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The Club meets the
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Don't Judge a Cover by Its Size

Tiny Covers Contain Big Stories and Test the Boundaries of Postal Regs

by *David M. Frye, Editor*

One of the techniques I use when photographing is to look for an unusual or distinctive perspective. It's almost like I tilt my head and squint my eyes to give myself the opportunity to see the mundane in a new and fresh way. About a year or so ago, I had the same experience when I was looking through my collection of postal covers.

While my organization does not fully satisfy me, I've found that, for the most part, filing covers in issue order governed by the predominant stamp makes sense. But then one time I was struck by the variations in size of the covers. Most were the standard 6 3/4, with some #10 business envelopes, but a scattering

stood out for their small size.

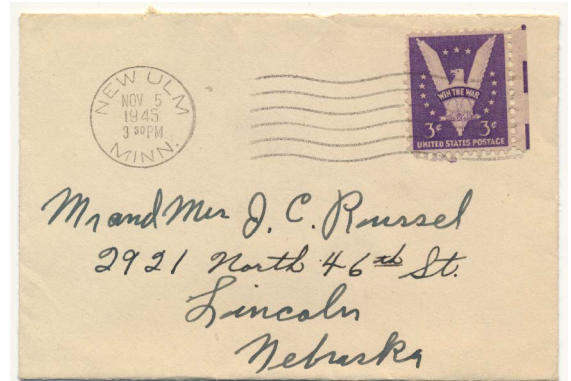
I began to look for small covers when I was digging through dealer boxes at shows. I've accumulated a nice pile of these tiny covers and discovered they have some intriguing



Birth Announcement: The card uses the telephone motif to frame the sharing of the news, perhaps indicating both a personal touch and immediacy in communications.

stories to tell *and* serve as probes testing the boundary conditions of postal regulations.

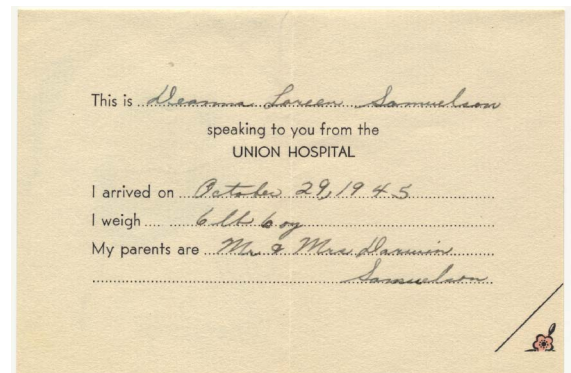
What will I do with them? I have in the back of my mind to create an exhibit, but I've realized one of the challenges is the number



New Ulm to Lincoln: A three-year-old, 3¢ Win the War Issue paid the first-class surface rate for a sealed letter. The different color and weight of the pen strokes for the street address indicate the sender probably consulted an address book after writing the recipients' other information on the envelope.

of pieces I'd need to fill one frame. In most instances, three covers would fit on each page, meaning an exhibit would require 50 percent more items than an exhibit showing "normal" covers! Organizing raises some questions too. Should they be presented in order of the stamps' issuances, of their use, of decreasing surface area, of closest approach to the minimum permissible size for the periods of various regulations, or in categories by type of mail? So many questions for such small covers.

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Precocious Child: Only six days old, Deanna "uses the telephone" to announce her birth.

Western

Postal History

Bill Johnson will present a program, "Western Postal History," at the May 8 meeting of the Omaha Philatelic Society (OPS). The society's members have extended a special invitation to the members of the Lincoln Stamp Club to gather with them for this special event.

A member of OPS, Bill Johnson has won numerous APS gold medals for his exhibits. He resides in Kansas. He served on the panel of judges for LINPEX 2014 and has exhibited at LINPEX.

The OPS meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at Pacific Hills Lutheran Church
90th and Pacific Streets
(SW corner)
Omaha, Nebraska.

■ **Web:** www.omahaphilatelicsociety.com

Fremont Stamp Auction

Amber Wesely shared a note about a big stamp auction set for Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m., 5151 Nebraska Road, Fremont. According to the online description, the Heming Estate Stamp Collection auction features "mostly U.S. and Canada but includes many countries. A stamp collector's dream auction. This auction is a stamp collector's and history lover's dream auction."

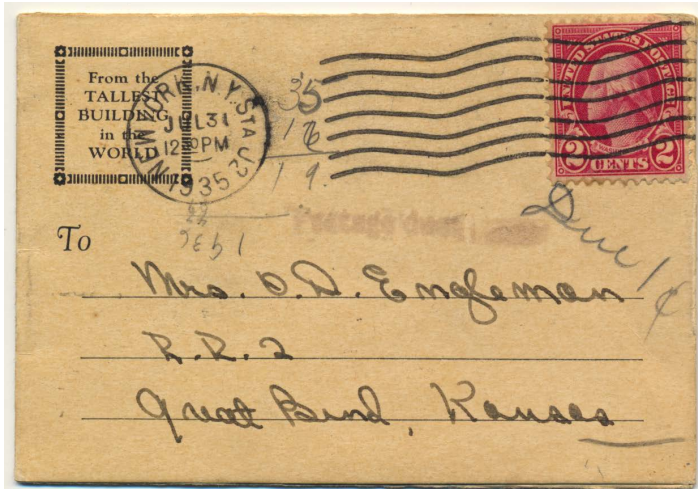
■ **Web:** www.facne.net

May 2015 Exchange

The Club offers the following items at its monthly exchange. Make payments in cash or in personal checks made out to the Club. Items in black are donations to the Lincoln Stamp Club. Proceeds from the sale of donations benefit the Club's general work. The lots listed in color are not donations; they are a member's lots.

Lot #	Description	Catalogue	Minimum	Final	Buyer
01	Australia MNH	\$2.40	\$1.00	_____	_____
02	Australia Sc. 832-838 U	\$0.95	\$0.50	_____	_____
03	Australia Sc. 992a-992e U	\$0.65	\$0.25	_____	_____
04	Belize Sc. 1984-1987 MNH	\$0.30	\$0.15	_____	_____
05	Belize Sc. 345-350 M	\$0.25	\$0.20	_____	_____
06	Bhutan Sc. 21, 24 CTO	\$0.75	\$0.35	_____	_____
07	Bhutan Sc. 244 M	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
08	Bulgaria Sc. 41004-1009 CTO	\$0.65	\$0.30	_____	_____
09	Bulgaria Sc. 2172-2174 CTO	\$0.20	\$0.10	_____	_____
10	Ceylon Sc. 469 U	\$0.15	\$0.05	_____	_____
11	Ecuador Sc. 638-641 U	\$0.90	\$0.40	_____	_____
12	Finland Sc. 218	\$10.50	\$4.00	_____	_____
13	G.B.-Guernsey Sc. 135-136 U	\$0.50	\$0.20	_____	_____
14	Great Britain Sc. 1360-1361 U	\$1.00	\$0.25	_____	_____
15	Germany (DDR) Sc. 1032-1036 CTO	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
16	Germany (DDR) Sc. 2254-2258 CTO	\$0.25	\$0.10	_____	_____
17	Mexico Sc. 820 MNH	\$24.00	\$7.50	_____	_____
18	Mexico Sc. 820 FD Issue	\$24.00	\$6.50	_____	_____
19	San Marino Sc. 865-866 M	\$0.70	\$0.20	_____	_____
20	San Marino Sc. 883-884, 905 MNH	\$1.75	\$0.75	_____	_____
21	San Marino Sc. 877-881 MNH	\$2.75	\$0.90	_____	_____
22	San Marino Sc. 919-921 MNH	\$0.95	\$0.35	_____	_____
23	San Marino Sc. 941-943 MNH	\$0.75	\$0.25	_____	_____
24	San Marino Sc. 1041-1044 MNH	\$1.69	\$0.40	_____	_____
25	San Marino Sc. 1054-1055 MNH	\$2.00	\$0.90	_____	_____
26	San Marino Sc. 1030 MNH	\$5.00	\$2.00	_____	_____
27	San Marino Sc. 1045-1046 MNH	\$2.50	\$1.00	_____	_____
28	U.S. Sc. RW33 U	\$11.50	\$3.00	_____	_____
29	U.S. Sc. RW34 U	\$11.50	\$3.00	_____	_____
30	U.S. Sc. RW36 U	\$11.50	\$3.00	_____	_____
31	U.S. Sc. RW37 U	\$11.50	\$3.00	_____	_____
32	U.S. Sc. ? MNH	\$9.50	\$4.00	_____	_____
33	U.S. Sc. ? MNH	\$9.50	\$4.00	_____	_____
34	U.S. Sc. ? MNH	\$9.50	\$4.00	_____	_____
35	U.S. Sc. 3105 MNH	\$6.40	\$5.00	_____	_____
36	U.S. Sc. 3041-3045 MNH	\$6.40	\$5.00	_____	_____
37	U.S. Sc. 3222-3225 MNH	\$6.40	\$5.00	_____	_____
38	U.S. Sc. 4946-4949 I (on cover)	\$1.30	\$1.00	_____	_____
39	U.S. Sc. 4946-4949 I MNH	\$16.00	\$4.00	_____	_____
40	U.S. Sc. spciss14 [1] MNH	\$9.95	\$2.00	_____	_____
41	U.S. Sc. 3100-3103 MNH	\$6.40	\$5.00	_____	_____
42	U.S. Sc. 3096-3099 MNH	\$6.40	\$5.00	_____	_____
43	U.S. Sc. 3063 MNH	\$6.40	\$5.00	_____	_____
44	U.S. Sc. 4138 MNH	\$8.00	\$5.00	_____	_____
45	U.S. Sc. 3069 MNH	\$4.80	\$5.00	_____	_____
46	U.S. Sc. 1909 MNH	\$32.95	\$4.00	_____	_____
47	U.S. Stock Book	\$—	\$2.50	_____	_____

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New York to Great Bend: a 2c George Washington stamp from the Fourth Bureau Issue paid only two-thirds of the first-class rate for a letter sent by surface mail. A blurry "Postage due ..." hand-stamp and a handwritten "Due 1c" note document the underpayment. At the time this item was mailed, the Empire State Building (below) was the "TALLEST BUILDING in the WORLD."

In the meantime, I'm finding joy in the search for additional items, in figuring out how to organize them, and in tracking down information about the regulations governing the mailing of small items.

While the particular collection I'm amassing is distinctive, I've discovered that the topic has garnered attention from others. This helps with research. So far I have two items in my clipping file—one thanks to my subscription to *Linn's Stamp News* and the other thanks to George Wagner, who not only keeps his eye out for small covers for me, but who also gave me an article from his files.



- "A survey of tiny covers," Louise B. Toft, *Scott Stamp Monthly*, April 2007, pp. 34–41.
 - "Modern U.S. Mail: Miniature U.S. domestic mail led to substantial postal rules," Tony Wawrukiewicz, www.linns.com/news/us-stamps/1116/Modern-US-Mail-Miniature-US-domestic-mail-led-to-substantial-postal-rules-, December 23, 2014.
- The Wawrukiewicz article notes that before 1963, the U.S. Post Office Department had no stipulated minimum size for first-class letters, although post cards had a minimum size of 2.75" x 4", which was recommended for letters. By this standard, the birth announcement (2.875" x 4.25") is just a bit above the minimum and the Empire State Building souvenir (2.75" x 4") is right at the minimum.
- The search continues for smaller items!

Update

Holocaust Stamps Project: Thank You

The February issue of *The Souvenir Sheet* profiled the efforts of students in the Foxborough (Mass.) Regional Charter School to gather eleven million stamps to represent each of the victims of the Holocaust. Curtis Peacock, a member of the Lincoln Stamp Club, made a donation of stamps. He received a thank-you post card with the following note:

We were thrilled to receive the Club's 3387 stamps, helping the total surpass 5 million on 2-13-15 ... plus we have added NE to our map as the 32nd participating state!

Thanks, Curtis, for making that donation!

- **Holocaust Stamps Project:** www.foxboroughrcs.org/students-families/frcs-holocaust-stamp-project/



Regional Stamp Shows: Coming Soon

West Omaha Stamp Show

Saturday–Sunday, June 27–28, 2015

Saturday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Comfort Inn & Suites

7007 Grover St.

Omaha, Nebraska

Omaha Stamp Show

Saturday–Sunday, September 12-13, 2015

Topics: Business, Show & Tell, and "Art on Stamps"

The Club meets at a central Lincoln location from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays each month:

St. Paul United Methodist Church
1144 M St., Lincoln, Neb.

Go south on 11th Street, then turn left into the church's parking garage between N and M Streets. Take the elevator to the *main* floor. Street parking is available too.

~Show and Tell~

We encourage members of the Club to bring items from their collections to the second meeting of the month to show to members. You can bring an unusual or distinctive item, an item with a story, an item that needs further identification, or anything that captures your eye and interest. This is a great way to share with fellow members some of your collection's high points!

- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thursday, May 7.
- **Show and Tell and Program:** Thursday, May 21: "Changing a Series' Name: Art on U.S. Stamps, 1961-1971," by David M. Frye.
- **Business Meeting and Exchange:** Thursday, June 4.
- **Upcoming Meetings:** June 18, July 2 & 16, and Aug. 6.

NEEDED

Items for Monthly Exchanges

If you would like to include items in the monthly exchanges, give your descriptions and prices to **Jim Camp, Exchange Coordinator, by May 15 for the June 4 Exchange.**

Give him info about more significant items, which might require members to research ahead of time, by **May 15 for the July 2 Exchange.**

Forms for your items are available online:

- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/SmallExchangeSheets.pdf
- www.lincolnstampclub.org/downloads/ExchangeForm4up.pdf.

USPS Issues: May–August 2015

May 9—*Special Olympics World Games*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Irvine, Calif.

May 18—*Forget-Me-Not Missing Children*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); 1 forever (49¢) No. 10 envelope; Anaheim, Calif.

May 25—*Medal of Honor: Vietnam War*: 3 forever (49¢) com.; prestige folio (24); Washington, D.C.

June 26—*Ruddy Ducks*: 2 \$25 federal migratory waterfowl hunting and conservation stamps; U.S. Dept. Interior; pane (20) and

SA pane (1); Memphis, Tenn.

July ??—*Summer Harvest*: 4 forever (49¢) com.; 2-sided pane (20); Location TBA.

August 4—*U.S. Coast Guard*: 1 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Washington, D.C.

August 20—*2016 World Stamp Show*: 2 forever (49¢) com.; pane (20); Grand Rapids, Mich.

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