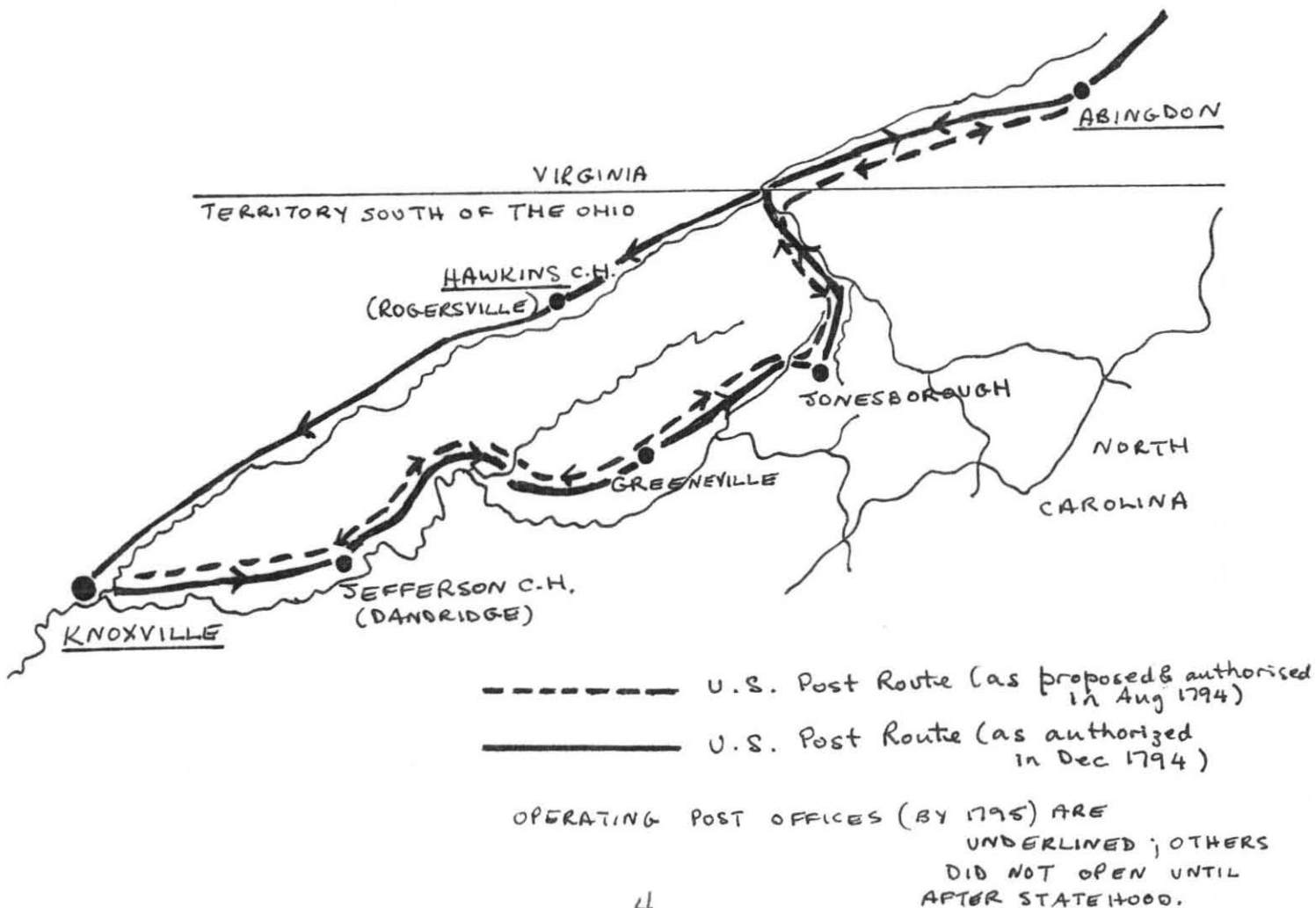
POSTAL HISTORY OF EAST TENNESSEE IN THE TERRITORIAL PERIOD.II.

by Paul J. Phillips

In 1794 some progress began. Knoxville was being settled and in January John Chisholm announced the opening of a house of entertainment [i.e. an inn] at No. 17 State Street. This was right behind the Blount Mansion. The number given was the lot number assigned in the original plat of the city and not a street number [street numbering did not occur until November of 1882 a few months ahead of the introduction of free home delivery of mail]. In the same edition of the Gazette it was stated for the first time that the newspaper was printed at No. 27 Court Street. This may have been an early attempt at improving addresses in the system. On June 10, 1794 the Postmaster General sent a letter to Governor Blount informing him of the intention to establish a post road from Abingdon, Va., to Knoxville and asked Blount to give the task of assigning the contract to someone appropriate. The job was given to Charles McClung, the Knox County clerk. He suggested a route via Jonesborough, Greeneville and Jefferson Courthouse, no mention being made of Hawkins Courthouse. It was also stated that the notice should be published in the Knoxville Gazette several times over a six week period. The notice duly appeared dated 2 August 1794 by Charles McClung who said that proposals had to be in writing. He also said that the mail should go every two weeks and "The mail to leave Knoxville every other Saturday, at six o'clock in the morning, and going by Jefferson Courthouse, Greeneville and Jonesborough, arrive at Abingdon the next Tuesday evening by six. -Returning to leave Abingdon the next morning by six o'clock the same route, arrive at Knoxville the next Saturday by six in the evening." By August 21 the Postmaster General was again writing to Blount saying that "Mr Roulstone has been named to me for postmaster... there are objections [to printers of newspapers]" because of conflicts of interest. This was less than three weeks after the first notice appeared and well before the six week period was up. Clearly the job was being "fixed" by the Governor, however Blount had his way and on November 1 the following notice appeared in the Gazette "A communication by Post is now established between this place and Abingdon in Virginia by way of Jefferson Courthouse, Greeneville and Jonesborough. Subscribers for the Knoxville Gazette, in any of those counties, may have their papers left at either of the above-named places, by signifying the same to the publishers. To prevent any misunderstanding, the following is inferred for who are present or may become subscribers to the Gazette. The Knoxville Gazette will be regularly published, once a fortnight on Saturday morning, at \$2 per annum exclusive of postage. The postage of a single paper to any place on the post road within this territory is one cent; and newspapers sent out of this territory, chargeable with the payment of one cent for any distance not exceeding 100 miles and one and a half cents for any greater distance." This amounted to an annual postal charge of 26 cents. Notices of letters still remaining at Knoxville Post Office first appeared in the Gazette on June 5, 1795 indicating that the mail had been working for several months prior to that date. They were signed, George Roulstone, postmaster.

Although, George Roulstone was appointed postmaster, apparently he was not awarded the contract for the post route itself. Beginning

in December of 1794 the Assistant Postmaster General was sending letters to Edward Teel regarding the post route itself. In the first letter he says "I am informed that no person will undertake to conduct a post office at either Jonesborough, Greeneville or Jefferson Courthouse and that no letters are conveyed in the mail from Abingdon to either of them - that the persons at those places receive their newspapers from Knoxville - and that they will be sufficiently accomodated by having the mail from Knoxville to Abingdon pass through those places and return by Hawkins Courthouse to Knoxville. As you wish to be authorized to return by Hawkins Courthouse, as it will accommodate more people by your passing that way, I do hereby give my consent. . . . But consent must be understood to continue no longer than the people of Jonesborough, Greeneville and Jefferson Courthouse are satisfied. . ." Other records show that Edward Teel was paid \$100 per quarter for the service and that his bond was forwarded by Roulstone. It appears therefore that Roulstone was able to keep his private post going for newspapers and may also have delivered letters privately in addition to being the U.S. postmaster for Knoxville. He obviously made it cheaper for newspapers to be delivered by himself than by his post office. Postmasters were appointed at Jonesborough and Greeneville within the decade, but more of that another time.



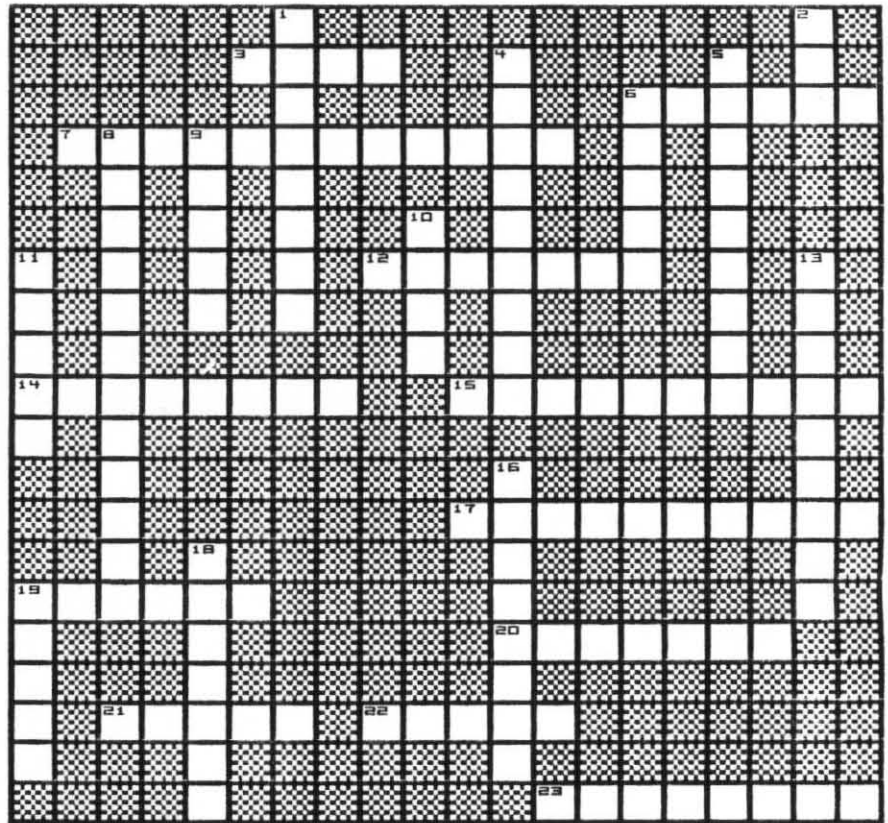
NEW YEAR'S EVE

ACROSS CLUES

- 3. _____ your sweetheart
- 5. to your _____
- 7. greeting (3 words)
- 12. New Year Day events
- 14. shredded paper
- 15. greeting (2 words)
- 17. party favor
- 19. a toast
- 20. party decoration
- 21. party activity
- 22. ring the _____
- 23. type of legume, served on New Years Day for luck

DOWN CLUES

- 1. time New Year arrives
- 2. party favor
- 4. New Year's drink
- 5. New Years wish
- 6. blow the _____
- 8. New Years song (3 words)
- 9. New Year's Eve _____
- 10. Big _____ sound
- 11. New Year's non-alcoholic drink
- 13. party decoration
- 16. New Year's Day sport
- 18. pals
- 19. watch the _____



Puzzle by Jo Mynatt & Bobbye Goetz

ONE-PAGE EXHIBIT
COMPETITION

Bring your one-page exhibit to the January 5 meeting. Please put your name on the back of your page. If you are willing, the club would like to use the one-pagers in the exhibits at the Lawson-McGhee Library during the month of February. We need many of these to show the public what stamp collecting is all about. Also, it will be great publicity for the club! We ask everyone to use their ideas and come up with eye-appealing and interesting page. Don't be shy! Your exhibit could be the prize-winner!



If you cannot be at the January meeting, please clip (or copy) the following information, and mail with your dues to the Knoxville Stamp Club, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422.

Dues are: \$5.00 for regular membership; \$7.50 for a whole family (please list all in the family to be considered as members); and \$1.00 for youth (under 17 years old).

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 ARE YOU AN APS MEMBER? _____
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The Knoxville Stamp Club Newsletter is published by and for the members of the Knoxville Stamp Club. Letters and/or articles may be submitted to the editor at the address given above. For further information, contact one of the following:

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STAMP OF THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2 AGENDA

The stamp of the month this month is U.S. Scott # 231 of the Columbian Issue. The set of 14 stamps was printed by the American Bank Note Co., and was released on Jan. 2, 1893, with the exception of the 8¢ value released in March of that year. There are a number of varieties in this issue. The best-known is probably the so-called "broken hat" variety on the 2¢ stamp. Look closely at your stamp to see if you might have one of these. The figure in the foreground to the left of Columbus has a nick out of his hat. Happy Hunting ! The stamps this month were donated by Bruce Roberts. Thanks, Bruce !

7:00 p.m. - Novice meeting with a demonstration of how to detect watermarks, by Harry Sanders.

7:45 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

PROGRAM - Here's a chance for everyone to "show off"! If you have a NON-philatelic collection (and who doesn't), bring something to the meeting to show. Almost everyone has some hobby besides stamps, and we thought it would be interesting to see just what kinds of stuff people collect. Come on out and share in the fun !

BOURSE****REFRESHMENTS****SILENT AUCTION

Don't forget to bring your dues to the February meeting - see Jo Mynatt. The silent auction will be handled by Neal Henderson, Jamie Large, and Wilma Brookshier - Bring your lots to them so they can get the auction set up for all to enjoy. Anyone who would like to bring some "goodies" for refreshments is invited to do so. Thanks !

KSC TO BE FEATURED ON TV

The early morning TV show on Knoxville's Channel 6 will feature several members of the Knoxville Stamp Club on Wednesday, March 2, beginning at 6:00 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars and set your alarm clocks, as you will not want to miss this show ! They will be talking about stamp collecting in general, the club, and the show which will be the following weekend. Bob Toal and Neal Henderson or Dean Treadway will be on the show.

KNOXPEX '88 NEWS

Knoxplex '88 will open March 5, at 10:00 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The ribbon this year will be made out of a roll of coil stamps ! We hope to have several dignitaries attending this ceremony.

There will be a postal booth and fifteen dealers - this is more variety in dealers than ever before !

On Saturday, beginning at 6:00 p.m., there will be a live auction; also a snack buffet will be served to all. The buffet is free, all food is provided by YOU, the club members. Please see Barbara DeArmond at the Feb. meeting, and sign up for what you can bring. We will need: Sandwiches, Chips and dips, Crackers and cheese, Pickles, olives, etc.. Raw vegetables - carrot sticks, celery, etc., Cookies and brownies, and other finger foods - use your imagination !

The Library will sponsor a "String-Pull" game for all. There will be prizes for all. The money raised from this will go to buy new books for the library. If you have any philatelic items suitable for prizes for the "String-Pull", please give them to Neal Henderson.

We are also looking for give-away stamps for the "Scratch Box", which is always a big hit at the shows. Any stamps U.S. or foreign, can be used for this. Bring them to the meeting, and we will have a box for them.

The Children's Activities Chairman, Angie Toal, is planning a Cachet-Designing Contest for the youngsters. There will be three prizes to be awarded. If you would like to help on this committee, please see Angie at the meeting.

We will have a very, very special guest at this show. His name is Benjamin Franklin, and we are sure that all who attend will want to talk with him, and even have their pictures made with him ! Pictures will be available for a slight fee, and you will have a wonderful souvenir of the show !

Last, but not least, if you are planning to exhibit, please see Paul Phillips. He will have the exhibit applications for you to fill out. Please do this at the February meeting, so that all the exhibits may be listed in the program. We also need to know just how many frames you will be needing for your exhibit. There has been some confusion in the past about how many pages make up a frame. In order to clarify that problem, a FRAME = 16 pages. If you only have 8 pages, you have ½ frame. Also, Paul requests that you write a short paragraph explaining your exhibit.

Well, that's the news for now - be sure to come to the meeting for updates !

KSC TO EXHIBIT AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lawson-McGhee Library Downtown will be featuring a display of exhibits, posters, and other philatelic material provided by members of the club. Some of the items are the one-page exhibits you brought to the club meeting last month. This is a wonderful opportunity for the club to get people interested in stamp collecting, and also good publicity for us. The exhibit will be on display all through February, so try to get in to see it - it will be worth the time !

POSTAL HISTORY OF EAST TENNESSEE IN THE TERRITORIAL PERIOD III

by Paul J Phillips

As mentioned earlier, the first postal route in Tennessee was from Abingdon in Virginia to Rogersville, then known as Hawkins Court House. This mail route was actually part of the Wilderness Road from Abingdon to Danville in Kentucky. That route may have been started about August 20, 1792 according to "The Wilderness Road" by R.L. Kincaid, however no documentary evidence was given. Thomas Barbee was appointed postmaster in Danville, the first in Kentucky which was already a state. He announced the inauguration of the post route in the Kentucky Gazette in a letter dated 24 October 1792, saying "the mail will arrive on Saturday the 3rd of November and from that period that day two weeks; the rider will remain at Danville until the Monday morning following his arrival". The route followed was basically the road trailblazed by Daniel Boone and others. It is believed that the route may have originally gone straight into Kentucky, touching Tennessee only at Sapling Grove (later Bristol). Frazier, in his book on Tennessee postmasters, lists the appointment of Joseph Rogers as postmaster of Hawkins C H as 20 March 1793. He is, however, in error as Rogers announced the opening of the post office in a letter dated 16 November 1792 published in the Knoxville Gazette, first on 1 December 1792 and again two weeks later.

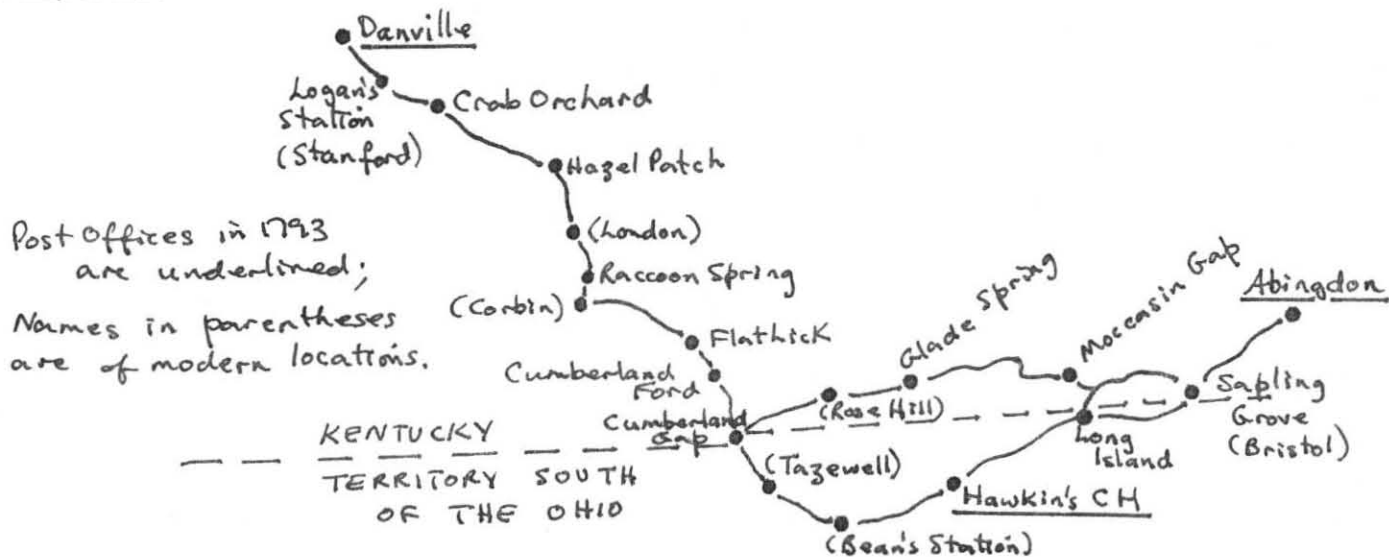
The text reads as follows: "I wish the citizens of this territory to be informed through the channel of this useful paper that the Post-Master General has established a POST OFFICE at Hawkins Court House, where the mail arrives once a fortnight. The western mail will arrive on Saturday the 24th of this month and set off for Danville in Kentucky on the Monday following at 6 o'clock. - The eastern post will arrive at Hawkins on the same day as the former and set off the next day (Sunday) at one o'clock. The route of this post is through Washington, Wythe, Montgomery, Botetourt, Rockbridge and Augusta, from thence to Richmond; and through this channel letters may be conveyed to any part of the United States; and for the greatest distance the postage of a single letter will not cost more than eighteen pence. Joseph Rogers, postmaster". Clearly, Hawkins had been chosen as the point at which the western and eastern mails would cross and the bags be exchanged. The rider would have left Danville on Monday 19 November and so was allowed a little under 6 days to make the journey. Since Rogers' letter was dated 16 November it seems likely that the rider called in at Hawkins on his way to Danville (on or about 10 November) and handed Rogers his instructions from the PMG at that time. It therefore appears that only the first post ride to Danville, if that, may not have passed through Hawkins Court House.

The oldest road in the area was the old colonial road from Virginia to Long Island of the Holston. It is likely that when the Rogersville post office was opened the route was switched to the Long Island road (which passed through Sapling Grove) and then directly to Rogersville. The postrider would have saved a lot of time by following the alternative route to the Cumberland Gap via what later became Bean's Station and Tazewell rather than by backtracking to Sapling Grove. This latter route through Tazewell certainly was the preferred route before the end of the

decade. A hint of the postroute functioning at that time can be had from the records of Andre Michaux who travelled the road just one year later and left a detailed mileage record of his trip: Cumberland Gap to Davis's [Middlesboro], 2 miles; Davis's to Houlston, 27; Houlston to Hawkins C H, 22; Hawkins to Amis, 3; Amis to North Fork of the Holston [Kingsport], 25; North Fork to Carolina Fork, 31; ..Fork to Abingdon, 15. The mileage figures given make sense only if "Middlesboro to Holston" refers to the Holston near Col Ore's (Oresville, later Bean's Station, now underwater) and so does indeed refer to the Tazewell route to the Cumberland Gap.

It was never a safe road to follow and subject to attacks by Indians as well as thieves, as it was the main route to the Kentucky settlements and followed by easy prey in the form of settlers often travelling without guides. It seems likely that one postrider (Edward Teel) rode from Abingdon to Rogersville, changed bags and went back along the same route. The rider from Danville to Rogersville was, at one time, Thomas Ross. On the 21st of March 1793 "Thomas Ross (postrider) and two other men on their way from Hawkins Court House, in this territory, to Kentucky, were fired on near Laurel River [vicinity of London, KY] by a party of Indians, supposed to be Cherokees, and a white man. Ross was killed, the other two men were wounded but made their escape. - These wretches carried their brutality so far as to cut off his head and the flesh from his bones." [Knoxville Gazette, 6 April 1793]. This news reached Philadelphia fairly quickly since on 28 May 1793 Governor Blount wrote to the Secretary of War, apparently replying to a query, "The saddlebags with the letters belonging to Ross the Post-rider who was killed on the Kentucky road are in the lower Cherokee towns carried in by the Shawanese who reside there." Most of the Cherokees were friendly and obviously supplied this information to Blount rapidly.

In August of 1794 a mail service to Kentucky down the Ohio by boat was started. Shortly after this, the wilderness route was discontinued. This discontinuance appears to coincide with the opening of the new route from Abingdon to Knoxville already discussed in an earlier newsletter. Governor Shelby of Kentucky complained about the discontinuance in March of 1795 since the Ohio route was very unreliable. The wilderness route was then reopened.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Feb. 2 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting - MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville.
- Feb. 2 - First-Day Ceremony of the 22c James Weldon Johnson commemorative, Nashville, TN
- Feb. 5, 6, & 7 - East Tennessee Coin and Stamp Show - West Town Mall, Knoxville.
- Feb. 13 & 14 - Nashpex '88 - Airport Hilton, Nashville, TN.
- Feb. 16 - KSC Board Meeting.
- Feb. 18 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting, Civic Center, Oak Ridge, TN.

MARCH CALENDAR

- March 1 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting, MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville.
- March 2 - KSC featured on TV - Channel 6 at 6:00 a.m.
- March 5 & 6 - Knoxpex '88 - Rodeway Inn, I-40 at Cedar Bluff exit.
- March 15 - KSC Board Meeting
- March 17 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting.

KNOXVILLE STAMP CLUB MINUTES - JAN. 5, 1988

The regular monthly meeting was held at the MLB Building with 32 members and 1 guest present. The **Novice Meeting** consisted of a discussion about album pages. **Dean Treadway** presented the cachet cover for Knoxpex '88. These are now available for .35 ea. or 3/\$1.00. **Barbara DeArmond** announced there will be a sign-up sheet at the February club meeting for the **Knoxpex '88 Buffet** which will be on Saturday, March 5th. **Paul Phillips** requested that at the next club meeting everyone who plans to exhibit at Knoxpex '88 should turn in the title and number of pages to be exhibited. **Scott Robertson** reported plans for a string pull at Knoxpex '88 to raise money for the club library. **Donations of any kind** are needed for this event and should be brought to the February club meeting.

Blair Josevai donated some nice posters to the club for use in the club exhibit at Lawson-McGhee Library during the month of February. Also, **Ray Ritter, Ron Sarson and Paul Phillips** donated books to the club library. These donations were greatly appreciated.

The **One Page Exhibit Competition** was judged and critiqued by **Dean Treadway** and **Paul Phillips**. The winners were: Grand prize, **Paul Rayling** and runners up **Jo Mynatt, Bob Toal, Neal Henderson and Betty Ann Logan**. The slide show program "Owney" was presented by **Dean Treadway**.



UNITED STATES POST OFFICE FACTS

By Bob Toal

You probably already know that postage stamps first came into use in the United States in 1847. But do you know these other Post Office firsts? Registry of mail was adopted in 1855. Railway mail service began in 1864. Free city delivery was begun in 1863, and this service was extended in 1896 to include most rural areas. Postal money orders came into use in 1864, foreign money orders in 1867, and postal notes in 1911. Special delivery was made available in 1885. A parcel post system was put into operation in 1913. The first regular air mail began in 1918.

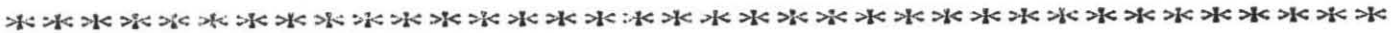
MINUTES - KNOXVILLE STAMP CLUB - FEB. 2, 1988

The regular monthly meeting was held at the MLB Building with 56 members and 2 guest present. The Novice Meeting, by **Harry Sanders**, was a presentation on watermarks. It was announced that permanent bidder numbers and owner letters for the silent auction will be written on the back of each members name tag. There was a report on the the new postal museum at the Main Post Office which contains some of **Dean Treadway's** material, and **Bob Toal, Neal Henderson** and **Paul Phillips** have installed the club exhibit for the month of February at Lawson-McGhee Library.

Knoxpex '88 update. String Pull, **Scott Robertson**, need more prizes. Exhibits, contact **Bob Toal** at 521-6784. Ben Franklin, will be played in full costume, by **Dean Treadway**. Dealers, **Bruce Roberts**, sold out (15 dealers). Cachet Covers. **Bill Boegly**, about 40 sold. Cachet Design Contest, **Angie Toal** will be in charge.

Harry Sanders encouraged club members to call **Mr. Harry Moskos** at 523-3131 about a column on stamps in The Knoxville News-Sentinel. The West Town Mall Stamp & Coin Show will be Feb. 5,6,7. The program, a chance to present Non-philatelic collections, brought out a variety of interesting collections from: **Francis Nall, Les Lebo, Dean Treadway, Paul Phillips, Paul Reyling, Bill Wabert, Ron Sarson, Jo Mynatt, Bob Toal, Barry Guthrie** and **Barbara DeArmond**.

Submitted by: Neal Henderson, Secretary.



UNITED STATES STAMPED ENVELOPES

How do you salvage 300-two cent 1926 Sesquicentennial Exposition stamped envelopes that have an obsolete corner card and the postage rate has gone to three cents?

You create a super-duper, multi-colored, historical, political, poetic, patriotic Lincoln-Roosevelt-New Deal-Liberty Bell-Chicago Century of Progress cachet. The only thing missing is the American Flag!

by Frank Doyle

KNOXPEX '88 NEWS

Yes, Knoxpex '88 is almost here ! The publicity is done, all the plans are made, now all we need is YOU to pull it all together ! Our meeting will be held March 1 at the MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., and starting at 7:00 p.m., there will be lots to do - folding programs, stuffing the give-away bags, etc. Come one - come all ! Get involved - this is YOUR show !

If you have not signed up to bring something for the snack buffet, this will be your final opportunity to do so. See Barbara DeArmond at the meeting - we will be serving about 100 people, so we need lots of food !

The hospitality table will need lots of volunteers, also. All you need to do is greet people, get them registered, and head them in the right direction ! An easy job, and you get to sit down while you do it ! Also you can sell our special show cachets and give out bags of "freebies". Sound like fun ? Sign up at the meeting !

There will be a live auction at the show Saturday at 6:00 p.m., and a silent auction Sunday from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. The lots for the live auction will be submitted by the dealers, and the lots for the silent auction will be submitted by YOU, the members of the club. The rules for these auctions are printed on the last page of this newsletter. If you have lots for the silent auction, you may give them to Neal Henderson at the March 1 meeting, on Saturday at the show, or on Sunday before 1:00 p.m. No lots will be accepted after that time. See the rules for further information.

The Library Committee will have a "String Pull" game at the show. They are in need of donations of prizes. If you have items to donate, see Neal Henderson, John Hartney, or Scott Robertson at the meeting.

Lots of activities will be going on during Knoxpex, and we need each one of you to do your part, so lets all get set for the best show EVER !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

TV SHOW FEATURES KSC

Several members of the Knoxville Stamp Club will be featured on Channel 6 at 6 a.m. March 2. Our president, Bob Toal, will be one of the representatives for the club. Neal Henderson and/or Dean Treadway will also be on the show. They will be talking about stamp collecting in general, the club, and KNOXPEX '88. Set your alarm clocks and get up early to watch. It should be a great show !

STRING PULL DONATIONS NEEDED

The Library Committee would appreciate donations for the Knoxpex '88 String Pull. They ask that you bring items to the March 1 meeting. Some suggestions for prizes are: Mounts, Tongs, Perf Gauges, Color Gauges, Magnifiers, Watermark Trays, Glassine Envelopes, Gift Certificates, Stamps, Books, Covers, Post Cards, Etc. Please see Neal Henderson, Scott Robertson, or John Hartney at the meeting.

ADMIRAL FARRAGUT EXHIBIT

The Town of Farragut Museum is planning to have an Admiral Farragut exhibit. Jackie Miller is looking for covers, or any other philatelic items that she might "beg, borrow, or buy" to use in completing the display. If you have items that you think might be appropriate for her to use, please bring them to the March 1 meeting - See Jackie Miller. I'm sure lots of you have an item that might be useful, so check your collections and let's help out with this project !

FIFTH TUESDAY MEETINGS

The Board announces that we have obtained permission to meet at the MLB building on the fifth Tuesday of months that have one. March 29 will be the first of these "extra" meetings. There will be NO business, this will be strictly fun and STAMPS ! For the first meeting, we suggest that everyone bring something to discuss, trade, or sell. Make plans now to come on out March 29 for this special informal meeting. It should ne GREAT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members this month. John Bell, from Maryville collects British, and Daryl Johnson, of Knoxville, collects U.S. stamps, FDC's and post cards. Also, we welcome Harry Baldwin, who has rejoined us after being out for a while.

WELCOME TO ALL OF YOU !



GET WELL WISHES

Best wishes go out to Francis Painter, who has been in the hospital. Hope you are feeling much better, Francis ! Also, Dean's wife, Becky is in the hospital - Get well Soon, Becky !

DUES * DUES * DUES

YOUR 1988 DUES ARE DUE ! IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID THEM, THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER ! THERE WILL BE A TABLE AT THE MARCH 1 MEETING WHERE YOU MAY PAY YOUR DUES, OR YOU MAY FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL TO THE CLUB. IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID, SEE THE FRONT OF YOUR NEWSLETTER. IF YOUR SHAMROCK IS GREEN, YOU ARE IN GOOD STANDING FOR 1988. IF IT IS BROWN, IT MEANS YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS ABOUT TO EXPIRE ! WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU - SO SEND IN YOUR DUES TODAY !!!

If you cannot be at the March meeting, please clip (or copy) the following information and mail with your dues to the Knoxville Stamp Club, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422. Dues are : \$5 for regular membership, \$7.50 for a whole family (please list all in the family to be listed as members), and \$1 for youth (under 17 years old).

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ARE YOU AN APS MEMBER? _____
DUES ENCLOSED _____

THESE AUCTION RULES ARE FOR KNOXPEX '88 AUCTIONS ONLY. Please read them carefully. If you have any questions, they will be discussed at the meeting March 1.

AUCTION RULES

LIVE AUCTION

1. The live auction will begin at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 5, at the Rodeway Inn.
2. The auction will consist of lots submitted by the dealers at Knoxpex
3. To bid, you must register for a bidder's number, which will be assigned to you.
4. If there is a minimum or book bid, the auction bidding will begin at that point. If the lot receives no bids, it will remain unsold and will be returned to the owner.
5. If a lot is sold, it will be at the tally table, and may be picked up at any time after it has been registered. Successful bidders may pick up their lots during the auction if they do not wish to bid on any further lots.
6. All lots must be picked up at the end of the auction, and paid for in full.
7. All lots are sold "as is". Every effort is being made to assure that the lots have accurate descriptions, but YOU are responsible to examine any lot on which you wish to bid and determine its value to you.
8. The club will receive a 10% commission from the seller on lots that are sold. If a lot having no minimum does not sell, it will be returned to the owner and no fee will be charged. If a lot has a minimum and does not sell, the owner will pay the club 10% of the minimum, up to a maximum charge of \$1.00.

SILENT AUCTION

1. The auction will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 3p.m. Sunday, March 6, 1988.
2. The auction will consist of lots submitted by members of the Knoxville Stamp Club.
3. To submit a lot for the auction, it must be turned in before 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Lots may be turned in at the March 1 meeting, all day on Saturday, March 5, or before 1:00 p.m. Sunday, March 6. Turn your lots in to Neal Henderson. NO lots will be accepted after 1:00 p.m. Sunday.
4. The seller must pay 25¢ for each lot at the time it is submitted.
5. Each lot must have an accurate description of the item/s, and a catalogue value, if possible. You may list a minimum bid.
6. Each lot must have a bid sheet attached, and the owner's identification letter. If you do not already have an identification letter, one will be assigned to you.
7. The club reserves the right to limit the number of lots one person may enter, if there are too many lots.
8. To bid, obtain a bidder NUMBER from the auction handlers. On the lot/s you desire, list your bidder number and bid in the spaces provided. Be sure to observe all minimums and bid in 25¢ increments.
9. High bidder at the end of the auction wins the lot. Owners will receive their payment after money has been collected for all lots sold.

Auction rules will be posted at the show. Bids that do not conform to these rules will not be accepted.

MARCH STAMP EVENTS

- March 1 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting
- March 2 - Channel 6, 6:00 a.m.
- March 5 & 6 - **KNOXPEX '88**
- March 15 - KSC Board Meeting
- March 17 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting
- March 29 - Fifth Tuesday KSC Meeting



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS !

The club would like to welcome these new members to the "flock":
From Knoxville, we have the Joe Galetovic family, W.P. Gammell (collects Israel, U.S., U.N.), the Jim McKinney family, James McMinn (collects U.N.), William Sirett (collects Great Britain and British Commonwealth of Nations), David Overman (new junior member), David Porter (collects U.S. mint singles), and the Norman Williams family (collect U.S. and world-wide).
Welcome also goes to Jimmie Turner, of Oak Ridge (collects U.S. and Iran), and to Wilson Mulliniks, of Waverly, TN. WELCOME TO ONE AND ALL !!!!!!!!!!!!!



AN EGGHEAD VISITS KNOXPEx

Saturday, March 5th The opening day at Knoxpex - I decided to make an eggscursion to the Rodeway Inn and eggspedite a few eggstravagant eggspenditures at the stamp show ! Imagine my eggscitement at the eggstraordinary eggspanse of dealers, the club members eggsuming happiness, and the eggstremely well-planned show ! All club members must be eggstroverts ! They knew eggsactly where I could eggexchange my eggstra dollars for stamps ! I eggsplored the eggshibits, met a few eggsperts, and eggsercized my iegs on my eggspedition. Eggstolling the merits of Knoxpex, I eggscclaimed "Knoxpex was eggscellent, above my eggpectations !" Finally, finding the eggshit, I proceeded to the eggsterior. I left the show eggsultant - after eggshausting my eggsscess change and eggstending my credit to the limit. Knoxpex eggscceeded my eggpectations, eggstraordinarily !!!



FIFTH TUESDAY MEETINGS

By the time you receive this newsletter, our first Fifth Tuesday Meeting will be history. However, if you missed it, you only have to wait 2 months for the next one ! The next one will be May 31, 1988 ! These will be very informal, show-and-tell types of meetings, and NO business ! Mark your calendar now so you won't forget the next one !

PHILATELIC COVERS--PAST AND PRESENT

By Bob Toal

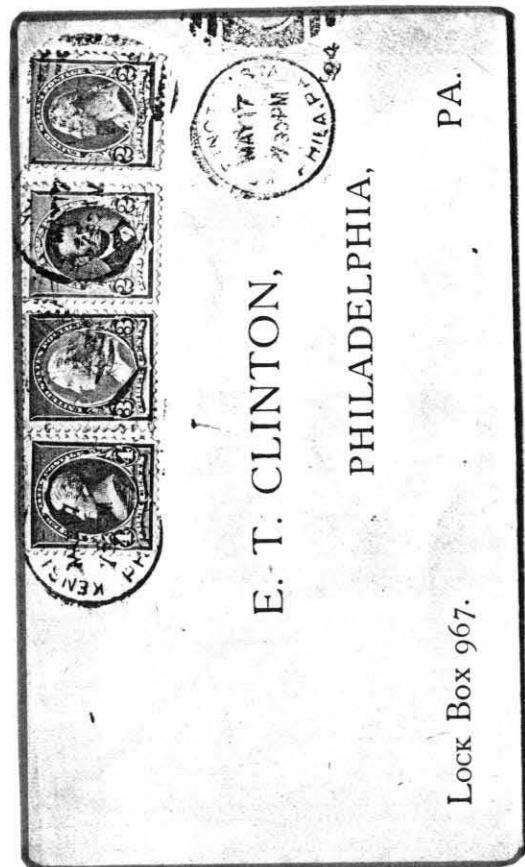
Notice the cover illustrated in Figure 1. It is a stamped, self-addressed envelope that I recently sent to a dealer. The cover was returned to me without a hitch carrying the requested information. At first glance there is nothing unusual about the item--or is there? It is postmarked Stamford, CT and the first-class rate is paid by a 22¢ stamp-collecting commemorative stamp. But look closely at the stamp. No, it is not a color-missing error, but it is an invert! A collector-created invert at that! Prior to affixing this stamp to the envelope, I cut out the portion of the design depicted in the magnifying glass. I then attached that portion to the envelope in an inverted position. Just imagine what excitement might be generated 100 years from now when a collector finds this item in a dealer's cover box. Then imagine the sinking feeling when that person notices that it is a collector-created freak. But so what--it will still be highly unusual and I'm sure most collectable.

Look at the item in Figure 2. It was posted in 1894. It shows a series of small bank notes (Scott #220, 221, 222) seemingly overpaying postage. But notice the unusual vignettes relative to the frames. Someone (probably a collector or dealer) cut out the vignettes of Washington, Lincoln and Jackson and interchanged them. In full color this item is quite an eyecatcher. Now it is part of my collection--all because of a "thoughtful" philatelist of a century ago!

Figure 1



Figure 2



Once again, the club has done it ! Knoxpex, by all standards, was a huge success ! Early reports are that the club netted about \$500 from the show. There were well over 300 guests registered, and we gained 13 new members ! But without YOU, our members, Knoxpex would never be the success it always is. We want to thank all of you who helped with all the activities, too numerous to mention. Special thanks to the chairpersons of the committees:

Bruce Roberts - Bourse

Paul Phillips - Exhibits

Jo Mynatt & Wilma Brookshier - Publicity

Angie Toal - Children's Activities

Barbara DeArmond - Buffet

Neal Henderson - Auctions

Scott Robertson, Dean Treadway, Neal Henderson - String Pull (Library)

Bob Toal - General Show Chairman

Special, special thanks to Dean Treadway, who proved he is a dyed-in-the-wool Benjamin Franklin, Frances Nall, who spent at least a dozen hours at the hospitality table, and all of you who turned out the salads, sandwiches, and all the goodies for the buffet !

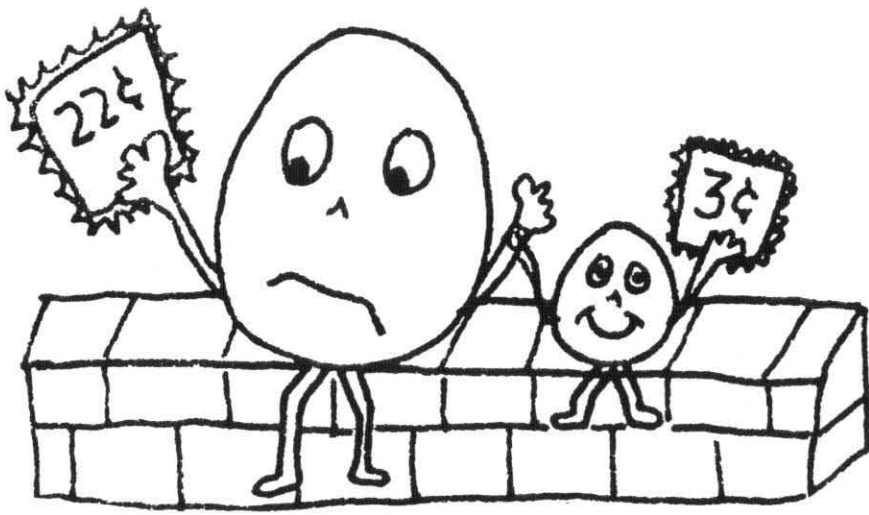


HAPPY EASTER!

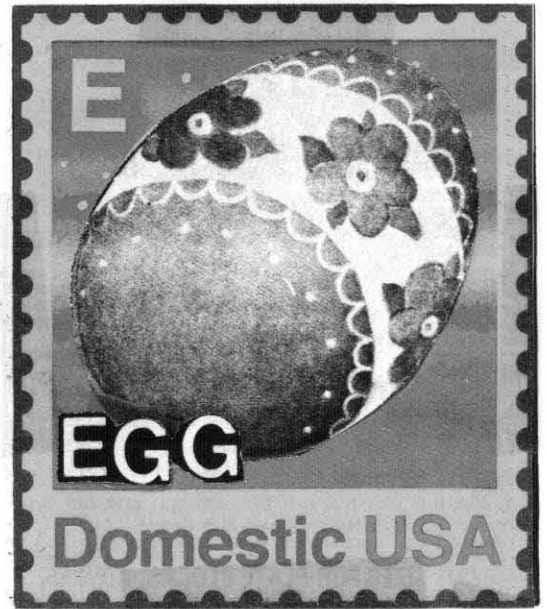


Don't forget to roll your clocks ahead one hour for Daylight-Savings Time !





POSTAL-WOSTAL HAD A BAD DAY.
 POSTAL-WOSTAL,
 THE RATE COULD NOT PAY.
 ALL LETTER WRITERS WERE FULL OF
 WOE
 THEY HAD TO ADD THREE CENTS
 TO MAKE THE MAIL GO.



See if you can find the "EGG"
 words scrambled all through
 this newsletter !

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WANTED - WWII

MANHATTAN PROJECT COVERS
 from/to Oak Ridge, 1942-1945.
 Covers should be non-philatelic,
 and from/to Project workers.
 Send photocopies with price to:

PAUL FILIPKOWSKI
 P.O. Box 5098
 Gainesville, FL 32602

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If you didn't enjoy this newsletter,
 The yolk's on you !

PROJECTED 1988 BUDGET

The following projected budget was approved by the board at a previous board meeting. This is only a projected budget, and some items will have to be adjusted as the year goes on. Some items have already undergone changes, but this is only a guideline as to the amounts available for running the club.

ALL FIGURES ARE BASED ON 1987 RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS. ALL NORMAL OPERATING FIGURES ARE BASED ON 100 MEMBERS AND 22¢ POSTAGE.

RECEIPTS:

DUES	500.00
REFRESHMENTS & DONATIONS	50.00
SILENT AUCTION	60.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

NEWSLETTER	
Printing	361.00
Postage	264.00
SLIDES	25.00
MISC. SUPPLIES	25.00
LIBRARY	10.00
MISC. POSTAGE	15.00
P.O. BOX RENTAL	22.00

TOTAL REGULAR RECEIPTS:
 projected 610.00

TOTAL REGULAR DISBURSEMENTS:
 projected 722.00

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DEALER FEES	1190.00
FUND RAISERS	
Cachets, raffles, etc.	1200.00

RODEWAY	448.00
CACHET PRINTING	180.00
ADVERTISING	375.00
SERVICED COVERS	65.00
AWARDS	50.00
SUPPLIES	50.00
SECURITY	100.00

SHOW RECEIPTS:
 projected 2390.00

SHOW DISBURSEMENTS:
 projected 1268.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS:
 projected 3000.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:
 projected 1990.00

PROJECTED SURPLUS: 1010.00

Since the budget was presented, the show financial report was completed. It is shown here in its entirety. As you can see, we showed only a net of 530.99 from the show, of which 135.00 belongs to the library who sponsored the string pull, leaving the club itself a net of 395.99, as opposed to the projected amount of 1122.00. This still leaves us with a projected surplus of 344.01, which, if available, may be used for various projects.

SHOW FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS:

DEALER TABLES	1290.00
SILENT AUCTION	36.95
LIVE AUCTION	107.94
COVERS	188.00
STRING PULL	135.00
DONATIONS	22.53
PROGRAM ADS	90.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS: 1870.42

NET FROM SHOW: 530.99

DISBURSEMENTS:

RODEWAY	448.00
CACHETS	189.39
SECURITY	100.00
PRINTING	93.60
POSTCARDS	53.62
POSTAGE	64.00
AWARDS	85.98
COSTUME	42.80
BUFFET	48.70
BOURSE EXPENSE	12.34
NEWSPAPER AD	121.00
RETURNED DEPOSIT	80.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 1339.43

EDITORIAL

Recently, it has come to the attention of the board that the club members may not be aware of all the workings of the club "machinery". This may well be true. As in any organization, the obligation of the board of directors is to discuss all the ideas and suggestions that have been proposed, and "weed out" the trivial, unworkable, unacceptable, or unaffordable ones. That way, the important decisions may be brought before the club without wasting a lot of time in a long, drawn-out business meeting. There are many hours spent discussing projects and plans and working out solutions to problems of which the average member is never aware. As a member of the board, I have had first-hand experience in observing and participating in this process. Truly, if many of these matters were not discussed, I can envision 3 hour business meetings, and not any time for stamps ! The board has always invited any member who desires, to attend the executive meetings. I believe that you would find that the board is always working for the good of the club, not personal benefits or interests. In a club such as ours, the needs of all the members have to be considered, not just the special interest of one person. The purpose of the club, as stated in the By-Laws, is for fellowship and the promotion of stamp collecting. That is the reason that the club was established. I believe the board of directors is doing a fine job in accomplishing that goal, and working to make the Knoxville Stamp Club the BEST !

By Jo Mynatt

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS

Nominations for 1988/89 officers will be accepted at the meeting. The nominating committee's nominees are:

- President - Bob Toal
- Vice President - Neal Henderson
- Secretary - Paul Phillips
- Treasurer - Jamie Large
- 4-year Board Member - Les Lebo

Other members of the board, whose terms have not expired, and will not be voted upon are: Ron Mynatt (3 years remaining), Dean Treadway (2 years remaining), and Mike Carmichael (1 year remaining). The editor of the newsletter, Jo Mynatt, will continue to serve in that capacity if the club so desires. If you have other nominations to make, please check with the person to be nominated, so that time is not wasted in making nominations that will be declined. Make sure the person is willing and able to serve in the capacity for which you wish to nominate him or her.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The board is in the process of forming several committees so that the work of the club may be carried on in an efficient manner. If you would like to serve on any of these committees, please see the member listed and get involved !

1. Hospitality - Hulinda Henderson
2. Publicity - Harry Sanders
3. Room Restoration - Scott Robertson
4. Finance and Budget - Newly-elected Treasurer
5. Library - Scott Robertson, Neal Henderson, John Hartney

They will explain the duties involved and tell you what you can do to help !

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

The Knoxville Stamp Club welcomes Thomas Robosto, Jr. of Seymour as our newest member. He joined at the last meeting and collects world-wide stamps. Welcome, Thomas !

HELP, PLEASE !

Meeting at the MLB Building is a privilege that we must not abuse. We must clean the room/s up before we leave, and we must be out promptly at 10:00 p.m. If everyone would pick up their trash, and straighten their chair when they get up, it would be a great help. It is amazing the amount of time it takes just to line the chairs up ! If you can do more, just jump right in and help. Please be out of the room before 10. We certainly don't want to have the use of the room jeopardized. Let's all do our part and not leave it up to the "faithful few" that patiently do it each month.

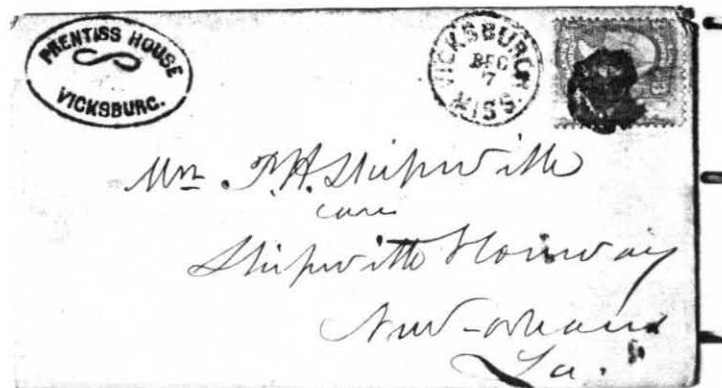
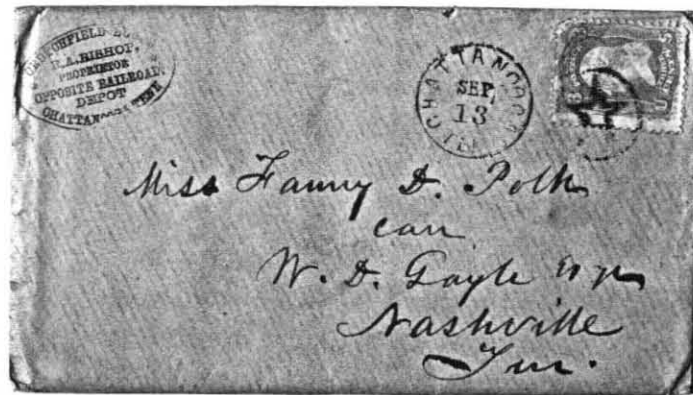
POSTAL HISTORY/PEOPLE HISTORY

by Bob Toal

Sometimes there are greater rewards in cover collecting than those that readily meet the eye. The cover depicted in Figure 1 is franked with Scott #63 and bears a Chattanooga, Tennessee fancy star cancel with no year date. The cover has an advertising corner stamp of the Crutchfield House of Chattanooga and is addressed to Miss Fanny D. Polk.

Francis Deveraux (Fanny) Polk was born on November 27, 1835 at Elderwood (the family estate) in Maury County, Tennessee. She married Peyton H. Skipwith on November 27, 1866 at St. John's Church in Maury County, and she lived at Oxford, Mississippi until her death on March 15, 1884. Her father, Leonidas Polk, happens to have been a confederate general during the Civil War. His cousin was James K. Polk, the 11th President of the United States. However, Leonidas Polk made his mark on Tennessee history as a bishop of the Episcopal Church and founded the University of the South at Sewanee in 1860. General Polk was killed during the war in 1864 when he was hit by a cannon shell at Pine Bluff, Georgia.

The cover in Figure 2 bears Scott #63 with a Vicksburg(h), Mississippi cancel with no year date. The cover has an advertising corner stamp of the Prentiss House in Vicksburg. The cover is addressed to Fanny Polk after she married and became Mrs. P. H. Skipwith. Because some research sources maintain that Peyton H. Skipwith was a confederate spy during the Civil War, it is intriguing to speculate on the potential role this individual may have played in history. Therefore, it is the discovery of obscure sidelights in cover collecting that provides the unexpected rewards.



JUNE BINGO PARTY

This month's program is our annual bingo party. The rules are: Bring a prize - philatelic or non-philatelic, then you may "rent" bingo cards for 50¢ each or 3 for \$1. If you do not bring a prize, you may still play bingo, but the cards will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2. This is always a lot of fun, and a good way for the club to raise a little extra cash. Prizes should be valued at least at \$1. Come on and join in the fun ! Bring a friend !

FALL SHOW

The club has voted to hold a fall Stamp Bourse. Already plans are being made, dealers are being invited, and ideas are being considered. We want this show to be every bit as successful as our March show. This will be a different type of show, however, since it will be held at Outlets Ltd. Mall. The show will be October 8 and 9, the hours will be from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Saturday, and from 12 noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday. You will be getting more details as they become available, but for now, reserve that week-end and if you are asked to help in some way, please say "yes". It should be a very exciting event, as Knoxville has not had any type of philatelic show or bourse in the fall in a number of years.

KSC ELECTION

We will be electing new 1988/89 officers at the June 7 meeting. The nominees are as listed in the minutes of the May 3 meeting. We hope that you will make the effort to attend the meeting and cast your vote, and show your support for the club and this fine slate of officers.

THANK YOU ! THANK YOU ! THANK YOU

MANY THANKS GO TO MIKE CARMICHAEL FOR HIS DONATION OF OVER \$10 IN POSTAGE STAMPS TO USE FOR THE NEWSLETTER. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. If you have extra postage that you would like to donate, just give it to one of the officers and they will see that it gets to the right place.

ANNUAL PICNIC COMING UP !

Hooray ! It's summertime, and time for you to make plans to attend our annual picnic. The Herbert DeArmonds have invited the club to come to their home once more. If you missed going last year, you really missed a wonderful time of food, fun, and fellowship ! There will be swimming, games, an extra-special event or two, and food, food, food ! Next month's newsletter will have the map, times, etc. and all the details. As we did last year, the club will furnish the meat, drinks, ice, and plates, forks, etc. You will be bringing covered dishes for a real "pitch-in" dinner. The date will be:

JULY 9

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY SO YOU WON'T FORGET !

NEW HAMPSHIRE REVENUE STAMP ABUSE

by Les Lebo

All areas of stamp collecting, whether philatelic, fiscal, or whatever, become the target of greedy organizations or administrations at one time or another. We all know of various countries that issue cancelled-to-order postage stamps, and we shy away from such issues (in most cases) because it is known what they are--labels. Many collectors think the USPS is getting into the same act with too many issues.

For those who collect revenue stamps (fiscal) and duck stamps, the gate is now being opened for abuse to creep into a field of collecting state revenues that has been relatively free of issues for collectors' dollars. Since federal duck stamps became popular about 10 years ago, many states have issued them at a nominal fee for conservation purposes. Approximately 40 of the 50 states are now producing bird stamps in one form or another. So far, 1987 has been the peak year with more to come.

However, with popularity comes abuse, as the following State Revenue Newsletter mentions. The initiators are trying to get Scott Publishing Company to include the New Hampshire stamp in its state bird stamp listing. If this happens, it will open the gate for other states to follow suit. Then what will be next? A write-in campaign is in progress to Mr. Lawrence of Scott Publishing Company to withhold such action as they did for the sand dune countries. See the following State Revenue Society article for more information.

Excerpts below taken from the State Revenue Newsletter, Vol. 25, No. 5 and Vol. 26, No. 1.

In an exercise of astonishing greed and bad judgment, the State of New Hampshire has issued a special limited \$50 face value "Governor's Edition" of the 1987 migratory water fowl hunting stamp. This stamp serves no other purpose than to separate fools from their money....The issuance of this type of stamp should not, alas, come as any real surprise. In the past five to ten years the field of state hunting and fishing stamps has become more and more abusive.The 1987 New Hampshire \$50 special edition migratory waterfowl stamp was sold almost exclusively to stamp dealers who received advanced notice of the issue and who could purchase even single copies for \$25, a 50% discount from face value....There will, alas, be a 1988 \$50 New Hampshire special edition waterfowl stamp. Like the 1987 issue, this issue is being pre-sold to dealers by Steiner prints. The wholesale discounts are not as generous, however, as those for the 1987 stamp....These facts about the marketing of the New Hampshire \$50 stamps further strengthens the parallel between these stamps and the abusive postal issues of various sand dune sheikdoms and third world countries. The abusive postal issues are frequently printed and marketed by private firms

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that sell directly to dealers at a discount from face value....Apparently a great deal of pressure is being brought to bear on Scott Publishing Company to include pages for the New Hampshire \$50 special edition waterfowl stamps in the supplements for Scott's Federal and State Duck Stamp Album. In the area of postage stamps, Scott has wisely and steadfastly refused to include abusive stamps in either its catalogs or albums. We hope that they follow the same policy toward the New Hampshire \$50 waterfowl stamps and any such stamps issued by other states....

If this is an area of interest to you, you may write directly to the President of Scott Publishing Company (Mr. Wayne Lawrence, Scott Publishing Company, 911 Vandemark Rd., Sidney, OH 45365) to express your feelings on this issue.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

The latest addition to the Knoxville Stamp Club is Robert Reid, who joined at the last meeting. He is from Knoxville. Take a minute to find him at the next meeting and welcome him into our fellowship !

KNOXVILLE STAMP CLUB MINUTES FROM - MAY 3, 1988



PATRICIA L. WATSON
DIRECTOR

500 WEST CHURCH AVENUE, KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37902-2505 (615) 523-071

There were 51 members and one guest (**Robert Reid**) present for the monthly meeting at the MLB Building.

The Fall Stamp Show is scheduled for October 8 & 9 at Outlets Limited Mall.

Nominations for officers for the coming year are as follows: **Bob Toal** - President, **Neal Henderson** - Vice President, **Paul Phillips** - Secretary, **Jamie Large** - Treasurer, **Les Lebo** and **John Hartney** - Board. Election to be at the June meeting.

The Club Library is ready to purchase some new books. Suggestions should be given to **Scott Robertson** at the next meeting. Title, cost and where the book may be ordered.

Harry Sanders reported that the local newspapers are not willing to run a column on stamps.

Door Prizes: **Ray Ritter**, **Barbara DeArmond** and **Jamie Large**.

Submitted by, Neal Henderson, Sec. KSC

April 5, 1988

Knoxville Stamp Club
Robert J. Toal, President
1033 Nokomir Circle
Knoxville, Tennessee 37919

Dear Mr. Toal,

Thanks to you, every person who visited the Library in February was able to enjoy a more interesting and attractive environment. We appreciate the time and trouble you took in putting up and taking down your display, as well as the effort involved in preparing the display materials themselves.

We have reaped the benefits of all your good work, and we would like to extend our thanks and our best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Patricia Watson
Patricia L. Watson
Director

PLW:kh

Article by Harry Sanders
KANSAS-NEBRASKA OVERPRINTS OF 1929

GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose Experimental Control to trace distribution, sale and use of this issue. To be valid anywhere in US. To be followed by issues for all other states.

Result Unaccepted by many Post Offices outside the state designated by the overprint.

Press Rotary

Perf 11 x 10 1-2

Gum Type II (Ridged)

Breakers 22mm Spacing

Printing Electrotpe for overprint only

Inking Light to Heavy

Color Dull to Very Dull
1¢ & 10¢, No Major Differences
3¢ Dark Dull Violet
8¢ Olive Green, Never Olive Bistre
9¢ Dull Rose, Never Orange Red
4¢ & 5¢ Dark Shades (Never Light), with Paper Tint possible from ink smearing
5¢ & 7¢ Dark Color Shades, possible ink smearing

Offset Possible on Reverse due to heavy inking

DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS

	KANSAS	NEBRASKA
Width of OVPT	9 - 9.3 mm	8.9 - 9.1 mm
Alignment	Even Across Bottom	Even Across Bottom
Vertical Align.	Straight	Straight
Other	Closed "K" & "n" Open "a" Serif Each Tip of "s"	Large Serif on "N" Curved Serif Top of "b" Slanted Serif Top of "r" Top of "r" slants up to Rt.

DETECTION OF FAKES

Gum Not Ridged

Gum Breakers TYPE I OR III

Printing Offset, Letterpress, Intaglio, Typewriter, Rubber Stamp are all possible

GENUINE ITEMS

Shifted Overprints are possible.

Precancels exist, but are extremely scarce. The order of the POD was that no precancelling was to be done. However, a few local POs did precancel some items and they were used.

EOFs exist. They were created by adjustments to the plates while printing; due to humidity; inconsistent margins, selvages, etc., that usually are associated with EOFs.

CONCLUSIONS

If you expect to have the material certified immediately or in the future, let the dealer handle the certification at the time of purchase. You will have to pay for the certificates of genuiness, but not for the fakes. Don't expect the dealer to accept back the material at a later date for certification. Remember, fraud can be a two-way street. The dealer may ask you to pay for the items before sending them off for certification, but not for the cost of certification. This will be billed later for the genuine items.

If you plan to purchase "on your own", without certification, buy from a reputable dealer. But also, if possible, take along some reference materials that illustrate both genuine and fake examples.

THE KNOXVILLE STAMP CLUB

PRESENTS

FALL STAMP FEST

WHERE : OUTLETS LTD. MALL

WHEN : OCTOBER 8 & 9, 1988

TIMES : SATURDAY 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.

MANY NEW DEALERS * POSTCARD DEALERS * POST OFFICE BOOTH * SPECIAL CANCEL

Keep watching the newsletter for further details.

SPECIAL CANCEL FOR OCTOBER SHOW

Dean Treadway, the designer of most of our cachets and cancels for several years, has again come up with the design for the cancelling device to be used at the "Fall Stamp Fest" to be held at the Outlets Ltd. Mall in October. Here's a "sneak preview" of the device. We appreciate the time and effort Dean gives to the club. THANKS, Dean !!!

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KNOXPEX '88

GET "STUCK" ON STAMPS

1988-89 OFFICERS

- President - Bob Toal
- Vice President - Neal Henderson
- Secretary - Paul Phillips
- Treasurer - Jamie Large
- 4-year board member - Les Lebo
- 3-year board member - Ron Mynatt
- 2-year board member - Dean Treadway
- 1-year board member - Mike Carmichael
- Ex-officio board member - Jo Mynatt

JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

- JULY 5 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting, MLB Building
- JULY 9 - KSC Family Picnic
- JULY 19 - KSC Board Meeting - MLB Building
- JULY 21 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting

FRACTURED FILATELY
Like a Chinese menu, you must select one item from column "A", one from "B", and one from "C", to complete your "feast" of things you might find at our stamp club meeting.

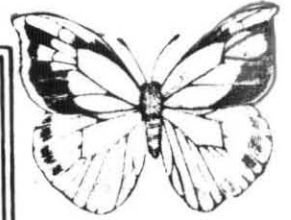
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The Knoxville Stamp Club Newsletter is published by and for the members of the Knoxville Stamp Club. Articles and correspondence may be sent to the editor at the address given above. The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at the MLB Community Building, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville. For further information, you may contact one of the following:

President - Bob Toal - 521-6784 Editor - Jo Mynatt - 525-2218

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STAMP OF THE MONTH

The stamp of the month this month is a United States Airmail stamp, Scott # C45. The stamp was issued in 1949 to commemorate the 46th anniversary of the famous flight of Wilbur and Orville Wright. The flight took place December 17, 1903 near Kitty Hawk, NC. The Wright brothers and their plane are shown on the stamp, which is printed in a magenta color.

The stamps were donated by Bruce Roberts. Thanks, Bruce !

AUGUST 2 AGENDA

7:00 p.m. - Back to Basics Class - "Printing Methods Used in Stamp Production" by Frank Doyle.

7:45 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

Program - Slide Show - "St. Gotthard Railway of Switzerland"

SILENT AUCTION ** REFRESHMENTS ** BOURSE ** DOORPRIZES

Anyone who would like to bring refreshments is invited to do so.

THANK YOU

Many thanks go to Bruce Roberts, who kindly donated two boxes of stamps to the club for use as stamps-of-the-month, and other purposes. They will be put to good use, I'm sure.

We are also especially grateful for the wonderful hospitality that Herbert and Barbara DeArmond extended to all those attending the annual picnic. A great time was had by all ! Also, thanks to Daryl Johnson and Bill Quinlan for their donations of stamps for give-aways.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU !

NEW MEMBERS

This month the KSC added one new member, and two of our previous members rejoined us.

We extend a hearty welcome to Richard Jernigan, of Clinton, TN, and welcome back Michael Kaplan, of Knoxville. Also, welcome back to Geoff Hanisek, of Investibles, Inc.

WELCOME ABOARD !

PICNIC REPORT

Again, the club's annual picnic has been deemed a huge success ! Although the temperature may have caused some to decide not to attend, the ones who did come had a wonderful afternoon and evening of fun, food, and fellowship ! The DeArmonds were delightful hosts, and activities ranged from swimming to hiking to ping-pong to croquet. Bob Toal's rendition of a water ballerina was an unforgettable sight ! Able cooks Bob Toal and Paul Phillips, abetted by Ron Mynatt, did the hot dogs and hamburgers to a turn. Myriad covered dishes brought in by the members provided a delicious meal. Ray Ritter asked the blessing for the food and we all enjoyed the hearty meal. Afterwards there were more activities and lots of talk. A thoroughly enjoyable evening, all in all. Thanks to all of you who participated.

CONFUSION OVER BULK-RATE AND NON-PROFIT STAMP USAGE

Several members have reported difficulties with postal people when attempting to use bulk-rate and non-profit stamps to pay regular postage. Jackie Miller has come to our rescue by providing a copy of postal regulations dealing with this matter. It is printed here for your information. You may want to clip it out and save it for future reference.

According to article 142.32 in the *Domestic Mail Manual*, unprecanceled bulk-rate and non-profit rate stamps may be used to pay regular postage, providing that the mailing piece is endorsed above the address and below the stamps to indicate the appropriate class of mail.

This type of mail may be dropped off in any mailbox. Precanceled stamps may

also be used to pay postage on any class of mail, but a permit must be on file with the receiving post office.

Form 3620, a permit to use precanceled stamps, may be completed and filed with the post office. There is no charge for this service.

All mail franked with precanceled stamps should be posted by handing it to any window clerk.



BOB TOAL DEMONSTRATES PROPER STANCE WHEN USING SPATULA AS FLY SWATTER !

The Library Committee will again sponsor a string pull at the Fall Stamp Fest in October. They will be needing lots of philatelic prizes. If you have one, or one hundred prizes that you would like to donate, please see one of the members of that committee. Scott Robertson is the chairperson of the committee.

At this time, there are 12 stamp dealers confirmed, we are also hoping for some postcard dealers. Publicity will be starting soon in the national stamp papers. The special cancel has been designed and submitted, and plans are shaping up nicely. The show will be October 8 and 9 at Outlets Ltd. Mall.

ILLUSTRATED ADVERTISING COVERS

by Bob Toal

Illustrated advertising covers make a nice addition to any collection. They represent an early American art form and chronicle the progress of early American businesses. The history of their development is a unique and interesting one. Prior to 1845, postal rates were based on the number of sheets of paper comprising a letter. If an outer "wrapper" was used to "cover" the letter, this was counted as an additional sheet resulting in more postage charged. Thus to save costs, writers folded their letter sheets and often sealed the ends with wax.

When the postal laws linking postal rates to the number of sheets comprising a letter were abolished in 1845, the way for the development of the envelope was paved. By 1848 envelopes were beginning to be produced and used in the United States with some degree of regularity. Advertising copy on these early envelopes was sporadic.

In 1853 the United States government produced the first government stamped envelopes. These early government stamped (embossed) envelopes were privately contracted and contained the name of the printer (Nesbitt) embossed within a small red circle on the back flap. This was probably the largest instance of mass advertising on envelopes of its time (albeit illegal on a government product).

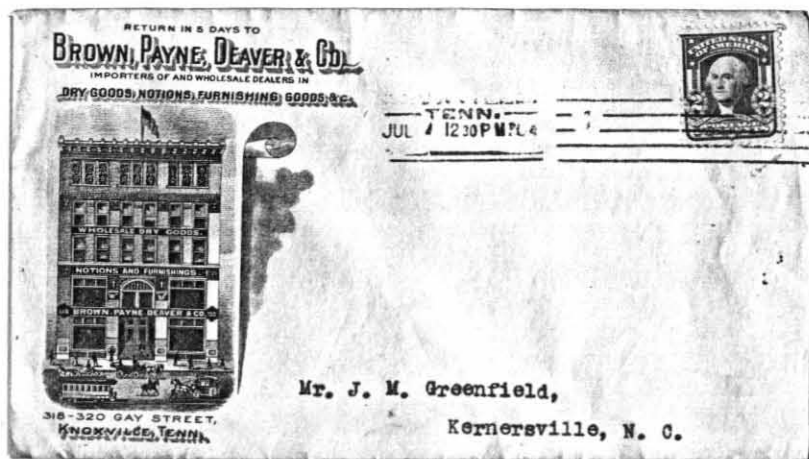
By the mid to late 1850's, advertising of businesses and political causes on the front of envelopes was commonplace. These took the form of printed information identifying the business (referred to as a "corner card"), corner illustrations identifying the company and/or its products, and envelopes with all-over illustrations on the front and back.

The Civil War ushered in a plethora of printed patriotic designs on envelopes. Some of these were hand painted but the majority were multicolor printed. By war's end, illustrated covers were a part of the American scene and businesses far and wide joined the bandwagon by advertising their wares on their envelopes. Most of the advertisements were printed in a single color-- usually black or blue. Two-color or multicolor ads were infrequent prior to 1890 (excluding the patriotic covers). Between 1890 and 1930 the heyday of multicolor advertising envelopes occurred. Many beautiful designs were created during this period. Of course, the added expense of multicolor printing versus single color printing limited most businesses to the traditional black lithographed or engraved design. Thus these predominate in collections today.

Advertising covers complement any postal history exhibit in which postal rates and routes are being shown. They also offer variety to collections of a single stamp on cover. Of course, advertising covers can stand alone as the theme of any exhibit or collection. They can be collected by topic, by state or city, or by any method. I collect advertising covers depicting Knoxville businesses. Particularly, I like those covers which illustrate businesses located on Gay Street. As you know, Gay Street is undergoing renovation. It's fun to walk downtown and view the individual buildings that are shown on these covers. Sometimes the covers show how a business has changed over the years, either in its location or its name. Look at the following examples:



The above covers are of the George Brown Company on Gay Street from 1884 and 1893. Note the address and merchandise changes.



This is a 1904 advertising cover of Brown, Payne, Deaver & Co. of Gay Street. This particular building is no longer standing.

POST OFFICE TOUR

August 30, our club will be touring the general mail facility on Weisgarber at Middlebrook Pike. This will be our 5th Tuesday meeting. Those of you who will be going need to sign up at the August 2 meeting, or call Bob Toal or Jo Mynatt (phone #'s on front page of this newsletter). We need to know how many will be going. We will meet in the customer lobby of the Weisgarber post office at 8:00 p.m. for a guided tour. The facility will be in full swing, as most of the sorting and cancelling and many other activities will be going on. Come on out and see what happens to your mail ! You'll enjoy it !

AUGUST 30
Don't forget !

MORE THANK YOUS

The club recently received two donations, one from Theresa Brichetto of Oak Ridge. She has given us two very old stamp albums (empty). They belonged to her aunt, who was a member of the old Knoxville Stamp Club back in the '60's. Also, Mrs. Ralph Kramer has sent us a large box of philatelic literature and stamp supplies. We appreciate all donations.

JULY 5 MINUTES

About 40 people attended the meeting at which two new members, Rick Jernigan and Mike Kaplan, were introduced. Geoff Hanisek of Investibles has just rejoined. A scavenger hunt was held, the winners being 1st Scott Robertson, 2nd Jackie Miller, 3rd Mark Biagi, 4th Bettie Anne Logan. Bags of stamps were donated by Bill Quinian and Daryl Johnson. Ray Guay gave a set of Linn's for anyone who wanted them.

Submitted by Paul Phillips, secty.

In last month's newsletter, you received a copy of the club's constitution and bylaws. Please read them through carefully and if you have any questions or suggestions, please see Bob Toal or Neal Henderson.

KNOXPEX '89

The dates for Knoxpex '89 have been determined. It will be held March 4 and 5, 1989. It seems like a long time, but the months go by so quickly, and March will be here before you know it !

Stamp Syllables

Pick out the syllables that will spell the words that fit the definitions. Each syllable will be used only once. If done correctly, the first and last letters of the words reading down will spell out a wise saying.

am Ar ast at co ed en
er er ga gen go hap ing
Is Is lam let man mis mod
nes riv rors sav sei Si
si thu tine Ton U u

- Preserving _____
United Nations Organization _____
Tropical fruit _____
Kept within reasonable limits _____
Mistakes _____
Small brook _____
Polynesian island _____
Muslim religion _____
Unfortunate accident _____
Zealous one _____
Japanese immigrant _____
Thailand _____
Native of S.A. country _____



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STAMP OF THE MONTH

Your stamp of the month this month is from India. It is Scott #300, issued April 30, 1958. Pictured on the stamp are two planes, the Wapiti and the Hunter. The stamp is one of a set of two commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Indian Air Force.

SEPTEMBER 6 AGENDA

7:00 p.m. - Back to Basics Class -
A talk on philatelic literature by Frank Doyle.

7:45 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

Program - To Be Announced

SILENT AUCTION*REFRESHMENTS*BOURSE

ATTENTION APS MEMBERS

The club needs to know who our APS members are. In order to get this information, we are asking that if you are an APS member, and your name is not on this list, please let us know. Or, if your APS status has changed, also inform us.

Jim Burke	Robert Perry
Mike Carmichael	Paul Phillips
Ralph Davis	David Porter
Frank Doyle	Bill Quinlan
Richard Ehrlich	George Rehnquist
Ray Guay	Paul Reyling
John Hartney	Ray Ritter
Neal Henderson	Richard Ritter
Lonas Hinton	Bruce Roberts
Blair Josvai	Scott Robertson
Phil Lewis	Alex Ruth
Les Lebo	Harry Sanders
Bettie Logan	William Sirett
Chris Martin	Bob Toal
Howard Miller	Dean Treadway
Jackie Miller	Ralph Vola
Wilson Mulliniks	Norman Williams
Richard Nodell	

EXHIBIT COMPETITION

There will be a series of exhibit competitions during the fall and winter to help new exhibitors prepare sheets for the spring show exhibition, Knoxpex '89.
 October 4 Meeting - 1-page exhibit
 December 6 Meeting - 4-page exhibit
 February 7 Meeting - 8-page exhibit

Exhibits will be critiqued by a group of three experienced exhibitors who will advise on how to improve technique and develop the exhibits over the period leading up to the show.

Answer to August puzzle

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"SUMMER TIME IS A GOOD STAMP TIME"

APRL

The APRL (American Philatelic Research Library) is an institution of the American Philatelic Society. The club recently voted to donate \$10 to the APRL, and recommends that each of our members who are APS members send a \$1 donation. The address is:

APRL
 P.O.Box 8338
 State College
 PA 16803

Come on, you APS members! Show your support for this worthwhile cause!

MINUTES OF AUGUST 2 MEETING

At the Aug. 2 meeting, visitors were introduced. It was announced that the club will be taking a tour of the post office on Weisgarber Aug. 30. Scott Robertson announced that one of the books for the library has arrived, Collecting Postal History of Lovers. The club voted to send a \$10 donation to the APRL. Bruce Roberts donated a large number of stamps for stamps-of-the-month. Bruce Roberts and Sally Worden donated items for doorprizes. Also, Sally Worden donated four books to the club. The program was a slide show "The St. Gotthard Railway of Switzerland."



COMING EVENTS

Sept. 6 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting, MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville
 Sept. 15 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting, Oak Ridge Civic Center, Oak Ridge
 Sept. 20 - KSC Board Meeting, TBA
 Oct. 8 - 9 - Fall Stamp Fest, Outlets Ltd. Mall

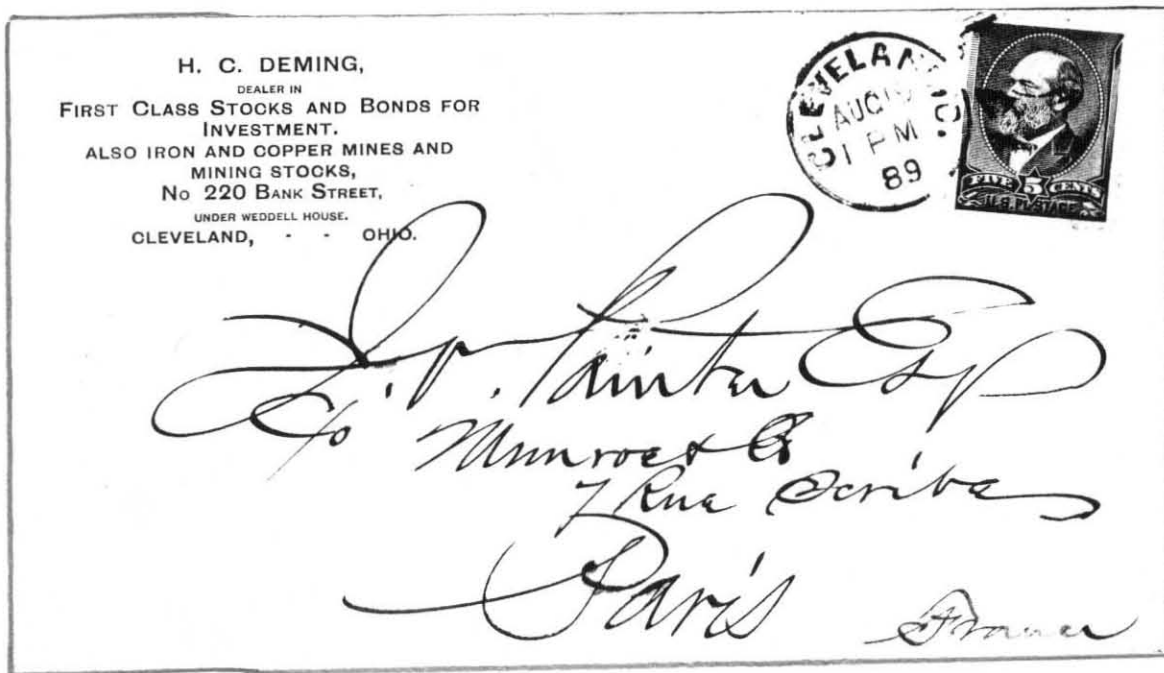
POSTAL HISTORY/PEOPLE HISTORY

by Bob Toal

The accompanying illustration depicts a cover which was mailed to Paris, France in 1889. The 5¢ overseas postage was paid using Scott #216 (the 5¢ Indigo Grant). The cover bears a corner stamp of H. C. Deming of Cleveland, Ohio. The interesting aspect of this item is the name of the addressee: J. V. Painter, Esq. Over the years, I have acquired (from diverse sources) several covers which are also addressed to this individual. I have also seen this name on covers photographed in auction catalogs. Obviously, a large portion of the Painter correspondence must have survived, which is not unusual for a lawyer.

The point of this article is that John V. Painter was also a stamp collector. In fact he gained notoriety when he purchased a sheet of the 4¢ Columbian blue-color error from his local post office. (The 4¢ Columbian is normally ultramarine in color, but one sheet was printed a blue ink color somewhat similar to that of the 1¢ Columbian.) After making this discovery, Mr. Painter sold half of the sheet to a famous Cleveland, Ohio collector and the rest to the Scott Stamp and Coin Company. Currently, this stamp (Scott #233a) catalogs for \$6,500 mint.

So the next time you do research on an old cover, remember there's more to it than just postal history: there's people history, too!



Do you ever wonder how your favorite philatelic paper, the Knoxville Stamp Club Newsletter, is prepared? Well, now you are going to be let in on the secret.

It all begins at the board meeting, where articles, minutes from the previous meeting, and other items are turned in to the editor. These, along with notes from the board meeting, make up the major content of these newsletters. At the board meeting, also, a date is announced for our "Newsletter Party." This usually will be the Monday or Tuesday following the board meeting. The party is for anyone who would like to help with the newsletter.

After the board meeting, the editor types the notes and other material for the newsletter. She selects a Stamp-of-the-Month and writes an article to go with it. When all the items are typed, they must be proofread and corrected. This process usually takes until the weekend. On Saturday, the editor cuts and makes paste-ups, runs the masters, and does all the white-out and final touches on the masters. After the masters are again checked for errors, the copies are run.

The day of the party, all the components of the newsletter are assembled on the editor's dining room table: newsletters, stapler and staples, hinges, stamps, rubber stamps, address labels, and marking pens. An assortment of refreshments is prepared.

The party begins at 7:00. Sometimes as few as 4 or 5 people show up, sometimes as many as 10 or 12. Everyone is given a job or jobs to do. They spend about two hours folding, stapling, licking, coloring, and stamping your newsletter so that it will get to you on time. Afterwards, everyone enjoys refreshments and talk.

Putting out the newsletter is a big job, and it is all done by volunteers. When you are reading your newsletter, think about the time and effort that has gone into its production, and take a minute to thank one of the "Newsletter Crew."

Well, at last, the results of the newsletter contest are back! This year, we moved into a different judging category. As a result, perhaps, we were awarded a vermeil medal for 1987. Unfortunately, 1988 is already more than half over, but we will try to put into effect as many of the recommendations as possible.

YOU can help make the newsletter better by writing an article, a letter to the editor, or an editorial. We can always use philatelic puzzles and cartoons.

If you have something to sell, or are looking for that elusive item for your collection, the newsletter will take 25 word line ads for \$1.00, or you can place a business-card-sized ad for \$2.50 per issue.

Deadlines for items for the newsletter are always the third Tuesday of the month. You may deliver them at the board meeting, or mail them to the post office box listed on the front of this newsletter.

If you write an article, it is very helpful to have it typed and ready for copying. Illustrations also add to the impact and interest of an article. Certain items copy better from the original. If this is the case, your items will be returned to you after the newsletter is printed.

Why not sit down and do some writing - we think you'll love it!

Here is a list of the people who have worked on the newsletter recently. Some work on it each month, others only occasionally. We appreciate ALL of them!

Jo Mynatt	Ron Mynatt
Hazel Large	Jamie Large
Bob Toal	Angie Toal
Bill Boegly	Lo Boegly
Tom Boegly	Wilma Brookshier
Dean Treadway	Mike Carmichael
Neal Henderson	Hulinda Henderson
Jocelyn King	Holly Treadway
Francis Painter	Deana Treadway
Pam Mynatt	



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STAMP OF THE MONTH

Your stamp of the month this month is a regular issue U.S. stamp over 60 years old! This design shows President James A. Garfield, the 20th President of the United States. The same design was used for several printings, which can be differentiated by measuring the perforations of the stamp. These stamps all came out of envelopes marked "638", but you should check the perfs to see for sure what stamp you have. The possibilities are: 1. Scott #558 issued Nov. 20, 1922 is perf 11. 2. Scott #587 issued Apr. 4, 1925 is perf 10. 3. Scott #638 issued July 27, 1927 is perf 11 x 10½.

Bruce Roberts donated these stamps for stamps of the month. Thanks, Bruce!

OCTOBER 4 AGENDA

7:00 p.m. Back to Basics - Plate Block Collecting

7:45 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting

Following the business meeting, there will be a judging of the one-page exhibit competition. Read details inside, and bring your one-page exhibit to share with the rest of us!

Silent Auction - Refreshments - Bourse

Anyone who would like to help with some refreshments is invited to do so.

BALPEX '88 - REPORT

by Bob Toal

This past Labor Day weekend I attended Balpex '88, the stamp show and bourse hosted by the Baltimore Philatelic Society and held at Hunt Valley, Md. There were 47 dealers, 55 competitive exhibits (325 frames), and numerous national and international societies and associations. It was a 3-day show with an admission charge of \$2.00 per day or \$4.50 for all three days. Three different show cachets were available, all celebrating the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Of special interest to me was the judges' critique held during the last day of the show. Exhibitors met with the judges and got immediate verbal feedback on their exhibits. Although many of the judges' remarks were tailored to specific exhibits, I jotted down several themes in the judges' statements that seemed to be repeated often. I note them here because they may be of help to club members in preparing their own exhibits. Remember, these remarks are those of the Balpex judges and may differ with other juries.

1. When mounting covers, use a subdued color as a backing (either black or grey). Keep the color the same for all covers. Show only a thin border of the backing.
2. The word "rarity" was a bit overdone in some exhibit write-ups. One exhibitor noted how rare an item was then commenced to show 3 separate examples of this "rare" item.
3. The structure and story told by the exhibit is critical, especially in areas where the facts and history are not well known.
4. Additional examples of an item in an exhibit do not add a lot to the exhibit. Too many "additional examples" detract.
5. Overfranked philatelic covers detract from exhibits.
6. Quadrilled pages are perfectly fine to use as long as the lines are subdued.
7. Utilize chronology in exhibits whenever possible.
8. On pages with only one cover mounted, try to balance the pages by splitting the text.

I did note that judges cited omissions of important items in exhibits only to find out from the exhibitors that the items were included but overlooked. Apparently this is not an uncommon occurrence. The cause for why an item may be overlooked (and the remedy for same) is addressed in the book The Philatelic Exhibitor's Handbook. This book is in our club library. Many helpful hints are contained in the book. Just ask Scott, our club librarian, about the book at our next meeting.

EDITOR'S ET CETERA

Busy, busy, busy are the words to sum up the summer's whirlwind of activities. Many members have been away, but now is the time to start thinking STAMPS again. The Fall Stamp Fest at Outlets Ltd. Mall will be the perfect way to get back into the swing of things again. You will want to pick up the latest issues, stock up on supplies and stamps for the winter ahead, and meet all the new dealers you will see at the show!

The show is October 8 - 9, from 9 to 9 on Sat., and from 12 to 6 on Sun. Outlets Ltd. is located on I-40 at the Lovell Rd. exit. Come on out and enjoy!

A new feature has been added - we will have two antique postcard dealers, each of whom carry a stock of over 100,000 postcards. What a selection for all you postcard collectors! Bring a friend, and we'll see you at the Fall Stamp Fest!

Don't forget the regular club meeting, October 4. There will be a special one-page exhibit competition. Everyone can make a one-page exhibit, so we are looking for 100% participation. The exhibits will be judged and critiqued, and prizes will be awarded. Don't delay! Get your one-page exhibit ready today!

The club library will be sponsoring another exciting string-pull at the Fall Stamp Fest - if you have an item or items to donate, bring it/them to the Oct. 4 meeting, and give to Scott Robertson.

The club will also have some activities going on for the youngsters, so we are asking that if you have any spare give-away stamps, please bring those to the meeting for the box.

If you are a Linn's subscriber, and it is close to time for your renewal, you may want to consider this: Linn's has been offering a free stamp collecting kit if you renew your subscription for 2 years. Les Lebo brought one of the kits to the board meeting, and it would make a wonderful string-pull prize or doorprize. Les kindly donated his kit to the club.

If you should have the opportunity to receive one of these kits, the club encourages you to take advantage of the offer. Save yourself some money, and help the club with a nice prize for a young collector!

FALL STAMP FEST AND POSTCARD SALE

OCTOBER 8 - 9
OUTLETS LTD. MALL
I-40 at Lovell Rd.

Sat.-9a.m.-9p.m.
Sun.-12 noon-6p.m.

14 dealers

show cancel

post office

free parking

free admission

FALL STAMP FEST

As you all know, the Fall Stamp Fest is a new experience for the club. It is our first mall show, and we hope that it will be extremely successful.

YOU CAN HELP, and here's how:

1. Come to the Outlets Ltd. Mall, I-40 at Lovell Rd., Friday, October 7, at 6:30p.m. to help set up tables and chairs for the show.
2. Visit the show and meet all the new dealers. They have traveled many miles to bring their wares for you to see.
3. Sit a spell at the club's table, and give information if needed.
4. Be at the mall Sunday at 6p.m. to help take the tables down and help the dealers get their stock loaded.
5. Tell a friend about the show, or better yet, bring one with you!

THANK YOU

Again the club has received several donations for doorprizes and the string-pull. We thank Les Lebo, Gretchen Zarle and family, and Bruce Roberts.

Thanks also go to Ron Sarson, who donated a number of mint U.S. stamps for the newsletter.

Bob Toal and Paul Phillips have turned in several articles for the newsletter, and we appreciate their work.

COMING EVENTS!

SEPTEMBER 6 MINUTES

Oct. 4 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting, MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave.

Oct. 8 & 9 - Fall Stamp Fest - Outlets Ltd. Mall, I-40 at Lovell Rd.

Oct. 18 - KSC Board Meeting

Oct. 20 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting, Civic Center, Oak Ridge

The club met September 6 at the MLB Building. Frank Doyle presented the Back to Basics program with a talk on philatelic literature.

Paul Phillips reported on the club's tour of the post office, which about 45 members attended. Paul also discussed the one-page exhibit competition, which will be at the October meeting.

Bruce Roberts was recognized for his winning "Best of Show" award at the stamp show in Charlotte, NC recently.

Scott Robertson discussed the string-pull to be held at the Fall Stamp Fest.

It was the club's 8th birthday, and Hazel and Jamie Large and Jo Mynatt had the party refreshments, including a huge birthday cake with candles.

Following the party, Mike Kaplan had the program on Express Mail. It was a very interesting talk.

There was one guest present, Dr. Otmas Spring, who is at U.T.

Welcome New Member

The club would like to welcome our newest member. Peggy H. Bretz, of Morristown, TN, has recently joined us. Welcome to the club, Peggy! Hope to see you at the meetings!

BOOK REVIEW: Collecting United States Covers and Postal History by William Weiss

This is a well-written and easily read book which divides the hobby of cover collecting into 24 categories. There are 95 pages with over 200 illustrations. The text is somewhat general, written in an overview fashion. The goal of the book is to "expose novice and moderately experienced collectors to as many possible areas of cover collecting." The author has achieved this goal, but I feel the book is also appropriate for the "seasoned" cover collector. This is because Weiss has included within each section listings of supplemental literature available for each topic. General pricing information is also included as well as generous comments for the exhibit potential of each collecting area. So all in all, the book is useful for all levels of collectors. The major omission, in my view, is the absence of meaningful comments regarding the collecting of machine cancels on cover. Although the various types of hand-stamped cancels are touched on (New York foreign mail, fancy cancels, Doane postmarks), the more modern 20th century devices are not discussed. These are modest shortcomings. I highly recommend this book.

Thanks go to our librarian, Scott Robertson, and the library committee (John Hartney, Darryl Johnson, and Dean Treadway) for this fine addition to our library collection.

Submitted by Bob Toal



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STAMP OF THE MONTH

Augustus Caesar, the first emperor of Rome, ruled from 27 BC until 14 AD. He is pictured here on an Italian stamp issued from 1929 until 1942. It is perf 14, photogravure printing, and printed in a dark brown color. It is part of a series of 21 stamps depicting rulers and other historical figures.

If you have stamps (foreign are especially needed) in quantities of at least 115, we can use them for stamps of the month on the newsletter. Give to Jo Mynatt at the meeting. Please put your name on them so we can give you credit for donating them. Thanks!

NOVEMBER 1 AGENDA

- 7:00 p.m. - Back to Basics - Talk by Bob Toal on Coil Collecting.
- 7:45 p.m. - Regular Business Meeting
- Program - Slide Program - "Archeology of the Holy Land"

Silent Auction * Bourse * Refreshments

ON NOVEMBER 29, THERE WILL BE A FIFTH TUESDAY MEETING - Buy, Sell, &/or Trade at the MLB beginning at 7:30 p.m. No formal program or planned activities. Just come and join us!

EDITOR'S ET CETERA

The Fall Stamp Fest, held at Outlets Ltd. Mall, October 8 and 9, was a huge success. Business was brisk for the dealers, and many had favorable comments. The club table also did a brisk business with the give-away box and the library's string pull. We added four new members to the rolls at the show. Everyone who attended really seemed to enjoy the new dealers and atmosphere. Hopefully, this can become an annual affair!

Ron Sarson took two bronze medals at the recent AIRPEX XIII in Dayton, OH. He also brought back a copy of the program and one of the Dayton Stamp Club's newsletters, which are very interesting. Congratulations, Ron!

At several of our recent meetings, have had a problem getting out of the room on time. We need everyone's co-operation if we don't want to lose the privilege of using the room! Let's set our goal of having all the tables cleared, chairs in place, and refreshments put away by 9:45 p.m. Then we should be able to get out before the deadline. If you must leave early, please have the courtesy to clean up your mess and put your chair in its place.

Be sure and read the articles about the fifth Tuesday meeting, the December banquet and auction, and the awards ceremony. Don't forget the meeting November 1, at which we will be seeing a very interesting slide show on the "Archeology of the Holy Land."

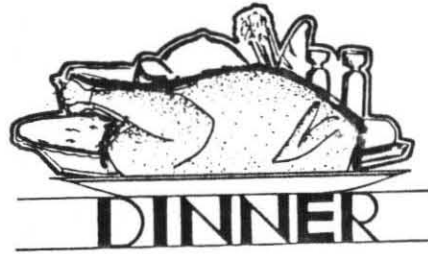
SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!

FIFTH TUESDAY MEETING

Again, we are fortunate to have a fifth Tuesday in November, the 29th. There will be a buy, sell, and/or trade session at the MLB beginning at 7:30 p.m. on that date.

This will also be your last opportunity to turn in auction lots for the December banquet.

There will be no business meeting, or planned program at this meeting.



DECEMBER BANQUET AND AUCTION

The annual banquet will be held at the MLB Building December 6, our regular club meeting night. The buffet style dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. The buffet will conclude at 7:30, at which time there will be a brief awards ceremony. Following this, the live auction will be held.

The cost for the buffet will be \$6.50, payable at the door. However, we would like to have a rough idea of how many are planning to attend. We will be asking you at the November meeting, so be thinking about it. The menu will be turkey, dressing, and gravy, mashed potatoes, a green vegetable, stuffed celery, homemade pumpkin pies and homemade cakes, coffee and tea. Yum! Where else can you get so much for so little, and not have to cook or do the dishes?

See articles elsewhere for info on the awards and the auction.

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KNOX COUNTY POSTMARKS

I am beginning a listing of the postmarks of Knox County and hoping to get information on the periods of use of each mark. Below (reduced) is the first sheet of several, which contains circular datestamps, obliterated, and duplexes. There are also a couple of RPO marks. All have been given a reference letter and number. If you have any Knox County postmarks, please check the marks shown against the ones in your collection. Make a list of the dates of use for each mark that you may have.

Many of the marks are only partials (especially the obliterator portion of the duplexes), so I have tried to reconstruct the rest. If you have examples that don't fit exactly, it would be appreciated if you could make a photocopy for me, or let me borrow the original to make a tracing. Also if you have any marks of these types that are not illustrated, I would like a copy.

Later sheets will deal with PRO duplexes, backstamps, and machine marks. I will bring an overlay transparency of the sheet to the next few meetings so you may put it directly over your covers for identification.

by Paul Phillips



I am the world's greatest traveler. I've journeyed from pole to pole and all the climes between . . . by dogsled, camel and horseback, by every land, sea and air conveyance; even by submarine, dirigible and rocket.

I am the world's greatest art and portrait gallery. The heroes and heroines of mythology pose within my borders. I portray the greats and the near-greats of all time; kings and queens, pharaohs and presidents, princes and princesses, poets and patriots, emperors and explorers, athletes, architects, aviators, artists and adventurers, tribal chieftains, inventors, moguls, musicians and martyrs, dramatists and novelists, shahs, saints and sinners. Even the vanished forms of the phoenix, dragon, centaur and unicorn appears upon my face.

I am the world's greatest picture cronicle and miniature encyclopedia. I map communities, countries and continents and reveal views from every strange remote corners of the earth. I depict mountains and valleys; oceans, rivers, lakes, waterfalls, geysers, harbors, bridges, and dams; native canoes, sailing ships and modern ocean liners; monuments and statues; castles, cathedrals, churches, missions, mosques, temples and ruins of temples; and every type of locomotion, from automobiles to zeppelins and steamboats to space ships. I delineate all manners of sports, handicaps, customs, sacred rites and ceremonies; and nearly every variety of bird, animal, fish, fruit and flower.

I frame the horrors of war, the blessings of peace, the hardships of emigration, the plight of indigence and the blight of famine. I illustrate the adventures of Don Quixote, the fairy tales of childhood and the legends of all civilizations. I reflect the symbols of art and culture, of natural resources and industry, of human endeavor. I commemorate the expeditions and voyages, and the inventions, discoveries and creations that make life worth living.

Millions of men, women and children are fascinated by me. Through my infinite variety they find boundless pleasure, reaxation and enchantment.

YET . . . I AM ONLY A POSTAGE STAMP.

Anonymous



Again, the club has added several new members to our list. Dennis and Martha Lentini of Knoxville, joined at the October stamp club meeting. Alan Vestal of Harriman, Alan Q. Smith of Knoxville, and Charles Jackson and Melinda Kirkland of Lenoir City joined at the Fall Stamp Fest.

This brings the total membership of the KSC to 110! A new record! Welcome to one and all!

Thanks go to Paul Reyling and Bruce Roberts for donations of items for the library's string pull. Also to Otmar Spring, who made a cash donation to the club. Thanks!

AWARDS CEREMONY

DECEMBER AUCTION

As has been the custom, a live auction will be held following the banquet in December. If you will be submitting lots for the auction, which we encourage everyone to do, they may be turned in at the NOVEMBER 1 regular meeting, the NOVEMBER 15 board meeting, or at the NOVEMBER 29 fifth Tuesday meeting. No lots will be accepted after that time. NEAL HENDERSON will be accumulating and listing the lots, which will be on display during the banquet for you to look at.

Please mount each lot on a sheet of paper. At the top of the paper, list your regular owner's letter. Also on the sheet, put an accurate description of the lot, containing the Scott Catalogue number/s, condition of the item/s, and a catalogue value if possible. You may put a minimum bid on your item/s.

When you turn in your lots to Neal Henderson, you will pay a 25¢ per lot fee (regardless of value or minimum). This is the only fee the club will charge. You will receive a receipt for your lots. Don't delay - prepare your lots early, and get them turned in!

Your items should be philatelic and/or related items. Lots will not be accepted at the dinner. They must be turned in ahead of time!

At the December banquet, there will be an awards ceremony honoring some of the hard workers of the club. There will be three awards in all, as listed below:

1. President's Award - determined by the president of the club - The member at large (board member or regular member) who, in the president's opinion, has performed outstanding promotion of the club and stamp collecting in general.

2. Board Award - determined by the membership. The board member, excluding the president, who has unselfishly contributed their time, effort, and abilities for the betterment of the club.

3. Member's Award - determined by the board - The general member (not a board member) who has demonstrated loyalty, dedication, and outstanding service to the club.

On the Board Award, the membership will be asked to vote at the November 1 meeting.

The persons eligible are:

Neal Henderson, Paul Phillips, Jamie Large, Les Lebo, Ron Mynatt, Dean Treadway, Mike Carmichael, and Jo Mynatt. Think about your choice before you come to the meeting, and be ready to vote.

1989 DUES

It's that time of the year again, folks. The dues remain the same as in the past - Regular membership is only \$5.00 per year, Family membership is \$7.50, and Youth membership (under 17 years of age) remains at \$1.00. Jamie Large, the treasurer, will be ready and willing to take your dues at the November meeting. Why not avoid the rush and get yours in early? If you cannot be at the meeting, we request that you fill out the form below, clip, and mail with your dues to the address shown on the coupon. Do it now, while you're thinking about it!

Type of membership: Regular - \$5.00 Family - \$7.50 Youth - \$1.00

Name (if Family, please list all names to be included in membership) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Are you an APS member? (Circle one) Yes No

Collecting interests _____



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President - Bob Toal - 521-6784 Editor - Jo Mynatt - 525-2218

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President-Bob Toal; Vice-President-Neal Henderson; Secretary-Paul Phillips; Treasurer-Jamie Large; Board Members-Les Lebo, Ron Mynatt, Dean Treadway, Mike Carmichael; Newsletter Editor-Jo Mynatt.

STAMP OF THE MONTH

Our stamp of the month this month is from the Netherlands, Scott #344, issued from 1953 until 1971. The design of the series from which this stamp comes is the head of Queen Juliana in lighter tones of the background color. The color for this 10¢ value is dark red brown. There are 20 stamps in the series, and the whole set makes a striking addition to your foreign collection. The stamp is perf 13½ x 12½, and also has a watermark, which is aptly called "circles." The stamps were donated by David Liberman.

DECEMBER 6 AGENDA

6:00 p.m. - Banquet
7:30 p.m. - Awards Ceremony

AUCTION

Lots will be on view about 5:30 p.m.

The banquet will be held at the MLB Building, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Serving will begin at that time, but you may come after 6. The banquet will continue until approximately 7:30, at which time there will be a brief awards ceremony, and then the main event of the evening, the live auction. Lots will be on display for you to view before and during the banquet. Our auctioneer is again Bruce Roberts, who did a fine job last year. We are looking forward to an exciting evening, and hope that you have made plans to attend.

Bring a friend, your spouse, and your family - the cost of the meal, everything included, is \$6.50 per person. It will be a festive meal of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, homemade pies and cakes, and beverages.

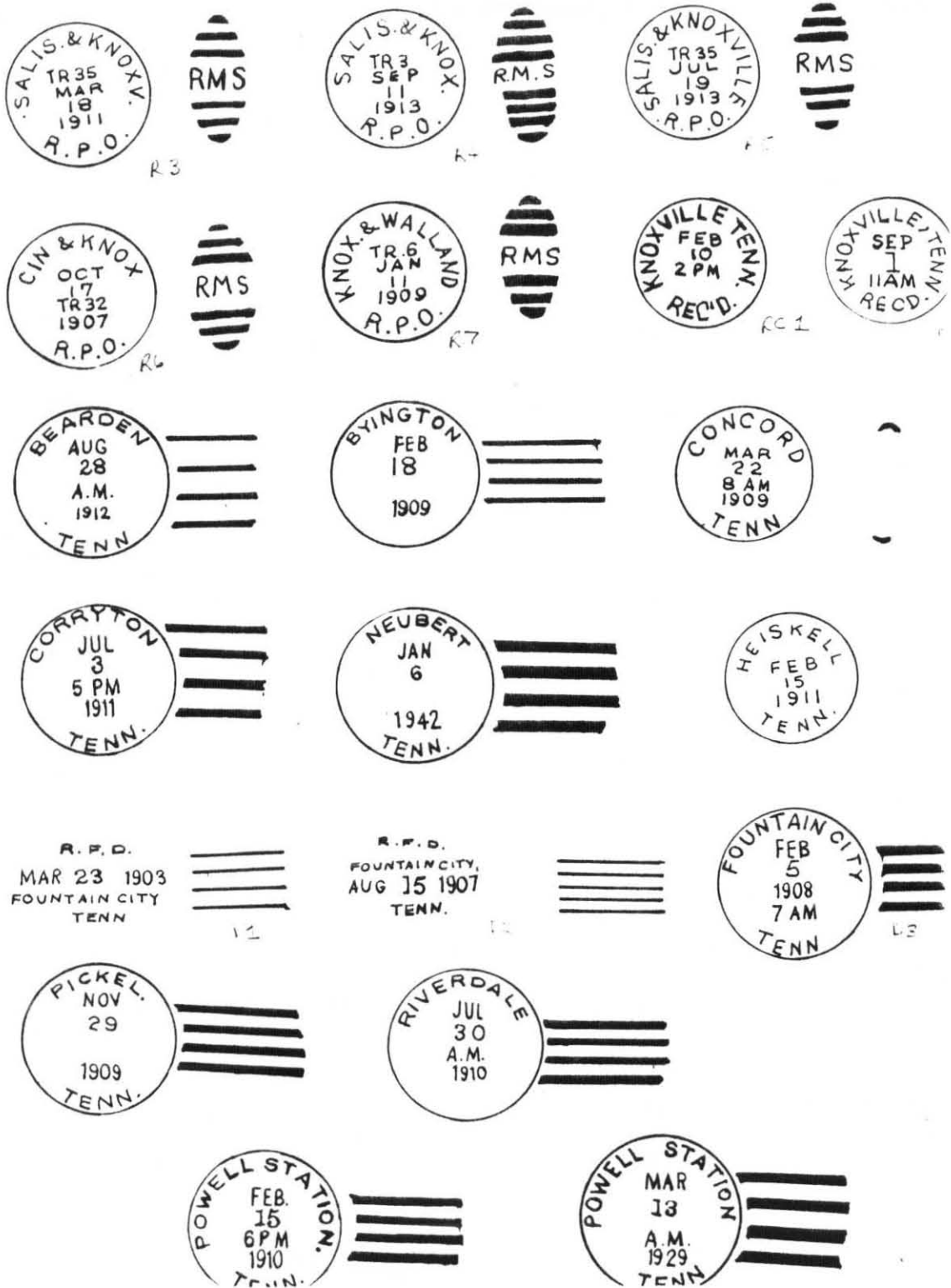
You are welcome to come after the meal for the auction, but we hope to have a super turnout for the banquet - this will be our last meeting in 1988 - don't miss it!

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Next month, we will show a sheet of machine cancels for your reference.



EDITOR'S ET CETERA

Well, it seems that 1988 is almost gone - time for reflection and looking to the future of the Knoxville Stamp Club. The club has had an exciting year, with our Knoxpex '88 in March, our summer picnic, initiating the fifth Tuesday meetings, and the Fall Stamp Fest in October. Our group has grown to a new record membership and our meetings are filled with activity and fun. How can we improve on 1988?

1989 will be even bigger and better for the KSC. But we need YOU to make it better! New ideas are always welcomed. If you see something that could be done for the good of the club, volunteer to do it! There are many jobs in the club that YOU can do! Committees, offices, exhibit committees, greeters, and many more. Everyone can offer a friendly smile and hand-shake to a visitor. Do you have a stamp topic that you would like to speak about? Volunteer to present a program! Do you have a knack for writing? Write an article for the newsletter!

Why not volunteer your services today? Only YOU can make the club what it can and should be in 1989!

DIRECTORY

As you know, the club has a policy of not giving out member's names or addresses, or any other information about the membership. However, some have thought it would be nice to have a directory of the members, so they could contact others who have interests in common. In order to do this, we will have to have your written permission. Slips will be available at the meeting, or you may fill out the form below. Only fill out what you want to be in the directory. These directories will be for the members only.

Depending on the response, the directories will be prepared as soon as possible.

Mail to the club, PO Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Knoxville Stamp Club has my permission to publish the following information in a directory for use by the members of the club only.

Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
Collecting Interests _____

THANKS

Many thanks to Bruce Roberts for his donation of a large quantity of stamps for the give-away box.

Also, to Paul Phillips, who donated items for the string pull. His name was inadvertently left out of the newsletter.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are again in order for Ron Sarson, winner of an APS Bronze Medal at Sepex '88 for his exhibit on Rattlesnake Island. The show was held October 15 and 16 in Columbia, SC.

NOTEWORTHY

Francis Painter has had a "letter to the editor" published in a recent edition of Linn's Stamp News.

DUES

If you have not paid your dues yet, you may mail them to the club's PO Box. Dues are the same as in previous years - \$5 for regular membership, \$7.50 for the whole family, and \$1 for youth (under 17). Fill out the form and mail it today!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Are you an APS member? _____

Collecting Interests _____

This information will not be published unless you fill out a directory information slip giving us permission.

AUCTION RULES

THESE RULES APPLY ONLY TO THE
LIVE AUCTION TO BE HELD AT
THE MLB BUILDING, DEC. 6, 1988

ALL RULES SUBJECT TO THE
DISCRETION OF THE AUCTIONEER.

1. The auction will be held at or about 7:30 pm at the MLB Building 2247 Western Ave. Knoxville.
2. The lots will be on display before and during the buffet between 5:30pm and 7:30pm for your viewing.
3. To bid, you must register for a bidder's number, which will be assigned to you.
4. If there is a minimum, the auction bidding will begin at that point. If the lot receives no bids, it will remain unsold and will be returned to the owner.
5. If a lot is sold, it will be at the tally table, and may be picked up at any time after it has been registered. Successful bidders may pick up their lots during the auction if they do not wish to bid on any further lots.
6. All lots are sold "as is". Every effort is being made to assure that the lots have accurate descriptions, but YOU are responsible to examine any lot on which you wish to bid and determine its value to you.
7. All lots must be picked up at the end of the auction, and paid for in full.



Calendar of Events

- December 6 - Banquet, awards ceremony, and live auction. MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville.
- December 15 - Atomic City Stamp Club meeting. Civic Center, Oak Ridge.
- December 20 - KSC Board Meeting.
- December 31 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!



GIVE AWAY STAMP BOX

After the recent Fall Stamp Fest, the give away stamp box has shown a marked decline. It was a very popular attraction, indeed! If you have any extra miscellaneous stamps, we can use them now to replenish the box before the next show. Especially needed are postage dues, revenues, and perfins, but any stamps, common or otherwise, will do.

SPECIAL GUEST SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 3 MEETING

Make your plans now to attend the January 3 meeting, when we will have as our special guest, Mr. Fred Brannon, of the postal service. He will be talking about the function of the post office and the philatelic services. It should be a very interesting meeting.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS THIS WEEKEND! DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

"FALL BACK"



- November 1 - Knoxville Stamp Club Meeting - MLB Building, 2247 Western Ave., Knoxville
- November 11,12,13 - Coins - Stamps & Collectables Show - Rodeway Inn, Cedar Bluff & I-40
- November 15 - KSC Board Meeting - MLB Building
- November 17 - Atomic City Stamp Club Meeting - Civic Center, Oak Ridge
- November 29 - Fifth Tuesday Meeting - MLB Building
- December 6 - Knoxville Stamp Club Banquet and Auction - MLB Building