

CHATTANOOGA STAMP CHRONICLE

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JANUARY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE 8TH AT THE SHALLOWFORD ROAD POST OFFICE AT 7 PM

TOPIC: ADVERSITY COVERS OF CHATTANOOGA IN THE CIVIL WAR – CONFEDERATE AND UNION
by Jim Cate



WE TAKE A SMALL LOOK AT FIRST FRENCH STAMPS: THE CERES SERIES

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CLUB MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

There is no member (that I know of) that has a birthday in January. Why doesn't someone recruit a new member with a birthday in January?

NEEDS OF THE CLUB -

1. We need your club dues. To keep the activities going we need your membership paid this month. They are now due for the year of 2009.
2. Club needs to have members to step up and give a program in the month of your choice.
3. *IF* you have stamps or philatelic items you want to sell or trade, e-mail with the info. Please do not forget to bring your meter stamps and Postal Permit Imprint Stamps and give them to Willis Monk, who's collection is in need of them.

Thomas Jefferson said,
"If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of their money, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them, will deprive the people of their property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered."

MARVIN SMITH, JR.

Marvin H. Smith Jr., 82, died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, after a brief illness.

He was a native of Flomaton, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin H. Smith Sr. and Catherine Smith.

Marvin served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and then graduated from Carson-Newman College. He retired from Provident Insurance after 37 years.

Golf and hobbies and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren were his favorite pastimes. Mr. Smith was a member and deacon at First Baptist Church and the Courtney-Park Sunday School Class.

Survivors are his wife of 57 years, Ruth Eden Smith, of Chattanooga; two sons, Steve Smith, of Chattanooga and Terry Smith and his wife, Beth, of Tupelo, Miss.; two granddaughters, Lindsay Abbott and her husband, Brad, of Anderson, S.C. and Lauren Miller and her husband, Cooper, of Atlanta.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. at the McEwen Chapel at First Baptist Church, Golden Gateway with Dr. Gary Carver and the Rev. Fred White officiating.

Internment was at Hamilton Memorial Gardens. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Courtney-Park Sunday School Class. The family received friends prior to the service in the church parlor.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 401 Gateway Ave., Chattanooga, TN 37402 or the American Cancer Society, 850 Fort Wood St., Chattanooga, TN 37403.

CLUB BUSINESS AND EVENTS

DECEMBER MEETING RECAP:

For those of you who missed the December meeting you missed a great meal and program. Thanks to our President for finding and arranging the dinner at 'THE TEA COTTAGE' and selecting the various meals for each member and their individual taste. THANKS Trish for a job well done!

Thanks also goes to the entertainers. Vivan Chaij for her excellent singing voice and to the NO NAME QUARTET which is a four-piece group composed of a tuba; a trombone; a French horn and another piece I didn't know what it was.

Thanks again to all who made it possible.

JANUARY MEETING INFORMATION:

The January program will be presented by Jim Cate on one of his favorite subjects, "Adversity Covers of Chattanooga in the Civil War - Confederate and Union". See page five for full program details.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Dues for the 2009 year are due and can be paid to our president - Trish Bowers or to our treasurer - Carl Anderson.
Dues for the year of 2009 are \$20.00.

FUTURE PROGRAMS:

There are many months ahead where no program has been planned. I know it is like pulling teeth to get someone to step up and give a 15-minute talk on their favorite part of the stamp collecting hobby. **HOWEVER**, the club needs your help!!!

Please consider doing this. I am sure that everyone in the club has the ability to do a small talk, so please contact the president with what your topic will be and the month you would like to give your talk.

JANUARY PROGRAM by Jim Cate

The topic will be "Adversity Covers of Chattanooga in the Civil War - Confederate and Union."

Most of the paper mills were located in the North. Therefore the South was hampered by the lack of paper. Consequently envelopes were prepared in many instances from whatever paper was available. This included any available document printed paper with one side blank that could be converted to an envelope. This included business forms or commercial documents. The most interesting were envelopes manufactured from wallpaper...these were confined to the Confederate States.

Another form of adversity covers were "turned covers." These were envelopes that had the glue removed and refolded and glued with the formerly addressed and stamped portion folded to the inside with the new blank outside used.

If the opportunity permits, the program will be presented in Power Point. This will enhance the presentation greatly.

One of these covers would make an excellent cover of the month for the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs website. That cover needs to be handled with care as the value is high.

"Beware the leader who bangs the drums of war in order to whip the citizenry into a patriotic fervor, for patriotism is indeed a double-edged sword. It both emboldens the blood, just as it narrows the mind. And when the drums of war have reached a fever pitch and the blood boils with hate and the mind has closed, the leader will have no need in seizing the rights of the citizenry. Rather, the citizenry, infused with fear and blinded by patriotism, will offer up all of their rights unto the leader and gladly so. How do I know? For this is what I have done. And I am Caesar." (Julius Caesar)

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER with Trish Bowers

Our 2008 Christmas gathering is a thing of the past and if you were not there, you really missed a great evening. The food was very good, the Tea Cottage decorated very lovely for the holidays and the best part was the music. There was a four piece brass group and Vivian Chaij with a returned performance of songs for the season. It was a wonderful evening.

As a result of the recent nasty weather, I have spent a lot of time working on my stamps. I love to organize things and finally after many years and with the help of my P-Touch labeler, I am getting my stamps (used U.S.) in some sort of order. I create my own album pages which takes much longer, but it sure is fun. I get very confused when the same stamp is printed numerous times and in different years. But, that is part of the challenge. With the onset of cold temperatures starting in the next few days, this is a good time to work on your stamp collection.

Some of you know that I really enjoy baking cookies. This time of the year gives me lots of reasons to bake and bake I have been doing. Don't ask me why, but this year I have kept track of how many cookies which have passed through my oven. To date, that number is 192 dozen cookies, now that's a lot of cookies. Needless to say, I love to eat cookies, but trust me, I have not eaten that many. These last few weeks have been a lot of fun with working on stamps and baking cookies.

We all need to remember to pay our annual dues which are \$20.00. Your check can be sent to Carl or bring your twenty bucks to the next meeting.

I'm sure everyone knows about Marvin Smith's passing. I was always thrilled to see Marvin at meetings. He was a kind and gentle person. His knowledge of not only stamps but the club will be greatly missed.

Until next month....

Trish

HOW I BEGAN STAMP COLLECTING

In an effort to learn about the various members and their stamp collecting interest, I have asked several persons to write about how they became stamp collectors. The following article is by Nick Thornton and first appeared in Nick's college paper, **THE BAGPIPE**. On December 11, 2008. The Bagpipe is the student paper for Covenant College. Because of the length of the article I have split it into two parts. The second half will appear in the February issue of the Chronicle.

PHILATELIC ADVENTURES by Nick Thornton

As strange as it may sound, there have been pastimes that have brought me as much pleasure as stamp collecting. The study and collecting of postage stamps is known as philately. My first exposure to philately occurred when I was only 7 or 8. My grandfather was a long time stamp collector and decided to expose his grandchildren to his favorite hobby. I spent hours sorting through inexpensive stamps and placing them in the right spot in the American stamp album my grandfather gave me. Of all the grandchildren, I think I was the only one to show any interest.

So to encourage me further, my grandfather, whom I call Papa, began to give me better stamps such as the 1898 Canadian Christmas stamp which was then valued at about \$16.00. After I received most of what was left of the inexpensive stamps in my grandfather's remaining collection, my interest in stamps waned. I had nowhere to obtain the older postage stamps to fill my album. Then I discovered eBay.

Having a place to buy stamps reinvigorated my collecting interest and I began to purchase stamps on an irregular basis. As my interest in stamps matured, Papa mentored me, giving me advice, philatelic resources, and of course, more stamps!

Since I arrived at Covenant College I have had several "philatelic adventures." My freshman year I went on a quest to find a local stamp club. I am a proud and active member of the Chattanooga Stamp club, where I have not only learned a lot about stamps, but

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have also made great friends.

My Papa also joined a stamp club in his college town of Tuscaloosa when he was a student at the University of Alabama. The Chattanooga Stamp Club meets on the second Thursday of every month where we listen to other members present on different topics regarding stamps. We also have a yearly auction and Christmas party.

In the past two years, I have also visited two different national postage museums. Two summers ago, while I was working at camp Wabanna in Edgewater, MD, I took a Sunday afternoon to explore the United States Postage Museum in Washington, DC.

There were over a billion dollars worth of stamps on display in the museum and many great exhibits highlighting the history of the American postage system.

This past summer, while in the Philippines, I visited the magnificent Central Post Office in Manila which had been severely damaged during the Japanese Occupation during world war two. Behind the post office lies the Philippine Postage Museum. There I not only got to walk through the exhibits, I met Nena Guzman, the Acting Chief of the Postal Museum and Philatelic Library. She was very friendly, and informed me of two stamp clubs that met in the building on Sunday afternoons. This was an opportunity not to be missed.

A few weeks later, after the Sunday morning church services, I arrived at one of the club meetings by way of the LRT, Manila's rail transportation system, on what was possibly the hottest day of the rainy season. The building which housed the museum, library and the stamp club was only partially air conditioned, so I was sweating profusely. My shirt was soaked. I made it just in time to look at some of the lots that were to be auctioned off in the club's monthly auction. *More of Nick's PHILATELIC ADVENTURES in the February issue.*

-- CERES SERIES --

THE FIRST FRENCH STAMPS

The Ceres series was the first postage stamp series of France, issued in 1849 as a representation of the French Republic. The series bore the effigy of Ceres, goddess of growing plants in Roman mythology.

Jacques-Jean Barre did the initial drawing and gravure. Anatole Hulot was in charge of the printing of the Ceres series done in Paris in the 19th century. The drawing was used again by necessity when the Second Empire fell in 1870, with printing in Paris besieged by German armies and in Bordeaux where the French government fled. Two new Ceres series were issued in the 1930s and 1940s. As first series of France, these stamps appeared regularly on commemorative stamps for philatelic anniversaries and exhibitions, and on the logo of many philatelic organizations and firms.



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DURING THE SECOND REPUBLIC, 1849-1851

Figure 1 - 20 centimes black, one of the first two issued stamps of the series.

The stamp to the left is from one of two first postal stamps issued in

France, and was the one of the first of the series. Each stamp contained the effigy of Ceres, who, was the goddess in Roman mythology of farming. She wore a crown of branches and a bunch of grapes in her hair. The design was drawn by the general engraver at the Paris Mint, Jacques-Jean Barre, who was, under the supervision of Anatole Hulot, a civil servant who obtained the right to print the stamps at the Mint until 1876.

In January 1849, the first stamp was printed, and also, to change the post office in postal reform to the one similar to the Great Britain of May 1840, and to simplify the nationwide postal rates between Metropolitan France, Corsica and French Algeria, and to encourage the payment by the sender through the use of postage stamps. In January 1849, the two first denominations were a 20 centimes black stamp and a 1 franc red. As the postal reform was extended to other rates (local, rural and newspapers), new denominations were issued.

Also in 1849, the stamp collecting hobby got a boost, as the first of these stamps brought philatelic interests. I can only imagine how the stamp collector of the mid 1840's must have thought to themselves, "AH, a new country to collect!"

The black cancellations on the 20 centimes black stamp could be easily masked and reused. The 40 centimes stamp was originally printed in blue, but was aborted and switched to orange. While the 20 centimes blue was first printed in Spring 1849, it never replaced its black counterpart because of a rate change in July 1850. In December 1849, the red of the 1 franc stamps were recalled by the postal administration because it was too close to the 40 centimes orange to be issued in February 1850. The red stamps were named "vermilion" by many philatelists. Two half-stamps of each nuance were stuck on the official order to retrieve the vermilion.

After a coup in December 1851, president Louis-Napoléon Bonaparte, then entitled Prince-President, decided to have his portrait on French stamps. The first denominations were issued progressively from September 1852 and throughout the Second Empire. A poor imitation of the French stamps was used by the Corrientes Province local post in Argentina between 1856 and 1880.

Based on information from the following:
Yvert Stamp catalog
Wikipedia website

STAMP OF THE MONTH by Jim Cate

ADVERSITY COVERS OF THE CIVIL WAR

During the Civil War, envelopes were manufactured from business forms where one side was blank and even wallpaper. In other cases envelopes received were unglued, turned to the inside, glued and used again... "turned covers". These were termed "adversity covers."



Shown is an example of a "wallpaper" adversity cover with a simple lined floral pattern in white and shades of blue displayed nicely with

the left side flap folded out for visual purposes. This was a Chattanooga "rover" usage. The postmark is "CHATTANOOGA – Ten. - NOV 20 (1863)" with a "DUE 10" handstamp (Dietz Type1). The Confederate Army withdrew from Chattanooga on the morning of September 9, 1863 to North Georgia along with the postmaster, Harvey T. Phillips. Phillips took the cancellation devices with him and continued to use them in Georgia until January 23, 1864...thus the "rover" cancellations.

The envelope was sent by Private John McCorkle – Company H – 37th Georgia Infantry Regiment...the 37th was not formed until August 10, 1863. It was addressed to his mother, Mrs. M. A. McCorkle at Washington, Georgia. Private McCorkle was captured as a POW by Union forces at Nashville on 12/16/1864. He died of pneumonia while a POW at Camp Douglas in Chicago 2/6/1865. This probably the best Confederate Chattanooga adversity cover reported.



The Chattanooga Stamp Club

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society and has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

-- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2009 --

President: Trish Bowers Vice-President: Open
 Secretary: Rebecca Gilbert Treasurer: Carl Anderson
 Librarian: Ken Burnham Stamp Chronicle Editor: Willis Monk

MEETINGS: Club meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at the Post Office Main Mail Facility located at 6050 Shallowford Road in Chattanooga, TN. PLEASE be prompt - to maintain building security, the Post Office opens the doors at the entrance to the office area at 7.00 P.M. and locks them at 7.30 PM.

MEMBERSHIP: Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$20.00. Send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer, Mr. Carl Anderson, 919 Dunsinane Rd., Signal Mountain, TN 37377 For a printed copy of any issue of the Chronicle, send \$1.42 cents in stamps to 380 White Rd. Old Fort, TN, 37362.

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DEADLINES: The deadline for anything to be published in the Chattanooga Stamp Chronicle is the 20th of each month. E-mail is preferred, however snail mail is OK. E-mail to: texas4421@core.com