

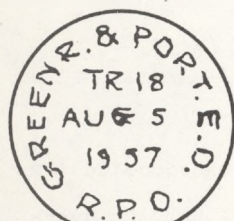
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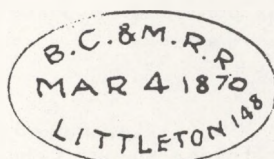
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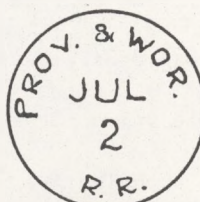
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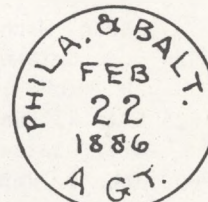
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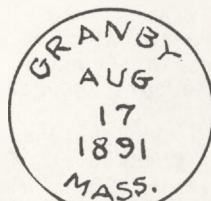
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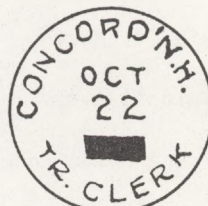
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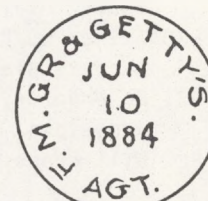
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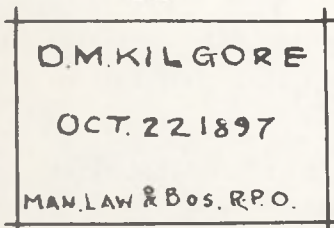
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Please consult the alphabetical list of members in the Roster for the collecting activities of these new members.

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- 523 Theodore F. Stafford, 1015 Oak St., Kalamazoo, Mich.
- 524 John Gutawessky, 25009 Donald St., Detroit, 39, Mich.
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- 523 Colin H. Bayley, 400 Friel St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
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- 536 John W. Wuichet, 1904 Collingswood Road, Columbus 21, Ohio
- 537 Jerry Baker Devol, 306 Short St., Marietta, Ohio
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- 541 Elmer J. Binker Jr., Box 324, White City, Oregon
- 542 Thomas S. Hogan, 3 Doylston Drive, Edgewood 5, R.I.
- 543 Ray Vande Vusse, 311 River Ave., Holland, Mich.

- 544 James G. Johnson, Cisco Rd. (Rd. 4), Sidney, Ohio
- 545 Dr. Edward Martin Gates, Spring Valley Farm, Ortonville, Mich.
- 546 John J. Sebestyansky Jr., 6 Wall St., Raritan, N.J.
- 547 Francis J. Chack, 2116 Bayard Park Drive, Evansville 14, Ind.
- 548 Herbert F. Wiese, 3450 Monticello Blvd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio
- 549 Louis D. Schneider, 403 N. High St., Kenton, Ohio
- 550 Edward R. Kennedy, Orange Grove Road, La Feria, Texas

MEMBERSHIP REVIVED

- 142 Birney Mills, 655 Weber Ave., Akron, Ohio

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 286 Ralph A. Palmer from Chicago to 509 Cheever Ave., Geneva, Ill.

DECEASED

- 267 Donald B. Brooks, La Puente, Calif.

LIBRARY

- A. E. Lewandowski (#520) has donated the following to our Library.
- #45 The History of the RAF Postal Service Overseas, 1942-1957 by John A. Smith
 - #46 Postal History Catalogue of New Zealand by L.J.G. Franks
 - #47 British Army Field Post Offices, 1939-1950 by Col. G. R. Crouch & Norman Hill
 - #48 Locations & Assignments, U.S. Army Post Offices, World War II, 2nd Edition by A. J. Tripp
 - #49 Postal Affairs during the German occupation of the Channel Islands 1940-45 by William Newport and John Simpson.

- From Robert A. Truax (#79) we have:
- #50 A Check List of Street Railway Post Offices 1891-1929. This first appeared in the AMERICAN PHILATELIST For May, 1938 and was compiled by Richard S. Clover and Robert A. Truax, brought up-to-date by Mr. Truax.

These may be borrowed from the Secretary in the usual manner.

Also we have added to our file of priced catalogues Robert A. Siegel's 238th sale held on March 27, 1961.

Since Mr. Boyarsky (#478 rejuvenated item #1, it has been out among the members. Soon it will be available again. Those who wish to see it may write the Sec'y. A list will be made and it will be sent to you in the order that requests are received. Shipping weight 13 pounds.

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ROSTER for 1961

As a supplement to this issue of the NEWS we include the Roster for 1961. Listed are the names of all members in good standing on May 1, 1961. The Roster is divided into two parts, first, an alphabetical listing which shows the collecting activities of the members and, second, just the names arranged geographically. The suggestion is made that members with similar interests make an effort to contact each other. Also those who are nearby geographically might enjoy getting together. Undoubtedly some of the newer members would be pleased to hear from those of us who have been members of USCC longer.

FACES

The 42 Faces shown on page 73 (Reduced 10%) are from the collection of Mr. Charles R. Kinnley (#269). All are on 3¢ Greens and black unless otherwise noted "C" in upper left corner of square denotes Cover. Origins of some of the others are unknown to Mr. Kinnley. He would welcome information on any of them.

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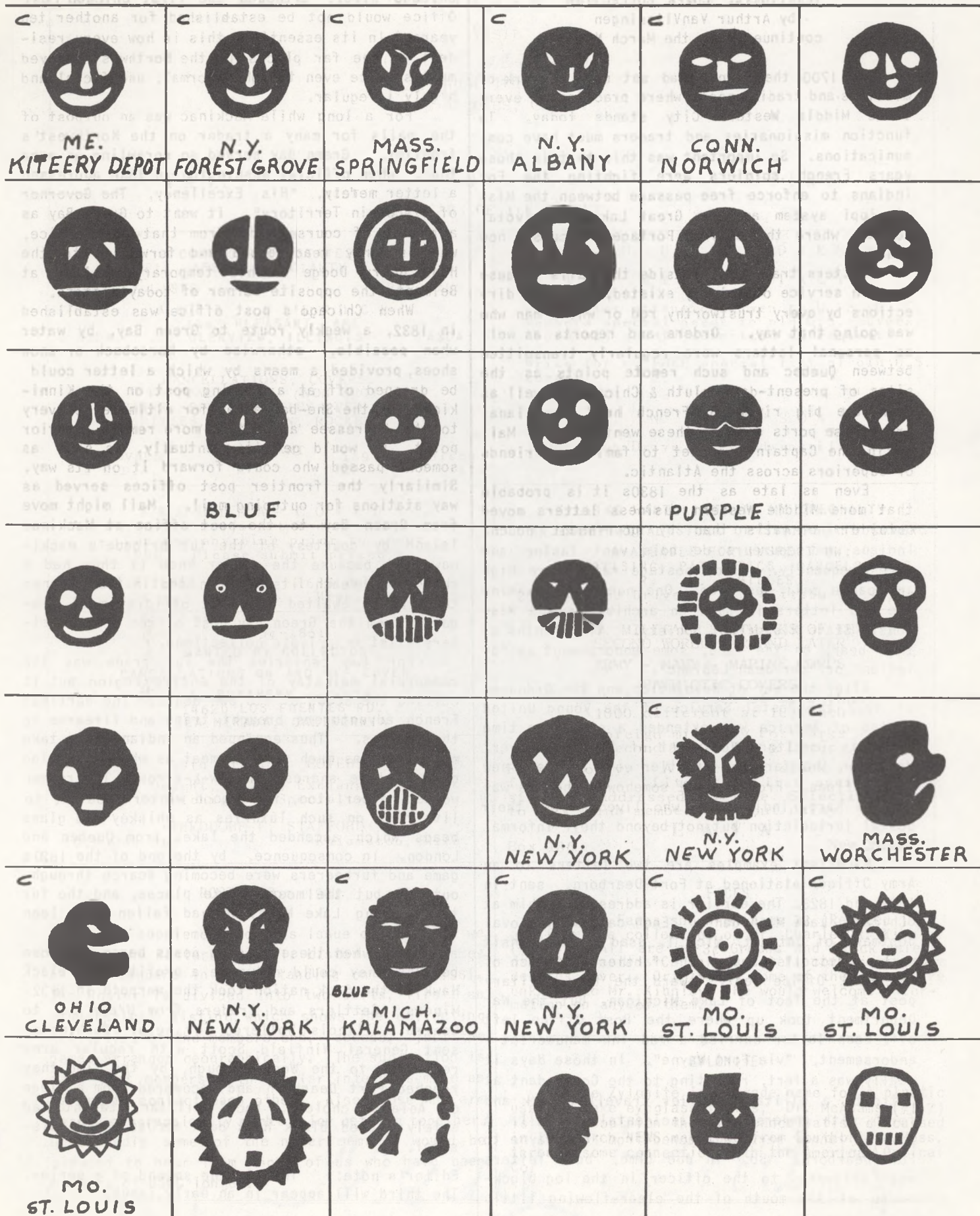
Since Zylonite is a trade name for a plastic used to make eyeglass frames, Dr. McAdams (#107) is of the opinion that the cancellation discussed in the March NEWS may come from Southbridge, Mass. through some connection with the American Optical Co.

RAILROAD CANCELLATIONS & RPOs

On page 76 and continued on the front page are illustrations of RR Cancels and RPOs owned by J. K. Waitt (#472) who admits to 76 years and asks that you excuse slight inaccuracies in the illustrations. Illustrations are numbered and are described as follows:

- #1 on cover, first day of issue with RMS killer between postmark & F of first. Stamp 3¢ purple with woodburning locomotive.
- #2 on cover with pair #65 addressed to Raleigh, North Carolina, notation lower left of cover, "Via New York & Newburn, N.C." May be a Confederate cover but how did it get from Newburn to Raleigh without a Confederate stamp? Newburn was captured by Union Forces early in the War. No letter enclosed.
- #3 on cover with #147 addressed to Mr. William Grimes, Raleigh, no letter enclosed.
- #4 on cover with #147 addressed to Col. George Little, Raleigh, N.C. with corner card of Raleigh & Gaston Railroad Co., Raleigh, N.C.
- #5 on cover with #147 addressed to Wm. Grimes, Raleigh, North Carolina, enclosure dated Feb. 11, 1874, Corner Card J. Lindley & Son, New Garden Nurseries, Greensboro, N.C. Probably mailed on branch line, Greensboro to Winston-Salem, N.C., now Southern Ry.
- #6 on post card UX5 dated 2/23/1876 Wake Forest, N.C. to Baltimore, Md. Route: Raleigh & Gaston to Weldon, N.C., Seaboard & Roanoke to Portsmouth, Va., Baltimore Steam Packet Co. (old Bay Line) to Baltimore.
- #7 on Post Card UX5 dated 4/4/1876, Wake Forest, N.C. to Baltimore, see route #6. Note omission of "&" between "R&G" and "S&R".
- #14 on Post Card from Morgantown, N.C. to Baltimore, Md. The strike is not clear as regards "West N.C.R.R." but can be proved as Morgantown, N.C. was on West NCRR now owned or leased by Southern Railway, Salisbury to Asheville, N.C.
- #15 on Post Card UX7 dated Dec. 3, 1882. Shops of the North Carolina Railroad were originally located at Burlington, moved by Southern Railway, Lessee of NCRR, to Spencer.
- #17 on Post Card dated Aug. 19, 1874, Portsmouth, Va. to Baltimore, Md. Probably routed over Baltimore Steam Packet Co. (Old Bay Line)
- #18 on Post Card dated 10/14/1879, Henderson, N.C. to Richmond, Va. Route, Henderson to Weldon, N.C. via Raleigh & Gaston-Petersburg R.R. Weldon to Petersburg-Richmond & Petersburg R.R. to destination.
- #19 on Post Card dated 4/11/1885 from Newberne, N.C. to Hoffman, N.C. Route, Newberne to Goldsboro over Atlantic & North Carolina-Goldsboro to Raleigh, N.C. over North Carolina Railroad (now leased to Southern Ry.)-Raleigh & Augusta Air Line RR (now SALRR) to destination.
- #20 on Post Card UX8 dated 2/3/1887 from Lumberton, N.C. to Raleigh, N.C. Route, Carolina Central RR Lumberton to Hamlet-Raleigh & Augusta Air Line RR (now SALRR) to destination.
- #21 on Post Card UX8 dated 8/20/1887 Hillsboro, N.C. to Raleigh, N.C. via North Carolina Railroad owned by State of N.C. leased to Southern Ry.
- #23 On Cover having 3¢ Green addressed to Frank Davy, Raleigh, N.C. This one has no enclosure but I have three, one containing part of the original letter headed Fayetteville, N.C. Mar. 5, 1880. This letter traveled over the old Western Railroad of North Carolina which was completed to Jonesboro from Fayetteville before the Civil War and extended through Sanford, N.C. to Egypt Depot by the Confederate forces in order to get coal from the mines at Egypt for Confederate blockade runners operating on the Cape Fear River from Wilmington, N.C. to Fayetteville. It later became the Cape Fear & Yadkin Railroad, now ACLRR and Southern Ry.
- #26 On cover with strip of three #156, no letter. Probably Morgantown Junction & Greensboro over North Carolina Railroad now leased to Southern Ry. Destination Raleigh, N.C.
- #28 On Cover bearing 1¢ stamp #206, Rec'd New Orleans Dec. 26, 1884 while World's Exposition was being held there. Route over Winston Branch of Southern Ry. This started out on Northwestern North Carolina RR, Greensboro to Salem opened August 1, 1873.
- #33 On Cover, Entire Env. #U278 addressed to Hon. M.W. Ransom, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. "Greens." refers to Greensboro, N.C. and "Shoe Heel" is now Maxton, N.C. on SALRR between Hamlet and Wilmington, N.C. This letter was mailed at Fayetteville in envelope with Corner card of Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railway. The line from Fayetteville to Maxton is now owned by ACLRR.
- #37 On Entire Envelope #U159 Utica to Lee Center, Oneida Co. N.Y. Lee Center is on no RR now.
- #29 On Cover with 5¢ stamp #205, New York City CC to India, probably mailed on AT&SF train in Colo.
- #96 On Cover addressed to Mrs. Daniel P. Putnam, East Cleveland, Ohio. Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad. What about the "Littleton 1487" Two Cancels in blue, one on stamp, one 2 inches west. Stamp U59.
- #93 On Entire Envelope #U82, Providence, R.I. Corner Card to East Blackstone, Mass.
- #94 On cover, #210 tied by cancel, Aberdeen, Md. Corner Card to Kennett Square, Pa.
- #97 On Souvenir Post Card "Burlington Route" First Mail Car, Hannibal & St. Joseph RR in red on left front and 2 views in black, front or side view and interior on message side, with date June 28, 1862 of first trip, stamp #728 with Century of Progress Exposition Killer in box in four lines.
- #98 On Cover Granby, Mass. to Montague, Mass. with 2¢ #220 & Special Delivery El. Not tied, Grid Cancels on stamps. Three RPOs & two other clear strikes on back. South Hadley, Mass. 8/17/1891; St. Albans & Boston 8/17/1891, Tr. 67; Newport & Spring 8/17/1891 Tr 88; Boston & Troy Aug. 18 Tr 54; Montague, Mass 8/18/1891
- #99 On Cover Concord to Derry Depot, N.H. with two RPOs on back, both illustrated on front page.
- #100 On Postal Card UX7 Gettysburg, Pa. to New Oxford, Pa. Since some of the lettering is faint in this postmark Mr. Waitt would welcome any definite information any of you could supply on it. He thinks it traveled on an interurban line which ran from Fort Meade through Greenmont to Gettysburg.

Cont. next column.



TERRITORIAL COVER COLLECTING
by Arthur VanVlissingen
continued from the March NEWS

By 1700 the French had set up a network of missions and trading posts where practically every large Middle Western City stands today. To function missionaries and traders must have communications. So important was this that in those years French soldiers were fighting the Fox Indians to enforce free passage between the Mississippi system and the Great Lakes by pivotal portage where the city of Portage, Wisconsin now stands.

Letters traveled, outside the mails because no such service officially existed, in both directions by every trustworthy red or white man who was going that way. Orders and reports as well as personal letters were regularly transmitted between Quebec and such remote points as the sites of present-day Duluth & Chicago as well as down the big river to French held Louisiana. From these ports some of these went by Royal Mail or in the Captain's pocket to families, friends or superiors across the Atlantic.

Even as late as the 1830s it is probable that more Middle Western business letters moved outside the mails than by government pouch. Indians and coureurs de bois went faster and more frequently. Also, postage rates were high and canoe mail was free. One need only examine the old letters in such an archive as the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Nine tenths of them bear, on the face, some endorsement as "by Indian" or "per Jean LeBlanc".

After the war of Revolution and the Ordinance of 1787 the Postal Service of the young United States of America was extended a step at a time into its Territory Northwest of the Ohio River. Mail for the farthest frontier went to these new post offices. From them it somehow found its way to the hardy individuals who lived beyond their postal jurisdiction but not beyond their informal reach.

Excellent examples are two letters to an Army Officer stationed at Fort Dearborn, sent in 1822 and 1823. The earlier is addressed to him at "Chicago, Lake Michigan". Each carries the oval postmark of Detroit, Mic. T. used as a transit mark. Detroit was then the farthest outreach of the Post Office Dept. toward the tiny military post at the foot of Lake Michigan. But the War Department took up where the Post Office left off. Each letter carried a red ink manuscript endorsement, "via Fort Wayne". In those days it really was a fort, reporting to the Commandant at Detroit, a military courier travelled back and forth with orders and, incidentally, mail. A similar runner service reached from Fort Wayne to Fort Dearborn. So, in due time, both letters were delivered to the officer in the log block-house at the mouth of the clear-flowing little

Chicago River, although the first Chicago Post Office would not be established for another ten years. In its essentials this is how every resident of the far places in the Northwest enjoyed mail service even though informal, unofficial and highly irregular.

For a long while Mackinac was an outpost of the mails for many a trader on the Northwest's frontier. Green Bay served so sprawling an area that, when official Washington in 1836 addressed a letter merely, "His Excellency, The Governor of Wisconsin Territory", it went to Green Bay as a matter of course and, from that post office, was properly readdressed and forwarded to the Hon. Henry Dodge in his temporary capital at Belmont, the opposite corner of today's state.

When Chicago's post office was established in 1832, a weekly route to Green Bay, by water when possible, otherwise by horseback or snowshoes, provided a means by which a letter could be dropped off at a trading post on the Kinnickinnic or the She-ba-wa-gan for ultimate delivery to the addressee at a still more remote interior point. He would get it eventually, as soon as someone passed who could forward it on its way. Similarly the frontier post offices served as way stations for outgoing mail. Mail might move from Green Bay to the post office at Mackinac Island by courtesy of the fur brigade's mackinaw boat because the sender knew it thus had a chance to reach its eastern destination sooner than if he awaited the next official mail dispatch from the Green Bay post office. Such letters exist in private collections.

For two centuries the fur trade was the commercial mainstay of the entire region but it carried the seeds of its own death. The earliest French adventurers brought traps and firearms to the Indians. Thus equipped an Indian could take many times as much fur and meat as when he relied on primitive snares and bow-&-arrow. The redman worked harder, too, for a good winter's catch, to live high on such luxuries as whiskey and glass beads which ascended the lakes from Quebec and London. In consequence, by the end of the 1820s game and furbearers were becoming scarce throughout all but the most remote places, and the fur trade along Lake Michigan had fallen upon lean times.

Just when these trading posts began to close because they could not make a profit Chief Black Hawk of the Sauk nation took the warpath in 1832. Miners, Settlers and traders from Green Bay to Central Illinois hollered for help. Washington sent General Winfield Scott with regular army regiments to the West, though, by the time they reached Fort Dearborn and recovered from a siege of Asiatic cholera, local military talent had safely shooed Black Hawk back across the Mississippi.

Editor's note: This is the second of a series. The third will appear in an early issue.

WICHITA

We wish to call your attention again to the USCC Exhibition and Convention to be held October 13-15, 1961 in cooperation with the Wichita Stamp Club at Wichita, Kans.

Since March several contributions and also several orders for autographed copies of "The Tale of the Kicking Mule" have been received. Also reservations for frames have come in.

However, copies of the book are still available @ \$2.00 each postpaid and contributions will still be welcome. We hope to be able to supply a really worth while trophy for this show. Also we hope to introduce the collecting of Cancellations to many who have not before been interested in them.

Send orders for the book and contributions to C. D. Root, 855 Cove Way, Denver 9, Colo. and requests for frames in the show to Lee H. Cornell, Orpheum Bldg., Wichita 2, Kans.

FIRST DAY COVERS

A large lot of First Day Covers has been sent to us for sale. Covers are in two sizes, regular $6\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{5}{8}$ inches and legal size $9\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{8}$ inches. They include single stamps, pairs, blocks, Plate # singles, Plate # Blocks, and many unusual arrangements of four or more singles. Most are on envelopes with Pent-Arts Cachets, several different for each issue.

Most of the stamps from 1940 to 1959 are included.

Want lists for all with 3¢ or 4¢ single stamps will be filled @ 10¢ each, for blocks and other arrangements @ face plus 5¢ each. For 5¢ stamps, Air Mail, Special Delivery and Plate # items prices will be quoted. For collections of 25 or more different with single stamps (our choice) price is 8¢ each, 25 or more different with blocks or special arrangements (our choice) price is 15¢ each. Postage extra on orders under \$2.00.

EXCHANGE

The NEWS has added another exchange to its list, JAPANESE PHILATELY, the publication of the International Society for Japanese Philately. This publication is much larger than ours the December issue having 42 pages the same size as ours. One article in the Dec. issue is an exhaustive study of the stamps of the Ryukyus. It is published six times a year. Any member wishing to see a copy may get it on loan from the Club.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

On April 27, S. N. Shure (#170) displayed and discussed his well known collection of Palestine Forerunners at the meeting of the Israel-Palestine Philatelic Society of America held at the Palmer House in Chicago.

At the Garfield-Perry Exhibition held in Cleveland on March 25-6 Paul T. Skove (#11) was awarded first place in the Postal History class for his exhibit of five frames of Cleveland Postal History.

Early in March R. G. Bock (#467) received a second place award in the United States section for his exhibit of USA Precancels at the Silver Anniversary Celebration-Exhibition of the Springfield, Ohio Stamp Society. The USCC Certificate was awarded to Dr. Paul Rothemund of Yellow Springs, Ohio for his display of German Colonial Town Cancellations.

Elliott Burgher (#84) spoke on Civil War Postal History at the April 17th meeting of the Staten Island Philatelic Society at the Staten Island Museum. Twenty frames of eight pages each were on display at the Museum from April 9 to May 4.

SALES DEPARTMENT

In order to keep circuits going regularly two conditions are necessary. First, we must have enough material to make them up and second, members getting them must make an effort to comply with our rules, particularly the one which limits the time a member can keep a circuit. Please keep us supplied with material in all categories and please be prompt in forwarding circuits.

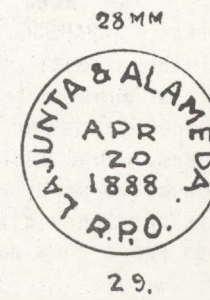
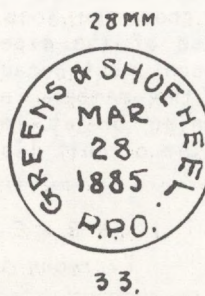
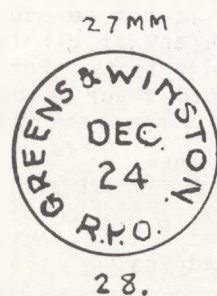
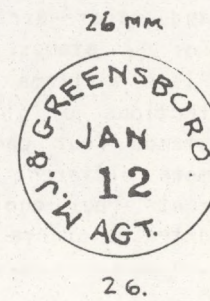
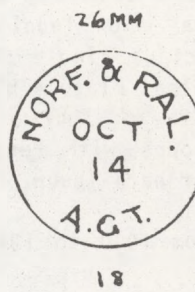
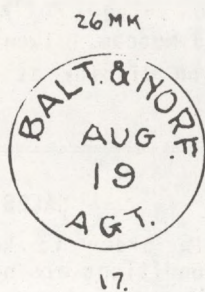
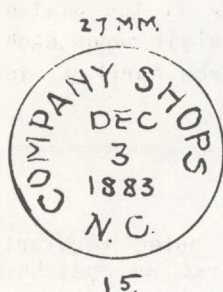
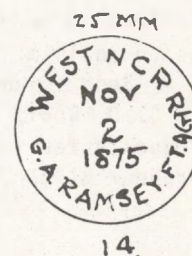
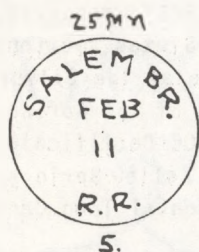
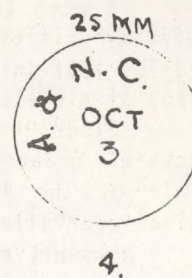
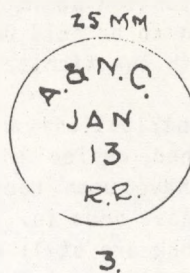
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In preparing material for sale through the circuits please make a special effort to identify each item so definitely that there is no chance for substitutions being successfully made. It is hard to believe that any member of USCC would stoop so low but the fact remains that some have been detected. In every case our Ins. fund has made good the loss but we hate it not so much because of the expense, although any at all is too much, but because of the implications. Perhaps the member responsible would favor us by resigning or at least having his name removed from the circuit list.

I NEVER GET LOST!

Everyone tells me where to go

SEE PAGE 72 FOR DESCRIPTIONS.



ILLUSTRATIONS CONTINUED ON FRONT PAGE.