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Some Glad and Some Sad

Spring is my favorite time of the year for working in the yard and waiting to see what plants “made it through the winter. I am an avid gardener and yard-worker. In 2007, The Netherlands issued a sheetlet of stamps with flower seeds embedded in the paper and covered with a thin, peelable plastic layer to protect them (from sprouting in the mail!).



Here are a couple of stamps from the sheet – I think I’ll try to find some and plant them.

This spring has also been a sad time for KPS, as we have lost two great members. The photo below was taken at the 2009 holiday dinner, showing Forrest Conklin on the left and Lillard Harvey on the right.



We have all been fortunate to know these fine gentlemen and will miss them. Read more about them on page 4.

Tom Broadhead

President’s Column

The past year has been a great one for the Knoxville Philatelic Society. Your officers and directors made obtaining stamps for our membership priority #1. We sent Bruce Roberts and Thomas Lane to major stamp auctions to bid on items of interest to our members. We receive APS circuit books, thanks to Jim Pettway. Our club has been the beneficiary of several collections, which have been organized through the efforts mainly of Russ and Randy Haese. (I have been fortunate to find a few precancels!) Former KPS president, Neal Henderson, sold us his collection so our auction buyers could stay at home.

Our second priority has been to have 4 Saturday meetings to engage members who cannot attend our regular Tuesday meetings. We have been to Powell, Maryville, UT, and West Knoxville for recent ones. It is gratifying to hear comments from the attendees who appreciate that their club cares about them.

Our big event this year was Knoppex 2011, which turned a small profit, allowing us to sponsor the above mentioned activities. Knoppex 2012 will be our major endeavor for the coming year, and I sincerely ask all members to volunteer in some way to make this a success.

Our total membership has stayed constant around 80. But, we lost two dear members in the last month – Forest Conklin and Lillard Harvey. We will honor them for their dedication to KPS with a donation to the American Philatelic Society in their names.

The May meeting is election night for our club. The slate can be found elsewhere in the bulletin, and nominations can be made from the floor. It has been a pleasure to serve this past year as KPS president.

Stu Hanlein

Knoxville Philatelic Society Meeting – April 5, 2011

The Knoxville Philatelic Society met at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 for the regular monthly meeting. There were 18 present including guests, Harold Ek and Robert Row. President Stu Hanlein opened the meeting at 7:00.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter. Thomas Lane submitted the treasurer's report, showing club accounts of \$6,826.49. A major expenditure in March was the purchase of the "Neal Henderson Collection" for \$2,500. Bruce Roberts is organizing the collection for sale to KPS members and other interested parties. KPS profit from Knoxpex 2011 is approximately \$900.

Stu Hanlein reviewed the recent board meeting. The board approved two items: purchase of the Henderson collection and facility location and cost for Knoxpex 2012. There was a recap of Knoxpex 2011. The Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff will again be the location of Knoxpex 2012 at a cost of \$2,321.66. The exhibit/show will be held March 3-4, 2012. Thomas Lane will sign the contract. Themes for Knoxpex 2012 were discussed, and a decision should be made by August to facilitate other planning. The club has secured a location for storage of the exhibit frames at \$48.25 per month. A free storage location is still needed. KPS appreciates Bruce Kenney's service in storing the frames over the past few years. A motion to contribute \$100 from the proceeds of Knoxpex 2011 to the APS was approved. Jim Pettway reported overall the dealers were satisfied with Knoxpex 2011.

The Knoxville Philatelic Society meets at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 5th Tuesdays of each month at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. Annual dues are \$15.00.

KPS Officers:

President	Stu Hanlein
Past President	Ralph Dinwiddie
Vice President	Tom Ringenbach
Treasurer	Thomas Lane
Secretary	Charlie Wade
Directors	Jim Pettway, Gary Rehberg Bruce Roberts, Tom Broadhead
APS Representative	Jim Pettway

Requests for information and submissions of articles and short notes of philatelic interest for the news-let-ter may be directed to Tom Broadhead, KPS, P.O. Box 50422, Knoxville, TN 37950-0422 – or by e-mail to tomwb50@aol.com.

Past President and Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Ralph Dinwiddie, presented the following members for next year's officers;

- President – Stu Hanlein
- Vice President – Tom Ringenbach
- Treasurer – Thomas Lane
- Secretary – Charlie Wade
- Directors – Roy Row, Charles Stinnett, Dave Warfel

Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting. Election of officers will be at the May meeting.

A Saturday meeting will be held on April 16 at Peace Lutheran Church. "Show & Tell" from the recent Knoxpex acquisitions served as the monthly program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Submitted: Charlie Wade, Secretary

In the News

KPS Member Mark Mitckes was featured in the Knoxville News Sentinel on April 22, in an article highlighting his "collector's garden" of rare plants.

Upcoming Events

For more events visit the calendar of the Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs - www.stampclubs.com/events.

May 3 – KPS monthly meeting – Program – Tom Broadhead will talk about stamps and history of Bangladesh.

May 7 – Holpex 2011 – Kingsport Civic Auditorium, 1550 Ft. Henry Dr., Kingsport, TN 37664, 10am-5pm.

May 31 – KPS 5th Tuesday meeting. Board meeting at 6:00, followed by swap and shop with APS Circuit Sales books and lots from the Neal Henderson collection.

June 7 – KPS monthly meeting – Program TBA.

July 5 – KPS monthly meeting – Program TBA.

Stamp of the Month

This month's stamp is the 1961 Civil War Centennial stamp commemorating the attack on Fort Sumter (Scott 1178), issued on April 12, 1961. This year, the postal service has issued a se-tenant pair with a Fort Sumter and a Manassas battle stamp. These stamps remain from the group that Stu Hanlein found, which were used on Knoxpex 2011 cachets.



My Civil War Heritage

By Charlie Wade

With the sesquicentennial of The Civil War, there will be issues of new US stamps. But stamps commemorating this period's events and heroes have been released since 1867 with the issue of the 15c Abraham Lincoln (Scott 77). Stamps can commemorate more than Civil War heroes, battles, and sites. In 1949 the United States honored veterans of both the Grand Army of the Republic (Scott 985) and the Confederacy (Scott 998). My heritage includes ancestors from both of these armies.



In the year 1861, in the small farming community of Chuck-a-luc, Tennessee, lived the Wade family and the Hart family. Among the citizens were my Great-great-grandfather Silas, William Wade and my Great-great-grandfather, John Hart. This was a close knit community with most residents attending the same churches and school and working together in the fields. But the drums of war brought division to this community and even to families.

Believing in the preservation of the union, Silas Wade (below left), along with his brothers William and James, enlisted in the US 3rd Tennessee Calvary. But the fourth brother Granville felt he should follow the direction of his state and joined the 43rd Tennessee Infantry of the Confederate States of America. Joining him in the 43rd was John Hart.



James Wade died at Stones River in Tennessee. The family's oral history indicated he died not of battle injuries but of measles. Both Silas and William were captured in the battle of Surfer Trestle in northern Alabama in 1864. They were sent to the Cahaba prison camp and held until near the end of the war. At that time, along with about 3,000 others, they marched to Vicksburg, Mississippi. There, in April 1865, they boarded the steamship *Sultana* for a trip to Ohio for discharge. But in the middle of the night of April 27, right outside Memphis, they survived the greatest maritime

disaster in US history (more lives lost than on the *Titanic*). Of almost 2000 passengers, only about 300 escaped, including both of the Wade brothers. After lengthy hospital stays they were discharged and walked home from Camp Chase, Ohio. Back in McMinn County they lived out their days with scars and deafness from the explosion and were buried at Tranquility Methodist Church (at right).



The 43rd Tennessee Infantry of the CSA was involved in minor skirmishes and ironically ended up in Vicksburg.



Years later, John Hart recounted sitting on a log with comrades on each side when an artillery round exploded. The soldiers on each side of him were killed and his coat was blown off, but he escaped without a scratch. Eventually after a Siege of Vicksburg the Confederate forces surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant's forces. They were exchanged and rejoined the CSA forces. After the Confederate surrender at Appomattox Courthouse in April 1865 the 43rd accompanied CSA President Jefferson Davis (CSA Scott 1) as he tried to escape Union capture. Upon their unit's final surrender John Hart returned home, but Granville Wade was shunned by his family for fighting for the South and was forced to move to Middle Tennessee.

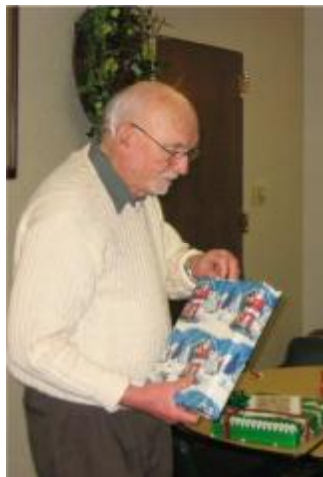
This is my heritage. With the sesquicentennial celebration stories like this from many, many families will be told preserving them for future generation.

This month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, May 3

Lillard Q. Harvey

We lost our longtime member and friend Lillard Harvey on April 5. Lillard was an active collector of US stamps and had served several years as KPS treasurer. Like any good organization treasurer, he would not rest until the club's books were perfectly balanced.

His obituary in the Knoxville News Sentinel draws attention to the fact that he retired from TVA after 37 years of service, and that he had been the first three-term president of the Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union. Lillard served in the U.S. Army and was a Veteran of World War II. He received full military honors from the East Tennessee Veteran Honor Guard, and this very important and moving ceremony may be seen on the internet at <http://vimeo.com/georgecreek>. The video is titled "21 Gun" and was produced by Lillard's grandson.



As mentioned by Stu Hanlein in his president's column, a donation from KPS to the American Philatelic Society has been made in Lillard's honor. Members wishing to make contributions in his memory may donate to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

Forrest Conklin

We lost our member, Dr. Forest Conklin on April 3. Forrest was an active member until illness kept him away from meetings a couple of years ago. He had many philatelic interests, including orchids (which he also grew) and joint issues of the US and other countries.

He was an ordained Baptist minister, who later earned a Ph.D. in speech and became a professor and debate coach, retiring from the University of Northern Iowa in



1997. He was an Eagle Scout and a veteran of the Navy Air Corps. After moving to Knoxville, Forrest was a volunteer at the East Tennessee Historical Society from 2000-2009, and was a lifelong student of history. He was a

recognized expert and author of several articles about William G. "Parson" Brownlow, the Civil War abolitionist newspaper editor of Knoxville and Tennessee governor and senator.

As mentioned by Stu Hanlein in his president's column, a donation from KPS to the American Philatelic Society has been made in Forrest's honor. Members wishing to make contributions in his memory may donate to the American Cancer Society.

KPS Board Meeting – March 29

The Knoxville Philatelic Society officers and directors convened for the quarterly Board of Directors meeting at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. President Stu Hanlein opened the meeting at 6:00.

The following business was discussed and appropriate action taken. KPS needs to locate a free or minimum cost storage location for exhibit frames. They will be temporarily housed in a rented space. Members gave a brief review of Knoxpex, including security, door prizes, dealers perceptions, attendance, financial results.

Club membership is about the same as last year with 80+ currently on the rolls. Attendance at Knoxpex was 112, down about 10% from last year. Election for club officers is scheduled for May with nominations presented at the April meeting. Past President, Ralph Dinwiddie is chairman of the nominating committee. Tom Ringenbach reported program is set for April meeting but program is needed for April 16 Saturday meeting and future meetings. helped out in just about every area of the show.

An expenditure of \$2,500 was approved for the purchase of the "Neal Henderson collection." Catalog value of this collection is in the range of \$50 – 60K. The Holiday Inn-Cedar Bluff was approved as the location for Knoxpex 2012 at the same rental cost. A motion and discussion on free youth membership was tabled. Table cost for dealers at Knoxpex 2012 was discussed but no action taken. Tom Broadhead suggested the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts as a possible theme for Knoxpex 2012. The board recognized and thanked Bruce Roberts for his efforts in securing and sorting the Henderson collection.

Submitted by Charlie Wade, Secretary

Next month's KPS Meeting – Tuesday, June 7