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In this issue: Janice Brookes discusses stamps honouring the World Wildlife Fund, which has become a topical in its own right.

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ANNEXED POST OFFICES OF CALGARY:

ALBERT PARK AND FOREST LAWN

by Dale Speirs

Introduction.

Of the plethora of subdivisions on the eastern flatlands of Calgary that were plotted out by real estate speculators just before World War One, only a few ever left the drawing board. The main problem was lack of transportation since roads in those days were muddy wagon ruts, not good gravel, and paving didn't exist even in the city. A proposed Inter-Urban Railway (streetcars) to connect the eastern flatlands with the city never happened. Two subdivisions did manage to survive, those of Forest Lawn and Albert Park, both of which also happened to be the closest to Calgary and within reasonable walking distance. Forest Lawn is roughly the area four blocks deep on both sides of 17 Avenue SE between 48 Street and 28 Street. Albert Park is on the west end of Forest Lawn, on the escarpment overlooking the irrigation canal and Deerfoot Trail. Its boundaries are 17 Avenue SE to Memorial Drive, from 28 Street westward to the escarpment.

Albert Park was named after Albert Smythe, a real estate speculator who plotted out the community in the first decade of the 1900s. Once he had sold enough lots, he skipped town with the money and development came to a halt until after the Great Depression. Forest Lawn was named after the famous Hollywood cemetery, the name being relatively fresh and prestigious back then. The developers disappeared without building the promised streetcar line and it stagnated for decades. In 1934, the provincial government incorporated Albert Park, Forest Lawn, and Hubalta as three separate villages, but no one would stand for office when the first election was called. The province then merged all three into the single village of Forest Lawn, and an election was successfully held in 1935. Forest Lawn became a town in 1953 and in 1961 was annexed by Calgary [1].

Albert Park.



Figure 1: Proof strike

The Albert Park post office opened in a general store on 1913-12-01 with George Palmer as the first postmaster. He stayed two decades, until 1937-06-29. Mrs. Grace Armstrong Evans then took over for a decade until 1946-10-23. In the next two years, three postmasters came and went, so Mrs. Evans resumed her duties from 1948-06-30 to 1950-01-05. John Monish then took over until 1953-09-22, followed by Barbara Rose Marte until 1957-03-21. The final postmaster was Isabelle Irene Marte until the post office closed on 1959-09-30.

Subsequently a Shoppers Drug Mart retail outlet opened on the southern boundary at 3012 - 17 Avenue SE on 1992-11-26 and is still in business today.



Figure 2: Albert Park postal outlet at left and its postmark above.

Forest Lawn.



The Forest Lawn post office opened in a general store on 1913-04-01 with Wilfrid Marsden as postmaster until 1919-04-30. W.H. Rourke took over until 1925-06-02. His brother-in-law George Henry (Harry) Dalton and sister Bertha then bought the store from him, and Harry was postmaster until his death on 1934-10-15. His widow Bertha succeeded him and stayed until 1941-07-08.

Figure 3: Proof strike

Bertha nearly lost her job in 1936 when an audit revealed the accounts were short \$86.36, which was big money in the depths of the Great Depression. She was allowed to stay on with a caution after making good the deficiency [2]. Stanley Davies bought the store from her and stayed until 1954-09-25, at which time the Calgary post office took over in a new building with John Henry Hooper as acting postmaster [3].

On 1959-10-01, the Forest Lawn post office became Calgary Sub #50. It was renamed Station J in 1975 and shut down in 1992 when Canada Post privatised its outlets. The Albert Park retail outlet at Shoppers, next door to Station J in the same shopping plaza, took over and still is the only postal outlet in the area. This is ironic since Forest Lawn was always the bigger and more dominant community, yet is now postally part of its smaller neighbour.

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Figure 4: Station J postmark in Albert Park.

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CANADIAN STAMPS OF REMEMBRANCE: PART 3

by Gordon Demke

Tribute is paid to Canada's war dead, veterans and Armed Forces personnel through postage stamps. "Stamps of Remembrance" are another reminder of the sacrifice by fellow-Canadians so that we may enjoy freedom and peace. The following are Canadian stamps which I have identified as having "Remembrance" as their theme. All of the quotes are from the Canadian Postal Archives Database (historical notices) for the particular stamp or stamp series.



and joined the Allied Forces. These stamps focus on how people were affected by the declaration of war and present realistic scenes which evoke memories of the experience of ordinary Canadians during that time period."



9 Nov. 1990. Home Front (Sc 1298), Communal War Efforts (Sc 1299), Food Production (Sc 1300) & Science and War (Sc 1301), from the series The Second World War, 1940, Canada Mobilizes Its Resources.



The many communal activities, organizations and programs that were created boosted morale and provided assistance to troops, prisoners of war and their families. Canada's important contribution in food production helped feed the Allied nations. And through research, inventions and innovations, Canadian scientists and medical

doctors made significant technological developments, which helped win the war. . . . The stamps depict realistic scenes, focusing on the effects of war on people."



[to be continued]

FIFTY YEARS OF WORLD WILDLIFE FUND PHILATELY

by Janice Brookes

The World Wildlife Fund came into existence on September 19, 1961. The first use of the WWF's famous panda logo in philately was on October 1, 1962, when the Swiss began using it in a slogan cancel (Figure 1). These were used throughout the 1960s.



Figure 1

The first stamp with a WWF logo was issued on October 11, 1969, by France. It pictured the mouflon (Figure 2). The first conservation project of the WWF was to rescue the Mediterranean mouflon from Cyprus, moving a herd to Reserve Bavelia National Park in France.



Figure 2

The WWF International eventually put new rules in place for issuing stamps with their logo. Such stamps had to be low face value sets of four, depicting endangered species from that country only. There have been lots of sets issued with the first four stamps with the logo and numerous other items in the set with no logo.

On June 29, 1971, the Netherlands issued a stamp set for Prince Bernhardt's 60th birthday. The set included a WWF single, as he was International President of the WWF at the time. Great Britain put a WWF ad on different stamp booklets in late 1971 (Figure 3).

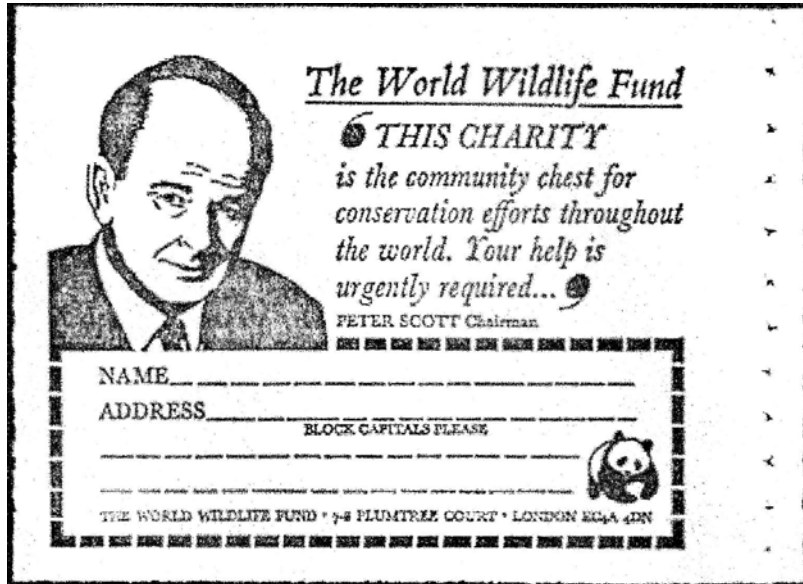


Figure 3



Figure 4

In 1977, the first omnibus issue was done with Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda by the House of Questa printers (front cover). It was the only omnibus issue until 2011. There was a set of five sheet stock stamps for each country as well as a souvenir sheet. Questa later began printing the WWF logo inside a circle (Figure 4).

The WWF stamps were contracted out to the American firm Franklin Mint prior to 1983, after which Groth A.G. got the contract. The issues from 1976 to 1983 are called “forerunners”.

In 1986 the WWF changed its name everywhere but Canada and the USA to WWF For Nature for its 25th anniversary.

Its logo also changed a number of times in the 1980s, with the addition of trademark and copyright circles and variations in the initials of WWF.

The 1990s have hundreds of colourful, well-illustrated WWF stamps. The decade started out with the issue from Guyana of the Harpy Eagle. Many coloured logos appeared in the 1990s. The most expensive and rare set is thirteen Burundi stamps on endangered African animals, with a silver logo. The set is considered an unauthorized usage, without WWF International permission or by the national office of a country. France and Russia have done this as well.

In the middle of the 2000s, the WWF again changed their mandate to include habitat protection. The logo again changed, to WWF For A Living Planet. Over a billion stamps have been printed from 270 countries with 455 issues. Over 30 million Swiss francs have been paid as royalties to the WWF.

Britain issued a set of WWF stamps in 2011 to mark the organization's 50th anniversary. A single from that set is shown in Figure 6.



Figure 5



Figure 6

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As per usual, the December meeting was our Christmas party, at which various awards are also presented. Firstly, many thanks to those who brought food and drink. Peter Fleck put a lot of work into the quiz and mixer part of the programme, which went off very well indeed. Duncan Murray was our man with the camera.

Among the awards presented by the Life Members Committee were the Dr. E.G. Mason Award for long service behind the scenes. This was presented to Donna Trathen, who in addition to her official duties as Secretary, has helped out unofficially in countless ways, particularly on the Show Committee. Congratulations, Donna!

The Founders Award, given for service to the club in the most recent season (2010/2011) went to Doug Kollar for his work as auctioneer. He handles the auction at the general meeting, the regular third-Wednesday auction, and the special auctions at our shows. Thank you, Doug!

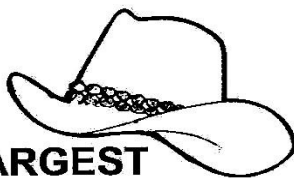
Gordon Hill received an Honourary Life Membership for his many years of past service to the CPS, stretching back to the 1950s. Gordon was Secretary-Treasurer from 1953 to 1955, Vice-President for the 1955/56 season, President for 1956/57, Director for 1964/65, and Treasurer from 1965 to 1967. Thereafter he frequently worked behind the scenes in many capacities, and was also actively involved with the Calgary Regional Group of the British North America Philatelic Society. Well done, Gordon!

The Editor of this bulletin presented the Author of the Year award for 2011, for best article or group of articles. There was no doubt that it would go to Gordon Demke, who thus became the first person to win this award twice. Congratulations, Gordon!

90 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG

The CPS was founded by Dr. Edward George Mason, and its first meeting held on April 22, 1922. That means this year is the 90th anniversary of our club. The April 2012 general meeting will, in addition to the regular programme, include a birthday party. Cake will be served. Please memorize the following song for the event.

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	15	Auction
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	21	Auction
April	4	General meeting
	18	Auction
	22	90 th anniversary of the CPS
May	2	General meeting
	2	Deadline for June bulletin
	16	Auction
June	6	Election meeting
	20	Auction
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