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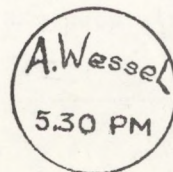
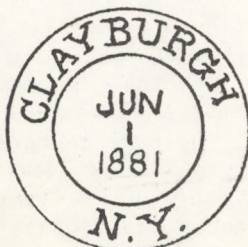
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THESE SIX INTERESTING POSTMARKS AND FIVE KILLERS ARE FROM THE
COLLECTION OF MAJ.-GEN. C. H. BONESTEEL. ALL ARE ON COVERS
FRANKED WITH 3¢ GREENS AND ALL ARE IN BLACK EXCEPT THE IRON-
VILLE, N.Y. WHICH IS BRIGHT RED.

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OKLAHOMA OVERLAND MAIL CENTENNIAL

During the month of June the Oklahoma Overland Mail Centennial Committee of which Mr. Gaspare Signorelli (#368) is assistant to the Chairman, is presenting to the American people at Oklahoma City, a display which will include a stage coach, rifles, clothing, etc. which were used by the Butterfield Overland Mail Line and its passengers. Also it is planned to show covers which were carried by that line during the year 1858-1860 which were postmarked in Texas or the Indian Territory. Members having such covers are asked to communicate with Mr. Signorelli.

1957 marks the 100th anniversary of the signing of the mail contract between John Butterfield and the Federal Government.

MR. L. A. HAZARD (#400) WRITES ...

"Glad to report that I have one of the X cancellations on the 3 cent 1865 stamp on cover. It has a manuscript postmark Napoli N.Y. Jan. 5th.

This cover also has a stencilled corner card. It is oval in shape and reads J.W. Damon, Grocer, Napoli, N.Y. Mr. Damon was also a justice of the peace and the postmaster. I suspect that the stencilled PAID that Mr. Linn wrote about in your Nov. issue was made by this man, but have been unable to prove it so far. I was born in Napoli and began saving stamps in 1896, but am unable to say whether it was among those stamps or some I secured since. I did not notice the difference until I read Mr. Linn's articles about the difference until I read Mr. Linn's articles about the different kinds of PAIDS in his Weekly Stamp News."

From Mr. E. W. Eddy (#32) referring to cancellations illustrated on the front page of the January NEWS, "The large W looks like the Waterbury one. The Star in circle to right of the W is from New York City. I think the other star is also New York City."

SALES DEPARTMENT NOTES

Please read and remember.

We carry an Insurance Policy which protects the material in the Sales Department against almost all possible causes of loss while it is in the possession of members or in transit between members. It does not protect against loss while the material is in the possession of individuals who are not members of USCC. Therefore, we ask that members keep circuits in their own possession until they entrust them to the mails or the Express Co. for delivery to other members. If one of you were to turn a circuit over to a non-member who lost it our Insurance Co. undoubtedly would refuse to settle and we would be left with only one recourse, to collect from the member who gave the circuit to the non-member. So, if you must allow others to see the circuits please do so only while they are actually in your possession. Also please remember that many of us pay dues to USCC chiefly for the privileges of the Sales Dept.

Also in this connection should be mentioned the possibility of substitutions being made by non-members. Substitutions have been detected more than once. Since these come under the heading of dishonesty they are not covered by our Insurance policy so our Insurance fund has to settle for them along with disappearance of individual items and damage from handling, etc.

Considering the care exercised in investigating applicants for membership in USCC it is hard to believe any member would be guilty of such petty pilfering as to remove 25¢ & 50¢ covers and to put cheaper ones in their place but it has been done either by a member or by some non-member who got private access to a circuit. When we locate the person who is doing this substituting we will try hard to see that it does not happen any more.

Care should be exercised also to prepay shipments fully. The annoyance of having to pay postage due is out of all proportion to the amount involved.

Also a little more care in checking would eliminate the small errors which continually appear and which, at best, are costly to collect and, at worst, have to be charged to the insurance fund.

We wish to remind you that the Cover Books designed especially for better protection of fine covers are again available from the Sales Manager at 20¢ each. We really need fine material, both stamps & covers, 20th Century as well as 19th.

Several members have sent in for sale some very desirable looking foreign covers. Right now we can supply stampless covers from Germany, France, Italy, Great Britain, Mexico and others as well as some early adhesives from other countries. We have, too, modern covers from a number of countries @ 10¢ each. Any of you wishing to see any of these foreign covers please drop a card to the Sales Manager.

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HERE ARE DATES I NEED ON 3¢, '61 #65 TO COMPLETE
MY CALENDAR, YEAR NOT NECESSARY, NO GRILLS: Jan.
5; Feb. 8, 29; Mar. 3; Apr. 30; May 25; July 27;
Nov. 3; Feb. 29 any color, others black only.
Will buy or trade other dates for those I need.
PERRY SAPPERSTEIN, THE CROWN SHOP, GASTONIA, N.C.



Here is a rough tracing of a most unusual
cancel sent in by Perry Sapperstein (#349). Mr.
Sapperstein writes that he found this cancel on
a 3¢ 1861 stamp about 1951 and puzzled over it
until last December when he finally decided it
represented an arrow head and an apple and that,
on this account, he has named it the William
Tell Apple & Arrowhead. The cancel is in black.
Mr. Sapperstein would appreciate hearing from
any member having this cancel on cover or who
knows its origin. Also he suggests that a stamp
cancelled with it might well show only one part
of the cancellation.

The Collectors' Club of Seattle sponsored
the same sort of program for the First Day of
the Coast & Geodetic Survey Stamp as it did for
the King Salmon. We regret this information
reached us too late to appear in the January
NEWS.

We read in the philatelic press that Robert
W. Baughman (#318) was the successful bidder for
the famous "Coraville, K.T." cover from the Dar-
lington Collection sold recently by Samuel C.
Paige (#243).

NEW MEMBERS

- 409 Richard E. Longacre, Orchard Way, Wayne, Pa. -
Franked Covers of Presidents, Vice-Presidents
& their wives and Cabinet Members: Penna.
Stpls.: Patriotics of Civil, Spanish Amer. &
World War I, RFDs; Unusual Cancels; Interest-
ing Corner Cards; Very early First Day Covers;
Early U.S. Covers, etc.
- 410 Harry L. Fine, 2324 Spruce St., Billings,
Mont.-Idaho, Wyo., Utah, Mont., Dakota Ter-
ritories: USA Regular Issues & Commems.;
Commemorative Blocks.
- 411 Edward J. Morgan, 5536 Haverford, Indian-
apolis, Ind. - 19th Cent. USA Covers
- 412 George Keller, 2927 Valentine Ave., New York
58, N.Y. - 19th Century USA Cancellations
- 413 Charles M. Hudson, 1420 Bower St., Elkhart,
Ind. - USA Stampless & 19th Century Covers;
USA 19th Cent. off cover, in particular
Masonic Cancellations

RESIGNED

- 395 T. Kenneth Meadway, Norristown, Pa.
- 282 James R. Paul, Ashland, Ky.
- 219 M. W. Roberts, Tulsa, Okla.
- 276 Walter M. Lester, Berkeley, Calif.

DECEASED

- 23 Adolph Steeg, Buffalo, N. Y.

To those of you interested in having com-
plete files of the NEWS and the QUARTERLY;
please check and if you are missing copies
notify the Secretary. We have all #s of the
NEWS but of the QUARTERLY we have only April
1952 and October, 1955. Extra copies are fur-
nished at 25¢ each. Also may we remind you
again that we are having calls for the copies
that are out of print and that, if you have some
you no longer care to keep, the Club would be
thankful for them. We can't pay for them but we
can reimburse members for their transportation.

COMMEMORATIVE SLOGAN CANCELS

by Moe Luff

Every once in a while the Post Office thinks up an idea important enough that they put it to work in a major, national way. Highway Post Office routes for well populated but neglected rural areas was such an idea. Another was Helicopter Air Delivery in metropolitan suburban centers. These ideas have been organized, experimentally tested and now both are in actual postal use, increasingly.

The Commemorative Slogan Cancel was set up for postally recognizing men, cities, states, historic places, institutions, events, old and new, all noted, many significant in a major way, but in too great a number to be given commemorative stamps. This has come about through the convenient slogan cancel die, for use in the Post Office, connected with and/or promoting the commemoration.

Why Are Commemorative Slogans Important?

They are the product of necessity, needed to supplement, for the U.S. Post Office Department, the issuing of commemorative stamps. The importance of our country, the impact of its expansiveness in development and progress of civilization, in comparison with many minor countries, colonies and possessions having distinctive Postal Systems and stamps -- the necessary limitation of commemorative stamps and the importance of unsung Americans and events in comparison, is like tossing into the same focus the sublime and the ridiculous.

The Commemorative Slogan Cancel provides opportunity for American to pause a moment by the bier of more memorial events, human and otherwise, lifting a hat of respect that would otherwise be impossible. And we Philatelic hero worshippers can write our heroes into historic albums with unique commemorative cancelled Covers.

What of Their Future?

The Slogan Cancel answers a commemorative postal usage that promises to make it something great through years to come, and, it looks as if Post Office Commemorative Slogan Cancels have come to stay. Some Covers have distinctive and illustrated slogan form, some cancelled envelopes bear Catchets, some Seals, some Postmaster autographs, while others contain printed historical data. And these "boosters", supplementing the commemorative purpose of the slogan, are bound to increase with the years.

Slogans too important for Mere Cut-outs

This all goes to show that the postal cancel, slogan cancel and meter cancel collectors of the past, by merely cutting out 2" x 4" strips for mounting with nondescript collections of like 2" x 4" strips, are not doing these cancels justice. They deserve housing in a respectable album and being mounted whole, on their own merits. And, the collector who starts his collection of them from the early start, will wake up some of these days to find he possesses a very distinguished collection with value beyond anything he set out to produce. Commemorative Slogan Cancels also INCREASE the value of all types of covers and cards; Maximums, Topicals, Illustrated Covers,

Postal Stationery, Postal History Covers, War Covers, Fairs & Exposition Covers and Cards, Flag Cancels, Picture Post Cards, etc.

U.S. POSTAL SLOGAN CANCEL CATALOG

The 3rd Edition of this CATALOG was published in 1956 and consists of 128 pages with semi-hard cover (plastic, loose-leaf binding) with a COMPLETE Alphabetical listing of ALL known U.S. Postal Slogan Cancels since their inception in 1897 and up to and including December 1955; over 1000 illustrations; Place Used; Date Used; Type of Cancel and with CURRENT MARKET PRICES.

It also contains a COMPLETE listing of all U.S. Philippine islands (1908-1945) and Canal Zone Slogan Cancels with illustrations; Cancel Machine Identity Chart; How & What To Collect and Slogan Type Special Service Markings.

The U.S. POSTAL SLOGAN CANCEL CATALOG is available for \$3.00 Postpaid from your Dealer or from the writer at 1557 Hoe Avenue, New York 60, N.Y.

ADOLPH STEEG

Adolph Steeg (#23), a member of our Board of Governors for many years, died on Dec. 31. Mr. Steeg was prominent in National as well as in local philatelic circles. In addition to the offices he held in USCC he filled different ones in APS being Treasurer at the time of his death. He was a member of the Collectors' Club of New York and of several local Clubs in USA and Canada. Mr. Steeg collected 19th Century USA Cancellations and Covers. He had built a specialized collection of Black Jacks, one of Spanish American War Patriotics and one of Cancels on the USA 3¢ 1861 stamp to mention a few of his specialties. Philately has lost a good friend and a willing worker.

We have been informed that Otokar Cerny (#403) has acquired the famous Stephen Farndell collection of Chicago Covers ex Cabeen and Dr. Hennon and that some parts of it may be offered at auction later.

One of our members has asked the Sales Dept. to help him find covers of the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad and of the Detroit & Toledo Railroad. If you have either or both of these for sale or trade please notify the Sales Manager giving the price.

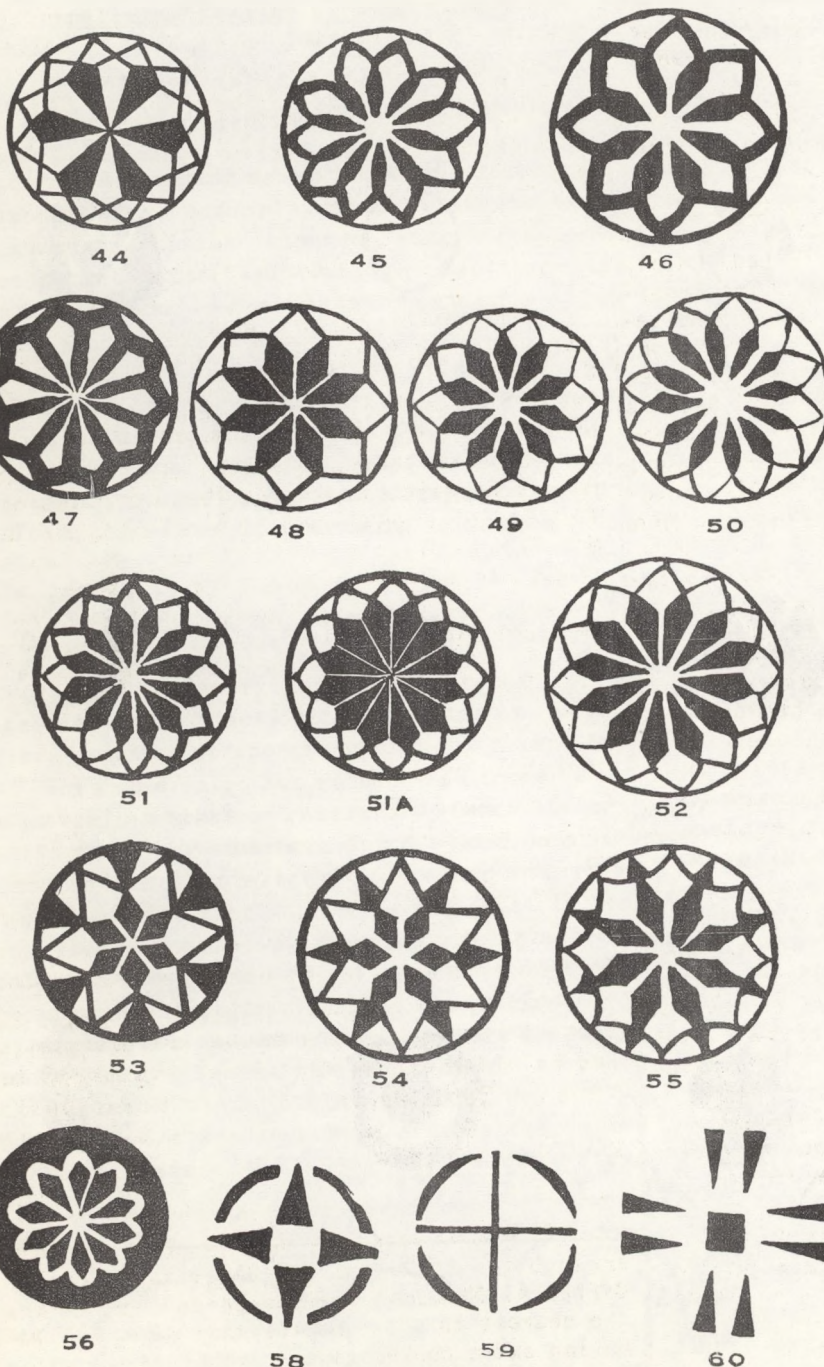
As a supplement to this issue of the NEWS we enclose the "Purposes and Benefits of the U. S. CANCELLATION CLUB" revised up-to-date. This is the nearest to a prospectus that we have. We are having extra copies made so those of you who wish to promote new members may get a supply.

With the February issue, David Lidman (#274) resumed editorship of the AMERICAN PHILATELIST. He was its Editor from 1951 to 1954.

New York Foreign Mail Cancellations 1870-1876

By Edwin Milliken

GEOMETRIC DESIGNS



Colors

Nearly all were struck in black; about one-half are found in red also; red is not rare on this group. A few types of early use show in red only. The following were struck in a clear genuine brown shade and used on 1870 issue in Registry Division Nos. 10, 82, 95. Claret in a clear distinct shade was used last half 1875 and early '76 on 13, 14, 43, 64, 65, 72, 79, 86. Both the latter are rare.

The straight line PAID ALL in various sized letters was used in black and more commonly in red; one exception is the large 9 millimeter type which has been found in black only. This was used through the 1860's and on 1870 issue.

Numbering

The numbers of types formerly illustrated remain the same. Numbers followed by A show a condition of cancellor or strike at variance with same number without letter. Numbers followed by N, NN, and NNN are types not previously illustrated; the same applies also to numbers 101 and upward.

(This is the 4th of a series of articles)



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FROM THE COLLECTION OF MR. JAMES R.
LITTLETON. ORIGINS UNKNOWN. HELP WANTED.

PURPOSES AND BENEFITS OF THE U. S. CANCELLATION CLUB

THE U. S. CANCELLATION CLUB is a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of gathering in one group, those interested in the Postal Markings and the Cancellations on United States stamps and covers. The philatelic activities of the members embrace the entire postal history of this country from its beginning to the present time.

The Club serves the interests of beginners as well as advanced collectors in this field. Of special help to the collector are the following Club functions and activities:

1. Sales Department, through which stamps and covers showing interesting cancellations and postal markings may be bought and sold thereby furnishing a source of supply to the members, an outlet for their duplicates and helping to establish a true market value.
2. A Research Committee through whose activities information concerning cancellations, such as place of origin, time of use, etc., is gathered and made available to members.
3. An Expertizing Department to give qualified opinion on questionable items. Faked Cancellations are an ever-present possibility, especially the rare types. Mr. Bates is nationally recognized as an authority. His articles have been read by all of us. He will accept a stamp or cover and will give an opinion free of charge as to its validity. The item should be mounted on a sheet with sufficient space beneath for notations. Return postage must be included.
4. A Library consisting of the volumes listed below. All are available to the members on request to the Secretary:

1. STAMPS Magazine's articles on Cancellations in two volumes, nearly complete.
2. STAMPS Magazine's articles on Cancellations in one bound volume donated by Mr. Green. This lacks some of the later articles.
3. Two copies NEW YORK FOREIGN MAIL CANCELLATIONS by EDWIN MILLIKEN.
4. One copy OBLITERATIONS & MARQUES POSTALES des ETATS UNIS du 19th SIECLE by MICHEL ZARESKI.
5. One copy REGISTER OF SHIPS AND POSTMARKS of the U. S. NAVY by JOSEPH FRAYNE & DEANE BARTLEY.
6. One copy SHIPS of the U. S. NAVY LOST & DAMAGED IN WORLD WAR II WITH KNOWN POSTMARKS by JOSEPH FRAYNE & DEAN BARTLEY.

7. Volume I #s 1-11 SHIPS & POSTMARKS of the U. S. NAVY.
8. Two Copies RAPID CANCELLING MACHINE, MANUFACTURERS & IMPRESSIONS. Handbook #1 by K. F. & V. M. OLSON.
9. One Copy A LIST OF ALL KNOWN POST-OFFICES IN THE TERRITORY & STATE OF WISCONSIN Dec. 1821 to Oct. 1917, by WISCONSIN POSTAL HISTORY GROUP of the WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS.
10. Bulletins #s 2, 3 & 5 WISCONSIN FEDERATION OF STAMP CLUBS.
11. One Copy THE TALE OF THE KICKING MULE by LEE H. CORNELL.
12. One Copy THE GREAT MAIL by LEONARD V. HUBER & CLARENCE A. WAGNER.
13. One Copy BOSTON POSTAL MARKINGS TO 1890 by MAURICE C. BLAKE & WILBUR W. DAVIS.
14. Two Copies U. S. POSTAL SLOGAN CANCELS by MOE LUFF.
15. One Copy 19th CENTURY UNITED STATES FANCY CANCELLATIONS by HERST-ZARESKI.
16. POSTAL MARKINGS OF THE UNITED STATES 1847-51 by Mannel Hahn.
17. A Catalogue of Railroad Company-Printed Cancellations on the 1898 U. S. Revenues by Richard D. Fullerton.
18. 20th CENTURY UNITED STATES FANCY CANCELLATIONS by Loso & DeWindt.
19. Priced Catalogue, B. H. Handy Sale.
20. Priced Catalogue, George W. Hale Sale.
21. The PENINSULAR PHILATELIST, Vols. 4 to 7, lacks some #s.
22. FLAG CANCEL ENCYCLOPEDIA by Langford.
23. The "PAID" Markings on the 3¢ U. S. Stamps of 1861 by George W. Linn.
24. United States Postal Slogan Cancel Catalog by Moe Luff.
25. Meter Stamp Price List 1955 by Walter M. Swan.

5. Bi-Monthly magazine sent free to all members. (Subscription price to others \$1.50 per year)

MEMBERSHIP

Any person of good character, interested in Cancellations, may become a member of the U. S. CANCELLATION CLUB. Membership is granted through application passed upon by a Membership Committee. Application blanks may be secured from the Secretary. Dues are \$3.00 per year payable in advance. The fiscal year starts on January 1st. New members pay as follows:

Those accepted Jan.	1 to Apr. 30	-- \$3.00
"	" May 1 to Aug. 31	-- 2.00
"	" Sept. 1 to Dec. 31	-- 1.00

No admission fee is charged.

OPERATION OF SALES DEPARTMENT

1. Material received for sale by the Sales Manager will be sent out to members in circuit manner.

2. Members sign for stamps or covers retained.

3. Members should check circuits carefully when received and also just before sending on for missing items. Last member on list may be held responsible for items missing and not accounted for.

4. The Department is run on a cash basis. Purchases must be reported and remittance made for them immediately. Blanks are furnished for the reports.

5. MEMBERS MUST FORWARD CIRCUIT PROMPTLY.

6. Any member receiving a circuit with empty spaces not accounted for should immediately take the matter up with the member from whom he received the circuit. The Sales Manager should also be advised of the circumstances.

7. The last member on the Circuit returns it to the Sales Manager.

8. After the material has been sufficiently circulated or deleted by sales it will be returned to the owner and settlement made covering sales.

9. Our insurance policy protects the material entered in the Sales Dept. against loss from all causes while in the possession of members or in transit between them. Damage to stamps or covers in handling, disappearance of individual items, infidelity of members and some other minor losses are not covered. A charge of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ of original value of material entered provides for this insurance. (Minimum charge 25¢ per book).

If you ship by parcels post be sure the parcel is adequately wrapped. The letter of instructions must go 1st class. It may be sent separately, it may be in an envelope attached to the package and bearing 1st class postage or it may be enclosed in the package provided the extra postage is paid and the statement "Letter enclosed" is placed on the package below the stamps and above the address.

10. We have five different types of circuits as follows:

1. 19th Century off cover only
2. 19th Century covers only
3. 20th Century off cover only
4. 20th Century covers only
5. Special selections.

11. Members desiring selections of material made up especially for them may write the Sales Manager telling him exactly what they wish to see. Such selections must be returned within five days and the member pays transportation both ways on the shipment.

12. The officers of the club assume no personal liability for the safety of stamps entered with the department.

HOW TO PREPARE BOOKS

Any stamp or cover which has passed through the United States Mail may be entered. This includes stamps of all denominations, departmental stamps, postal stationery, and stampless covers. Even common varieties of stamps are desirable if the postal markings are of interest. Damaged stamps should be noted by a penciled arrow showing defect.

ALL STAMPS are required to be mounted in uniform circuit books. These have spaces for 120 stamps and are supplied at 8¢ per book. We provide two types of enclosures for covers. One, designed especially to afford extra protection for better grade material holds 12 Covers and costs 20¢ each; the other, an envelope holding up to 20 covers is 25¢ for 5. All may be obtained from the sales Manager.

Each item must bear a "net" price which is its sales value.

Each sales book or envelope must show the total value in space provided.

Do not mount both 19th and 20th Century items in the same book or cover enclosure.

Whenever possible, information concerning the origin of the cancellation is to be given and should be penciled on the space the stamp occupies.

Material when mounted, valued and totaled is to be sent to the Sales Manager in Denver to be circulated in "Circuit" manner to the members.

The Sales Manager's commission is 15% of gross sales (minimum charge 25¢ per book). Out of this he pays transportation to the first member of the circuit list. This Commission and the charge for insurance and the cost of returning retired books to the owners will be deducted at the time of retiring.
