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Successor to the Philadelphia Stamp Club and The Collector's Club of Philadelphia

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Next Meeting - Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Our Featured Topic

for Octoberr

New Jersey Nurse Gave Her Life In The Fight Against Yellow Fever

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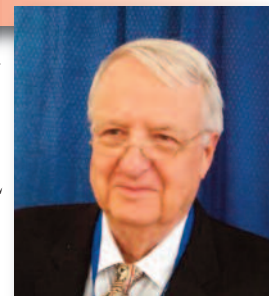
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lustrations.



Clara Maass, nurse from Newark, NJ is featured on a 1951 stamp from Cuba released on the anniversary of her birth.

It was planned to be a joint issue with the US but was postponed, and the US stamp was finally released on the anniversary (1976) of her death. (Scott # 1699)

President's Message



Much has happened philatelically since the last meeting with Charles DiComo, with WSP shows MILCOPEX and SESCAL but the most significant for Philadelphia collectors was the sale October 4-6 of John Barwis' Philadelphia-G.B. mail collection by Schuyler-Rumsey at SESCAL in Ontario, CA. I didn't attend and yet don't have complete prices realized, but my results were success on just three of eight lots bid on, and those were the minor one. The big fish all got away! Now a first for me was the receipt of an eBay purchase from Brazil with green U.S. Customs tape. I knew these existed, but had never been the recipient of one. The contents were fine: a less than \$10 cover purchase.

Hoping to see you at the meeting and dinner.

Steve

2019-2020 Meeting Dates

All Tuesdays - All start at 7:30 pm - All at the Giant

OCT. 15TH **NOV. 19TH**

DEC 19 - Holiday DINNER

FOR 2020

JAN. 21ST **FEB. 18TH** **MAR. 17TH**

APR. 21ST **MAY 19TH** **JUN. 16TH**

"DUES ARE NOW DUE"

Dues are \$12 if paid by the end of Dec., but are discounted to \$10 if paid by the end of Nov! Best deal of the year:

Attend the Holiday Dinner in December and your \$10 dues will be refunded at the party!!

Dues can be paid at a meeting or sent to the Club P.O. Box.

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Minutes From September's Meeting

President Steve Washburne started the meeting and introduced the speaker, Charles DiComo, who presented a fascinating program on The Development of Perforations on U.S.

Postage Stamps: 1855-1857. He covered the period prior to perforating stamps when they were cut or torn apart. This was followed by the use of a perforating machine, then the invention of the rotary perforating machine, the rouletting trial period, the conversion of the machine to a perforator, and the eventual issuance of perforated 3¢ stamps in Feb. 1857.



Charles DiComo also gave a brief 10 min. summary of another study which he is doing on Henry Loewenberg's early testing of the use of decals as postage.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership renewals are ready to go out in early Oct.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We have \$3891 in our account.

Respectfully submitted by *Letty Moon*



Awards & Recognition

Bill Schultz has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of the United States Philatelic Classics Society, a position held previously by

Mark Schwartz. This is an intense volunteer position involving membership renewals and records.

Club member Ron Majors was elected to the Order of the Beaver of the British North America Philatelic Society (BNAPS). The presentation was made at the annual BNAPS convention held this year in Ottawa in August. The Order of the Beaver (OTB) was established in 1968.

Inductees are BNAPS members who have:

- ▶ Provided distinguished service to BNAPS
- ▶ Contributed to organized philately in general
- ▶ Shared and advanced philatelic knowledge through exhibiting and/or writing
- ▶ Attended and participated regularly at the annual BNAPEX conventions



For Civil War Buffs

The Civil War Exhibition and Symposium, a World Series of Philately Show, will be held October 24–26 at the American Philatelic Society, 100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823. This Symposium is a treatment of the postal history of America's greatest conflict as it has never been presented before. Highlights include national and international award-winning exhibits of priceless Civil War-era stamps and postal history with, insightful talks by the very exhibitors who created them.

The exhibition and symposium will feature:

- **125 competitive frames of exhibits plus Court of Honor**
- **dealer bourse emphasizing postal history from both sides of the American Civil War**
- **Civil War Postal History Symposium with outstanding guest speakers on related topics**
- **the dedication of the Kaufmann Civil War Room**
- **welcoming Reception at Big Spring Spirits**
- **catered Awards Dinner and closing reception**

Admission is free but you must register. To save time register in advance.

Visit the Civil War Exhibition and Symposium website for a complete schedule of events.

Up Coming Shows & Times

- Oct. 19 **The Philatelic Gathering**, 10 AM-Noon, Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester, Pa.
Speakers: Kean Spencer on "U.S. Possessions" and Robert Rufe on "1928 Fourth Bureau Stamps on Booklet Paper."
- Oct. 19 **Dover, Delaware Stamp Show**, Camden-Wyoming Fire Hall, 200 E. Camden-Wyoming Avenue, Camden, Del.
- Oct. 26-27 **Civil War Postal Exhib. & Symposium**, APS headquarters, Bellefonte Pa.
- Oct. 26-29 **MERPEX Show**, Community Room, Pennsauken Library, 5605 N. Crescent Blvd., Pennsauken, N.J.
- Nov. 2 **Merchantville Stamp Club Monthly Bourse**, Martin Luther Chapel School Gym, 4100 Terrace Avenue, Pennsauken, N.J.
- Nov. 2 **Reading Stamp Club Show**, Leesport Auction Pavilion, 312 Gernants Church Rd., Leesport, Pa.



I hope you all enjoyed this part of our newsletter. We now continue with PART 9



One Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 92

"F" grills are, once again, points down, about 9 x 13mm, and 11 to 12 by 15 to 17 points.

Some 7,000,000 of the one cent denomination were issued and, as in the case with all of the "F" grills up to and including the 12 cent denomination, the stamp comes on a very thin paper as well as the normal thickness paper. In spite of this large printing, you have a philatelic treasure when you find one in extremely fine or superb condition with rich, blue color.

In addition to the issued blue, other shades are pale blue and dark blue. Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, red, and green. Varieties include the split grill, double grill, and a double transfer.

Two Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 93

Of the four grilled "Black Jacks", this is by far, the most common. Some 50,000,000 were issued.

The black and gray black shades are nearly identical and almost impossible to tell apart. Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, red, and green. The "Japan" cancellation is very rare.

Varieties include the

split grill, double grill, and a double transfer. In addition, there are a number of bisects, which includes the diagonal, vertical, and horizontal, the latter known on cover. Whenever you contemplate the purchase of a bisect, be sure to seek an expert opinion.

Three Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 94

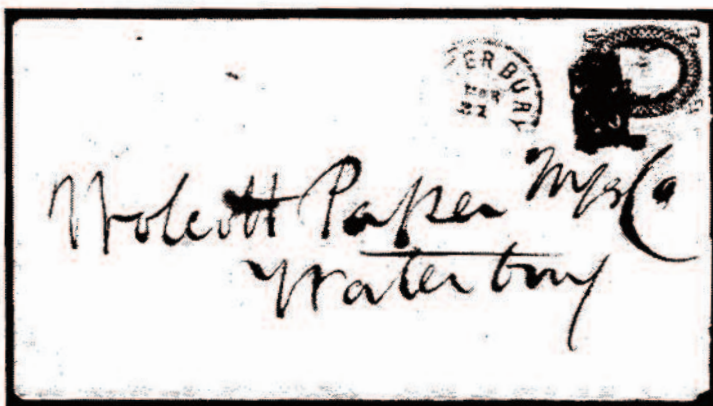
By far, the most common of all the grilled stamps of this series, it was printed to the tune of 225,000,000.

Shades are the red, rose red, and rose. Varieties abound, among them the double transfer, double grill, triple grill, end roller grill, split grill, quadruple split grill, grill with points up, and the variety that is printed on both sides.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are

The Classic Collector

The Grilled Stamps Of 1867 And 1868



A scarce usage of the 1¢ "F" Grill, tied by a Waterbury, Ct. fancy cancel. Note the partially clear negative skull and crossbones (top of cancel) above the initials "AJ" (standing for Andrew Johnson) in an indistinct tombstone.

black, blue, ultramarine, red, violet, and green. There are numerous cancellation varieties to pursue.

Five Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 95

This stamp is notorious for its small, narrow margins. Those examples which show ample amounts of white on all four sides are considerably more valuable than the normally encountered specimens.

Some 680,000 were issued in shades of brown and dark brown, the latter being of slight additional value. Plate 17 did all of the work.

Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity, are black, blue, red, magenta, violet, and green.

Varieties include the split grill, double grill, and the double transfer of top frame line.

Cancellation varieties include the "Paid", "Free", and "Steamship".

Ten Cent Stamp With "F" Grill, Scott 96

Even though the Ten Cent 1861 issue had two types, this "F" grill stamp comes only in Type II. It is estimated that 3,800,000 were issued.

Shades include yellow green, green, dark green, and blue green. Cancellations, in ascending order of scarcity are black, blue, red, magenta and green.

Collectible varieties include a split grill, double grill quadruple split grill, and a double transfer.

Several cancellation varieties are there for the specialist.

Look For Part Ten Of Ten In
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