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STAMP CLUB BULLETIN

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Next Club Meeting Features Auction IV

The auction will have 100 lots of ephemera, covers, US, and World Wide stamps, according to auction chariman Steve Brandt. There will be several lots of covers from the OPS collection, postcards, German, Japan, auction catalogues, and reference material. There should be something for everyone. There will be a US Scott Album with \$376 catalogue with an opening bid of \$30.

The auction will be held during the April 7th meeting.

Oklahoma City Stamp Club's Hines and Plyler Honored With American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors' Diamond Awards

As reported in the last edition of the Bulletin, two of our members were honored by the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) with the presentation of AAPE's Diamond Award during the Arlington, TX, AmeriStamp / TEXPEX Show on February 21, 2009. Photos weren't available last time, but here they are.



Tim Bartshe is the President of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors who made the presentations of the Diamond Awards to Don Hines and Earle Plyler at AmeriStamp/Texpex in Arlington, Tx. in February.

To remind you, Don Hines was given this high honor for his exhibit *Great Britain King George V Photogravure Issue 1934-6* and Earl S. Plyler for his exhibit *United States Domestic Two-Cent rate 1775-1979*. Both exhibits received gold medals at OKPEX 2008.

Thank You Letter from Whale and Dolphin Program Presenter

During the March 17 meeting, Professor Alastair Watson of OSU presented an outstanding program on Whales and Dolphins of New Zealand. He sent a letter to the club, which is printed below.

“A special thanks to you, to Ralph, and to all the club members for a wonderful evening of Philately ... I was warmed and excited by all. Thanks so much.

Please let me know if any club members have further questions about any aspects of NZ Philately or Whales & Dolphins that I may be able to assist with.

Enjoy this Great Spring ... Best Wishes
Alastair”

Jefferson, Oklahoma Territory Covers

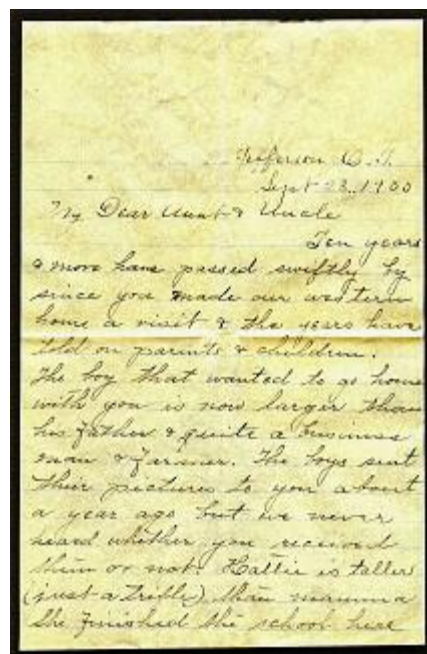
By Steve Turechek

I recently received a Jefferson, O.T., covers, which I purchased on eBay. I paid \$35 to rescue it from a dealer in NYC. The cover isn't much to get excited over, though the postmark is clear and it has a purple "ADVERTISED." marking in addition to an unusual docketing-style return address: "P.M. Jefferson O.T." I've attached scans of the cover, first page of the letter, photos enclosed in the letter of two young boys, and a transcription of the the letter's contents.



This cover is ripe for research, as mention is made by the writer of a post office worker and the Chickasha superintendent of schools. The writer only refers to herself as Anna, but I think it's possible she was the postmistress in Jefferson given there is no other return address, which along with the address obviously appear to be in the same handwriting. Again, this begs for a little research, for which I haven't had the time to complete yet.

Enjoy!
Steve T.



(continued from page 2) Contents of the letter

Jefferson, O.T.
Sept 23..1900

My Dear Aunt & Uncle

Ten Years & more have passed swiftly by since you made our western home a visit & the years have told on parents & children. The boy that wanted to go home with you is now larger than his father & quite a business man & farmer. The boys sent their pictures to you about a year ago but we never heard whither you received them or not. Hattie is taller (just a trifle) than mamma. She finished the school here last spring & is now attending high school in Topeka. Staying with Aunt Corrie. She is delighted with her surroundings there, but it is the first time she has ever been away from home to stay & I fancy it will seem a long time until Christmas.

Claire was at Corrie's about six weeks in the summer. Wilmot is wrestling with his latin & algebra this turn & doing farm chores night & morning & my baby too has started to school. How lonely the house seems if it were not for Claire to come in & talk to me sometimes I could hardly endure it. **Claire helps Ell at the post office a part of the time.**

This has been a very warm dry summer but the cool nights & mornings warn us now of approaching winter. There has been quite a little fruit raised here this year & the homes begin to look as comfortable as many in older countries. This is a surer crop country than that portion of Kansas that you visited. We rented an acre to an old gardner & we have had an abundance of all kinds of garden sauce with plenty for canning & pickling.

Claire will put in the wheat this week. We do not feel that we are permanently located on the farm but it is much better than being in town in this country at present.

Bro. George's wife was quite sick for a long time this summer but was able to ride out the last time we heard from them.

Father writes that he is well & working hard. It is pretty hard to have him so far from us all. We can not feel that is is necessary either. **Hatties daughter visited us in August on her way to her new home in Chickisha Ind. Ter.** She has a lovely little girl very bright & quick to learn. **Her husband is superintendent of the city schools there.** They are about one hundred & fifty miles south of us.

Hattie visited a week in Wichita on her way to Corries & had a lovely time. Claire & Wilmot will go up there next week to the Fall Carnival. Earl wrote me that you had sent the childrens pictures but I failed to get them or the letter that you wrote. I will enclose small ones of Wilmot & Merrill. Hoping this will find you well. I am ever your loving niece.

Anna

OCSC Programs for Spring and Summer 2009

Apr 7	CLUB AUCTION IV
Apr 21	Steve Turechek "Make that Official"
May 5	RALPH DeBOARD "Early Tahiti"
May 19	USPS Stamp Design DVD
Jun 2	CLUB AUCTION V
Jun 16	Election of Officers and Circuit Books
Jul 7	No Meeting
Jul 21	Ice Cream Social and Circuit Books
Aug 4	No Meeting
Aug 8	STAMP FUN FEST III Tables \$20.00
Aug 18	"What I did for the Stamp Collecting Hobby" By all members

EDITOR'S CORNER

By Philip Fox, editor

Is everyone taking advantage of the online editions of the national stamp publications. I had given up Linn's a couple of years ago due to cost and kept only Mekeel's and Stamps. I recently got an offer to receive a year of Linn's online for a year for only \$9.98. I also get to read Scott's Stamp News for free. I fully intend to convert my MeKeel's subscription to online with this year's renewal. While online publications do have some technical glitches, at least I am not getting any with torn covers, two weeks after they were shipped.

I noticed something interesting from Les Winick's The Insider Column in Linn's on Mar 9, 2009:

"I have some advice for stamp clubs that want to attract and keep new members: have a member act as a greeter. When a newcomer shows up at the club's meeting, the greeter should talk to the newcomer, welcoming them and asking them what they collect.

"At the end of the meeting, the greeter should thank the person for coming and tell them they are welcome to come back for the next meeting. Make sure to give the time and date."

John Leszak of *Mekeel's and Stamps* wrote a column recently asking "If your house were on fire and you only have time to grab one philatelic item, what would it be?" I found that an interesting question so I'm putting it to you. What would you take? Write me at the email address on the front page or at 701 S. 6th Healdton, OK, 73438, and let's see what kind of answers we get. Will it be the expensive stuff or the sentimental? Let's hear from you!

WANT AD

Club member Wally Stephens is looking for a US #3983 mint and a US #3830D mint. You may contact Wally at 405 759 2778.

A Parting Shot



The envelope, below the coins, reads: "Sorry, did not have enough time to buy stamp. 5 cents for your troubles."

The Oklahoma City Stamp Club meets on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the Asbury United Methodist Church, 1320 SW 38th St., Oklahoma City.