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Officers elected, bylaws, code OK'd

A total of 328 members (68 percent) of the Plate Number Coil Collectors Club (PNC3) cast ballots in the recent election of officers and on the questions of the new bylaws and code of ethics.

The results were officially announced during the PNC3 annual meeting Aug. 24 in Philadelphia at the APS Stampshow '91.

The races for president, vice president and secretary were not contested.

President Rob Washburn received 316 votes; Vice President Tom Maeder received 319 votes and Secretary Gene Trinks received 319 votes. In the race for Treasurer, Gene Ernst defeated R.A. Emmett, 230-79.

In the Member At-Large balloting there were five candidates seeking two open spots. Karen Maddox led the way with 219 votes, followed by Kenneth Cherry at 130. Dick Koenig received 128 votes, Bob Reece received 82 and John Tison received 70.

The proposed bylaws were passed on a vote of 323 to 1, while the proposed code of ethics was approved by a 314-4 margin.

The bylaws were published in the April issue of Coil Line. The proposed code of ethics was included in the mailing which contained the ballot.

The results include all ballots postmarked by the Aug. 1 deadline.

Thanks to the Ballot Committee of Conrad Keydel, Joann Lenz and Ellen Mitchell for putting the election material together, getting it into the mail and tabulating the results.

Membership at 499

Including the applicants for membership in this issue of Coil Line, membership has reached 499. In all likelihood the figure will have topped 500 by the time this issue reaches most members.

The club continues to grow and interest in plate number coil collecting is strong. Some of the new issues are difficult to find but that just seems to add to the interest and maybe also creates a little frustration.

Ken Lawrence jumped the gun a bit in the Aug. 19 issue of "Linn's" by announcing the 500th member but pointed out the unprecedented growth of PNC3.

Some new issues difficult to find, others show up ahead of schedule

While some PNC3 members found copies of the 29c Tulip coil stamp as much as three weeks ahead of official Aug. 16 release date, other issues have been elusive weeks after the scheduled release date.

Some dealers have been advertising strips from the gravure printing of the 29c Mount Rushmore stamp but few members have reported success finding the stamp at their post offices or nearby philatelic windows.

While the Toledo, Ohio, (nearest the editor) philatelic window has never been a hot source for elusive items, the clerk said Aug. 9 she does not expect to receive the Mount Rushmore gravure stamp. She also had not received the 19c Fishing Boat coil as of that day but reported many collectors were content to catch up on the fractional coils due to go off sale at the end of August. Most of the numbers in her stock drawer were No. 1, while No. 7 represented Mount Rushmore. She has no stock of the "F" coil and expects no resupply. The 23c Lunch Wagon was represented by plate No. 2. The centering on most was decent but the 24.1 Tandem Bicycle was terrible.

All of the new and missing coil items are being produced by private printers and apparently have limited distribution. If the first class postage rate increase to 30 cents goes into effect this fall, it's hard to figure if some of these coils or numbers will ever have wide post office distribution. Who knows what an order to the Philatelic Caves would bring or how soon it would be filled. The interval for the A1111 plate number on the 29c gravure version of the Mount Rushmore is 24 stamps. One Eastern PNC3 member obtained 500 of the stamps and reported the color on the monument is a dark (muddy) chocolate brown and the blue in the flag is more of a sky blue. The paper is thin and the gum has a semi-shiny appearance.

Additional information on the 29c Tulip and the 19c Fishing Boat are contained in this issue.

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Letters

White background on used "F" stamp

To the Editor:

We in the field, dedicated to the "used" and envious (maybe) of those who more often than not, seem to have access to the more exotic material, do dream and hope for that special day in stampdom, a personal unique discovery. I have, I hope, one to report.

After sorting through 200,000 "F" coil stamps in search of numbers and seeing the same colors with slight variations on each and every stamp the sight of one with the yellow background missing jumped out at me quite dramatically about 10 days ago (letter dated July 25).

The stamp is on an envelope postmarked Spokane, WA but mailed by a person living in Moscow ID. I was able to contact him and discuss the history of the stamp.

He was excited as I about the stamps and disappointed, likewise, to the same degree, since he could not locate any additional stamps. Further probing brought out the fact that he had purchased the stamp (stamps) some time ago at either the main post office of Moscow or at the Postal Facility of the University of Idaho at Moscow from a dispensing machine. We could go no further in our investigation.

The background of the stamp is dead white under a strong microscope with no evidence of any margins or inclusions in any parts of the flower, stem or leaf.

Since finding this single stamp I have been especially alert to any others in the mixtures I sort.

Other than the above, I have nothing new to report on finds. The ratios indicated in my last letter remain essentially the same. Still no evidence of "F" 1211.

Howard R. Foster
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Untagged 2c report unfounded

To the Editor:

I've made a great error in announcing the untagged 2c Locomotive. The roll I examined was only partially untagged. My UV light detected no tagging, however, a fellow collector's light much stronger than mine detected a small amount of tagging on the edges only. I apologize for this mistake.

Steve Crown
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Sorting through commercial covers

To the Editor:

I have just gone through three plastic sacks of covers from a local business. Covers were from April, May and June and probably 90 percent originated in Southern Oregon. I estimate there were 4,000+ covers. I found 136 PNCs, not all collectable. The following is the breakdown.

- 1 - 1c Omnibus No. 2
- 1 - 3c Conestoga No. 1
- 2 - 4c Steam Carriage No. 1
- 4 - 23c Lunchwagon No. 2
- 10 - 25c Yosemite. 1 each of No. 2, 7, 11 and 15; 3 each of No. 9 and 14.
- 26 - 29c Mount Rushmore, 1 of No. 1; 3 of No. 2, 6 of No. 3; and 16 of No. 7.
- 92 - 29c F, 32 of No. 1111; 21 of No. 1222; 1 of No. 2211; 38 of No. 2222.

In case I haven't listed my collecting interests. I collect used PNCs and PNCs on cover. I have exhibited part of my collection two years in a row in our local show, SOPEX, in April. As I have been exhibits chairman for the last two years, any who are interested in exhibiting can contact me. We have a 48-page maximum to each exhibit.

Larry Crain
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Philatelic Sales experiences delays

To the Editor:

In the August issue of "Coil Line" you asked "What will happen to the long-awaited 29c denominated version of the "F" stamp." In a phone call today (Aug. 1) to Philatelic Sales Customer Service Department (816-455-0970) they indicated that the 29c denominated version of the "F" stamp is due to be released by them Aug. 16.

In separate correspondence, they confirmed the Fishing Boat and the denominated Flower coil were still backordered and would be shipped. The order number from the Philatelic Sales for the Mt. Rushmore gravure variety is 7758. Philatelic Sales is again experiencing the delays of last year. An order I placed June 14th was shipped July 30th. The sales person I spoke with said on July 31st that Philatelic Sales had received 20,000 orders that day. It sounds like the stamp business is booming.

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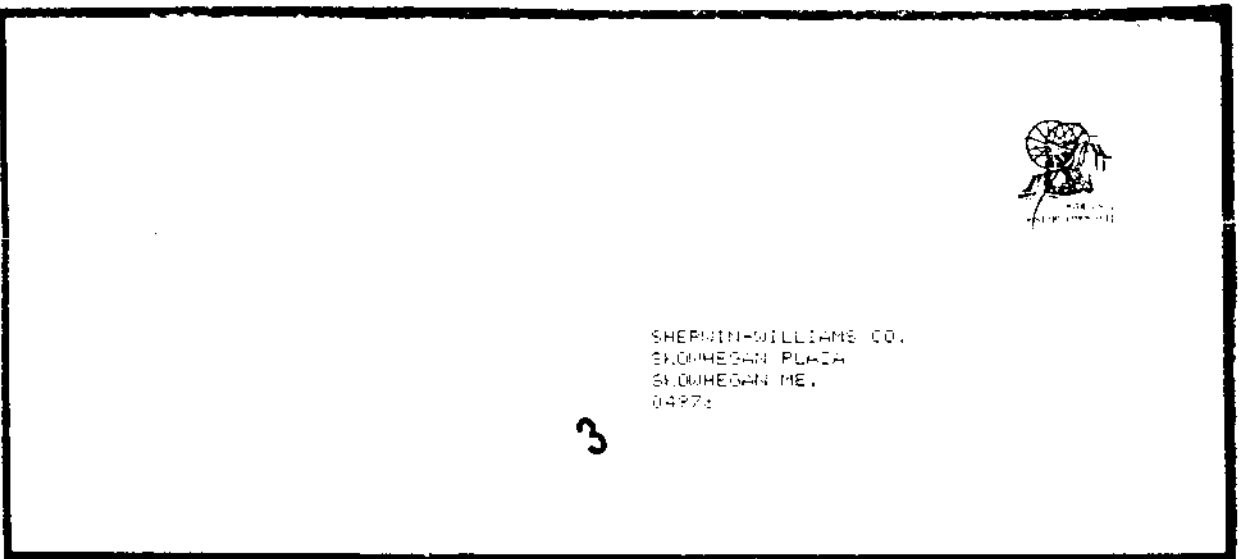
This month's topic is on the 10.9c Hansom Cab. The Hansom Cab coil was released on March 26, 1982 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Plate numbers 1 and 2 exist tagged and numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 exist precancelled. The plate numbers appear every 24 stamps in a roll.

The earliest known usages of Hansom Cab PNCs on cover are as follows:

<u>Plate Number</u>	<u>Earliest Known Usage Date On Cover</u>
1 tagged	2/18/86
2 "	11/30/87
1 precancelled	12/28/85
2 "	12/28/85
3 "	No dated covers known
4 "	2/6/87

All of the covers listed above, except the #3 precancelled, were philatelically contrived. An actual commercial cover of a precancelled #2 is known with a printed message on the envelope reading "The Boston Show May 14-16, 1982". Also a precancelled #4 commercial cover is known with contents dated 3/1/83.

Virtually all tagged 10.9c Hansom Cab PNC covers are philatelic, and as such should be worth about \$5 - \$10 each. The cover pictured below is a rare exception. I acquired the cover from my father several years ago, and he got it at his place of employment (Sherwin-Williams). It is tied by a pen cancel, and is quite plain looking, but it is a truly unusual and scarce commercial usage of the tagged 10.9c #2.



Actual commercial covers of the 10.9c precancels are surprisingly tough to find. The Hansom Cab paid the 10.9c third class bulk mailing (sorted to 3 or 5 zip code digits) rate from the time of its issuance (3/26/82) until 5/21/83, and thereafter when the rate increased to 11c, it continued to be used as authorized false franking until 10/27/83. Commercial covers of #1 and #2 precancels should be valued at \$25 - \$50 each. I have only received reports of about fifteen of

each of those numbers in existence. Commercial covers of #3 and #4 precancels are even more valuable...\$60 - \$100 each. I have only received reports of approximately a dozen of each of those numbers in existence.

There was only one new EKU cover report this month...20c Flag #9 (1/11/83). Next month, I'll cover the 7.4c Baby Buggy and the 5c Milk Wagon.

25c Honeybee variety study

PNC3 member Margaret Stanchfield, 9320 So. 218 St., Kent, WA 98031 has submitted the following report on the study she has been doing a 25c Honeybee variety.

In "The Plate Number" January 1990, A.S. Cibulskas reported finding a vertical "Blade of Grass" line in a Honeybee coil stamp. A different line was reported later. Nineteen of the lines were examined by me in person or by photocopy. They were all from Plate No. 2, D press, screen tagged. The "green" was cyan, showing as green in the stamp design when it mixed with yellow. Most had the bee body well centered, in the same position, but three had the antenna almost touching the frame line. There are three distinctly different vertical line patterns. No. 1 starts 1mm below the stamp design, 5.5mm from the L side of the design and extends up into the design 9.5 to 12mm, all lines identical except for height. No. 2 starts 1mm above the frame line, lining

up perfectly with the line in stamp No. 1, and extending down approximately 2mm, again differing only in length. Another line in the same stamp starts 1/6mm to the left of the end of the first line and extends further down into the stamp design approximately 10.5mm, angling very slightly to the left. No. 3 has a line entirely within the stamp design, 6mm to the right of the left frame line, 7.5mm from the top frame line, extending down 8.5mm. All lines were in the stamp to the right of the seam line, the seam lines being in positions), 8L, 10L, 11L and 9R. Since all lines were to the right of the seam line they probably were caused by cracks in the same cyan plate.

Margaret reports she is also looking at the enlarged 25 USA on the Honeybee Coil and will submit those findings for a future issue of "Coil Line."



Variety No. 1



Variety No. 2

Variety No.3 (illustration not available)

Lines are enhanced to make sure they show on reproduction

Covers of the Month

AL HAAKE
RT. 1 - BOX 65
GERMANTOWN, IL 62245



FIRST CLASS

Ken Lawrence
P.O. Box 3568
Jackson, MS 39207

This is a nice usage of a rare PNC, the 9.3c Mail Wagon #5 strip of 5, dated 12/30/85. (Courtesy of Ken Lawrence).

If you have a candidate for Cover of the Month, please submit a clear photocopy against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, Maine 04976.

U S A F. RECRUITING
Flight Supervisor
477 Congress Street
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use \$300

MSgt James Richards
USAF Representative
Hotel Harris
Congress Street
Rumford ME 04276-2035

This commercial cover illustrates use of the 20c Official Plate No. 1 to pay the second ounce.
(Cover provided by former PNC3 President Don Eastman)

Membership

Names of applicants are published for members to review. Any member who questions the suitability of a prospect should contact the Chairman of the Membership Committee, Gene Trinks, 3603 Bellows Court, Troy, MI 48083, with the objection. The committee will investigate and recommend for or against membership.

Membership has reached 499.

New Applicants:

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Contributions:

None reported.

Deaths:

None reported.

Collecting interests:

The following are corrections or additions to the Collecting Interests list published in the August issue of "Coil Line."

Robert Friedman, 3435 Poplar St., Oceanside, NY 11572 :M-5, U-1, Pgp, FDC, Imp.

Richard M. Hunt, 18081 S.E. Country Club Drive, Little Club Bldg. 37, No. 361, Tequesta, FL 33469: M-5, M-3.

Joann Lenz, 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Hts. MI 48312-2203: Add tagging, tagging errors, souvenir pages and ceremony programs.

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The deadline for copy to be considered for the next issue is the 15th of the month, except as otherwise noted. The Aug. issue was mailed July 25.

President: Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976

Distribution: Alan Thomson, P.O. Box 91 Northwood, NH 03261 Mailed under Bulk Rate Permit No. 1, Northwood, N.H. 03261

Change of address and membership applications should be sent to: Gene Trinks, Secretary, 3603 Bellows Court Troy, MI 48083

Dues are \$10 per year (\$14 if first class mailing of Coil Line is desired, and \$14 for all foreign mailing addresses) and should be sent to: Richard L. Beecher, Treasurer 10779 Woodbine St. Apt. 302 Los Angeles, CA 90034

Advertising rates are \$42 for a full page, \$22.50 for a half page and \$12 for a quarter page. The cost is payable with the order. Checks should be made out to PNC3. Members are entitled to two, 40-word ads per year at no charge. All advertisements should be sent to the editor. Classified ads are six (6) cents per word to non members or those who have used their two free ads.

Michigan commercial cover report

PNC3 member Thomas Mael of Shelby Twp., Mich., reports the following from commercial covers from all over Michigan. He states the figures represent about one-third of the hoard of covers he has to search through.

"F" Stamp	
1111	52
1211	0
1222	59
2211	5
2222	233
TOTAL	349

Mt. Rushmore	
1	32
2	5
3	53
4	35
6	7
7	105
TOTAL	237

PNC3 member opens stamp shop

PNC3 member Mac Johnson has opened a stamp store at 529 Willamette St., Eugene, OR 97401. Mac, who compiled an extensive series on 25c Honeybee varieties published in "Coil Line" under the headline "Buzzline," had been doing some mail order business since 1989.

He decided to plunge into the retail market three months ago when "a particularly attractive location became available in a high traffic area."

The store is called TANSTAFL! Stamps and Stuff. Mac says he has "all the normal stamp store fare" and will carry a stock of mint strips, used singles and commercial covers. He has a reward for the first PNC3 member who can figure out what the acronym in the store name means.

Paid advertisement

STAMPS 'N' STUFF
2700 University, Suite 204
W. Des Moines, IA 50265

(515)-224-1737

TOLL FREE 1-800-999-5964

SEPTEMBER CLOSEOUT SALE! PRICES SLASHED!

NET PRICE LIST - PLATE NUMBER COILS ON COMMERCIAL COVERS

Covers on this price list are clean, fault-free covers used during the rate period intend for the particular stamps. Stamps are fault-free and fine to very fine or better. Cancels are clear, and do not obscure the plate numbers. Prices are for black machine cancels on number 10 envelopes. In many cases, the same numbers are available on number 6 3/4 envelopes (add 50 percent) or with purple machine cancels (double), but quantities are limited.

FLAG COIL STAMPS

1891 18c Flag No. 1	\$ 25.00
18c Flag No. 2	10.00
18c Flag No. 3	25.00
18c Flag No. 4	10.00
18c Flag No. 5	10.00
1895 20c Flag No. 1	2.50
20c Flag No. 2	2.00
20c Flag No. 3	2.50
20c Flag No. 4	5.00
20c Flag No. 5	3.00
20c Flag No. 6	3.00
20c Flag No. 8	2.00
20c Flag No. 9	2.00

TRANSPORTATION COIL STAMPS

1907 18c Surrey No. 1	12.50
18c Surrey No. 2	7.50
18c Surrey No. 3	60.00
18c Surrey No. 4	60.00
18c Surrey No. 5	7.50
18c Surrey No. 6	7.50
18c Surrey No. 7	8.00
18c Surrey No. 8	7.50
18c Surrey No. 9	8.00
18c Surrey No. 10	8.00
18c Surrey No. 11	12.50
18c Surrey No. 12	12.50
18c Surrey No. 13	17.50
18c Surrey No. 14	17.50

1908 20c Fire Pumper No. 1	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 2	15.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 3	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 4	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 5	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 6	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 7	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 8	5.00
20c Fire Pumper No. 9	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.10	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.11	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.13	4.00
20c Fire Pumper No.15	9.00
20c Fire Pumper No.16	9.00

2005 20c Consumer Ed No. 1	9.00
20c Consumer Ed No. 2	9.00
20c Consumer Ed No. 3	9.00
20c Consumer Ed No. 4	9.00

Quantities are limited. Prices are subject to change without notice.

For scarce commercial covers not on this list, see the Stamps 'N' Stuff Mail Bid Sale Number 2, that closes September 26, 1991.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ APS# _____

VISA/MasterCard _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Mail to: Stamps 'N' Stuff, 2700 University, Suite 204, W. Des Moines, IA 50265, 515-224-1737, Toll free 1-800-999-5964.

Purple machine cancels part two

By Ken Lawrence
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When Jerry Koepp's second batch of covers arrived, I began keeping track of the city and state origins of purple machine cancels on PNC covers. It is a lengthy list, but doesn't include every place from which purple cancels have been reported. I did not record the dates of each, or machine/die numbers, or dial and killer style, or slogans. This is just a basic checklist.

The complete list follows, with those cities using M-36 facer-cancelers shown in capital letters. The rest are from Mark 2 machines. I have placed an asterisk in front of those that I haven't seen reported on other purple machine cancel checklists.

Amarillo TX 791
Asheville NC 288
ATLANTA GA 303
Bakersfield CA 933
BALTIMORE MD 212
Baton Rouge LA 706
BOSTON MA 021
BUFFALO NY 142
CHICAGO IL 606
City of Industry CA 917
CLEVELAND OH 441
Columbus GA 319
DALLAS TX 752
Dayton OH 454
DENVER CO 802
Dothan AL 363
FLUSHING NY 113
Fort Lauderdale FL 333
Fort Myers FL 339
Fort Worth TX 761
Fresno CA 937
*Gadsden AL
Grand Rapids MI
*Greensboro NC
Gulfport MS 395
HARRISBURG PA 171
HOUSTON TX 770
Huntsville AL
Indianapolis IN 462
Industry CA 917
Jackson MS 392
Jacksonville FL 322
KANSAS CITY MO 641
Kilmer Facility NJ 088
Lafayette LA 705
Lake Charles LA 706
Las Vegas NV 890
Lehigh Valley PA 180
Long Beach CA 908
Los Angeles CA 900
Louisville KY 402
Lubbock TX 794
MARINA DEL REY CA 902
Memphis TN 381
MIAMI FL 331
MILWAUKEE WI 532
Mobile AL 366
Mojave CA 935
Monroe LA 712
Montgomery AL 361
NEW ORLEANS LA 701

NEW YORK NY 101
Newark NJ 071
NORTH SUBURBAN IL 601
OAKLAND CA 946
Oklahoma City OK 731
PHILADELPHIA PA 191
PHOENIX AZ 850
PITTSBURGH PA 152
Raleigh NC 276
Reno NV 895
RICHMOND VA 232
ROCHESTER NY 146
Rocky Mount NC 278
SAINT LOUIS MO 631
SALT LAKE CITY UT 841
*San Antonio TX
San Bernadino CA 924
SAN DIEGO CA 921
SAN FRANCISCO CA 941
Santa Ana CA 927
SEATTLE WA 981
Shreveport LA 711
Stockton CA 952
TAMPA FL 336
Trenton NJ 086
Tulsa OK 741
U.S. Postal Service MA 021
U.S. Postal Service MI 481
Van Nuys CA 914
WASHINGTON DC 200
West Palm Beach FL 334
Whittier CA 906

These are other city/state combinations reported as purple machine cancels, for which I have not recorded any PNC examples, but which probably exist: Albuquerque NM 871, Alexandria LA 713; Augusta GA 309, Beaumont TX 777; Binghamton NY 139
BROOKLYN NY 112, Charleston SC 294, DETROIT MI 481, Everett WA 982, Fayetteville NC 283, Greenville SC 296, Laguna Beach CA, Lawton OK 735, Lexington KY 405, Meridian MS 393, MORGAN STATION NY, Muncie IN, NORTHERN VIRGINIA VA 220, Reading PA 196, Scranton PA 185, Tupelo MS 388, U.S. Postal Service CA 952, Wilmington DE 198.

Check your collections and report any you find that aren't listed here.

Thanks to Rob Washburn and Ed Denson for assistance.

Plate Number Coil Catalog published

Steve Esrati has announced publication of the Seventh Edition of his Plate Number Coil Catalog.

In a brochure promoting the catalog, Esrati said it will contain over 80 pages of information on plate number coils, much of it available nowhere else.

The catalog lists every plate number coil through the 29c gravured Mount Rushmore, lists prices for mint and used singles, mint pairs, strips of three and strips of five and prices for some of the rarer commercial covers.

Also listed are Cotrell precancel gaps, including longer strips; tagging and paper for every strip, earliest known usage, checklists and printing history

The cost is \$17.50 (\$18.75 in Ohio) at P.O. Box 20130, Shaker Heights, OH 44120-0130.

New coil issues

19c Fishing Boat

Issue Date: August 8, 1991
First Day City: Washington, DC
Designer: Pierre Mion, Lovettsville, VA
Art Director: Richard Sheaff, Design Coordinator, Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC)
Typographer: Bradbury Thompson, Design Coordinator, CSAC
Postal Service Manager: Jack Williams, Program Manager, Philatelic Design
Modeler: CNW, Incorporated
Manufacturing Process: Gravure (American Bank Note Company, contractor; Multi-Color Corporation, Scottsburg, IN, printer)
Colors: Yellow, magenta, cyan, and black
Size: .71 x .812 in / 18.03 x 20.62 mm (image area)
.87 x .965 in / 22.1 x 24.51 mm (overall)
Plate Numbers: Four single digits preceded by the letter A
Stamps per Coil: 500 and 3000

The Postal Service will issue its 19-cent Fishing Boat stamp August 8 in Washington, DC. The denomination meets the First-Class rate for domestic postal cards.

Procedures for ordering first-day cancellations follow.

Customers Affixing Stamps. The Postal Service encourages customers to purchase the Fishing Boat stamps and affix them to their postcards and envelopes (envelopes must include at least 10 cents additional postage to equal the First-Class rate of 29 cents). Covers bearing stamps receive preferential service. Customers must address envelopes on the right side at least 5/8 inch from the bottom and affix stamps approximately 1/4 inch from the top and right edges. Requests must be postmarked by September 7 and addressed: CUSTOMER-AFFIXED ENVELOPES, FISHING BOAT STAMP, POSTMASTER, 900 BRENTWOOD RD NE, WASHINGTON DC 20066-9991. Once the first day of issue postmark is applied, the cards and envelopes will be returned through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark.

Postal Service Affixing Stamps. For envelopes, the Postal Service will only affix one Fishing Boat stamp and one 10-cent Canal Boat stamp to equal the First-Class rate. The price is 19 cents per customer-supplied postcard or 29 cents per customer-supplied envelope. The Postal Service accepts checks and money orders in the exact amount up to the limit of 50 cards or envelopes. Customers should not send cash or postage stamps. Orders must be postmarked by September 7 and addressed: FISHING BOAT STAMP, POSTMASTER, 900 BRENTWOOD RD NE, WASHINGTON DC 20066-9992.

29c Tulip

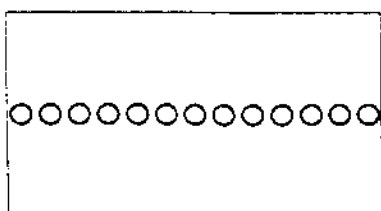
Issue Date: August 16, 1991
First Day City: Rochester, NY
Designer: Wallace Marosek, Boston, MA
Art Director and Typographer: Bradbury Thompson, Design Coordinator, Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Postal Service Manager: Jack Williams, Program Manager, Philatelic Design
Modeler: Richard Sennett, Stamp Venturers
Engravers: Arnotek, Inc.
Manufacturing Process: Gravure (Stamp Venturers, contractor; J.W. Fergusson & Sons, printer)
Colors: Yellow, red, blue, black
Size: .72 x .81 in / 18.3 x 20.6 mm (image area)
.87 x .965 in / 22.1 x 24.5 mm (overall)
Plate Numbers: Four preceded by the letter S
Stamps per Coil: 100

The Postal Service will issue its denominated 29-cent Flower coil stamp on August 16 in Rochester, New York. This 100-stamp coil features slit perforations that allow individual stamps to be torn more easily from the roll. The stamp's design is identical to the denominated sheet and booklet versions issued April 5.

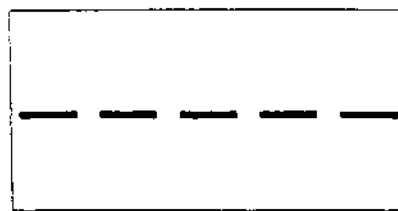
Procedures for ordering first-day postmarks follow.

Customers Affixing Stamps. The Postal Service encourages customers to purchase the Flower stamps and affix them to their envelopes. Covers bearing stamps receive preferential service. Customers must affix stamps approximately 1/4 inch from the top and right edges, address envelopes (to themselves or others) on the right side at least 5/8 inch from the bottom, insert a card of postcard thickness for sturdiness, tuck in the flap, place the envelopes in a larger envelope addressed (using all capitals and no punctuation, except the hyphen in the ZIP + 4 Code): CUSTOMER AFFIXED ENVELOPES, FLOWER COIL STAMP, POSTMASTER, 1335 JEFFERSON RD, ROCHESTER NY 14692-9991. Requests must be postmarked by September 15. Once the first day of issue postmark is applied, the envelopes will be returned through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark.

Postal Service Affixing Stamps. The price is 29 cents per stamp. The Postal Service accepts checks and money orders in the exact amount up to the limit of 50 customer-supplied, self-addressed envelopes. Customers should not send cash or postage stamps. Orders must be postmarked by September 15 and addressed: FLOWER COIL STAMP, POSTMASTER, 1335 JEFFERSON RD, ROCHESTER NY 14692-9992



Round-hold perforations



Slit perforations

STAMPS 'N' STUFF MAIL BID SALE #2
OF PLATE NUMBER COIL COMMERCIAL COVERS,
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RARE PNC MATERIAL, INCLUDING EARLIEST
USAGES OF REENGRAVED COILS, UNUSUAL RATES
AND FOREIGN DESTINATIONS, HONEYBEE SOUVENIR CARD

CLOSING DATE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1991
NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 6 P.M.

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TERMS

ALL LOTS IN THIS AUCTION ARE RESERVED. BIDS BELOW THE
MINIMUM INDICATED FOR EACH LOT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. There is NO
10% BUYER'S PREMIUM in this mail auction. All lots will be sold
at one advance over the second highest bid. In the event of tie
bids, the earliest bid received by Stamps 'N' Stuff will prevail.
Stamps 'N' Stuff will not be liable for errors or omissions in
bidding, whether by the bidder or by Stamps 'N' Stuff. Any lot
may be withdrawn before the closing date for any reason.

Bidding increments are as follows:

Bidding Level	Increment
Up to \$20	\$1
\$20 to \$50	\$2
\$50 to \$100	\$5
\$100 to \$200	\$10
\$200 to \$500	\$25
\$500 to \$1,000	\$50
Above \$1,000	\$100

Bids not conforming to these increments will be reduced to the
next lower level, and will not receive preference over other bids
at that level. All lots have reserves with the minimum bid
indicated. Bids below those reserves will not be accepted.

Some lots are described as EKU (earliest known use), the
date of the earliest cancellation known for a particular plate
number coil on cover, or ENP (earliest non-philatelic use), the
date of the earliest reported cancellation on commercial cover,
but for which earlier dated cancels exist on first-day covers.
Dates described as EKU or ENP are accurate to the best of Stamps
'N' Stuff's knowledge, verified by two experts--Robert Washburn
and Ken Lawrence--at the time this offering was prepared. The
possibility that earlier finds may be made always exists, so
those factors cannot be guaranteed.

Except for the EKU and ENP designations explained in the
previous paragraph, all lots are guaranteed genuine as described.
If purchaser desires an expert opinion, he may notify Stamps 'N'
Stuff no later than 28 days after purchase that the item is being
submitted to the American Philatelic Expertizing Service, the
Philatelic Foundation, or the Expertizing Committee of the
American First Day Cover Society for an opinion. In the event one
of these authorities declines to issue an opinion that the lot is
genuine, or finds that the lot is not genuine, the lot may be
returned for a full refund of the purchase price plus expertizing
costs up to 5% of the sale price to a maximum of \$50. Except for
such notice, all sales are final.

Unless otherwise described, commercial covers are basically
clean, and may have minor opening tears or other wear consistent
with having passed through the mail. Stamps on all covers are at
least fine to very fine, with perforations and margins clear of
the design and plate number, unless otherwise noted. Some
perforations may be short, but pulled perforations and other
faults are described individually. All cancellations are in black
ink unless otherwise noted.

If the size of a cover is not stated, it is small enough in
its long dimension to fit horizontally on a typical 8 1/2 by 11-
inch album page, ranging from small invitation-size envelopes, to
#6 3/4, monarch, #7 (utility bill), or greeting-card envelopes.
Larger envelopes are specifically described as #9, #10, or #11.

Payment of the entire purchase price, including payment for
any lots that may be submitted for expert certification, is due
from successful bidders upon receipt of invoice. Successful
bidders without established credit may be required to pay before
shipment. Buyers must pay shipping and insurance.

The placing of a bid by mail, fax, or telephone, shall
constitute acceptance of these terms of sale.

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PHOTO COPIES AVAILABLE

Photo copies of reasonable numbers of lots are available to
prospective bidders who submit long self-addressed envelopes plus
29c postage for the first three copies and proportional
additional postage for each three additional copies.

PRICES REALIZED

All successful bidders will receive a list of prices
realized. Others may obtain this list by sending a long self-
addressed stamped envelope.

ABBREVIATIONS

EKU Earliest known usage cancellation date for the plate number
ENP Earliest non-philatelic cancel known for the plate number
LP Line pair
PMC Purple machine cancel
PMSC Purple machine slogan cancel
PS Plate number strip
SC Slogan machine cancel

LOT DESCRIPTION MINIMUM

COMMERCIAL COVERS

FLAG COIL STAMPS

1	1891 18c Flag, no plate No., 4/28/81, #10 env., very early commercial use	\$ 5.00
2	Same as lot 1, but PMC	6.00
3	1891 18c Flag No. 1, 5/20/81, PMC	25.00
4	1891 18c Flag No. 1, 6/15/81, PMC, #10 env.	20.00
5	1891 18c Flag No. 1, 8/28/81, PMSC	25.00
6	1891 18c Flag No. 2, 8/26/81, PMSC	15.00
7	1891 18c Flag No. 2, 8/29/81, PMC, #10 env.	10.00
8	1891 18c Flag No. 2, 8/27/81, PMSC, #10 env.	10.00
9	1891 18c Flag No. 2, 9/13/81, PMC	15.00
10	1891 18c Flag No. 3, 6/20/81, PMSC, #10 env.	20.00
11	1891 18c Flag No. 3, 6/29/81, PMC, #10 env.	20.00
12	1891 18c Flag No. 4, 6/25/81, PMC, #10 env.	10.00
13	1891 18c Flag No. 4, 8/25/81, PMSC, #10 env.	10.00
14	1891 18c Flag No. 4, 8/26/81, PMC	15.00
15	1891 18c Flag No. 4, 8/26/81, PMSC	15.00
16	1891 18c Flag No. 5, 6/9/81, ENP, SC, #10 env.	40.00
17	1895 20c Flag No. 9, 1/17/83, EKU, SC, #10 env.	20.00
18	1895 20c Flag No. 9, 1/18/83, SC, #10 env.	5.00
19	2280 25c Flag over Yosemite, no No., 1/14/91, "Black Forest" ink variety, #10 env.	5.00

TRANSPORTATION COIL STAMPS

20	1907 18c Surrey, no plate No., 6/30/81, great "Missing Spokes" variety (4mm x 3mm uninked patch in front wheel)	10.00
21	1907 18c Surrey No. 1, no cancel, "Lightning Bolt" plate crack	5.00
22	1907 18c Surrey No. 1, 6/9/81, "Lightning Bolt" plate crack	30.00
23	1907 18c Surrey No. 1, 6/16/81, "Lightning Bolt Continuation" plate crack, small coffee stains on #10 env.	20.00
24	1907 18c Surrey No. 3, 6/20/81, PMC, #10 env., cancel touches No.	35.00
25	1907 18c Surrey No. 3, 6/26/81, PMC, #10 env.	35.00
26	1907 18c Surrey No. 3, 9/18/81, PMC	40.00
27	1907 18c Surrey No. 4, 6/17/81, PMC, #10 env.	35.00
28	1907 18c Surrey No. 4, 6/18/81, PMC	40.00
29	1907 18c Surrey No. 6, 6/5/81, ENP, SC, #10 env.	20.00
30	1907 18c Surrey No. 8, 6/27/81, ENP, SC, #10 env.	20.00
31	1907 18c Surrey No. 9, no cancel, "Lightning Bolt" plate crack	5.00
32	1907 18c Surrey No. 9, 8/25/81, "Lightning Bolt" plate crack	30.00
33	1907 18c Surrey No. 9, 9/8/81, "Lightning Bolt" plate crack, #10 env.	25.00
34	1907 18c Surrey No. 10, 7/5/81, ENP, #10 env.	20.00
35	1907 18c Surrey No. 10, 9/17/81, "Lightning Bolt" plate crack, #10 env.	25.00
36	1907 18c Surrey No. 12, 8/16/81, EKU, #10 env.	25.00
37	1907 18c Surrey No. 15, 9/5/81, EKU, #10 env.	150.00
38	1907 18c Surrey No. 15, 9/24/81, SC, #10 env.	100.00
39	1908 20c Pumper No. 12, 8/16/82, PMC	100.00
40	1908 20c Pumper No. 14, 7/6/82, EKU, lightly wrinkled #10 env.	120.00
41	1908 20c Pumper No. 15, 7/12/82, EKU, #10 env.	40.00

COLLECTOR AND DEALER PNC COVERS

42	1897A 2c Locomotive No. 10 Line Pair and 1908 20c Fire Pumper No. 16 Line Pair, 10/27/87, magenta plug hand cancel, airmail (44c rate) to East Germany	25.00
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Ads

PNCs-PNC STR/3 & 5- split No. top & bottom-PNCs Top. Free List. ORBE Box 70, Umpqua OR 97486.

1904a Cab 10.9 (2) No. 3 & No. 4 PNC6 MNH. Numbers clipped on bottom, show on top. \$200 each or \$375 pair. Will send photo for SASE. Bartolomeo, 9184 Buell, Downey, CA 90241. Line touches on No. 3, misses on No. 4.

October Coil Line deadline will be September 15th

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43	1907 18c Surrey No. 12 Line Pair, 3/1/88, SC. on aerogramme (36c rate, rarely paid with stamps), to England	25.00	58	20 all different PNC precancels, all post-1985, on commercial bulk mail covers, mostly #10 env.	60.00
44	1908 20c Fire Pumper No. 5 plus 2136 25c Bread Wagon no No., 4/3/88 (second ounce, first day of rate)	10.00	59	15 collector/dealer PNC covers, mostly #10 env., includes 1c No. 1, 4; 2c No. 3, 4; 3.4c No. 1; 5.9c No. 4 (cut #); 14c No. 2; 20c Pump No. 6, 9, 16; 25c Flag No. 8, 13; F No. 2222; some duplication, some pairs and strips, NO PRECANCELS	40.00
45	2115b 22c Flag over Capitol test coil No. 11, 2/28/88, APO 09080 (Bonn, Germany) to street address in Bonn, properly used entirely in Germany, #10 env.	20.00	60	9 collector/dealer PNC covers, mostly #10 env., ALL STRIPS OF FIVE, includes 3.4c No. 1, 4c No. 4, 5c No. 2, 5cMW No. 1, 5.2c No. 1, 5.3c No. 1, 6c No. 1, 10.9c No. 1 (insured), 17c No. 5 (insured), NO PRECANCELS	50.00
46	2132b 12c Stanley Steamer B press precancel No. 1 with 2132 12c Stanley Steamer Cottrell press No. 1 and no No. singles, 9/3/87, RARE CHARLES YEAGER EARLIEST KNOWN USE, SC grazes plate Nos., AFDCS certificate	500.00	61	35 commercial PNC covers, mostly #10 env., duplication but good assortment of E. F. and Transportation (25c Bread Wagon, 20c	
47	2132b 12c Stanley Steamer B press precancel with two 2132 12c Stanley Steamer Cottrell press singles, no plate Nos., 9/3/87, RARE CHARLES YEAGER EARLIEST KNOWN USE, AFDCS certificate	100.00	62	Cable Car, 15c Tugboat) Nos. 23 OVERSIZE collector/dealer covers, #11 and large manila up to Express Mail size, includes 1c No. 6; 1c re No. 1; 2c No. 2, 10; 3.4c No. 2; 5c Mot No. 1; 5c CW No. 1 (Express); 11c No. 2; 14c No. 3; 18c No. 5, B, 9; 20c Pump No. 3, 9, 11 (registered); 22c No. 10, 12; 25c RW No. 3 (to Japan); E No. 1222; 25c Flag No. 8, 9, 13, 14; minimal duplication, NO PRECANCELS	20.00
48	2132b 12c Stanley Steamer B press precancel, no No., on UX117 14c Flag postal card, 9/3/87, RARE CHARLES YEAGER EARLIEST KNOWN USE, AFDCS certificate	100.00	63	300+ assorted 18c Flag Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 18c Surrey Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; 20c Pumper No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16; and 20c Consumer No. 1, 2, 3, 4; commercial covers, mostly #10 env., some faulty, but lots of variety, purple cancels, etc.; fabulous retail value.	60.00
49	2136 25c Bread Wagon No. 1, 4/2/88, on picture postcard to England (last day 25c surface rate), cancel hits No.	20.00	64	500+ 20c Flag No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, commercial covers, mostly #10 env., some faulty, but lots of variety, purple cancels, etc.; excellent retail value	100.00
50	2149 18c George Washington Monument No. 1112, 4/2/88, on aerogramme (last day of 36c rate, rarely paid with stamps), to England	25.00	65	MYSTERY LOT, a huge sealed box weighing about 75 pounds filled with 20c letter-rate 1983 commercial covers, completely unpicke. You might find a new EBU or a scarce 20c Fire Pumper here!	75.00
51	2225 1c Omnibus reengraved No. 1 with C117 44c New Sweden, 4/3/88, airmail to England, (first day of 45c airmail rate)	25.00	66	98 pre-PNC covers with purple cancels, all from March 1981, including many last day 15c and first day 18c letter rate, mostly #10 env., good variety of stamps and cities	15.00
52	2228 4c Stagecoach reengraved No. 1 with 1898A 4c Cottrell No. 1 and 2134 14c Iceboat no No., 8/15/86, RARE CHARLES YEAGER EARLIEST KNOWN USE, #10 env., SC hits Cottrell plate No. (reengr. No. clear), AFDCS certificate	500.00	67	20 unusual covers with odd combinations of stamps, auxiliary markings, apology bags for damaged in handling, underfranked, etc.	10.00
53	2257 10c Canal Boat No. 1 with 2136 25c Bread Wagon no No., 4/3/88, on 8 1/2" by 11" env. (first day of 25c+10c nonstandard size surcharge, Canal Boat PNC pays surcharge)	10.00			
AUTOPOST COVER					
54	6b 45c machine 83 Washington DC 11/27/89 with indistinct SC across top, airmail to Spain	50.00	SPECIAL LOT		
SCARCE AMERICANA COVERS					
55	1596d 13c Eagle and Shield L-perf, two overlapped singles, top and top corner margin copies, 5/10/76, commercial cover, #10 env, VERY SCARCE	150.00	68	HONEYBEE SOUVENIR CARD, issued to Bureau of Engraving and Printing employees who worked on Honeybee stamp, with 25c Honeybee stamp canceled first day, RARE, ONLY 76 EXIST!	600.00
56	1596d 13c Eagle and Shield L-perf, 2/17/77, on Long Beach Stamp and Coin Expo env w/ National Crime Prevention Month pictorial (police badge) cancel	30.00	BULK LOTS		
BULK LOTS					
57	12 all different PNC precancels, mostly post-1985, but includes 9.3c Mail Wagon No. 2 and No. 6, on commercial bulk mail covers, mostly #10 env.	80.00	END OF AUCTION		

The following list is published to provide an idea of how some coil issues slated to be withdrawn from Philatelic Window sales Aug. 30 might still be found at regular post office sales windows. Note that all precanceled coils may be sold at regular windows through Sept. 9, 1991. This does not mean these coils will be available everywhere but it might be worth asking what's available.

As of June 30, 1991, the following postage stamps and stationery items were removed from sale at the Philatelic Sales Division. They are, however, subject to future sale at post offices as part of other philatelic products:

Item No.	Description
1019	19-cent Sequoyah.
1041	40-cent Lillian Gilbreth.
1047	17-cent Belva Ann Lockwood.
1093	\$2 William J. Bryan.
2110	25-cent Den. Penalty Env.
2112	25-cent Den. Penalty Env.
2121	25-cent Philatelic Return Env.
2144	45-cent Official Passport Env.
2145	65-cent Official Passport Env.
2148	45-cent Official Self Sealing Env.
2149	65-cent Official Self Sealing Env.
2166	8.4-cent Nonprofit Constellation Env.
2167	8.4-cent Nonprofit Constellation Env.
2168	25-cent Love Envelope.
2206	15-cent Literacy Postal Card.
2208	15-cent American Papermaking Postal Card.
2227	15-cent Baltimore Postal Card.
2234	39-cent Blair Aerogramme.
2258	21-cent Mountains Postal Card.
2666	8.4-cent Nonprofit Constellation Env.
2667	8.4-cent Nonprofit Constellation Env.
4475	25-cent Marianne Moore.
4477	25-cent Rhode Island Statehood.
5521	45-cent Love 1988.
5529	25-cent Love 1990.
5535	25-cent Flag/Clouds.
5551	01-cent Official Mail.
5553	13-cent Official Mail.
5554	04-cent Official Mail.
5557	17-cent Official Mail.
6605	\$1.50 London Booklet.
6607	\$3 Special Occasion Booklet.
6613	\$3 Flag/Cloud Booklet.
6622	\$5 Steamboat Booklet.
6635	\$5 Owl and Grosbeak Booklet.
7712	20-cent Penalty Mail Coil.
7723	25-cent Honeybee Coil.
7760	25-cent Penalty Mail Coil.
7766	15-cent Penalty Mail Coil.

Any stock of the above items remaining at philatelic outlets must be handled according to Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, section 450, with the exception of the following items that are to be placed on sale at regular windows until stock is exhausted:

Item No.	Description
1019	19-cent Sequoyah.
1041	40-cent Lillian Gilbert.
1047	17-cent Belva Ann Lockwood.
1093	\$2 William J. Bryan.
5551	01-cent Official Mail.
5553	13-cent Official Mail.
5554	04-cent Official Mail.
5557	17-cent Official Mail.

As of August 30, 1991, the Philatelic Sales Division stopped selling the following postage stamps and stationery items. However, post offices may sell some of these stamps as parts of other philatelic products, such as mint sets.

Item No.	Description
1016	6-cent Walter Lippman.
1030	30-cent Laubach.
1051	1-cent Margaret Mitchell.
1053	2-cent Dudley White.
1101	\$8.75 Express Mail.
2201	15-cent The Quad at Standford Postal Card.
2209	15-cent Isaac Royal Postal Card.
2236	39-cent Graphic Aerogramme.
2256	36-cent DC-3 Airmail Postal Card.
2257	28-cent Yorkshire Territory Postal Card.
3319	\$10.00 Snow Goose Migratory Birds.
4476	25-cent Classic Films.
4481	25-cent Olympians.
5573	36-cent Sikorsky Airmail.
5574	45-cent Langley Airmail.
6608	\$32.25 1989 Express Mail Booklet.
6611	\$3.00 Beach Umbrella Booklet.
6623	\$2.50 Indian Headdress Booklet Panes.
6624	\$5.00 Indian Headdress Booklet.
6625	\$5.00 Lighthouse Booklet.
6626	\$5.00 Love Booklet.
6629	\$1.25 Lighthouse Booklet Pane.
7742	4-cent Stagecoach Press B.
7774A	17.5-cent Precanceled.
7903A	10.1-cent Precanceled.
7938A	7.1-cent Precanceled.
7951A	5.3-cent Precanceled.
7953A	7.6-cent Precanceled.
7955A	8.4-cent Precanceled.
7957A	13.2-cent Precanceled.
7960A	16.7-cent Precanceled.
7966	20-cent Cable Car Coil, 500s.
7967	20-cent Cable Car Coil, 3000s.
7968A	20.5-cent Precanceled.
7970A	21-cent Precanceled.
7972A	13-cent Precanceled.
7974A	24.1-cent Precanceled.

After August 30, handle any stock of the above items remaining at philatelic outlets according to Handbook F-1, *Post Office Accounting Procedures*, section 450. The following items go on sale at their regular windows until stock is exhausted:

Item No.	Description
1016	6-cent Walter Lippman.
1030	30-cent Laubach.
1051	1-cent Margaret Mitchell.
1053	2-cent Dudley White.
7742	4-cent Stagecoach Press B.
7966	20-cent Cable Car Coil 500s.
7967	20-cent Cable Car Coil 3000s.

All precanceled coils may be sold at the regular windows until September 9, 1991.