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ADD VALUE TO YOUR COLLECTION AT A GOOD PRICE

by Gordon Demke

At the May auction of the CPS, I purchased at the reserve price of \$150 a one-inch binder (about 100 pages) described as containing Berlin and other Germany Back of the Book stamps. This type of purchase involves greater risk than purchase of auction lots identified by specific catalogue number, condition, catalogue value, and the seller's reserve price, but potentially offers the collector an economical option for building up a collection quickly. It took about 25 to 30 hours to remove and catalogue the contents of my purchase. The buy turned out to be a good one!



Bidders view the lots before the auction starts.

The lot contained about 1,550 stamps with minor duplication and seven souvenir sheets, with a catalogue value of \$1,680 (SCOTT's 2008). Most of stamps and value related to four areas: Berlin (West) 7 sheets and 650 stamps valued at \$845; Old German States 170 stamps valued at \$180; French Occupation Zone 23 stamps valued at \$109; and General Government of Poland 183 stamps valued at \$175. The remaining items included some Third Reich; Germany Allied Occupation; Germany Soviet Occupation; German Occupied Territories; and Danzig, Memel and Saar. The purchase included several gems which alone had a catalogue value in excess of the purchase price for the entire lot: 9N73 (\$65.00); 9N110 (\$97.50); 4N5 (\$52.50) and 4N12 (\$52.50). In addition there were six overprint items from Bavaria that had been mis-identified, each with a catalogue value of \$10.00 instead of the \$0.20 indicated.



Jim Senecal calls the auction, with Mike McPhail seated beside him doing the paperwork.

My experience will hopefully lead to more spirited bidding at auctions which in turn will result in CPS members offering more of their surplus items for sale through the monthly auctions. After all, where can you purchase good quality material at less than 10% of catalogue value?

PHILATELIC LITERATURE REVIEW

by Leanteri Polvikoski

The Sweetness At The Bottom Of The Pie by Alan Bradley (2009, hardcover) is a murder mystery novel set in post-war England. The narrator is Flavia, the youngest of three tweeny-aged daughters living in a manor house. Her father is a widower who immerses himself in his stamp collection and neglects his daughters. A dead man is found in the garden and no one knows who he is, so Flavia decides to do her best Miss Marple imitation while the constabulary sort it out. Her investigation leads back to her father's schoolboy days and the theft of a Penny Black printed in orange ink. Her father's school chums have been thought to have disappeared to the colonies, but they are back and looking for the orange Penny Black. Flavia finds not one but two of the orange stamps, and in her turn is found by the murderer. The story read well but there are constant clangers where the stamps are wrapped in handkerchiefs or carried about in pockets in only a glassine envelope. By rights, at the end of the novel the stamps should have been reduced to pulp.

FOLLOW-UP TO MAY PROGRAMME

by Sheila McManus

[Sheila McManus, from Canada Post, spoke to the CPS at the May meeting about stamp production. In the question-and-answer session afterwards, she wasn't able to answer some questions on the spot but promised to get back to us on them. Here are the responses.]

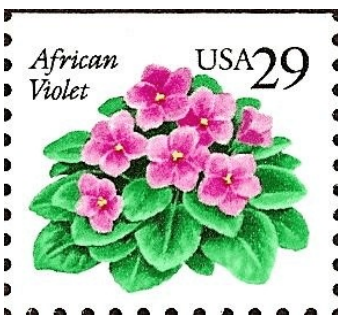
I got some answers back from Jim Phillips (Director of Stamp Services) and Elia Anioia (Manager of Stamp Development). Regarding the high value stamp, Canada Post has no plans to issue a \$20 stamp, but if you saw the recent release you will see that we are issuing a \$10 in 2010. I just could not comment on it at the time because the release had not come out yet.

Regarding the quality of the cancellation ink. Our cancellations inks are specially formatted for use in high speed operations. They have been designed to adhere to many different envelope and stamp surfaces and not be easily removed. They are light, colour fast, and quick-dry.

Regarding tracking the number of stamps that actually go into circulation, Canada Post does not track this information. Since we don't ask people what they plan to do with their stamps when they buy them we don't really have any way to know how many sales are to collectors. Many collectors don't self-identify when they do purchase stamps. Also, many other types of consumers collect stamps if they are of interest to them, such as recent Horse and Pony stamps.

Regarding including the year of release: The copyright is included in every stamp. This is done in microtype for the most part, but is often visible to the naked eye on new Permanent stamps, for example.

Regarding self-adhesive vs gummed stamps, postal services all over the world are moving away from gummed due to consumer preference.



For the woman in the front row who was asking about African Violets, you will see on the 2010 release that we are doing an African Violet stamp next year. I just could not say anything at the time because the news had not been announced.

I hope this addresses all the questions I was not able to answer at the time, but if there are any I missed please let me know and I will try to get the answer for you.

FAMILY HISTORY RETURNS HOME ON A POSTCARD

by Jon Johnson

My paternal great-grandfather left Sweden in 1892 to work on Canadian Pacific Railway track maintenance, along with two of his children. The following year his wife arrived at Hope Station, British Columbia (across the Fraser River from Hope) with three children. The last two children arrived after completing their schooling in Sweden. Their first home was half of a duplex construction workers building. In 1902, the family moved to their homestead a half-mile west of Hope Station. The lumber for the homestead house came from hotels being demolished in Yale, after the B.C. gold rush began to lose steam.



The children at Hope Station went to school in Hope. Each day they were rowed across the river in a canoe or a small punt. In 1898 there were enough children to open a school at Hope Station, with one room, seven grades, and 10 students. In 1909, when the rural school teacher hired for the year arrived on the train she asked where the town was. When told she was looking at it, she refused to get off the train. The school was left without a teacher, and due to a shortage of teachers no others were available. My great-grandfather then appointed his 22-year-old daughter Christine to be the teacher even though she only had a

Grade 8 education. With the guidance of her friend, the school teacher at Hope, Christine proved to be a good teacher. She received a commendation from the Rural School Inspector when he made his rounds. Christine continued to teach for three years before making a trip to Sweden and later getting married in Vancouver.

I had never seen my great-grandfather's handwriting as no documents were saved by the family. While visiting a fellow collector, we were discussing small B.C. towns and he showed me his postmark of Hope Station. As this is a scarce postmark, I read the postcard with interest. I looked at the signature and realized my great-grandfather Per Johnson, had written the request to Clark & Stuart Co. for a school blackboard. The "Answered" cachet on the back is from the Rural School Department of Clark & Stuart. Upon showing the postcard to my mother, I learned for the first time that her mother was employed at Clark & Stuart at this time. With some diligent planning and a trade, this postcard has returned to the family.

CANADA POST CARD

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



Clark & Stuart Co.
Book Store
Vancouver,
B.C.

Postal card dated 1911 from Hope Station, British Columbia

Hope Station, B.C.,
Jan. 24, 1911.

Clark & Stuart Co.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen,-

Will you kindly let me know by
return of mail, if you sell School
Black-boards, and their prices? If
you should not have them would you
please let me know where they can be
secured. And oblige. yours truly, P. Johnson

Message signed by Per Johnson, the author's great-grandfather.

CURRENT POSTMARKS OF CALGARY: PART 11

by Dale Speirs

Rectangular To Round.

RePOs using rectangular postmarks, which require a separate ink pad, are gradually switching to the self-inking round cancellers, much preferred by posties.



Albert Park: 17 Avenue SE and
30 Street, Shoppers Drug Mart



Lake Bonavista: Bonavista Shopping
Plaza, Lake Bonavista Drive SE,
Bonavista Cleaners



Haysboro: Macleod Trail SW and Southland
Drive, Southland Crossing Cigar and Dry
Cleaning



Bridlewood: 162 Avenue SW and
24 Street, 7-Eleven



Cougar Ridge: Cougar Ridge Drive SW
Mac's Convenience Store

Note the manuscript date: the clerk was poorly trained and set the canceller wrong. This postmark is off the receipt for a surface small packet I was mailing to the USA. The clerk didn't know what a CN22 customs form was (which is required for packets out

of the country) and was going to send the parcel as ordinary mail. I had to argue with him and get him to phone his boss before he put the proper label on the package. One can never assume that a RePO clerk knows the correct procedure.

Closures.

Midnapore: Midlake Blvd SE, the 7-Eleven closed completely, not just the RePO. I drove around Midnapore but couldn't spot any new RePO.



CAPE SCHEDULE FOR 2009/2010

The Calgary Association of Philatelic Exhibitors is a support group for stamp collectors who are serious about exhibiting. Members range from international-gold winners to beginners just starting out. CAPE meets fourth Wednesdays; for details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698. Their schedule for the next season is as below.

2009

September 23	Getting started with exhibiting. - time and concentration -telling a story - tentative title and plan - where to get more information - just do it!	Norma Nielson
October 16	CALTAPEX seminar Walkthrough at the frames	Walter Herdzig Tim Bartsche
October 28	Types of material to collect - what you own and what you want - where to get material - networking - arranging material	Janice Brookes
November 25	Classes for exhibiting, philatelic elements	Donna Trathen

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January 27	Organization - telling a story - chapters, headings, subheadings	Dave Russum
February 24	Presentation - paper types - mats and mounts - layout by frame - computer tips (fonts, etcetera)	Pat Prevey
March 24	Using a computer for design and layout	Dave Bartlet

April 28	Finalizing the title page and plan page	Jon Johnson
May 26	Entering a show - competitive or not? - entry form and fees - the synopsis - judges' critique - shipping and delivery	Jim Taylor

REPORT FROM NTSS IN DAYTON

Congratulations to the CPS members who entered exhibits in the National Topical Stamp Show at Dayton, Ohio.

Janice Brookes entered her six-frame "Of Man and Giant Panda" for a silver.

Norma Nielson's "The Story of Lloyd's: From Coffee to Commerce" received vermeil and the AAPE Creativity Award.

Pat Prevey's "Celebrating Christmas Philatelically" received a silver.

Donna Trathen's "Lipizzan Horses of the Spanish Riding School" received a silver.

DUES ARE DUE!

The 2009/2010 season dues are now due. To help avoid the traffic jam at the September meeting, mail your \$15 renewal in advance this summer to Isobel Attrell, the Membership Chairwoman, at the club address: CPS, Box 1478, Calgary, T2P 2L6. (Please do not mail them to the Editor's address at Box 6830 as he then has to forward it, causing delay.)

IN MEMORIAM: Rosemary Nickle

Rosemary Nickle died in Calgary on June 3, 2009, just short of her 88th birthday. She was the widow of Sam (died 1994) who had been actively involved in the CPS and the Calgary Regional Group of BNAPS. Rosemary was not involved much with the CPS but did exhibit her Quebec collection at local shows. She was, however, involved in various behind-the-scenes activities with Calgary BNAPS events, particularly the BNAPEX shows in this city. Many monthly meetings of the BNAPS group were held at the Nickle residence, and she is remembered as a gracious hostess. In addition to Sam, Rosemary was also predeceased by her daughter, and is survived by five grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CALTAPEX

2009

October 16 to 18, 2009

Kerby Centre, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW
ground floor, gymnasium

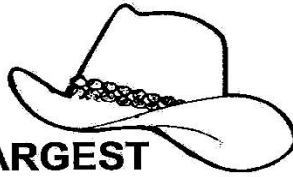
Friday	13h00 to 18h00
Saturday	10h00 to 17h00
Sunday	10h00 to 16h00

Lecture	Friday evening, by Chief Judge
Banquet	Saturday evening

Limited-edition show cover and personalized stamp celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Grey Cup in 2009 and Calgary's hosting of the game this year.

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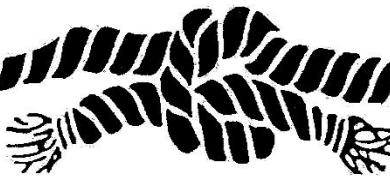
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NOTE TO INTERNET VIEWERS: Unless stated otherwise, telephone numbers are area code 403. Alberta is on Mountain Time. Any advertiser can be reached through the CPS e-mail at calphilso@shaw.ca, but please allow time for forwarding to offline members.

FOR SALE: Used Australian stamps. I have tens of thousands of them. 100 different only \$2, 200 different \$4, and I will pay the postage. Contact Jim at 485-6622 or jheath01@telus.net

WANTED: Russia used stamps prior to 1960 for exchange or ????. Phone John at 252-5230.

FOR SALE: Major collections of Australia, BNA, New Zealand, Britain, Scandinavia, Commonwealth, USA, and 5 or 6 other countries, at liquidation prices while they last. Call Joe at 277-7006.

FOR SALE: British colonies KGV to QEII, New Zealand and Australia, very reasonable. All mint, LH or NH. Phone Felix at 464-3252.

FOR SALE: USA mint stamp collection 1973-1994 Face value \$432.57; virtually complete. \$400.00 or best offer. Call Doug at 547-3838.

FOR SALE: Used stamps of Australia and New Zealand. Also have Canada mint both singles and plate blocks. Call Craig Allison at 281-3852.

WANTED: Any covers, wrappers, or postcards from Great Britain sent after May 31, 1951, bearing 1d postage. Excellent prices paid for good items. Contact Dave at 284-4775.

FOR SALE: Canadian annual collections from 1980 to 2001. Call Al at 282-1031.

WANTED: Used Machin stamps with selvage attached. Cash or trade. Call Georg at 547-0409.

FOR SALE: Selling estate of Philatelics Etc. Bring your want list to Sunday bourse or phone Bill at 337-3260.

WANTED: Used Greece 2003 and 2004 Olympic related stamps and covers (other than FDCs), CTO and special cancels considered. Cash or Canadian coils in trade. Phone Gordon at 249-1094.

WANTED: USA stamps, MNH, VF. Singles, sets, and sheets between 1980 and 2004. Paying face value plus exchange rate and GST. Call Bob at 257-1942 or email bob.dahl@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Stamps of Australia, fine used. Up-to-date issues of the last couple of years, stamps and miniature sheets, good selection. Also have stamps and covers of Norfolk Island. Call Michael Teekens at 286-7927

WANTED: Collector of stamps, books, and history. Special interest in submarine material. Contact Wayne at 295-3275 or kingwi@shaw.ca

FOR SALE: Canadian plate blocks and mint stamps at face value. Call Henning at 271-2596.

WANTED: Canadian military covers and postcards with hospital ships (white with red crosses). Contact Jon Johnson at 253-8411 or jejpferfins@hotmail.com

WANTED: Tanna Tuva, especially covers. I used to have a few and now starting over. Phone Keith at (780)437-1787 (Edmonton)

WANTED: Stamp show catalogues, Canadian and international shows. The older the better. Please contact Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@shaw.ca

WANTED: Owl stamps worldwide. Cash or trade. Call Pat at 238-3435.

TRADE: Need automotive work done on your car? Let's trade my labour for your stamps that I need. I am a licenced mechanic with 20+ years experience. Phone Doug Kollar at 547-3838.

WANTED: Advanced collector of World Wildlife Fund (anything with the panda logo) stamps, postally-used covers, FDCs, postcards, maximum cards, even cookie cans. Top dollar paid! Phone Jan at 251-1769.

WANTED: Private collector pays cash for larger stamp collections. Phone Willi at 239-2273.

FOR SALE: Ukrainian and Russian stamps new and used. Also Ukrainian FDCs and special cancels from 1991 to date. Call Andy at 236-2037.

WANTED: Stamps and covers from China to 1949, People's Republic of China, and Taiwan. Special interest in overprints and bulk lots. Prefer postally used. Call Penny at 686-2662 or pkborrowman@yahoo.ca.

WANTED: Calgary Stampede philatelic memorabilia. I collect all phases of this fascinating field. You may have just the cover or cancel I need. Cash or generous exchange. Call Ed at 274-0021 or harrise@shaw.ca

WANTED: Canadian stamps, mint or very fine used. Call Arnie at 279-5957.

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MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

2009

September	2	General meeting
	2	deadline for October bulletin
	16	Auction
October	7	General meeting
	16 to 18	CALTAPEX 2009
	21	Auction
November	4	General meeting
	4	deadline for December bulletin
	18	Auction
December	2	Christmas social

MEETINGS and AUCTIONS are at the Kerby Centre, 2nd floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW, at 19h30. Auction lots should be in before 19h30 to allow bidder viewing

CALTAPEX is at the Kerby Centre, ground floor, 1133 - 7 Avenue SW. Details from Jan Brookes at 251-1769.

SUNDAY BOURSE is at Palliser Community Centre, 2323 Palliser Drive SW, first Sundays from 10h00 to 16h00. Details and table rentals from Bill Szaroz at 337-3260.

CALGARY REGIONAL GROUP OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY meets second Wednesdays. For details about meeting places and times, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.

CALGARY ASSOCIATION OF PHILATELIC EXHIBITORS meets fourth Wednesdays. For details, contact Jim Taylor at 238-3698.