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This issue is the first of PSS's new fiscal year. We have a new President, Mike Molle, and Vice President, Ralph Kimball, both of whom will serve for the next two years. We also have a new Board of Governors, Tom Crichton, Gene Byers, Dale Malzahn, and Loren Neuharth, who will serve four-year terms. In addition, I bought a new computer several months ago. This is my first attempt at using it and the requisite upgrade in software.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2016

September 1, 2016

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STATUS CHANGE

8090 Jacob Q. Doll – no longer a junior member.

DONATIONS

7060	Edward L. Bender	8031	Lenore K. Gray
171-6324	Thomas Crichton	8191	Gary E. Makowski
8071	Andrea S. Edmondson	8017	Thomas S. Mapes
144-4889	Carl J. Faulkner	7619	Charles Neyhart
7684	Neal Frazier	7214	Ivar Tjernshaugen
7406	Donald R. Fritze	156-2946	Itsuwo Uwoki

TOTAL PSS MEMBERSHIP September 1, 2016 – 597

T.G. Rehkop, Secretary

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2016 PSS CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, August 10, 2016, Holiday Inn at Portland, OR. President Dale Malzahn called the first business meeting of the 95th Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society to order at 10:04 am.

For our host, the Golden Gate Precancel Club, Ralph Kimball welcomed members to the convention. Duane Spidle thanked them on behalf of the Board of Governors. The members introduced themselves and told about their collecting interests.

The President called for oral reports from the officers present:

Mike Hynes reported for the Board of Governors that the shopping cart was added to the website which provided the ability to sell electronic media.

Tom Crichton reported that the 501(c)(3) is in place and the society is now tax exempt. There is still a need to update the bylaws and constitution to be compatible with that status.

Secretary Rehkop gave the annual membership report. There was a drop in membership, from 593 last year to 586 on August 1, 2016. The PSS honorary life membership for 2016 was awarded to William G. Symes of Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada who has 46 continuous years as a member. The full report is printed elsewhere in this *Forum*.

Larry Patterson, editor for the *Forum*, reminded us that he is always looking for articles.

Phil Cayford, Catalog Committee Chair, announced that there would be a meeting on Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. and interested members are always invited. He also announced that the *Washington/Franklin Part 2b Catalog* and the *Bicent Catalog* have been printed and released. *The Silent Precancel Catalog* will be going to print soon.

Last year's convention did not choose a meeting site for 2018 or beyond. Official nominations for 2018 and 2019 may be presented and voted at the second business meeting on Thursday. Dave Smith reported that Louisville, KY will be a site for 2017; he discussed the site and available tourist attractions.

The working committees for this Convention were announced:

Credentials: Jan Kant, Dave Lagerstrom, and Jim Callis.

Elections: Gary Hendren, Mike Hynes, and Mike Chanquet
Resolutions: Tim Hebel, Tom Crichton, and Ralph Kimball

Any business considered by this Convention must be presented to the Resolutions Committee in writing.

Ralph Kimball announced the convention photograph would be taken immediately after this meeting.

President Malzahn then read the list of members departed since last year and the members present observed a moment of silence. The list is printed elsewhere in this *Forum*.

The first business meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Thursday, August 11, 2016, Holiday Inn at Portland, OR. Second PSS Business Meeting. President Malzahn called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

The Credentials Committee reported that 85 PSS members were registered for the Convention. There were 43 members present at the meeting, so a quorum was declared for the conduct of the Society's business.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions:

Resolution #1: WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Precancel Club (BR 6) under the leadership of Ralph Kimball, as well as many hardworking volunteers, have organized and produced a superb 95th Annual Convention August 8-13 in Portland, OR, USA, marked by a well-run facility, now, hereby be it RESOLVED, that the Precancel Stamp Society does hereby extend to the Golden Gate Precancel Club, their officers, committee chairpersons, helpers, and all members and their spouses, this commendation and expression of appreciation for their hard work, organizational skills, and gracious hospitality in hosting the 95th Annual Convention. [Moved and seconded to approve. Motion was carried unanimously.]

Resolution #2: WHEREAS, the Holiday Inn has provided the facilities, accommodations, and amenities, along with a gracious staff for this 95th Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society, now, hereby be it RESOLVED, that the Precancel Stamp Society does hereby extend to Catherine Connall, Mercedes Fleming, Sharen Fowler, Deborah Rogers, and Susan Shipping, the hotel staff, catering, and sales departments of the Holiday Inn a vote of thanks for the courtesies and services provided for the week. [Moved and seconded to approve. Motion was carried unanimously.]

Resolution #3: WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of some members that certain Life Members who have no access to electronic communication capabilities, believe that being charged an annual fee for delivery of printed copies of the *Forum* is unfair and inappropriate, now, hereby be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors is directed to formulate and, to the extent deemed feasible and fair to the society and such Life Members, at the sole discretion of the Board, to implement a mechanism to address the situation of certain Life Members who are unable to access the *Forum* by electronic means. [Moved, original resolution modified as above, discussed, and seconded to approve. Motion was carried by show of hands.]

Resolution #4: WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Governors that Tom Crichton and his law firm, Vinson & Elkins, played a key role in obtaining the 501(c3) nonprofit designation for the PSS, thereby allowing tax deductible contributions to be made to the PSS, now, hereby be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors expressly thanks Tom Crichton and Vinson & Elkins for their many hours of pro bono work on behalf of the PSS to obtain the 501(c)(3) designation. [Moved and seconded to approve. Motion was carried unanimously.]

The Election Committee reported that 312 ballot envelopes were received. Of those received:

- 2 were invalid – either no name, no number, or both
- 1 blank ballot
- 4 listed no Board of Governors selection
- 38 voted for both slates of the Board of Governors and were not counted
- 74 voted for the East Board (Foster, Podwell, Patterson, Szymanski)
- 193 voted for the Midwest Board (Byers, Crichton, Malzahn, Neuharth)

- President – Mike Molle 302, Pete Heydt 2 write-ins
- Vice President – Ralph Kimball 303, Joe Colbourne 2 write-ins
- Secretary – T. G. Rehkop 304, Marie Laetsch 2 write-ins

The committees were thanked for their service and dismissed.

President Malzahn called for a discussion of future conventions.

Dave Smith reported that the Kentucky Club is ready for the 2017 convention on August 7-12, 2017 at the Ramada Plaza on Bluegrass Parkway in Louisville, Kentucky. The room rate is \$82 per night.

Gene Byers is investigating Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia for 2018.
Dave Lagerstrom is investigating Omaha, Nebraska for 2019.

It was mentioned that the APS Stampshow will be in Columbus, OH August 9-12, 2018 and August 1-4, 2019 in Omaha, NE.

Ralph Kimball announced that the donation auction will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday.

The second business meeting was adjourned at 10:53 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
T. G. Rehkop, Secretary.

**PSS SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE
PORTLAND CONVENTION.**

Membership Report for the past year:

On August 1, 2015	581	members
	12	branch clubs
New members	+ 28	
Reinstatements	+ 9	
Restored	+2	
Resignations	- 13	
Dropped from rolls	- 24	
Deceased	-9	
On August 1, 2016	573	members
	13	branch clubs
	586	total

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. Rehkop
Secretary

IN MEMORY OF . . .

PSS Members Departed Since the 2015 Convention

Howard R. Foster	John W. Larson	Thomas A. Sanford
T. George Gilinsky	Donald R. Long	C. Wallace Smith, Jr.
David W. Howe	L. Gordon Rowe	Henry A. Stevens

IN HONOR OF . . .

The following PSS members were honored at the 95th Annual Convention in Portland:

25-Year Certificates

4044	Duane L. Edwards, Sr.	6526	Ralph B. Kimball
6477	Allen G. Swift	6544	John J. Lane
6503	Ken Lawrence	6555	Bruce Chisholm
6507	Robert S. Brierly	6558	Joseph C. Banchak

Honorary Life Membership

252-4326 William G. Symes

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mike Molle, PSS 220-6883

The convention of 2016 is now history; again, it was another great convention. These meetings are only possible because so many volunteers make them happen. All my thanks to everyone who made this convention a success. Especially, Julie and Ralph Kimball who spent a lot of time so we could enjoy ourselves.

I'm glad Ralph is retired now and has some time for stamps when he returns home. During the convention he didn't have time to look at any stamps, because when he was not busy running the convention, he was helping people with their computers and the precancel program.

As your new president, I want to thank you all for your support in electing me. For me, it's a great honor, especially because I'm the first non-US president in the almost 100 years of PSS's existence.

As you probably know, Jan Kant and I come to the convention every year; not only to find new precancels for our collection, but also to meet all our precancel friends. This year I met a few convention first-timers. I know they had a great time also. Some friends couldn't come because of health problems. I wish them a fast recovery and hope to see them in 2017 at the Florida Club's February meeting or in Louisville at the next convention in August. Why not sooner? As the new president I should also go to all the local meetings; that's what some members told me. I wish I could be at all of them, but the airfares are too expensive. There should be a rule that PSS will pay the expenses for the president to attend all the local meetings. I will certainly vote "Yes" for that rule!!!

We travel a long distance and other members drive up to 5 days to be at the convention. No distance is too far or takes too long to meet precancel friends. A member of the Facebook precancel group made the remark that the distance to the convention was too far. When he was asked where he lives he said in Seattle. The chance that there will be a convention closer to Seattle than Portland will probably never happen. If you want to find new precancels and meet your precancel friends again, you have to travel.

Charlie Adrion, a former president of the PSS, always told us how many new precancels he found at a meeting. I found over 1,800 new ones for my 1922 - 1926 general collection. Many are cheap ones, but there are also many better ones. All of them make nice additions.

I always bring a few precancels to the convention that I am unable to identify. There are always dealers who help me with my questions. This year I had an

unlisted Bennettsville, SC L-type. Because it was on a Liberty, I swapped it for a few very nice better types for my own collection. All the dealers and other members are willing to help you with all the questions you have. It is so nice that they share their knowledge for free.

For those members who have never been to a convention, start planning to come next year and start visiting local precancel meetings. At the local meetings you meet a few dealers and precancel collectors. Remember that you don't have to be an advanced collector to go to these meetings. We all started as rookies!!!

After the convention, Jan and I went to Painted Hills in Oregon; Seattle, Washington and Vancouver, Canada for a couple of days. The different convention locations are nice because I can add a few more days to see something of your beautiful country. Painted Hills was Breathtaking. Seattle was great; a beautiful city. In Vancouver we went on a boat trip to see Orcas (the killer whales). They are beautiful animals when you see them in the wild. A lovely experience again. For us, this has been another year we won't forget!!!

One more thing; I'm also the president of our local stamp club. Members asked me what kind of stamps I collect; when I told them precancels, most of them didn't know what they are. That gave me a reason to make a presentation about precancels in PowerPoint. This presentation takes about a half an hour; just enough to keep people interested. I have also made the presentation at several other stamp clubs in our country and have been asked to make the presentation at two other stamp clubs next October.

PSS SELLERS ON EBAY

Jim Bennette cadjimbo	Frank Bird prestamps
Deveney Stamps deveney17	Ron Doctor foghorn2000
Dennis Ewert ewertsde	Dave Fordham dgfordham
Josh Furman editorrc	Jerry Gantar gg1941
Curtis Gidding curtstamp	Mike Gutman msg94
Steve & Marlene Gunesch leni915	Woody Hann & Bob Noble blititz
Tim Hebel Landscapertim	Reynold Hilzinger Reinholdstamps
Mike Hynes mnhynes	Dick Laetsch precancel44uw
John Lane precanceljohn	Dale Malzahn wyandotte2
Chris Masters christmas1942	Norm Macneall stampinman
Mike Molle red-rose789	Larry Patterson burocouter
John Ross jro256	Duane Spidle peakprecancel
Matt Stephenson mattstef	Bill Symes WSYMES

Of course, this presentation is in Dutch, but I can translate it into English. When you're interested in making the presentation at your local stamp club, please let me know. Promoting our great hobby is something we should all do.

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 vele groeten / many regards, Mike

CORRECTIONS AND FOLLOW-UPS TO PREVIOUS ISSUE

Phil Cayford, PSS 155-3808

CORRECT NAVASOTA, TX TYPE

The correct type of the Navasota, Texas precancel shown on page 283 of the previous issue is 466, not 461.

Editor: That is right; I'm blushing behind my beard.

ATTENDEES NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE CONVENTION PICTURE

In the Convention identification photo on page 292 of the September issue, five people with numbers were not identified: They have been removed from anonymity and are as follows:

27 is Dorthy Brunell, 74 is Tim Hebel, 75 is Karen Hebel, 76 is Sue Spidle; 79 is Terry Clark. No one was assigned the numbers 77 or 78.

Ralph Kimball and Matt Stephenson: We apologize for not providing this information in our initial correspondence.

Precancels Wanted

If you're giving up precancel collecting or have inherited a collection that you are not interested in, I'm interested in buying entire collections and accumulations of precancels. I will travel to inspect your holdings if they require that. Please contact me if it's time to sell.

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HORLICKS FOLLOW-UP

Dave Smith, PSS 123-4406

In the article about Horlick's Malted Milk on page 281 of the September issue, Joe Coulbourn wondered whether other companies had used the Racine, WI L-7 E local device. I do not have a list of which types each is on, but I have recorded these companies as using precancels in Racine prior to 1921. The stamps prior to 1908 could have been any type including the L-7 E. All of the Washington/Franklin era would have been the L-7 E. These items are in several places in my collections; I cannot look them up readily, but I will if someone needs to see a cover from one of them.

User	Stamps with Precancel
Racine 213-227 State St.	1¢ 1898, 1¢ 1902
Advance Manufacturing Co	1¢ 1908
The J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co.	1902
Commercial & Savings Bank	1¢ 1908
Charles A. Crane	1¢ 1912
The Fair Mfg. Co.	1¢ 1902
The Geo. B. Freeman Mfg. Co	1¢ 1902
"Free Order Offer"	1¢ 1898, 1¢ 1902
Hofmeister Woolen Mills	1¢ 1902
Horlicks Malted Milk	1¢ 1902, 1¢ 1912, 1¢ 1914
Johnson Field Mfg. Co.	1¢ 1902
S. C. Johnson & Son	1¢ 1908
Modern Specialty Co.	
Dr. Shoop	1¢ 1898

Horlick's itself had a whole series of post cards using the 1-cent precancel.

BALPEX

Dave Smith, PSS 123-4406

BALPEX is a good regional show. Attendance Friday was great; Saturday and Sunday were below normal. The United Postal Stationery Society has a joint meeting with BALPEX; several members of that society were interested in precancel postal stationery. Several precancel collectors stopped by our table. Our treasurer, Larry Rausch, had an interesting exhibit on perfins on the Great Britain Penny Red. Saturday afternoon, we put on a program of precancel postal stationery. It was well attended and generated some good discussion.

“CENTER” TOWNS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

Larry Patterson, PSS 5007

While working on the New Hampshire portion of my War and Defense collection, I noticed that several of the town names began with the word “Center.” Those listed in the *T&T Catalog* include Center Barnstead, Center Conway, Center Harbor, Center Ossipee, Center Sandwich, and Center Strafford. Other states, including several in New England, have town names that end with “Center.” Some of these include Brookfield Center and Canton Center, CT; Cumberland Center and Lincoln Center, ME; and Lynnfield Center and Raynham Center, MA. Although not a town name, one of the most well known “centers” in the United States, may be Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Anyway, the reason to lead with “center” raised my curiosity. So while I was at the PSS Convention, I asked “Mr. New Hampshire,” Phil Cayford, to enlighten me about the use of “center” in the Granite state.

As best as I can understand the situation, these locations had preexisted or were designated to become a central location for local governmental activities. Some, but not all, were located centrally within a township. (For those of us who are not familiar “townships,” many of the counties in the New England and Midwestern States are subdivided into townships.) Some of New Hampshire’s “center” towns developed economically into larger entities; some were bypassed for other localities; some passed out of existence entirely.

(To be continued)

While the leadership of our country is on the line,

Precancels remain firmly between the lines.

BOOSTER BUCKS FOR THE 2017 PSS CONVENTION

Dave Smith, PSS 123-4406

At the Portland Convention, the following attendees contributed a total of \$783.00 toward the expenses of next year's Convention in Louisville.

Doug Turner, Steve Endicott, Arnold Selengut, Ralph Kimball, Dave Smith, Dick Laetsch, Dan Baugher, T G Rehkop, John Earle, Mike Provost, Rich Fehler, Bill Latchic, Mike Chanquet, Ballard Cheatham, Gene Byers, Duane Spidle, Loren Neuharth, Jim and Gary Callis, Bruce Brunell, Jim Hirstein, Bill Derrick, Jan Kant, Mike Molle, Dale Malzahn, Donald Fritze, Pete Heydt, Tim Hebel, Phil Cayford, Eliot Sokolow, Randy Gibson, Ken Masters, and Brian Cassidy.

FARM AND FIRESIDE

A Precancel User of Springfield, OH Type 238

Joe Coulbourne, PSS 8180

The cover shown on the next page caught my interest as the first-class rate was 2¢ for letters in 1927 and this was posted with only 1½¢. So I got to thinking that it must be something special beyond being a precancel on cover. My interest turned out to be quite an expedition of discovery for this cover.

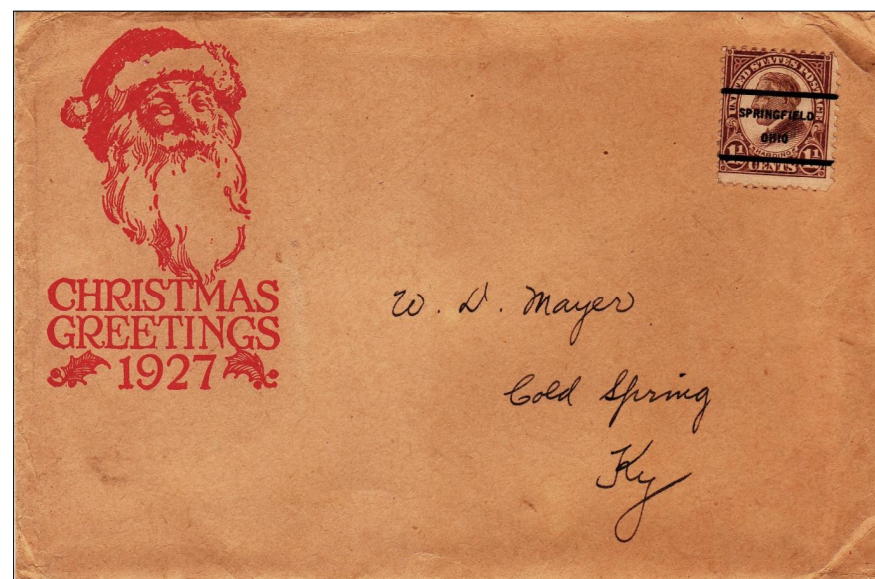
The cover contained two items. The first was a 1¢ postal card (unused) with *Farm and Fireside's* address in Springfield, Ohio. The card was an acceptance by the sender (W. D. Mayer) to begin a subscription starting with the Christmas 1927 issue of *Farm and Fireside* magazine and to continue that subscription for 57 months which would take the subscription through September 1932.



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Editor::The cover provided by the author has been reduced in size to fit the on a page in *The Forum*.

(By the way, the cost for that 57-month subscription was only \$1.00.) The second item was a four-page form letter dated December 1927 that was sent out with sample advertising and notes about the magazine in an effort to entice the potential subscriber.

Farm and Fireside magazine called itself “a journal of agriculture, literature and the arts.” It was published semi-monthly and targeted the woman on the farm. Originally it had been a weekly issue published on Saturdays in Woonsocket, Rhode Island. The first issue appeared on 12 January 1867. This initial run only lasted a year; in 1868 subscriptions were converted to another local magazine. *Farm and Fireside* lasted until January 1930 when it became *Country Home*. That magazine ended its print run in December 1939. At its peak, *Farm and Fireside* enjoyed a circulation of 1.825 million subscribers and, as evidenced by this cover, advertised widely.

The Crowell-Collier Publishing Company was founded by John S. Crowell of Louisville, Kentucky, who worked in the *Courier-Journal* print shop and press room. Crowell relocated to Springfield, Ohio in 1877, to print his *Farm and Fireside* magazine for agricultural implements manufactured by the P.P. Mast



Farm and Fireside Block, located on the Northwest corner of High and Factory streets (now High Street and Wittenberg Avenue) in Springfield, Ohio.

and Company in an office located in a two-story building at the southeast corner of Warder and Limestone. Just two years later, the magazine had blossomed which led Crowell to form Mast, Crowell and Kirkpatrick, with Crowell leading the company as general manager. In 1880, the company moved to the upper floors of the Republic Building. Rapid growth saw the addition of three dozen employees just two years later. The company outgrew the building and moved, in 1891, to West High Street in a three-story, 50,000 square-foot building. The company eventually outgrew those facilities and constructed an eight-story building at West High Street and South Wittenberg Avenue in 1927. At its peak, the Crowell-Collier Company employed several thousand workers. It was one of the largest publishing firms in the United States during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. During the late 1800s and the early 1900s, the company also began publishing books. In 1960, The Crowell-Collier Company was acquired by the Macmillan Company.

On the philatelic side, my suspicion led me to look at the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1066-1069), effective April 15, 1925. It fixes the rate of postage

on third-class matter at 1½¢ for each 2 ounces or fraction thereof. This cover seems to be an example of it. My mystery is solved. The stamp itself is the 1½¢ Harding perforated 11 x 10½, Scott number 633 issued on 17 May 1927. The precancel is type 238.

Although I cannot say that Crowell-Collier was the only user of type 238 from Springfield, OH, they certainly had to be one of the largest as they published several magazines and many books.

CLUB SCENE

The Golden Gate Precancel Society's newsletter contained (1) a bonus item and (2) a reminder of the annual Fall Round-up to be held at the La Quinta Inn on Buena Vista Drive in Paso Robles, CA on October 5 through 7.

The back side of the page continued the list of denominations in Connecticut towns on which electros were imprinted. The current list ran from Manchester's L-3 with an April 1946 date through Meriden's Type 219 on the 1930 Postage Due Issue.

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Greg Waldeck, PSS 7578

Thought that I'd share some images. Below left is a nicely centered fancy cancel; next to that are two well-centered precancels. The middle row has a horizontal pair of Scott 371's without any perforations; they also happened to be mint, never hinged. And, finally at the bottom, although not a precancel, the cover "milks" the "dairy" theme initiated last month with the Horlicks article.



This page contains some nice supplements to a National Park collection: a National Park Pass and first-day covers, hand tinted by Clara H. Fawcett from the National Parks Issue for Mount Rainier, Mesa Verde, and Crater Lake.

MEMBERS OF PSS AT THE CONVENTION



Left to right above are Randy Gibson, who is a “general precancel” collector. In the middle is Gene Holgate. He collects Buros, MN towns and types and DLE’s. On the right is Tom Surprenant. Tom has filled 4 albums with Buros and 5 with DLE’s He’s also into city-type coils and War and Defense Prexys.



Several attendees at the recent convention disproved the notion that philately is an all-male endeavor. Shown above is Anna Marie Ayres from Brentwood, CA. She collects everything up to 1940 and recently purchased a Bicent collection, and the new Bicent Catalog.



Bruce Brunell is a collector, dealer, and researcher. He edited the *Catalog of Printed Precancels of the United States*, as well as catalogs for the individual states of CA, ID, LA, MS, UT, and WY.



Ed Linn has been collecting since he was in the 2nd grade. Although he lives in Sacramento, California. He has developed a tremendous general collection of precancels from the state of Oregon.

YOU CAN PRINT MY STORY

Carl Moore, Jr., PSS 5153

Why am I called the “Chicago Dated Nut?” Thirty some years ago, before I joined the PSS, I started with what I called the “‘undecipherable’ in Precancels.” The Chicago Sears and Roebuck’s (SRC) printed locals, and of course those “hand stamped dateds.” Along with the Chicago Mail Order (CMO) which was an early part of Aldens. I first started with Aldens, and I was teased about collecting those “fly specs.” I checked around and found someone in New York State had started on Sears, but never got them listed.

I know everyone has their own way of how they collect, but not as big a challenge as I undertook. I finished my list of SRC. Jim Hirstein has it, and the CMO lists were printed by Tom Sanford. I hope that Gene Byers has it so the challenge can be continued.

Reproduced, and slightly downsized on the next page, is an advanced copy of the “CMO” handstamp types; they were checked with the 5th edition of the *PSS Catalog* which I was told were correct. The impressions in the later catalogs were enlarged slightly.

And now all you collectors know why I’m called the “Old Chicago Dated Nut.” I also want to thank the late Peter Allison who helped me work on Chicago SRC’s.

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Type 304
 Spacing 12 mm between lines. Hyphen after CMO. Used NOV 38 to JAN 39.

Type 305
 Spacing 11-11½ mm between lines. Control 1-2 mm above top line. Used FEB, MAR, JULY and AUG 39.

Type 306
 Spacing 10½ mm between lines. Control 1-2 mm above top line. Used APR, MAY, JUNE, SEP and OCT 39. Also JAN 40 to JULY 53. Beginning AUG.40 a period follows the month. There are many control varieties: no hyphen, period after the month, no period after month, period after year (JULY 42.) year close to month (JULY42), and many others. Beware of postcancelled items as these are favors. Usually dated JUNE., JULY. or AUG. 42.

Type 307
 Thin lines 11 mm apart. Control 2 mm above top line. Space between city and state is 2 mm. Used NOV 39 and DEC 39 only.

Type 308
 Spacing 12½ mm between lines. Control ½ mm above top line. Space between city and state is 2½ mm. Apostrophe before year. Used AUG'43 to MAR'46. Beware of and do not buy postcancelled items or colored ink imprints. These are favors and usually seen CMO-OCT'43.

A QUESTION
 John Williams, PSS 7358

Several years ago, Katie Foster printed an extensive article by David Smith on Dallas, Texas handstamps. They were similar to the group of articles he recent-

ly wrote in *The Forum* on Chicago locals. The Dallas article helped me organize my material. Needless to say, the Chicago articles helped, as well.

Chicago, with 77 catalog-listed local precancels, is at the top of the large metropolitan areas that used local devices. Dallas was relatively modest at 36 locals. Other cities and their totals are Kansas City (61), Atlanta (21), Baltimore (43), Boston (31), Detroit (33), St. Paul (27), Brooklyn (24), New York (28), Seattle (22), and Philadelphia (65). All of these cities offer identification challenges similar to Chicago and Dallas.

Have other articles been done on any of these other cities? Thank You.

In one of the collections I acquired was a priced list from Richard J. Coda, Sr. in East Orange, N.J. It is a large and sophisticated list from the 1960's (no copyright). Do any of our contributing experts know anything about Coda's firm?

Editor: I have almost completed a topical index of *Forums* published over the past 10 years. Other than related information that may be included in the various MW and non-MW dated updates, I only found one article about a local from one of the cities mentioned above. That article, which appeared on page 147 of the April 2013 issue, only included an impression of the Seattle, WA L-8 HS

From March 1983 through December 1984, *The Precancel Forum* contained a series of articles "Precancel Literature, Past and Present." The information was compiled and edited by Dilmond Postlewait and later published as a standalone document. From that resource, I found several catalogs, lists and album pages that Richard J. Coda, Sr. published. The information is in the next two charts.

Publication	Publication Dates	In Association With
<i>Standard Catalog of U.S. Bureau Precancels.</i>	Jan 1956, July 1956, Jan 1957, July 1957, Jan 1958, Jan 1959, Jan 1960, Jan 1961	Adolf Gunesch
<i>Standard Catalog of U.S. Bureau Precancels.</i>	Jan 1962, Jan 1963, Feb 1964, May 1966	N/A

The next page contains a chart of all the state catalogs and lists which Coda published. Note that he was also the editor of some of them. (I think that the G-C Town List, identified on the next page, is a list of towns include in the Gunesch-Coda Catalog included inn the chart above.)

State or Territory	Year Published	Item(s)	Editor(s)
AK, VI, CZ, PR	circa 1961	Catalog	Coda
Wash., D.C.	Dec 1961	Catalog	Coda
GU, HI, Canton Islands	Dec 1961	Catalog	Coda
MD	Oct 1960	Catalog and companion album pages	Coda
MD	Jan 1962	Catalog	Coda
NH	1960	Catalog and companion album pages	Crandall Wallenstein
NH	1962	Catalog	Wallenstein
NJ	1960	Catalog and companion album pages	Norbert Foerster and John Odenthal
NM	1960	Catalog and companion album pages	Claude Entwistle, Vernon White, and Coda
VA	Jun 1961, May 1965 addenda	Catalog and companion album pages	Coda
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