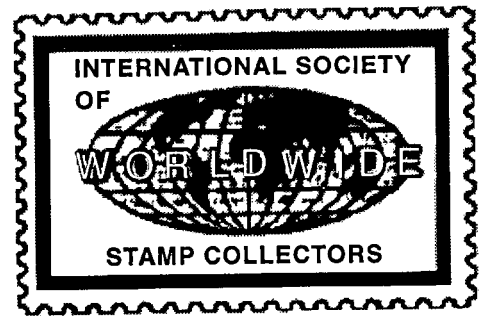


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Commentary on Commemoratives

Submitted by Sue Hoover (#109)

Editor's note: Ms. Hoover has sent in this article that was printed in Postscript, newsletter of the Olympic Philatelic Society. Author's name was Tarry (sic.) Olson.

Looking at a collection of commemorative stamps, one often wonders about the importance (or unimportance) of the commemoration. And some are among the most unattractive stamps ever issued. Postmaster General J. Edward Day's book recounts an especially amusing account. As the book is now out of print (and in case you missed it), I will retell the tale.

In 1948 the U.S. Post Office issued a stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the poultry industry. Question: Does that mean nobody raised and sold chickens before 1848?

Things have changed but in 1948, the post office was strictly under the control of Congress. Any group could secure the services of a lobbyist and have its desires presented to Congress. Not a national security or earthshaking issue, the issuance of a commemorative stamp didn't create great debates and such a bill usually passed. Even Harry Truman was not about to alienate some group with a veto.

Now for the funny part: As with all new issues, a suitable post office needed to be found for the cancellation of nearly half a million first-day covers. One was found: a tiny post office in remote Alaska. Its postmark was "Chicken, Alaska."

With typical diligence a postal inspector was sent to Chicken to make the necessary arrangements. There he discovered that



the post office was actually a couple of feet of counter space in the local grocery store. On the counter was a box of stamps; customers took what they wanted and left some money in return. There were some money order forms and a box for mail that arrived irregularly.

The inspector explained that great things were about to happen to Chicken. Many thousands of requests for first-day cancellations would soon be pouring in. Each cancellations would be done by hand so that it would be perfectly straight and not deface the stamps.

The postmaster listened, and when the inspector was finished, the postmaster picked up a sack, stuffed in the stamps, cash, money orders and the postmarker bearing the name "Chicken" and said to the inspector, "Here's your post office; I resign."

The FDCs were finally done at New Haven, CT — and there were 475,000 of them!

Sue Hoover, an ISWSC member who resides in East Wenatchee, WA, adds this postscript:

First-day covers are envelopes with the new stamp on it and are cancelled at the town or city chosen to introduce the new stamp. The next day the stamps can be sold in every other post office in the United States.

The chicken stamp was a brown 3¢ stamp depicting a Light Brahma hen, the oldest specialized chicken used in America.

On the map of Alaska, Chicken is due west from Dawson City, Yukon — not too far from the border. A road runs between these two towns, but the road is closed in the winter.

Spokane had the first-day cover for the 1999 stamp showing just running legs. That's because of our well-known Bloomsday Race in June.



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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: MAY 20, 2001

President's Column**by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC**

In case you haven't noticed, several transitions in ISWSC program management have taken place. Jim Gaul (#1853) assumed the reins as manager of the Sales Circuit. Jerry Foster (#965) has fully assumed management of the OMNI Exchange. Their contact information is listed on page 2 and they should be contacted rather than the old managers.

Also, after several years of professional service, our editor for this newsletter, Marian MacLeod, is stepping down. This is her last issue and I want to thank her for a job well done. Our newsletter has never been better! We all wish her and her husband Jon (ISWSC member #1286) a very healthy and happy retirement!

We have recruited a new editor, Jennifer Arnold, who will begin with the next issue. Jennifer has extensive experience editing other philatelic newsletter and is active in the Junior Philatelists of America. Her contact information is listed on this page and all correspondence, articles and advertisements should now be sent to her.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members of our current dues policy. In June 2000 your board voted to increase the annual dues from \$10 to \$12 per year. At the same time, all late charges were revoked and a \$2 discount was offered for all renewals received at least one month prior to the expiration date (which is the last day of the odd numbered month shown on your membership card and above your address on

See President's Column, page 8.

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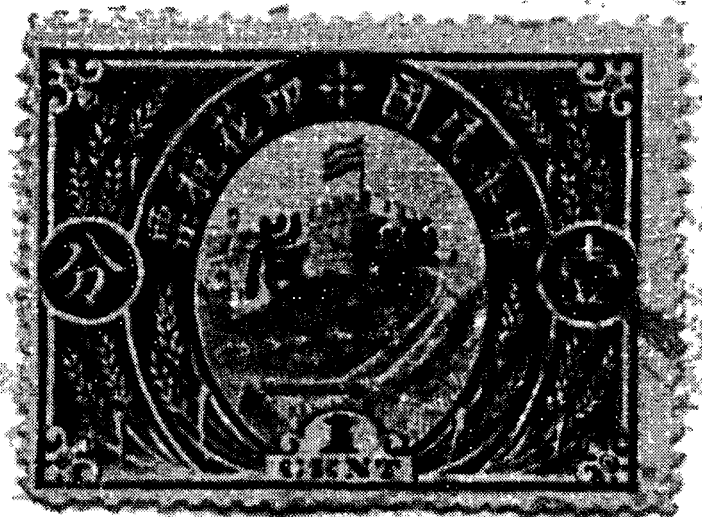
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¿Whatzits?

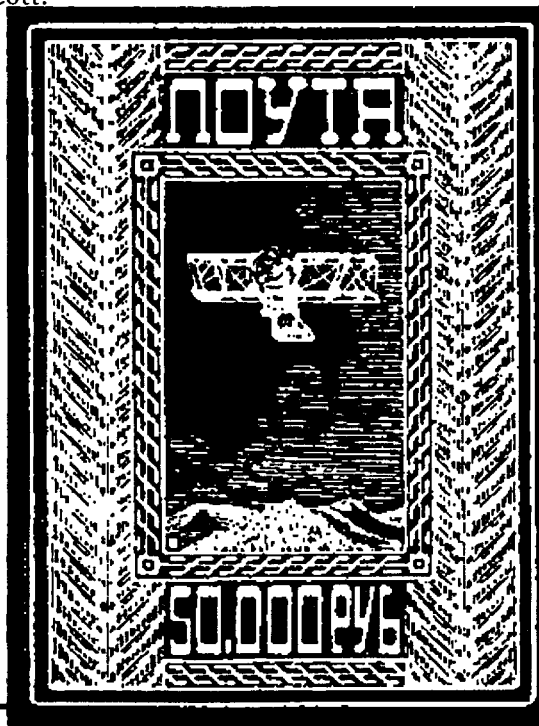
by Robert McKenzie (#1055)

Here's another whatzit for you. The stamp is a very common Chinese revenue (or something non-postal). The black overprint is strange to me — doesn't look like any Chinese characters I've ever seen.

I've asked my daughter-in-law, who is Chinese, if she can recognize them. No luck.



And here's a new ¿Whatzit?. The scanner didn't do justice to the color, which is ultramarine, so I attach a black & white .bmp file. I haven't the slightest idea what it is, or where I got it. Looks like Armenia, but it's not in Scott:



Dues/Advertising Policy

Dues Information:

Single/Dealer/Club membership, \$12*

Youth membership (under 18), \$10*

Family membership (up to 4 persons in one residence), \$19*

*=plus 250 large commemoratives for the Youth Program or equiv. donation in US \$. Dues above are for one year and include six newsletters per year. You may sign up for three years at a time. For an application or further information send SASE or IRC to: ISWSC, PO Box 150407 Lufkin, TX 75915-0407 USA. *There will be a \$2 per year discount if the renewal is received at least 1 month prior to the current expiration date.*

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Make all checks payable to ISWSC in U.S. funds. Send text and payment for ads to the Editor. All addresses can be found on page 2.

AUCTION 23

Closing August 20, 2001

Lot Number	Lot Description	Catalog Value	Minimum Bid
1	USA 332 mixed on paper U. 35% recent commems, incl 18 baseball & century, 4 \$ values. 25% multiples		
2	USA 158 cover, bicentennial, stamp shows, scouting, military, airport & post office dedications, ships, remembering our POW-MIAs, souvenir cards and more.		10
3	USA Mixture: 17 pounds of stamps on & off paper, regular issues, coils, from 1965 to present. HBO		10
4	USA. Mixture: 6 pounds of Christmas, regular issues, coils, 1965 to present. HBO		9
5	USA. Inauguration Covers. 1973-1996, Nixon, Carter, Mondale, Reagan, Bush, Quayle, Clinton, Gore, and Presidential Debate pmk. est \$83.75.		25
6	USA. 3 special cancels for the visit of Pope John Paul II to Guam, Anchorage, and Pontiac, MI. Unaddressed		2
7	USA. 3 FDCs for America's independence. Bolivia Sc #583, Luxemburg Sc# 587, St Vincent, Philatelic/Numismatic		2
8	USA. 10 blocks, PBX, Zip, etc. 1176/C85 in retired APS sales book. CV \$2.75		4
9	USA. Post Office Poster of Balloons issue, 1983, Sc# 2032-35, 21" x 14", folded.		3
10	USA. Post Office Poster of Horses issue, 1986, Sc# 2155-58, 21" x 14", folded.		3
11	USA. Post Office Poster "It's Duck Season", Daffy Duck Issue, 16" x 11", heavy plastic.		4
12	USA. Post Office Poster of Dogs issue, 1984, Sc# 2098-2101, 21" x 14", folded.		3
13	USA. Post Office Poster of Lacemaking Issue, 1987, Sc #2231-4, 36" x 24", folded		3
14	Albania/Bulgaria. Retired APS sales book, mostly M, \$59+ left in book.		30
15	Australia & Area. Over 1300 diff M & U stamps from Australia. Over 150 M & U from ATT, Christmas Island Cocos Island. In stock book. Better singles & sets CV \$400+, common ignored. Great start for a collection.	400+	40
16	Belgium. Small collection of earlies and semi postals in stock album, includes B208, B317, B318, B303.	305	60
17	Benelux. APS retired sales book, good run of Luxemburg, \$38+ left in book.		15
18	Canada. 100 dif U stamps from 1996-2000, includes \$1 Loon, \$2 Polar Bear, \$8 Grizzly, rest commems, lite CDS.		20
19	Canada. S/S 1604, 1515, 1616, 1621a, 1709, 1760b, all MNH.		25
20	China/Rep. of China. 15 covers, mixed conditions, 1940s & 50s, Multiple stamps on m ny, several from Columbia films to Columbia pictures.		5
21	Costa Rica. Selection of mostly older U stamps in OMNI book. 98 CV \$78.80		
22.	Cuba. Nice selection of several dozen MUH sets and singles in multiple of 4 or more, nice topicals, sent to pay dues. Listed without values in Scott.		10
23	Belgium. #4 on cover. Rotterdam pmk 6/7/1867, nice . 1959 Europa cover, Netherlands, Swiss post care.	18	5
24	Norway Bank Mix. Mostly Norway, includes hi values from West Europe, Scandinavia, others. on paper. est CV \$500		30
25	Germany, Austria, France, Belgium. Selection in 3 OMNI books. Some older, mostly recent U. Various cats. \$110		
26	Western Europe. Mostly Germany, some Scandinavia. 40% value in modern commems, 60% value in small-med, mostly \$1 and over values. Est CV \$1000.		42
27	Finland. Bklt & S/S 863, 933, 939, and new Tommi AMakinen sheet of 2 all MNH.		17
28	Fujeira. 80 copies of Churchill Souvenir sheet, stamps of 2 values. Scott unlisted.		8
29	Germany. Modern commems mounted in OMNI book, some Austria included. CV \$97	97	
30	Germany. Modern commems mounted in OMNI book. CV \$52.	52	8
31	Germany. 28 fan mail covers to American Actress Helen Schneider at the Rhein-Main Theater. Mostly recent commems & pictorials, some interesting pmks, comments, condition mixed.		7.50

Lot Number	Lot Description	Catalog Value	Minimum Bid
32	Great Britain. Golden Wedding Anivers. FDC, addressed, #1781-84, est value \$10		
33	Haiti. Selection of older to new U stamps in OMNI book. 94 CV \$75+.		
34	Hungary. 388 M&U mostly dif stamps, mainly 1881-1941, remainders on album pages, including 487-91, B126-30, no CTO's.	102+	
35	Iceland. Collection on stock sheets and album pages, M&U, 35/547.	110	25
36	Iceland. 200 diff stamps, includes most super hi values, 1984-91		22
37	Iceland. Selection of U stamps in a glassine est CV \$100.		12
38	Italy. 1940s dealer stock and exchange, low values, commems & Pictorials, many 100s, over 65 issues		7.50
39	Japan. On paper mix. Many commems, 70% \$1 and ovr small-med, est CV \$1000.		40
40	Japan. 200 diff modern commems plus few very hi value small.		17
41	Japan. 100 diff modern commems plus a few very hi value small.		9
42	Japanese Postage Stamp Catalog. Japan Dealer's Assoc. 1970, in Japanese. HBO		1
43	Japan. Selection of U early and to 1960s stamps. 95 CV \$57.		
44	Latin America. 3 retired APS sales books, with additional pages added, about \$49 left. Some good Mexico.		20
45	Madagascar. 896-1943. Stockbook of mostly M, many dupes. 28/251, including 28-9, 38(11), 48(2).	250	60
46	Madagascar. 1943-. Stockbook of mostly M, many dupes with values to \$2.25. 252/542 including B1, B19, C1/C144, J8/18.	175	40
47	Mauratania. Stock binder, mostly M collection and stock #1/330, many dupes.	545	125
48	Mauratania. Stock binder, mostly M BOB, semipostals, airs, dues, officials, many dupes.	120	40
49	Mexico. Sheet of 50 TB stamps, 1961-2, showing birds of Mexico, description sheet, Great topical.		5
50	Mexico. Retired APS sales book. \$42+ left in book, nice older material.		20
51	New Zealand. Stockbook of M&U issues from 286/413. Many dupes, better incl 296-8, 298A, 315, 325, 351, 353, 355, 356-7, 360 and numerous gutter pairs.	470+	100
52	Philippines. Selection of U stamps in OMNI book, all eras. 98 CV \$46		
53	Romania. 945 M&U stamps, all eras, 1869-1994. Thru 1940 with dupes, rest mostly diff.	240	25
54	Spain. 1737 stamps M&U, nearly all diff, remainders on album pages, incl BOB. Earlies incl Goya 386-402 MH, Majority 1940's thru 1985. Most with cat IDs. Plus 205 diff colonies.	405	40
55	USSR. 320+ U stamps lay out in new 16 page stockbook, all issued before 1970.		35
56	Vatican. Collection on album pages of 191 mostly M stamps, several complete sets, values to \$3 on sets.	35	10
57	Venezuela. Recent issues 1997-98, MNH (S/S & regular issues) Face Bolivar 15,770, est CV \$65.		14
58	Venezuela. 5 FDCs unaddressed celebrating 50 years of the state of Israel, Est value \$20.		
59	Venezuela. 1998 issues, S/S & stamps, MNH, Bolivar value 62,570. Est CV \$250.		40
60	World. Worldwide 1000 diff, many \$1 value and up, off paper.		11
61	World. Box of 130+ glassines, cards, etc. with sets, part sets & selections of stamps, several 100s, good pickings.		15
62	World. Worldwide selection of modern U stamps from all over in 9 OMNI books, various cats \$583		
63	World. 436 diff M&U mostly BOB, dues, officials, etc. on Int'l pages, P-Z countries, strong in Portugal, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, Wuttenburg. All pre 1940.	158	25
64	World. British Common wealth. Mostly modern U stamps in 6 OMNI books, various cats \$350		
65	World. Worldwide accumulation in 70+ glassines, many 100s, many older, basic values, great filler lot.		20

Lot Number	Lot Description	Catalog Value	Minimum Bid
66	World. Worldwide packet of sales cards and glassines, with M&U sets and singles from all over, all eras Priced on cards at over \$65, appear to be priced at about 50% of current CV.		20
67	World. Worldwide packet of sales cards and glassines, with M&U sheets and singles from all over and all eras. Priced on cards at \$4760, appears to be priced at about 30% of current CV.		15
68	World. A 3/4 inch pile of loose mixed album pages, stock sheets, etc. Stamps throughout, several 100s, many older stamps. Lots of fun.		
69	Worldwide selection of U stamps from all eras in 7 OMNI books, strong in Europe, some Africa, Asia and Latin America. Various cats CV \$374		
70	Worldwide Mixture. 3 pounds of stamps from all over the world, mostly off paper in glassine envelopes, espec. dups, 35 years plus accumulation. HBO.		10
71	Album. The American Album for US Postage Stamps, Scott 1949 ed., some crystal mounts and hinges used, some pages have stamp pictures cut out. In Good condition. The American Album for US Postage Stamps Scott 1936 ed. no stamps.		5
72	Album. The International Postage Stamp Album, Part I, 1840-Mid 1940, c1947, excellent condition, no stamps, crystal mounts and hinges have been used. HBO.		15
73	Album. Scott Specialty album, green #3, 2 post, excellent condition. Specialty pages for Belgium Congo & E Africa to 1960, Luxemburg to 1966. Incl BOB & S/S pages. Pages in excellent condition. Retail approx \$73		30
74	Catalog. Scott Standard Cats. 1949, 1969 Vol. 1 & 2 (Vol 2 has a slight tear at top of binding), 1980 set of 4. HBO		10
75	1992 Scott Catalog Vol. 1 (US, UN, Canada, British) good condition. HBO		
76	1992 Scott Catalog Vol. 1 (US, UN, Canada, British) good condition, covers intact. HBO		5
77	1992 Scott Catalog Vol 2 (A-F), good condition, covers intact. HBO		5
78	1992 Scott Catalog Vol 3 (G-O), good condition covers intact. HBO		5
79	1995 Scott Catalog Vol 1 (US, UN, Canada, GB, British Commonw), good condition, covers intact, HBO		5
80	1995 Scott Catalog Vol 2 (A-C) good condition, covers intact, HBO.		5

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 VG = Very Good, perfs touch design
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 U = Used
 M = Mint
 MNH = Mint never hinged
 MLH = Mint light hinged
 MH = Mint hinged
 HH = heavy hinged
 HR = hinge remnant

Other Abbreviations Used:

FDC = First Day Cover
 OCV = Owner's Catalog Value
 1/6 = not all numbers included
 LC = light cancel
 HV = high value
 MGN = margin
 BKLT = booklet
 SE = straight edge
 PNC = plate number coil
 CVR = cover
 SM = small
 ADD = addressed
 DUPES = duplicates
 UN BKLT = unexploded booklet
 CV = latest Scott Catalog value
 HBO = held by owner

DG = disturbed gum
 HC = heavy cancel
 EST = estimated
 WTK = watermark
 DON = donation lot
 CR = crease
 LG = large
 ENV = envelope
 SEP = separated
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 1-6 = all numbers inclusive
 SON = socked on nose cancel
 CDS = circular date stamp
 NG = no gum
 BLK = block
 w/ = with
 PEN = pen/pencil notations

TH = thin
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 OVPTS = overprints
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 AVG = average
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 & = and
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 RET = retired, returned
 KG = King George
 QV = Queen Victoria
 QE = Queen Elizabeth

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81	1995 Scott Catalog Vol 3 (D-I) good condition, covers intact, HBO.		5
82	1995 Scott Catalog Vol 4 (J-Q) good condition, covers intact, HBO.		5
83	1995 Scott Catalog Vol 5 (R-Z) good condition, covers intact, HBO.		5
84	1996 Scott Catalog Vol 1B, British Commonwealth, fair condition.		
85	1997 Scott Catalog set of 6 Volumes 1A, 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, good condition.		30
86	Bulletins. 52 Post Office bulletins of New Issues, 1965-1976.		5
87	Harris Reference Catalog of Postage Stamp Prices for US, UN, Canada, 1964, 1976, 1979 excellent condition. HBO		2
88	Book. How to Collect Stamps, Coins, and Paper Money; by Erwin J. Felix, c 1954, by Popular Mechanics. HBO		2
89	Books. The Postal Service Guide to US Postage Stamps, 1979, 1982, 1986. HBO		3
90	Book. Stamp Collecting: The Complete, Easy, Guide to the World's Most Popular Hobby, c 1992, Dell Publishing, HBO		2
91	Miscellaneous: Boxed deck of playing cards, depicting Trans. Miss. "Cattle in Storm", produced by Lambert W. Gerber, of Tamaqua, PA; philatelic auctioneer, Tax stamp on box. An interesting philatelic Item.		25

George Land has retired from working on the auction after 12 years. THANK YOU, George, for all the hard work you have done over the years keeping the auction going. You will be missed.

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