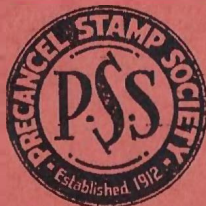


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OF THE

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TUESDAY, AUG. 14th

- 8 to 10 P. M. Registration of Convention attendants in room at Sherman Hotel designated by the Registration Committee to be appointed by the Chicago members of the P. S. S.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 15th

- 8 to 10 A. M. Registration as above.
 10:00 A. M. Convention called to order. Address of welcome by President of Chicago Club, response by P. S. S. President. President's Report, Report of Vice-Presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, and other Committees.
 12:00 M. Adjournment until 2 P. M.
 2:00 P. M. Entertainment Committee arrange for entertainment of lady visitors.
 2:30 P. M. Convention called to order. Business session.
 5:00 P. M. Adjournment until 9:00 A. M. Aug. 16th.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16th

- 9:00 A. M. Convention called to order. Business session.
 12:00 M. All members leave Hotel Sherman in a body to site selected at Lake Front for Convention photograph.
 2:00 P. M. Entertainment Committee arrange for entertainment of lady visitors.
 2:30 P. M. Convention called to order.
 5:00 P. M. Adjournment until 9:00 A. M. Aug. 17th.
 7:00 P. M. Entertainment provided by Chicago Society (Magic, etc.)
 8:00 P. M. Hippchen-Raff-Rotnem Auction Sales.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17th

- 9:00 A. M. Convention called to order. Unfinished business.
 12:00 M. Adjournment sine die until 1929.
 (If business can not be finished in A. M. this will give us time for an afternoon session if necessary.)
 2 to 5 P. M. Exhibition and bourse in Hotel.
 7:00 P. M. Annual Banquet. Followed by Donation Auction conducted by Hoovers for benefit of "Gazette."

WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO SEE WHILE IN CHICAGO

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A map of Chicago and points of interest were not incorporated into this program for the reason that arrangements were made to have a 36 page booklet furnished to each member and visitor attending the Convention and Exhibit, showing the map of Chicago with the elevated lines, also a map showing streets in the loop, and with this guide it will be almost impossible to lose yourself. This booklet lists all the Theatres and the Shows during the convention week, time show starts, etc. A list of Railway Stations, Hotels, Clubs, Churches, and the principal downtown office buildings, also Public Buildings, Department Stores, etc.

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History of the Chicago Precancel Stamp Club

By ART. C. BATES



FRED S. RAFF

Early in January 1927, nine men met at the stamp shop of A. Hippshen with the purpose of organizing a precancel club. Messrs. Alexander, Eckmet at the stamp shop of A. Hippchen Krippaehne, V. Molitor, Raff, B. L. Wilson, were present at this "getting started meeting."

The first regular meeting was held soon after, in the old Briggs House. Eighteen rabid precancel bugs were on hand, and after the smoke had cleared Fred Raff was declared the first president, and the foundation for the CPSC was firmly laid.

Within a few months, the Club applied for affiliation with the P. S. S., and was installed as Branch No. 3. Many of the present members have long been P.S.S. boosters, and more Chicago collectors are constantly being added to the ranks.

Meetings are now held on the second and fourth Friday of each month, at the Hotel Sherman. A feature of the Club has been the auction meetings, every other meeting including a sale, for which the items have been sent in by the members. Under a capable auction manager, these sales have been of great interest, not only to those present, but to out-of-town members, who receive a bi-weekly news letter announcing the next meeting, telling events of the previous one, and containing a list of the items to be offered in the auction. Several

such members have been availing themselves of this listing to send in their bids, and have secured some nice items. This meeting letter is a feature which is to be recommended to other precancel clubs, to aid in creating interest and more enthusiasm for the hobby.

On the next page you will find the officers of the Chicago club. If you have not met all of them yet, step up and say hello.

PRECANCELS IS OUR HOBBY

(Sung to the tune of Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the boys are marching)

By A. HIPPCHEN

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What and Why Is the P. S. S.?

By ART. C. BATES

First of all, the P.S.S. is a united body of collectors, interested in the same hobby, and joined together for the pursuit and betterment of that hobby, the collection and study of precancelled stamps. Membership is open to any interested collector who is honest and reliable, regardless of age or any other limitation. Precancel collecting used to be regarded as a "small side-line" to postage collecting, but in recent years has come forward with a bound, both in the number of collectors who have seriously taken up the hobby, and in the constantly increasing wealth of new material and information that is at last being brought forth regarding precancels of various issues and countries. Ten years ago, Bureau Print collections were unknown. Today these government printed items are among the leaders in general interest and collecting activity, and the increased publicity that has lately been given to precancel collecting in the philatelic press shows that Bureaus and their brother precancels are here to stay.

Why are these BP's so popular? A says because they never come with straight edges, B says they never have poor messy impressions, and are always nice appearing. C says they are all dependable items, because they are cancelled right on the government presses, and there is no chance for "favors" and "monkey business." Add these all together and you have the answer. Along comes D, and says they never come on commemoratives. How about it---haven't the great numbers of precancelled commemoratives in recent years done more harm than good? No one, least of all the writer, will deny that there are many commemorative precancels that are highly scarce and valuable, legitimately cancelled for use and so used. Those are worth the hunting. But how many times one meets collectors, some of them old timers, who are about to

give up the game in disgust, and their wail is the cry of all earnest, serious P.S.S. members—"Why accept these hundreds of favors and questionable items, when there are so many honest-to-God-real-genuine precancels to be sought after, and only so many years of life in which to chase them?"

This is where the organized society begins to make itself felt. In our opinion the best deed of the past year has been the letter to all precancelling offices, as published in the July Precancel Gazette, page 15. If you do not know of this letter, get a copy of the Gazette and read it at once. This is an earnest straightforward letter, coming from the P.S.S. as a society, and there is not an unnecessary word in it.

What else is the P.S.S. doing? Say—if you are not using the Sales Department you are missing some fine opportunities to acquire real precancels. "Bargain day" has been here for some time now, and those who have been passing up the old issues in circuits, are due for a rude awakening when they see the 1929 and 1930 catalogs. A word to the wise brings many new precancels to his collection. And the Exchange Department is not asleep either. Many state and city specialists have been agreeably surprised to add missing items to their collections thru the use of these two departments of the P.S.S.

Another feature of P. S. S. is the annual convention, in which you are now taking part. If you go away from here without a smile on your face and precancels in your pocket, we'll wager it's because you came here with a toothache. You never had any idea that Bill Soandso was a little fellow did you? And he told us that he thought you were baldheaded and weighed about two hundred. Now you can take that Convention picture back home and show the bunch there what all the P.S.S. aggregation looked like, beards, bald heads, short pants, and everything. And don't forget—you have twelve months to recover until another big convention comes along. We don't have any little P.S.S. conventions any more, they're all big ones now. Here's hoping we see you there again next year.

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Regarding the New Catalog

No matter whether your collection of precancels numbers 500 or 50,000, you may have items that are not listed in the 1929 Standard Precancel Catalog. Since the first of the year, the Chicago club has been assisting the catalog editors thru a committee of three to whom unlisted items are to be sent in. No doubt many of you have seen notices of this in several of the stamp magazines, but it seems that all too many of the collectors gave it no more than a passing glance. The 1929 catalog appears, and these same collectors are the first ones to howl because "My stamps aren't listed in the catalog!" How in the world are they to get into the catalog, if they are hidden between the pages of your albums, way out in 48 different states of the union? Please don't assume that because Doc Hasemall is taking care of the state you are interested in, that he is sure to have the 9c Rotary 10x10 from Podunk that you just picked up. Chances are that he misses it. Many a time we have begged for just a sight or smell of two or three items in a set, and then run onto some fellow who has had them in his collection for over a year. Send 'em in, and we'll see that Vic puts 'em in, if they are O. K.

What is a state editor, or a city editor? Usually he is a specialist in the precancels of that particular state, or group of states, for which he is doing the catalog work. In the writer's case, Alabama and Connecticut. Several well known P.S.S. members have been intrigued by the issues of one particular city, and are studying the catalog problems presented by this group. At any rate, he has been chosen for the position of state editor because he presumably "knows his onions" when it comes to the precancels of this state or city.

Each year, as the new catalog is being made up, the previous one is cut up and pasted on blank sheets of paper, and sent out to the various men who are to work on the "dummy," as it is called. After they have added the items from their collections and notes, the dummies are sent to the listing committee mentioned above. Quite a number of items, all issues

from 1898 to 1927, were submitted to the committee for inspection and listing, and it was interesting to note that a great part of them had not been seen by the state editors. Occasionally a stamp turns up which is known to be absolutely legitimate, but no one has ever taken the trouble before to get it listed in the catalog, and it may be months before another copy comes along. Such is the life of a catalog editor. As to the future of the precancel catalog, we will leave that to the editor for comment as he may see fit. There are, however, a few suggestions regarding unlisted items that we should like made known as soon as possible, so here they come.

In the front of the book, you will note a list of the state and special issue editors. If you are working on one state, or group of states, you can help the catalog immensely by sending your unlisted items direct to the state editor, for his inspection. This will avoid going over a bunch of similar items on the part of the committee, in case, for example, a dozen collectors send in a new set from Buffalo, N. Y. If these go direct to the state editor, he can compare the values and types with those he already has, and note the unlisted varieties. The question of types is one of the reasons that we are urging that no item be added to the catalog unless they have actually been inspected by responsible parties. A great many collectors are surprisingly careless in observing perforations and precancel types, especially among the handstamps. There are without doubt, a number of city types listed now as "Universal Style 51, Similar to U51, Similar to U1, Similar to U54, Similar to U75, etc." which all refer to ONE handstamp. It seems that every time a new handstamp type comes out, no two collectors succeed in describing it the same. We have designated one of the recent types as "U63." Several were agreed on this, in that they called it "Handstamp, similar to U10," but there are doubtless a number of types called "thin handstamp," "U51 but thinner," etc., which are this new U63 type.

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Shall I Spend Money On Precancels?

By N. R. HOOVER

Frequently you hear of men who get deep into precancels, spending good money for rarities, who raise the question as to whether they are safe in putting hard cash in them when it seems to be easy to counterfeit worth while items.

Such men should not lose sight of the fact that regular postage has had that Nemesis for years. Who among the old timers in regular postage have forgotten the gross counterfeiting of the old penny posts of our own country during the 70's about which references is frequently made in the Philatelic press? Have any of us forgotten the experience of the big Stamp house in New York which only a few years ago became involved in a nasty mess, buying in good faith spurious Hawaiian missionaries that gave them much trouble before it was cleaned up? One may hardly open a stamp paper today without warning signs being spread by those who have discovered counterfeits. I recall reading, not long ago, an exhaustive treatise on Afghanistan which was to at least 50% taken up with exposures of counterfeits, so prevalent apparently that no one was safe investing in practically anything from that country.

Counterfeiting surcharges on regular postage is a favorite pastime of the fakirs. These are particularly common. The Portugal commemoratives, Nicaragua, Russia and Haiti are examples. If there was any value to the Germany and Austria war issues they would have been faked long before now.

Regular postage has its problems in faked issues so precancel enthusiasts aren't alone in handling this problem.

Precancel collectors must know their goods. They must know that what they buy is genuine. Precancels can be expertized just as can regular postage.

I am of the opinion that there is in

proportion less faking of legitimate issues among precancels than in regular postage. Perhaps this is because the value isn't in precancels that has developed in regular postage.

Precancels, though, have an evil which regular postage doesn't have to fight. In precancels it is possible to get certain issues which are legitimate in that the post office issued them but which were not needed in the performance of that town's postal needs. I am referring to favors. This is a pesky practice of certain men in the game that send stamps to unsuspecting postmasters who imprint them and send them back to the imposter. The tough thing about this is that, being legitimately imprinted by the postmaster, although not legitimately used, in time such items will take on the pose of legitimacy in every way simply because they often aren't spotted as soon as they appear.

Favors in precancels are really a worse menace than counterfeiting.

Here is a rule I try to follow although I realize it isn't inviolable:

Never buy any hand-stamp commemoratives.

I know what reaction this will get from certain collectors. There are many men investing money in these who probably know that some of their specimens were legitimately used and will object to any stigma being pinned on any part of their collection. I can but say this is my rule. Others may do as they please. There are plenty of other precancels extant which will keep one busy for a long while to come without risking money on items that may in time go through the same kaleidoscopic experience that the 2 cent Hardings first enjoyed and then suffered.

Don't be afraid of putting your money into precancels. If you buy right you'll get your money back. Because you are closer to the field, it seems to me you are surer of your money in precancels than in buying regular postage of which no one, unless an intense student, can tell with any degree of assurance, just what the supply and the source may be.

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The precancels from Illinois rank among the most popular States being specialized to a great extent, this may explain in a part why the demand is greater than the supply. There are many fair sized collections in existence, perhaps more than you think. I have around 5000 varieties in my collection, including Chicago, of course.

Illinois precancels are not as common as some may believe. Chicago and perhaps Peoria may be easy to pick up, but it will take you some time to get a nice showing on the most of the other cities, especially on the 1917 series and the older ones. However, a real collector should never get discouraged on account of it, this is where we get the kick out of the game.

I was appointed this year to edit the Illinois section of the Standard Precancel Stamp Catalog, however the time required to do this was so short that I could not do much more than to add the hundreds of unlisted varieties, new types and towns and after I sent my dummy in I had never seen a proof until now, when I requested one for this writeup and it is already too late to make any kind of changes, so don't blame me if this section of the catalog is not as it should be. But let us get together and start right now on the 1930 catalog, any suggestions and information will be accepted with thanks.

To begin with, Alton, Pop. 24,682, a river port on the Mississippi. It really should use more precancels considering that it is an important shipping point for agriculture products. I have been able to pick up but three stamps in type I. U-81 and should like to hear from others who have them. A funny thing about type II. listed as U-1. Why should the P. O. order an electro plate and precancel but the 1c stamp with it and who has it? Type III is not so hard on the new series but how many have you of the 1917 issue. The 2 cent Harding is a rare one and went up from 75 cents to \$2.00.

Alpha is a new comer in the pre-

cancel field out with a U-54 style on the 2 cent new series.

Assumption, a small town, with a population of 1852 used but two precancels on the old Perf. 10 1914 issue. Lucky the man who has them.

Aurora, an important railroad center about 40 miles from Chicago, population 36,397. Large railroad shops are located here. Machinery, cotton goods, flour and motorcycles are important products of this city, so there should be no surprise about the many precancels used.

A footnote after type I tells you that the 4 and 15 cent 1902 and the Louisiana-Purchase are in existence but were not used in the regular course of business. If you will look up your old catalogs you will find this note appeared first in Smith's catalog of 1912. One wonders that nobody ever tried to get them in the catalog, there must be few of them, even if made to order.

Type II U-81 is another set that will give you plenty of headache if you try to get it. Type III, U-75 is a 25 subject H. S. Two errors occur in this type. The tenth spells Atrora and the eighteenth AUROA. I have them only on the new series so it probably is a new handstamp of the old U-75 style.

A find was made by Mr. Raff on Type V which has the fancy caps between heavy bars. It is a six cent of the old Perf. 10, unfortunately the stamp is badly torn and damaged, also st. edge. Look up your copies, there might be others. Aurora has practically no doubles in its many types, so the 1½ cent double on the U-10 should be a good property to hold on.

Batavia, a small town with a population of 4,395 is O. K. with the exception of the Hardings and Walloons in type III which were made to order. Type IV, U-71 is a hard nut on the 1917 issue, if you can spare a few copies send them along.

Belleville is an important junction of railroads leading to East St. Louis with a population of 24,823. I have never seen Type I, U-80. If the 4 cent of 1908 series really exist it is worth

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more than 40 cents catalog. Type III is more plentiful on new series but leave me alone on the 1917 issue or help out.

Benton, with a population of 7,201 is hard to pick up. I found a 6 cent on the 1917 series, there may be others?

Belvidere, a small town of 7,804, situated in a dairying section, used but few precancels. Type I should read U-53 but lines instead bars. A raise was meant for the 3 cent 1908 but somehow we still have the old price which is way to low. How has the 4 and 6 cent on the Perf. 10?

Bloomington is an important railroad center surrounded by a rich farming district. Population 28,725. One should think its precancels ought to be more common, but try and fill up, especially on the Perf. 12 and 10.

Bradford, population 915, had but three stamps listed in last years catalog, however of a sudden a few new series came my way. A 25 cent Niagara Falls is not listed in the new catalog and is worth all you can get for it.

Brookfield, a small town in Cook County, population 3,589. Those few old series listed seem to be rare and I will pay full catalog or more for some. The 2 cent black Harding should not have been listed after all this time; it can be nothing but an import.

Butler is the first time out with a type like U-55, but two stamps have been seen so far precanceled.

Cairo, population 15,203 is located at the junction of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers at the extreme southern point of Illinois. These great rivers and five railroads provide excellent shipping facilities for Cairo's numerous factories and it is really surprising that practically no precancels are used from here. I have all listed ones with the exception of the 1c double Perf. 10. Help!

Canton, Population 10,925. Farm implements and cigars are leading manufactured products of this city. There was a mixup in types last year, the result type III has been dropped from the catalog. The remaining two types look very much alike.

Carbondale, population 6,267, extensive coal mining in vicinity, used

only the 1 cent Perf. 12 and 10 but nothing since 1914.

Centralia, population 12,491. Pardon me if I say I don't think much of type I which I consider nothing but an Office handstamp and should have been dropped from the catalog instead of type III which is at present the only type used there. I believe before dropping a whole set like this one, the State editor should be given a chance to find out himself, regardless of what evidence has been sent in by others. I had no knowledge of this until I saw the finished proof, then it was too late to do anything.

Centralia, on type II typeset, I believe make the prettiest page of the whole State and are hard to pick up.

Champaign, population 15,873, is situated in a rich farming district. The University of Illinois is situated partly in this city and partly in the adjacent city of Urbana. Type I, U-1 has been in use now for sixteen years and is pretty worn out. So better fill in on this city especially the new compound perforation because you may expect a new plate any day. Type II is very hard to pick up on the regular issues, I wish I could say this about the commemoratives. I picked up recently two parcel posts, the 3 cent and 5 cent in this type.

Charleston, located in the center of a broom corn belt with a population of 6,615 is a new comer in the precancel field. It has the old U-53 style and came out first on the 13 center, funny what?

Chenoo, another new town, uses the U-55 style. I have it on the 5 cent new series Perf. 11.

Chester, a small town of 2,904, went in the catalog for the first time this year. I consider this a find, 3 cent Offset straight edge but was glad to get it. U-54 is the style. Have you any others?

I should now follow up with Chicago but this would make the writeup rather lengthy, so I will mention just a few price changes picked at random. Type IV, 1898 50 cent, narrow spacing, went up from \$10.00 to \$20.00 and the narrow double jumped from \$25.00 to \$35.00. However this is much to low if we follow up the basis that the narrows are worth ten times the ordinary variety. I also note a few

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changes on rare sub-varieties among the Dateds in type V but in the main nothing has been done as far as Chicago Dated's are concerned with the exception of adding unlisted items, and are now all out of proportion to the Dateds from Boston, etc. To bad that the man, who has one of the finest and most complete collections of these classics, and knows just what their value is, passed up the opportunity to adjust this section of the catalog.

On the U-1 1902 I note the 4 cent triple, 2 nor. one diag. up went from \$6.00 to \$15.00. Lincoln Memorial jumped from \$3.00 to \$5.00, the invert from \$12.50 to \$20.00. The one dollar value has been raised on the 1917 issue, that is the inv., double and double inv., also the dollar values with same type on the new series. Type VIII on the five cent Jamestown has again been raised, this time with \$10.00. The Jamestown issue is unique in that a special plate was prepared for printing it and was not used for any other issue. Type IX U-11 on the two dollar of 1917 issue was raised from \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Chicago was one of the few cities to legitimately use the 1911 Registry stamp. You will find it listed under type XI. It went up from \$2.00 to \$4.00. I would appreciate it if collectors will tell me who are using the different hand stamps from Chicago so we can properly list them and perhaps illustrate in the 1930 catalog. I was lucky enough to get from Friend Raff a six cent rotary 10 x 10 on type XVII which was known so far only on the 1 cent coil. This type may look to you like a box roller if you are unfamiliar with the type, but it is a single subject H. S. sim. to U-91 enclosed in a frame, used only when Carson Pirie Scott Co. are out on the regular precancel.

Chicago Heights, population 19,653, a manufacturing suburb of Chicago. Its precancels are scarce and I will pay full catalog or more for the most of them. While I have put in a few new ones on the Perf. 12 and 10, the stamps are badly damaged, and saved by their former owner for listing purpose only.

Clinton, population 9,898, is hard to pick up on type I U-54. Not so long ago I located a one cent 1917 series

with the U-53 style. You better go over your Clintons, maybe you have some unlisted ones in this new type which looks so much like Type I but has plainer letters.

Collinsville, population 9,753, is another new comer with the familiar U-53 on the new series, but hard to pick up.

Danville, a city with 33,776, is situated in an important coal mining district. The National Soldiers' Home is at this place. If you have ever tried to fill up this city especially on the Perf. 12 and 10 I have to say no more. A new handstamp is used U-51, but does look pretty rotten to be new.

Decatur, population 43,818, was undoubtedly the first user of precancels in Illinois, having precanceled the 1c, 1874 envelope (Scott's No. 2452). These were used on local advertising by H. W. Hill & Co., (Hardware merchants), in 1880.

Type III will make a fine showing in your collection if you have them. It is a small electro or typeset of thin letters in two lines without bars. Type IV is plentiful on the new series but not so good on the older ones.

Dekalb, population 7,871. I have never seen type I and II, probably some kind of a provisional, who can show me the stamps? Type III is a good property to have. The 13 centers were made to order along with the Hardings from this place and Aurora, Batavia, Sterling and Waukegan, by a young high school student at the time of the Harding craze in all kinds of positions. They were never obtained at the P. O. but this young man used his fathers high-powered car to drive around to the printers who had charge of the plates. I remember how hard Roy Curran fought to keep them out of the catalog but without success, because it happened when everybody was crazy to get a new variety of the black beauties and no questions asked.

Deland, population 542. I note a Burgoyne slipped in after I got through with my listing. They are no good, just like the other commemoratives from this place.

Des Plaines, population 3,451, a new comer in the precancel field with a H. S. that gives impression as if it had been in use for at least ten years.

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a large condensed milk factory, shoe factory, etc. Type II is a neat looking electro, not so hard to pick up on the normal variety. But try to get Type II U-81 on the old series. From all those listed ones I have but a single copy, 30 Perf. 11. Where are all the others?

Dundee, population 4,100, uses type U-54. Not much to say about it but fill up your set while you can get them.

Durand, population 535. Two stamps are listed under a type similar to U-54, however I have never seen anything from this town. Information wanted.

Dwight, a small town with a population of 2,225. I should like to see and buy type I. Picked up a dandy double on type II 1c Perf. 10. Type III is not so good, many values, the old 13c, new series $\frac{1}{2}$ c, $1\frac{1}{2}$ c, 13c, 14c and all commemoratives are made to order, so beware unless you get them as a present.

East Alton, population 1669. Type I is pretty fair but fill up if you get them. Type II is not so easy to find, picked up a 3 cent engraved not cataloged.

East Moline, population 8,675. Type I U-64 is easy to get, which I can't say about type II U-71. I have never seen the three stamps listed under the 1917 issue.

East Saint Louis, population 66,767, is situated on the Mississippi opposite St. Louis. These two cities are connected by three large steel bridges, and together constitute the greatest commercial and industrial center of the Mississippi Valley. One electro plate, the well known U-5 has been used ever since 1908 and is all but played out. If you have any copies of the Perf. 12 & 10 to spare send them along so I can fill up those empty spaces.

Edwardsville, a coal mining town with a population of 5336 used precancels first at Christmas, 1913, and all values are hard to pick up with exception of the 13 centers which are M. T. O. along with the fancy looking commemoratives in all kind of inks so keep your hands off on these.

Effingham, population 4024. Type I should read U-53 instead of U-51, used but few precancels so far.

Elgin with a population of 27,454

is famous for the manufacture of watches. It used first precancels in 1901 and at that time the 1 and 2 cent 1898 as well as the 3 cent 1895 in large quantities. The 15c was used on large catalogs of the Elgin Watch Co., which were issued only once a year to the wholesale trade. Most of them never found their way into precancel collectors hands. The 10 cent of 1902 type I has been raised from \$10.00 to \$25.00. No it wasn't me who did this trick, I haven't got the stamp myself. The one dollar of type II 1917 issue went up from \$2.00 to \$3.00. I should like to fill up on these neat looking types if somebody gives me a chance. Not much to say about the other types.

Evanston with a population of 37,234 is situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, is a beautiful residential suburb of Chicago. It is widely known as the seat of the North Western University. Type I gives me a pain in the neck whenever I take a look at those half filled album pages. There must be a plate out exactly like type I as it came out on the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent Postage due. The reason I am saying this, I have been shown a whole sheet, which has the error twice reading EVANSTON

EVANSTON; that is the first stamp in the fifth and tenth row. This may be a 50 subject plate or how come this error to appear twice in the same position, and since it has never been seen on the old issues it must be a new plate.

Skipped over Eola which went in the catalog as a new comer with U-75 on the $1\frac{1}{2}$ cent. I haven't seen it yet.

Fairbury, population 2,532 lists two Documentary Revenues with a type-set type. Who has them and who can tell me the history of these? Were they used as precancels on outgoing mail, if so how come that nothing else was ever precanceled from this place? If they were just made to order, they have no place in the catalog.

Fairfield, a small town with a population of 2,754 has precanceled a number of the old Perf. 10 as you will see in the catalog but I have never been able to pick them up. From the Perf. 11 are only the 1c, 10c and 20c common.

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By ALBERT LLOYD JONES

Probably most collectors of precancels would be general collectors of precancels if they had both the time and the money. However most of us haven't plenty of money and the majority of us haven't the time either that is necessary to form a collection of all precancels issued. This being the case special collections of precancels are popular. Collections of the precancels of a state or group of states are most commonly met with but many collectors prefer to have precancels from all over the United States instead of a limited part of it and so collect a certain stamp, a special series or even some certain type of precancellation such as the U-10 for instance. The most popular groups are bureau prints and coils. The objection to these is that you miss the beautiful higher values of the present series, intriguing old "dateds" and also the interesting commemoratives. Granted that many of these commemoratives are speculative and not deserving of collection, yet you can always find enough that have been legitimately issued to add beauty and variety to a collection. The objection to limiting a collection to a certain stamp, series or type is the monotony of a collection of this kind.

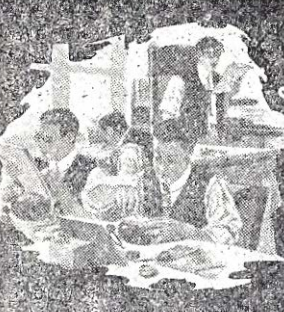
But this is all preliminary to telling you of a collection that I saw that appealed to me because it combined practically all the good points of various other collections and eliminated their weakness.

Louis A. Pike of Fort Wayne is the builder of this collection. He was one of the first to collect bureau prints but when every one else commenced collecting them, Pike felt there was no expression of his individuality in a collection of them so he disposed of all his B. P's except those of the denomination of 1½c and used them as a nucleus for a collection of fractionals. The drab monotony of a collection of brown stamps did not satisfy his artistic eye so he traded all his Hales and brown Hardings except those from Indiana for other precancels from Indiana. He liked this Indiana collection better than any of

the other precancel collections but Pike had tramped all over this United States of ours and feels at home in any state—except the state of intoxication—and so he felt as if he would prefer a precancel collection more representative of the entire country.

The result of this desire is his **Lincoln Highway Collection**. This is composed of precancels from all towns issuing them that are situated on the Lincoln National Highway. He has not arranged this collection alphabetically by cities and states but the first page in his album is devoted to the precancels of Jersey City. His next stop on this highway is Newark and so he continues across the country. The importance of a city is shown by the number of precancels emanating therefrom. In some towns, when touring, you don't stop at all. You merely read the name of the town on a sign board. In some you stop long enough to get gas, in some you stay long enough to eat a meal and in some you stay for some time. In some you may want to do a little sight seeing. And it is the same way when looking thru a collection of this type. The pages of some cities you'll leaf hurriedly through. Some certain stamp from some other city will cause you to pause for a moment. Then some other city will be represented by so many interesting varieties that you will stop a little longer. When you come to Fort Wayne you'll want to stay a while and visit, for Pike has a wonderful specialized collection of Fort Wayne precancels. And so on across the continent. In the far west you'll find the towns not so numerous and traveling more difficult. At least the precancels from Wyoming, Utah and Nevada come slower. But you cross the mountains and come to "The End of the Trail" in some pages of glorious precancels from San Francisco.

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Pick out your trail and make your collection and bring it along with you to the convention next year and we will be interested in looking at your collection and showing you ours.

The Romance of Precancels

By A. F. GAMBER

We have been told many times of the educational value of precancels, from the standpoint of knowledge gained as to the products and industries of the precancel using cities and towns. There is another way of looking at the educational value of precancels, tho I don't recall ever having read any more than fragmentary and scattered references to it. I refer to interesting, often romantic, and always valuable information connected with the names of these various cities and towns. Let's skim the leaves of our 1928 Bible and try to get my point.

Here's Ft. Smith, Arkansas, in the early days of the west an important outfitting point for trappers and traders and a spring rendezvous for them. Every western oldtimer at some time or other made Ft. Smith. The beautiful Spanish names of so many of the California cities and towns recreate for us the early days when another and darker skinned people held sway over the Pacific Coast region. Santa Barbara, San Jose, Santa Clara—all the Sans, the Santas, the Saints, recall a time when go-getters were unknown, and Native Sons had never been heard of. Burlingame is named for Anson Burlingame, that remarkable man with a

still more remarkable career. Appointed by Lincoln as our representative to the Chinese Court, he was so well liked by the Chinese that when his time as ambassador expired, the Chinese government appointed him as its special representative abroad to visit all the leading nations, and he returned to his native land as Chinese representative, where he secured a very favorable treaty for his adopted country. In the midst of his successful world tour, he died at what is now Petrograd. Burbank is named for that gentle philosopher who gave his whole life and neglected untold chances for a fortune that mankind might live happier and more contented lives.

There is a very close connection between one part of Connecticut and my home county (Huron) in Ohio. That county was settled shortly after 1800 by people from around New Haven and New London, Conn. Huron County, Ohio has three precancel using towns—Norwalk, New London and Greenwich, all named for cities of like names in the mother state. My county has six cities or towns named for places in Connecticut. St. Augustine, Fla. recalls those days more than 350 years ago when the first white settlement in what is now our country was made. It still has some of the narrow streets and old buildings that date back a long time. I wish you might see the postoffice in St. Augustine, it has more Spanish history packed within its walls than could be written in twenty books. Honolulu's musical name conjures up the days when the Hawaiian Islands were called the Sandwich Islands, named for that English lord whose method of carrying his noonday lunch to work led to the naming of our sandwiches, and takes us to what is known as the crossroads of the Pacific. Decatur, Ills. is named for one of the most heroic of our early naval commanders. Freeport is the scene of the great debate between Lincoln and Douglas, where the former laid the trap that Douglas walked into and lost the presidency in 1860. Rock Island was once a very important United States Arsenal. The buildings remain, but I doubt if it is as important now. Zion, Ills. interests me as a teacher, Voliva, the heir of John Alexander

New Stamp Like Aladdin's Lamp In Old Legend

By HARRY S. NEW, Postmaster General.

Were you ever stranded, broke, down and out?

And did you ever have to write home for money?

Assuming that you did, for many of us have been reduced to that extremity at one time or another, did you appreciate the value of the little two-cent stamp that carried your letter appealing for funds?

We are told that values change according to the intensity of desire or need. For instance, a glass of water is usually free for the asking but picture a man wandering for days in a desert with a consuming thirst and nothing to drink. He finally reaches the stage where he would part with all his earthly possessions for one cooling draught of clear cold water.

The value of a postage stamp, compared to other marketable commodities, is infinitesimal. What other desirable or necessary thing can be purchased with two cents? Yet a two-cent stamp may mean, to a stranded person, escape from starvation or mendicancy, or it may, and no doubt often has, saved the pride of one too proud to beg.

To the unemployed a little two-cent stamp and a well-written letter have often meant the difference between a job and no job. Neither is it far-fetched to say that a postage stamp, with the letter it carried, has proved the turning point in the career of more than one man.

A man must needs be poor indeed who can not afford the price of a postage stamp. Yet, with that possession, he holds within his grasp the power of Aladdin. With it he may purchase a draft on human labor to the end that his message may be transmitted with celerity and delivered with safety to the ends of the earth.

From the Arctic to the Antaartic for two cents is not a dream, for the rate from Point Barrow, Alaska, well within the Arctic circle, to Terra del Fuego at the southern tip of South America, is only two cents. The American citizen in the Philippines may

send a letter to Spain for the same price. Only a few countries in South America are out of the two-cent zone, while faraway New Zealand, as well as the closer British Isles, may all be reached for two cents.

For the remaining countries on the globe the charge is five cents, yet it was only seventy years ago that a letter to Australia cost \$2.04, and, within the confines of our own United States, only as far back as the Civil war days, it cost \$5 to transmit a letter to San Francisco by pony express when that service was first started.

Today the same letter is transported by air mail from New York to San Francisco for ten cents and the time instead of ten days as then, is only 36 hours.

In the postal service of America today there are 363,000 employes alert and with willing hands push forward on its way the letter of the millionaire, the business man, or the pauper, and it may be truthfully said that to none is given preference either in speed or extent of service.

To the man of the street then, as well as to his more fortunate brother, the little oblong postage stamp is a seal of service and a symbol of transitory power lodged in its possessor to command willing and faithful service of hundreds and of thousands of hands.

—Holland City, Mich. News.

IN GRAPHIC MAG., MAY, 1924

From all sources comes the news that Chicago has been through with the precancelling Hardings, so there will be no more available.

On new 11c Chicago appears on one stamp in a sheet the letter b instead of letter g.

As the steamer was leaving the harbor of Athens the young lady asked the Captain, "What is that white stuff on those hill tops?"

"That's snow," said the Captain.

"Well," said she, "I thought so myself but a young man just told me it was Greece."

Dowie, insists that all children in Zion's schools be taught that the earth is shaped like an apple pie. Voliva can prove it to his own satisfaction! Crawfordsville, Ind. was long the home of Gen. Lew Wallace, the author of that old favorite, "Ben Hur." The city maintains a museum in the midst of Wallace Park, where relics of his military and literary career are preserved. Wallace was, after the Civil War, governor of New Mexico Territory, and was mixed up in the Lincoln County War there, in which Billy the Kid figured so prominently. Fort Wayne recalls to us Mad Anthony Wayne, who fought like the devil and defeated the Indians at Fallen Timbers, just south of Toledo, afterward establishing a fort where the city of Ft. Wayne now stands. Terre Haute and Vincennes remind us of the French element in Indiana's early history, the latter place is the scene of George Rogers Clark's capture of Hamilton the Hair Buyer, British commander in the northwest during the Revolution. In Iowa we have plenty reminders that that state was once a great Indian reservation: Cherokee, for the great tribe that was removed thither from Georgia; Osage, for another great tribe; Sioux City, the same. Des Moines is a reminder that the French explored Iowa in the early days, Council Bluffs, just across the river from Omaha, was once the council grounds for many tribes.

Atchison, Kansas is named for old Senator Atchison, who was fiercely proslavery. Coffeyville was once the scene of as bold a frontier raid as ever occurred, when the Dalton boys were routed. Abilene and Dodge were once hardboiled cowtowns, where men died with their boots on, and where harder boiled marshals like Bat Masterson couldn't always hold 'em down. Lawrence was the center of the free-soil party in Kansas, named for Amos Lawrence the New Englander who gave so freely of his money to plant a free soil colony on the plains.

Harrodsburg, Kentucky is named for James Harrod, who was a compatriot of Daniel Boone, Lexington was named for Lexington, Mass., because at the time they were building their cabins there, they heard of the British defeat at Lexington. Henderson is named for Richard Hender-

son, the Virginian land speculator, who thought that he owned Kentucky at one time. Cumberland, Maryland was once the head of the Cumberland or National Pike, stretching to Vandalia, Illinois, over which thousands of settlers went westward in their covered wagons. Amherst, Mass. recalls Lord Jeff., who fought the French in the years just before the Revolution; Concord, where the shot was fired that was heard round the world; Haverhill, the home of Whittier, the anti-slavery poet. New Bedford was once the seat of the great whaling industry, sharing this with Salem, which in turn recalls those dark days when people lost their minds and put innocent friends to death for witchcraft. Plymouth needs no introduction to Americans, though there is considerable question as to how anyone knows for sure that the rock enclosed by the iron fence was the actual one onto which the Pilgrim fathers stepped. Minnesota's towns reflect both French and Indian days, Duluth, Cloquet and Faribault are all French; Mankato, Bemidji, Red Wing and Owatonna all lovely Indian names. Missouri has some French names naturally—St. Joseph, St. Louis, and Bonne Terre. Lewistown, Montana commemorates the man who aided Clark in the Lewis and Clark expedition. New York's Rome, Troy, Utica and Syracuse recall those frontier days when settlers liked hifalutin names for their towns and went to ancient history to find them. Mandan and Wahpeton recall the days of the red man in North Dakota. Cincinnati brings to mind the military order of that name founded by Washington's officers after the Revolution, Massillon is named for the famous French dramatist of similar name, Perrysburg for the hero of the Battle of Lake Erie during the war of 1812. Greenville is the site of the treaty between Wayne and the Indians before Ft. Wayne was built. Sandusky, tho but a recent precancel user, was a trading post for the French and British trappers long before American independence.

Naturally we would look for more Indian names in Oklahoma than elsewhere, and we are not disappointed—Chickasha, Muskogee, Nowata, Okmulgee, Pawhuska, Pawnee, Shawnee,

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Tonkawa, what English names can approach them in beauty? In Oregon, Astoria marks the site of the beginning of the great Astor fortune more than a century ago. Gettysburg saw the highwater mark of the Civil War, and its battle monuments attract visitors from all over the country every year. Texas is not only our biggest state, but it has been under seven flags in its time. Relics of the various peoples who held it are found in its precancel towns: El Paso, Gonzales, Corpus Christi, of the Spanish; Beaumont and Dumas of the French; Austin, Houston, Dallas of the Americans. No state has any more heroes than the Lone Star. In closing note Alexandria, where Washington attended Masonic Lodge; Staunton, where Wilson was born; Fredericksburg, where Union soldiers were so foolishly sacrificed. In Wisconsin, French names: Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Prairie du Chien, La Crosse; Indian names: Kenosha, Manitowoc, Oconomowoc, Waukesha, Wausau.

This is a bare sketch, of course, space will not allow for any more but I trust that I have shown you that real romance attaches to the collecting of precancels. Not a thing that has money value, but that tends to make the collecting of them more interesting.

"On Wisconsin"

By ALVIN KRAUSE

Dear Preccan Fans and Fanlets, sometimes called nuts probably so because somebody forgot to put the R in Preccan and has an idea that we grow on trees.

Some of you came a long way to Chicago to get an eye full which undoubtedly you will but if you don't, step over the line and you are in Wisconsin a beautiful state, well represented in your Standard Catalog and known as the Land of Lakes where many outsiders come to fish, ycs even your President Cal., we have them, "But we have no bananas," all sizes and varieties, even suckers, you can catch them too, but you must have a good hook, otherwise they will dodge you, it also largely depends on the bait. Some that are not so well acquainted in these surroundings need

a guide. Well I am a pretty good scout and willing to give you a few pointers.

When starting off after the convention is over it is essential to have a car of some kind. Professor has a new Ford and I ain't afraid to bet a 1½c Milwaukee against a 1c Chicago that A. F. is going to outdistance all of you because when them things get going once they'll go, I am talking from experience I had one myself once. But there is no use to hurry unless you want to rush the thing.

Let's go!!! Best way is north. Kenosha will be our first stop, here they make beds, all kinds, to sleep in. Next comes Racine; some pronounce it Raisin but that is wrong, they don't raise any in this city, you will have to go where Dr. Mitchell lives now to pick em. We are coming close to Milwaukee and must not forget South Milwaukee, ever see any of those birds, nice three line electros. Now we're in Milwaukee; it once was famous but not so much any more since Volstead kicked some of the big breweries in the slats, but then she has many small ones now, some say that almost every other house is a brewery of some kind. Now let's turn west. The nearest lake is Pewaukee, about 19 miles, but to get there we pass through Wauwautosa, a suburb, which up till about a year ago had its own Post Office and precaned at Christmas time but no more, it now is a sub station of Milwaukee and you will not see any Wau Wau's next Yuletide. Now to Pewaukee. Many of you folks don't know how to pronounce it right, the accent is on the second syllable, not the first, which is an Indian name meaning Land of Flint. The Indians coming here to get flint stone for their arrow heads or arrow points. A few miles south from here we have Waukesha, another Indian name, the Land of Foxes. Many foxes around this part in years gone by. It is now called the Spring City on account of the numerous springs bubbling out of the ground; a good place for those that like water. Next we will head for Oconomowoc, on the shores of Lac la Belle and quite a few more smaller lakes. I do not recall exactly what this name is but some say that an old Indian on foot arrived at this place saying "a con

Few Dollars for Stamps Turn Into Small Fortune

Denver, Colo., March 31.—Romance in stamps? Yes, and fortune, too! August Lutteken, who spent fifty-three of his 68 years in gleaning the postage of the world from all its four corners, has disposed of part of his collection for \$38,000.

Lutteken has sent to stamp dealers in Vienna, 220,000 stamps, mostly those of the United States. He still retains a collection of 750,000, which he appraises at \$35,000.

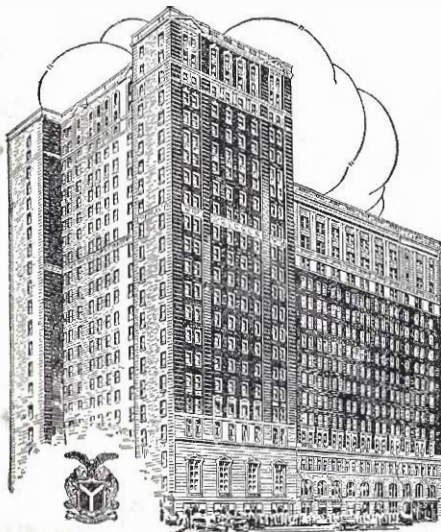
For Lutteken the game was no rich man's hobby. He could afford no heavy outlay for this or that elusive stamp to consummate some particular collection. His entire accumulation, he estimates, did not cost him more than \$500. Most of it accrued to him in his travels, for not only has he seen the seven seas from every kind of ship bottom, but for eighteen years he was a marine in the British navy. Always it was the zest of the seeker, rather than the thought of an eventual monetary return, that urged him on his quest.

"How did I start?" Lutteken says. "It was in San Francisco in 1876. Four of us had signed up for Liverpool. One of my mates, broke, offered me a memorandum book with eleven stamps pasted in it for a quarter. I had been interested in stamps before that, but those eleven I consider formed the cornerstone of my collection. Their present value is \$825."

A side of stamp collecting that absorbs Lutteken is its educational phase. He is frequently sought by local schools and often he is called upon to address student bodies in various parts of the state. His little cottage in a remote section of the city is a popular rendezvous for excited school children.

—Danville Coml. News.

If you need money go to strangers.
If you need advice go to friends.
If you need stamps go to your stamp dealer.
If you don't need anything go to your relatives.



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no mo walk." Madison is our next destination. As you know this is our Capital, also the University is located here and you see most of the populace walking around bare headed. Here is also a good chance to try your luck at fishing, four large lakes surrounding this city. But to get to the real big game we now have to head for Ashland and get back on U. S. 16, Kilbourn at the Dells, it produced one stamp, a 3c offset. Tomah, Black River Falls and Eau Claire are all on our way, so is Brule but so far we have not encountered any precans from here. Going east now we come to a new one, Rhinelander. Antigo, Shawano also may be mentioned. We will head south now towards Appleton, Menasha, Neenah, Oshkosh, "B Gosh," Fond du Lac, then through West Bend and North Milwaukee. Have you seen that last one? If you haven't I am willing to show it to you. We are now back in Milwaukee and if you like another trip north through Port Washington, Sheboygan, Manitowoc, Two Rivers, Kewaunee up to Green Bay, I will take you some other time.

A Fairy Story

By C. A. CARROLL

"Come, gather round, dear children," said Aunt Ermytrude, cheerily, "and I will tell you the story of the famous dated Bureau Print from Sohoville Center, Mo."

"But, Awntie," objected little Willie, his usually clear forehead clouded with a Back Bay frown, "there are no dated Bureau Prints."

"Now, Willie," returned the kindly lady, with a trifle of asperity in her well modulated voice, "if you are going to puncture this bright colored little balloon before it takes to the air, we shall not begin at all. Shall we have the story, or are there any other conscientious objectors in the audience?"

Not another little soul breathed a sound, for they knew that when dear Aunt Ermytrude spoke thusly, it was time to subside. After a brief and rather pointed pause, she began:

"One upon a time there was a nice man with a great urge to do something for Humanity. Se he bethought

himself of a recipe for a patent medicine which had been given to his great-great granddame by an ancient Indian squaw—who wanted to kill the old loafer and put her out of her misery. He dug up this recipe (which he called 'receipt', since he lived in Mo.), and then added a generous dose of alcohol and—to prove that he was really clever—some spirits of ammonia.

"Starting manufacture in a woodshed back of the house, he soon had all the invets at the neighboring Keeley Institute taking it regularly, before and after meals and in between times. Business grew so fast that he finally had to take over the village bank building to meet the demands.

"At this point, he began to dream of nationwide fame, so he picked out a jackleg advertising man, appropriated a budget, and put the postmaster on notice that he was going to use more precancels than Carter had oats, so he had just as well wire a rush order to Washington for a slew of Bureaus. These arrived in due time, all nicely overprinted 'Sohoville Center, Mo.' in three lines of Universal Type 607.

"Calling the postmaster into conference, the now rich man spilt an idea in his ear. 'Look a-her' quotha, 'I got a fool notion to try out this advertising stuff before I shoot the wad. I'm goin' ter send out one circular and see what happens. And to make sure I can tell what's what, I want you to print a date on the stamp.'

"'But I can't do that, you know, Washington might object,' demurred the postmaster.

"'Say, who's runnin' this town, me or George Washington,' growled the man (for he had grown very rich and powerful).

"'And besides,' argued the P. M., 'how will you know what stamp was used? It will be on the circular and you won't know who has it.'

"'Will you do as I say,' screamed the rich man.

"So the postmaster carried a stamp down to the office of the Sohoville Sensashun and got the printer to print on it the date 4-11-14, and sent it to the office of the man. This was put on the first circular, which was sent to poor Widow Clancy, who lived in Chicago and had the back ache every

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night from washing clothes to send her boy, Pat Clancy, through the Notre Dame football team. Mrs. Clancy took the circular to her friend, Mr. Mahoney, who could read and he told her the glad tidings. 'Faith, an' this is my lucky day,' murmured the hardworking widow, to Pat, who was home for the Easter vacation. 'Buy all you want, old thing,' said Pat, 'but save me the stamp off the circular.'

"So the Widow Clancy ordered a case, and after the first bottle, she croaked. The district attorney got wind of the matter, put the inspectors on the trail, and the first thing anybody knew, they blew in on the old skinflint down in Sohoville Center, Mo., and closed him up tighter than a barrel. The P. M., having 299,999 Bureau Prints left on his hands in a dead town, bundled them up and sent the whole smear back to Washington in great disgust and then closed the office and went fishing.

"Pat Clancy heard of this and a gleam of intelligence swept his classic Notre Dame features. He grabbed up his stamp album, found the now lonesome dated B. P., noted that it was off center and dt, but packed it off to New York to the famous Smith Brothers, auctioneers. Soon he got back a check for \$3,678.91¾, which was the net proceeds of the sale, less the usual commissions. Whereupon Pat, whose horizon had been so darkened by the loss of his sole means of support, wept tears of joy, and went out and painted the town a fiery red—just like his grandmother's cow did many, many years ago.

"Which teaches us, my children," Aunt Ermytrude wound up, with a glow of Puritan good nature, "that we should always latch on to every stamp that comes our way, whether straight edge, dt, pq, or whatnot, until we can get a better copy."

"But, awntie," again piped up little Willie, "why didn't this Clancy clown sell his stamp at one of the Chicago auctions—or Minneapolis or Omaha or Herrin, Ill?"

Whereupon, the gracious lady cast upon her nephew a glance of withering disdain, and without so much as a word, arose and stalked majestically out of the drawing room.

Precancel History of Coffeyville, Kansas

By ART BLEDSOE

Coffeyville is one of the leading cities of Kansas, having a population of around 21,000. It is a manufacturing center with about 40 factories, among which are three large oil refining plants.

It is right among the oil fields, many gas wells being situated right in the city. One of these oil refineries was the user of Coffeyville's first precancels. These were three due stamps, made by a fancy lettered handstamp of one line. This stamp was not aimed to be used for precanceling and very few copies can be found that show the entire impression. I say the Kansas Refinery was the first user, but should say, they caused them to be used.

The second type of Coffeyville precancels has tall block letters, all in one line and is a larger stamp than the first. This stamp was also a provisional one, not intended for such use and they were mostly dues like the first ones. Both of these first types are very scarce.

The third type was also used by the Kansas Refinery, but this time they had help from the Rea-Patterson Milling Co., one of the largest mills in the state. The Rea-Patterson salesmen when sending in orders, reports, etc., would place a two cent stamp on the letter and let the Mill pay the postage due.

Several others also had permits, at this time and used precans. Type 4 (U-53) in use from 1923 to date, is now worn out and useless. The Christian Church was the principal user of this type, altho there are other permit holders, including Montgomery-Ward, who used a number of 8, 9, 10 and 17 cent stamps. The P. O. itself did not use many of Type 4, outside of the 1c booklet panes. These had been in stock for a long time, when an inspector found them and ordered them used up, at once. Quite a large number were used but it is doubtful if many were saved for collectors. They are well worth keeping, if you have any. At the present time there is no precancel stamp in the P. O.

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Flora Population 3,558 lists the 5 and 10 on the 1917 issue which I should like to get or see, all the others are hard to pick up in any kind of condition.

Franklin Grove, population 589 what in the sam hill this place ever need precancels, if you want to call those different rubber stamps so, I consider them nothing but a provision-al and I think we would loose nothing if they were dropped from the catalog.

Freeport with a population of 19,669 has been using precancels for some time but were listed only this year. These low values in Perf. 11 will prove to be a good property.

Fulton, population 2,445 list only a lone 1½ cent Harding, but the type should be U-51 and not U-54.

Galesburg an important railroad center with a population of 23,843. Here is something for the Bar specialists to get straightened out. Looking over a Review of the Classics by Al Burns in the Precancel Gazette 1925, I note that he says the catalog is wrong on No. 1 which is the 1 cent 1887 (Scott's No. 214) and not 1873 as listed. However this year the 1 cent 1887 went in the catalog listing \$1.00, but the No. 1 stays there priced at \$7.50. Does it exist?

The other precancels that the collector has from this place are the postage due and a few older commemoratives. The 75 cent Parcel Post went up to \$3.00.

Galva a small town population 2,977 but its precancels are not so hard to pick up. The 3 cent Victory has been reduced from \$5.00 to \$1.00 which is more its actual value. There is no use to have such a high price on a stamp of which there are plenty on the market and nobody willing to pay.

Genoa population but 1,228. I had this town represented once in my black Harding collection before I sold it but have never seen any other precancels from this place since.

Gibson City another small town with a population of 2,234 uses precancels at Xmas time only. There are four stamps of the 1917 series that I should like to buy at full catalog or more. I hope that there will be no commemoratives in stock at the next Xmas season, they give the town

a bad reputation when there is really nothing wrong with this town.

Glenellyn population 2,851 is another town that has an electro plate and hardly used it, because we find it only on two stamps of the 1917 issue both of which received a boost in the price this year.

Granite City population 14,757 is a place of steel and tinplate mills, leadworks, and enameling works. Its types were mixed up last year in the catalog, and there will be again a mix-up in type II unless the proof reader will notice it in the last minute. This town is bad through and through, practically all stamps listed are made to order by a fellow somewhere in Missouri, who has his travelling salesmen going around this small towns and getting favors, not in a few copies but in sheets. So keep your eyes open when buying ½c, 1½c, 13c and 14 cents and commemoratives.

Grayslake, population but 736. Those two 1 centers listed under type I are rare, but type II is no good if they really have such a H. S. at the P. O. they certainly had no Norse in stock at such a small place and these and the 1½c are the only ones listed under this type.

Greenville, population 3,091 Type I is one of those provisional types that went in the catalog in the early days of our hobby. There were other values reported to me on the Panama-Pacific in this type and properly listed by me but somehow did not pass with the higherups. Well in my opinion we precancel collectors do loose nothing if the catalog is cleaned out of such provisionals, there are plenty honest to goodness precancels to collect.

Watch out for the commemoratives from this town, here applies the same what I said about Granite City.

Hamilton population only 1,698 uses the well known U-1 type, its precancels are not so easy to pick up with the exception of a few values.

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