

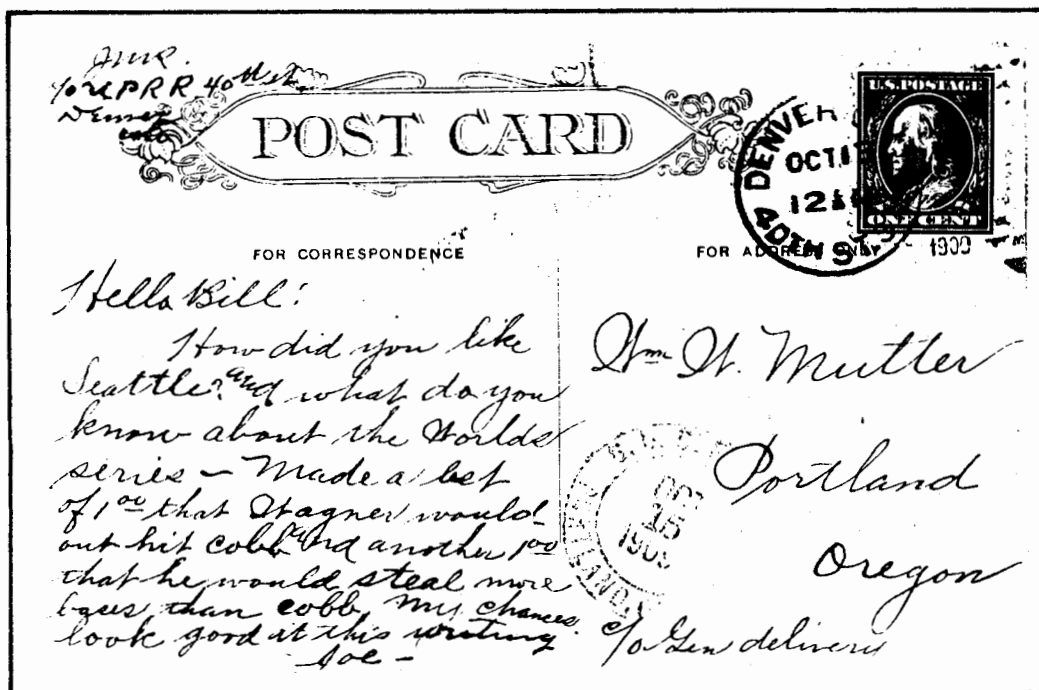
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Message on postcard from Don Smith's collection alludes to 1909 World Series and mentions Honus Wagner and Ty Cobb.

Collecting Picture Postcards - By Don Smith

We all enjoy collecting philatelic material but few of us appear to be interested in either Government Postal Cards or privately printed picture Postcards.

There are four time periods for the picture card: **Pioneer** - published before July 1898; **Early Century** - 1898-1918, which was the first "Golden Age" of postcards; **Mid-Century** - 1919-1969; and finally **Late Century** - 1970 to date, which is the second "Golden Age."

Old postcards, in particular, can be treasured pieces of evidence of our travel and leisure activities - just like stamps - only more so. Postcards display not only a stamp but can have an unusual postmark or handwriting, captivating messages, irregularities, humorous scenes or characters, disasters, etc.

A postcard collector, known as a deltiologist, may concentrate on just

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In The **POSTROAD** Ahead

Jan. 13 - "Stamp Collecting And Amateur Radio" - Gene Densmore

Feb. 10 - "How to Get Kids Started Collecting" - Greg Phifer

Mar. 10 - "Stamp Collecting and Sweepstakes" - Bruce McDonald

Meetings at 7:30 pm in Senior Center
Corner N. Monroe and 7th Avenue

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one or two categories (such as hometown scenes, Blacks, trains, etc.) or a broad selection of topics (states, cities, foreign countries) and so on.

Many a potentially valuable postcard has been made worthless by someone tearing or cutting the stamp off. Some collectors have discovered cards with messages signed by famous people or the writer mentioning seeing them perform or meeting them in person.

Also, someone might write saying: "We took old Sam and our buggy to

market yesterday." Cards that say "Selected Clientele" or "Gentiles Only" are collectible, too. As with Black cards, they appeared from the 1950s on back. Even "Heil Hitler!" was signed by a German on a 1940 card I found.

Many antique stores have picture postcards for sale but they are usually overpriced. The best and wisest selections are obtained through postcard dealers and trade publications. Dealers concentrate on shows generally held at hotels in heavily populated tourist areas.

Here Are Some Combinations For Identifying Stamps

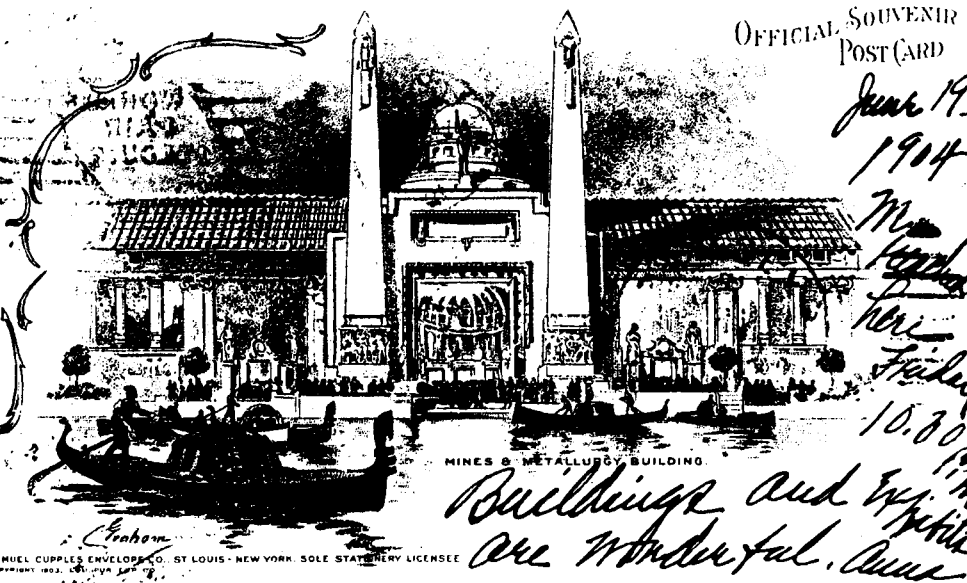
By David Wike

Here are some combinations of individual characteristics which can be used when identifying philatelic postage stamps:

1. Denomination
2. Perforations *
3. Color(s) of print design and variations
4. Grills
5. Design characteristics and variations
6. Watermarks
7. Type (print) style
8. Printing process used
9. Year of issue
10. Paper
11. Cancellations *
12. Gum (adhesives) **
13. Known errors
14. Luminescence
15. Types of issues
16. Inks
17. Surcharges *
18. Overprints *

* More than 80 per cent of fakes or alterations on the market today fall in these areas.

** Most common alteration on the backs of stamps is regumming.



Official Souvenir "Post Card" features drawing of Mines and Metallurgy Building at the World's Fair held in St. Louis, Missouri, in June 1904.

Welcome Back . . .

We welcome Louis Holzworth back to the Club. Louis returned to the fold in October. Good to see you again, Lou!

GIVE STAMPS TO KIDS!

Exchange Christmas Gifts at Meeting

It's traditional to bring a stamp-related gift to exchange at the Christmas Club meeting scheduled for December 9th. Keep the value under \$5.

BUYER BEWARE!

Stamp fraud has many possibilities, such as: closed tears, faked expertising certificates, faked (counterfeit) stamps, faked watermarks, filled in spots, regumming, removed cancels, repaired perfs, reperms, faked imperfs, modifying color(s), margins added and faked overprints or surcharges. So, remember, **Buyer Beware!**

Nominees for Club Officers for 1998

The TS&CC Nominating Committee has nominated the following members as its slate of officers for 1998: President, **Ed Walters**; Vice President, **Jules Gall**; Treasurer, **Lynwood McCauley**; Secretary, **Gwynn Peacock**; Editor, **Larry Benson** (see story below.)

Elections will be held during the December Club meeting. Officers are elected by a simple majority vote cast in secret ballot although voting by secret ballot can be waived by a majority vote of those at the meeting.

Club Constitutional Amendment Makes Editor An Officer

The TS&CC Constitution was amended at the November club meeting raising the number of officers from four to five by adding the Editor. Also, an exception was approved allowing the Editor to serve more than two consecutive terms in office.

The amendments were prompted by a newly adopted policy of the American Philatelic Society (APS) stating that affiliate representatives to the APS also have to be officers of the club. TS&CC is APS affiliate number 1414. Almost since the club was formed in March 1988, Larry Benson has served as representative to the APS. He has also been editor since the first issue of the newsletter was published in July 1991.

Merry Christmas

To All Members and Their Families

Club Changes Meeting Room

The TS&CC will be meeting in the former "dance room" at the Senior Citizen Center on a temporary "trial" basis. The room is located on the ground floor just to the right immediately inside the "south" entrance of the Center which faces 7th Avenue.

Stamp Crossword

By Rene Manes

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Clues

Across

- Once French Indian Ocean Islands
- The Devil
- Britannia's spear on Barbados stamp
- What world collector does

Down

- Mid-European state
- Portuguese islands
- Oakland behemoths
- A Leeward Island

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Do You Collect Or Simply Accumulate?

There is a difference between persons who "collect" stamps and those who merely "accumulate" a hodgepodge of random material. Which are you?

An accumulator simply clips stamps from the daily mail at home or in the office and buys sheets, sheetlets, blocks and singles issued by the post office. The accumulator has no long range collecting plans, he purchases philatelic material on impulse and stashes it away in unorganized boxes or desk drawers.

The collector, on the other hand, has moved from being an accumulator to one who has definite collecting goals in mind and who keeps his purchases organized in stamp albums or stock books. The collector is curious about the stamps he has and reads books and periodicals about stamps.

Plate Blocks For Sale-Trade

I have lots of unused U.S. Plate Blocks (Cat. 1030-1757) plus used blocks for sale or will swap for pre-1930 postcards and selected FDC's. Contact Don Smith at club meetings or phone at 668-2526.

TS&CC Club Officers

President - Mike Francis - 385-1060
 Vice-President - Bert Davis - 576-5074
 Sec. - Frances-Jeanne Hansen - 222-4919
 Treasurer - Edwin Walters - 385-8379

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President Thanks Members For Their Support

By Mike Francis

The Club is ending a successful two-year slate of TS&CC officers. As officers, we would like to thank each of you for your support during these past two years.

By the time you read this their will be a new slate of officers nominated to serve you in 1998. As President, I see no reason the next year, and for many years to come, the Club can not continue its successful path. At this time, I would like to thank all past officers for helping with the transition to the new era of growth and prosperity in the Club.

As the new officers start the 1998 year, we have several interesting presentations lined up for the meetings. Soon enough, though, these new officers will be coming to you for ideas and volunteers for future presentations. Start thinking about

it and don't be bashful. I know each and every one of you has something to offer. You have already provided this in the past with many excellent presentations.

As for the future of the Club itself, it seems we have dealt with a spurt of membership growth and have found a new home for the meetings. We seem to have more younger people attending the meetings and the seniors are more active than ever.

While some of you have thanked me personally for making this happen, I must tell you that it wasn't me. It was the TS&CC that made all this possible. For this reason, and for many others, I have enjoyed my tenure as President of your Club. Thanks to all of you.

-Mike

One Page Exhibits Shown at Meeting

Twenty six one page exhibits were hung on a clothesline for display during the November meeting. Club members viewed the displays and voted for their favorites.

Winning first place was Larry Benson with his Tonga page. Second place was won by Don Smith with a display of "old" post cards, two of which are illustrated in his article in this issue. Bruce McDonald took third with his page of tiny "national anthem" records that really play music.

Solutions to Crossword

Across:

Down:

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| 1. Comores | 1. Croatia |
| 5. OldNick | 2. Madeira |
| 6. Trident | 3. Raiders |
| 7. Amasses | 4. StKitts |

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