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October 7 Houlton show an international event

The place for philatelists to be on Saturday, October 7, 2000 is Houlton, where the Maine Philatelic Society will host a Stamp Show at the John Millar Civic Center at Community Park. The show will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there will be a dealers bourse with stamps, covers, postcards and supplies available. There will be no admission charge for the show.

There will be a table auction from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., with lots having five or more bids going to oral auction at 1 p.m. There will be exhibits of philatelic material from Maine collectors and the Carleton County Historical Society of New Brunswick will have their Connell stamp on display, making this a true international event.

The Greater Houlton Area Chamber of Commerce has provided the Maine Philatelic Society with space at no cost. The Maine Philatelic Society will offer free appraisals of stamps and collections during the day.

The chamber of commerce has a grant to advertise the event and the MPS will be mentioned in each advertisement. Much of the advertising will be done in the Bangor-Augusta-Portland market. In addition, the local radio station will be advertising the stamp show.

"We are very excited about having a stamp show here in the northern part of the state," said Max Lynds, a member of the MPS board of directors and show organizer. "Hopefully, collectors from the south will head north to view the beautiful scenery as the trees will be turning colors." The civic center will have food available and there is easy access to the building itself.

To reach the site, exit I-95 at Houlton and bear right. Take your next left onto Washburn Street, the next right onto Highland Avenue, go to the stop sign and turn left onto Pleasant Avenue. Take your third left onto Randall Street and continue straight into the park and you will see the Millar Civic Center. If coming from Canada, turn left off the I-95 exit and then follow the same direction.

Lodging is available at the following locations: Shiretown Motor Inn, just north of the I-95 Houlton exit (telephone 532-9421); Ivey's Motor Lodge, just north of the I-95 Houlton exit (532-4206) and the Star Dust Motel on North Road, (532-6538).

For additional information, Max Lynds may be contacted at P.O. Box 761, Houlton, ME 04730-0761. Telephone: (207) 532-2291, extension 242. He can be reached by e-mail at max@ainop.com. Plan to come and enjoy philately on an international scale!

Connell stamp is truly fascinating

By Michael O. Nowlan

Sometime in the latter part of 1859, New Brunswick's Lieutenant-Governor J.H.T. Manners-Sutton asked his Postmaster-General Charles Connell to procure new stamps for the colony which was moving from the British system of pounds, shillings and pence to decimal currency.

The Order in Council Minute covered new stamps in values of 1 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, and 12 1/2 cent to be ready for postal use on May 1, 1860. Mr. Connell added a 17 cent value which he knew would be used for overseas mail sent via the United States.

Subsequently, Charles Connell travelled to New York before Christmas 1859 where he met with officials of the American Bank Note Company with whom he contracted to print the stamps. When the stamps arrived in New Brunswick a few days before the May 1 usage date, copies were sent by Connell to the Hon. Manners-Sutton.

To the Lieutenant-Governor's

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The Maine Philatelist is published quarterly by the Maine Philatelic Society, Inc.

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A Life Membership is also available.

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ISSUE COVER DATE	DEADLINE FOR COPY	JOURNAL TO PRINTER	ANTICIPATED MAILING DATE
January	Dec. 15	Dec. 30	Jan. 15
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Maine stamp club meetings



Stamp clubs in Maine are invited to become members of the Maine Philatelic Society. We will publish, free of charge, meeting information and locations.

WATERVILLE STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the first and third Friday from September to May and on the third Friday only during June, July and August. Meetings are from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kennebec Valley Technical College (KVTC) on Western Avenue in Fairfield (Exit 35 of Interstate 95). For information, call 872-5107. Nonmembers are invited to attend.

BELFAST STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the third Thursday of the month at noon. The location changes each month. For information, call Dick Gerry, president, at 866-3583.

YORK COUNTY STAMP CLUB

The club meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sanford Masonic Hall, Elm Street, Sanford. Usual events include raffle, auction, presentations, refreshments, and an occasional visit from a stamp dealer. Dues are \$5 per year. For information, contact Secretary Tracey Levasseur, 329 Ross Corner Rd., Shapleigh, ME 04076.

UNION RIVER STAMP CLUB

The Union River Stamp Club meets the first Thursday of each month at the Ellsworth Library, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. John Engle joins MPS Board

Dr. John E. Engle, a medical doctor living in Waterville, has been appointed to the Maine Philatelic Society Board of Directors. Now beginning his retirement, Dr. Engle has been a member of the Waterville Stamp Club and the American Philatelic Society (APS #120439) since the early 1980s.

His collecting interests are Rhodesia, Germany (Soviet Zone and DDR) and Russia (RSFSR in the 1920s). He is a member of the Rhodesia Study Circle, the German Philatelic Society, Rossica (Russian philately), and, of course, The Maine Philatelic Society. "Dr. Engle is a most welcome addition to our board and we look forward to his insight," said President Everett Parker.

When Connell stamp appeared, it created quite a stir in New Brunswick

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amazement, the 5 cent stamp, the stamp for domestic first class mail, had an image of Charles Connell.

The extensive official correspondence on the matter is compiled in the *Journal of the House of Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick* dated 12 February 1861 to 12 April 1861. The issuing of the new stamps was delayed because of the exposure of the Connell stamp, and by May 8, 1860 the Lieutenant-Governor's Advisory Council wrote:

"We advise Your Excellency to approve of and order to be distributed the one cent, ten cent, and twelve and a half cent postage stamps, procured by the Postmaster General; and we further advise Your Excellency to order a five cent postage stamp to be struck, bearing the likeness of the Queen, instead of the five cent stamp already procured by the Postmaster General." It was signed by Secretary S.L. Tilley and five others. Mr. Tilley then advised Mr. Connell on May 12 to distribute the appropriate stamps "and to take the necessary steps to have struck off a five cent stamp bearing the likeness of the Queen, for future distribution."

By May 18, Mr. Connell resigned. The case was closed, a new postmaster general was named, James Steadman, and a new five cent stamp bearing Queen Victoria's image was in post offices by July 19, 1860. How Connell's image got on the stamp in the first place will always be a mystery. When he resigned, he bought all 500,000 copies of the Connell five cent

stamp for the purchase price of 31 pounds, 15 shillings, and Gord Ashbury says "one evening, he burned the stamps sheet by sheet in his garden." But Connell did not burn all the stamps. (There is also a story that his son-in-law, Colonel Diblee, burned all the stamps.) How many were saved or given to friends as souvenirs is not known. He gave each of his daughters -- Ella and Alice -- one sheet.

There is little doubt that both sisters burned their sheets as the stamp controversy caused their dear father so much mental anguish. A friend of Connell who was visiting sometime after the stamp caper asked Connell "to let me have a few." How many the friend took is unknown.

How many Connells exist today? Authorities say there are 50-60. Most catalogues value the Connell stamp between \$4,000 and \$6,000. It cannot be established that a genuine used Connell has yet been found.

And what happened to Charles Connell? Disgraced as he was in 1860, he rebounded politically with Confederation in 1867. He was elected by acclamation to serve Victoria-Carleton in Ottawa where he served until his death 28 June 1873 at age 64. He is buried in the Methodist Cemetery in Woodstock. Official correspondence is available to researchers at the Provincial Archives in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Much of it is also reprinted in Nicholas Argenti's *The Postage Stamps of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia*.

MAIPEX '00

Stamp Show and Auction

Sponsored by the Waterville Stamp Club

Stamps and Stamp Supplies

USPS Desk, Giant Board Auction, Postcards and Covers

Refreshments

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, OCTOBER 14, 2000

Table Auction Closes 12:30 p.m., Oral Auction Starts 1:00 p.m.

Join us at Carter Hall, Kennebec Valley Technical College, Fairfield, Maine
Just off Exit 35 on Interstate 95

Comprehensive Maine DOANES listing begins

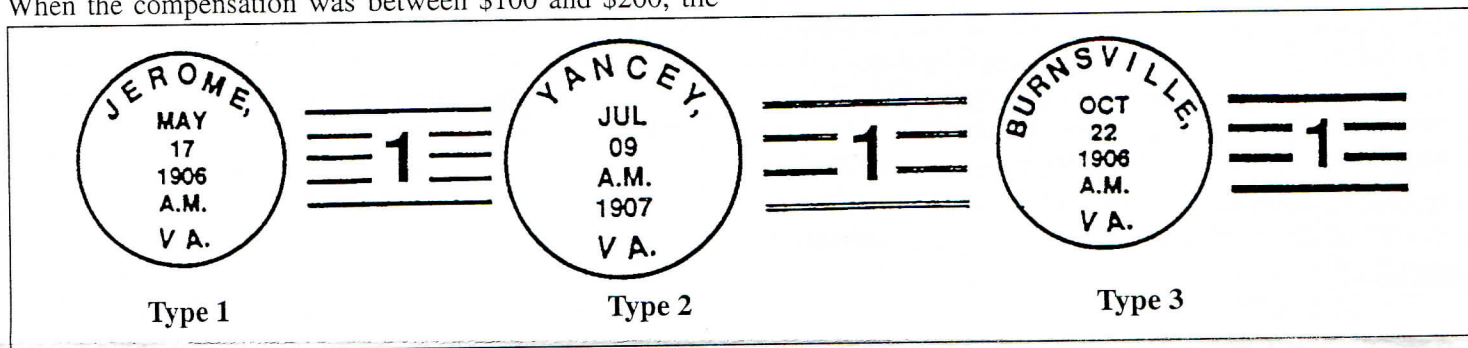
Starting in 1903 and concluding in 1906, the Post Office Department distributed a unique type of rubber handstamp to improve the impression quality of postmarks and cancels. Postal historians now refer to these handstamps as "Doane Cancels" in honor of Edith Doane, who led research into their background and distribution.

Doane cancels are recognizable by a number in the cancel bars. Recent research by Richard Helbock, editor of *La Posta*, revealed a near perfect correlation between the dollar volume of the postmaster's compensation for the year previous to the issue of a Doane cancel and the number appearing in the cancel bars. For example, if the postmaster's compensation was less than \$100, the new cancel contained the numeral "1." When the compensation was between \$100 and \$200, the

cancel contained the numeral "2" and so on.

Doanes were issued in different formats that are identified as Types 1, 2 and 3. The numbering of the types is based on their chronological order of distribution. For example, the five bar Type 1 cancel was issued in 1903 (up to October), the hollow, four bar Type 2 between October 1903 and June 1905, and the solid, four bar from June 1905 to the middle part of 1906.

Samples of each type are shown on this page. This is only a brief overview of the Doane system. Following is a listing of all known Maine Doanes, provided by Secretary Bruce Hazelton. Corrections should be sent to Mr. Hazelton at P.O. Box 67A, Cumberland Center, ME 04021.



MAINE DOANES

Post Office	Type	No.	Earliest	Latest	Post Office	Type	No.	Earliest	Latest
Abbot Vill.	3	4	10 Oct. 1904	11 Sept. 1911	Benton Falls	2	3	16 Aug. 1905	20 March 1913
Allen Mills	2	1	6 June 1904	26 Oct. 1911	Benton Sta.	2	3	16 Sept. 1905	17 Oct. 1910
Alna	3	2	26 Oct. 1905	4 Feb. 1908	Berry Mills	3	2	8 Nov. 1906	22 May 1913
Alton	2	2	7 July 1905	25 Nov. 1908	Berwick Br.	3	1	1 May 1907	1 Aug. 1910
Amity	2	2	2 Oct. 1906	3 Sept. 1908	Bigelow	2	4	6 Sept. 1905	26 June 1911
Ashdale	3	2	4 Jan. 1907	3 Aug. 1917	Birches	2	2	1 Aug. 1904	4 Aug. 1911
Ashpoint	3	2	26 Dec. 1905	5 July 1913	Birch Har.	1	2	4 Dec. 1903	4 Sept. 1911
Ashville	3	1	'06 10 May 1907	11 Dec. 1911	Bolster Mills	3	2	1 Aug. 1907	
Ayers	3	2	7 May 1906	23 Dec. 1910	Bowerbank	2	1	3 Aug. 1905	2 Nov. 1909
Backriver	2	1	29 June 1905	19 Sept. 1906	Bradley	3	3	24 July 1906	9 July 1912
Bailey Is.	2	4	16 June 1905	26 Aug. 1912	Bremen	3		23 Dec. 1908	22 Sept. 1911
Baring	2	3	12 Sept. 1904	20 Dec. 1911	Broadcove	3	2	13 Nov. 1907	14 April 1919
Barrett	2	1	8 Oct. 1904	28 Feb. 1907	Brooksville	2	2	23 May 1906	22 Sept. 1913
Bayview	2	1	16 Aug. 1904	17 July 1908	Brooksville	3	2	13 June 1913	
Bayville	2	1	19 July 1909	--	Brookton	3	4	27 April 1906	23 March 1922
Beachwood	3	2	20 July 1906	9 July 1913	Bryant Pond	3		2 Aug. 1908	24 Dec. 1908
Beals	2	3	21 Aug. 1905	17 July 1912	Bucks Harbor	3	2	25 Aug. 1906	1 Sept. 1921
Beals	3	3	8 April 1907	11 June 1913	Bunker Hill	3	1	18 Aug. 1906	14 April 1910
Beaver Pond	3	4	10 Sept. 1907	22 June 1911	Burdin	3	1	1906	18 Dec. 1911
Beddington	3	1	24 Dec. 1909	7 Sept. 1929	Burketville	1	2	11 Feb. 1904	26 Feb. 1913
Belgrade	3	4	1 May 1906	31 Dec. 1926	Burleigh	3	4	6 Nov. 1906	8 Jan. 1908
Belgrade Lakes	3	4	1 June 1906	27 Oct. 1914	Buxton	3	2	2 March 1906	27 Sept. 1912
Benton	3	5	18 Sept. 1907	7 Feb. 1913	Buxton Cen.	3	2	18 Jan. 1907	31 Jan. 1913

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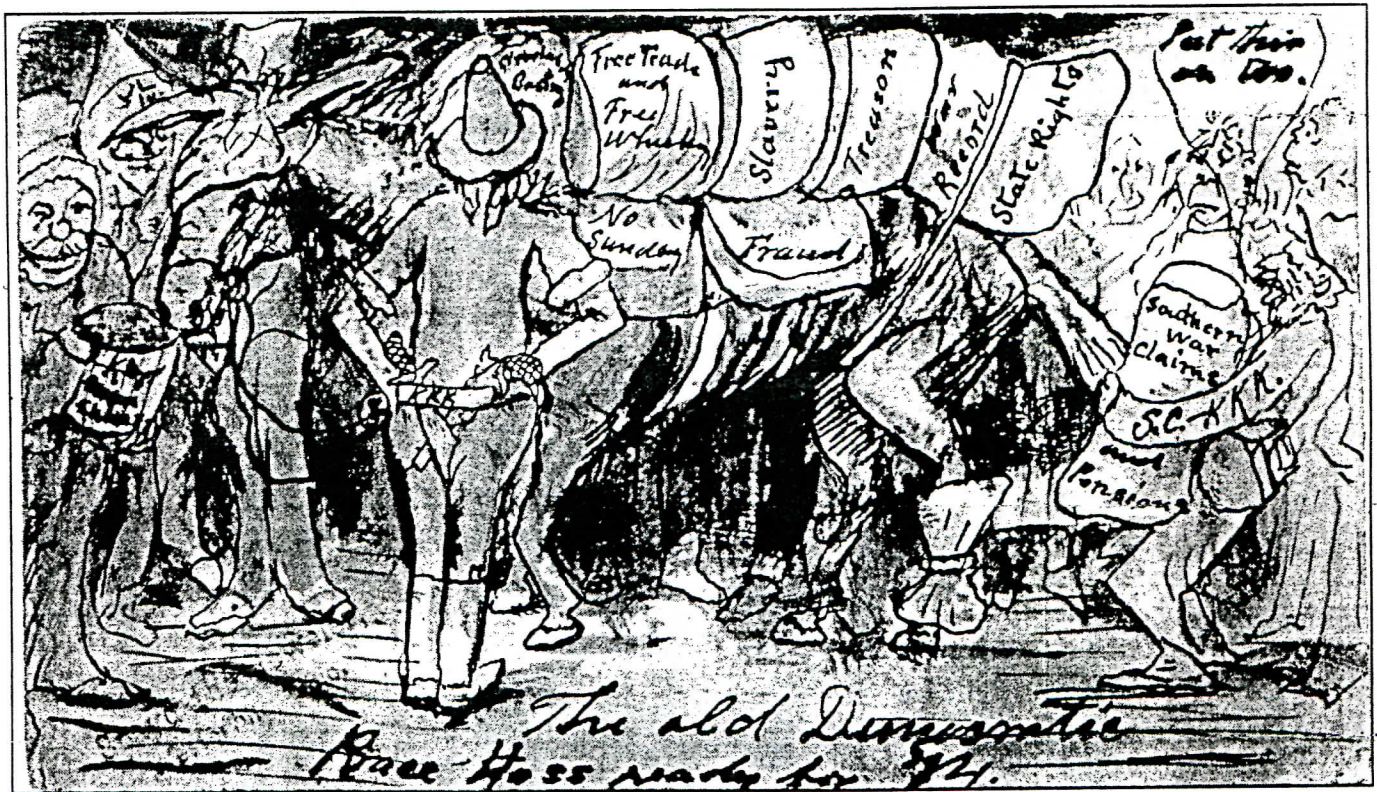
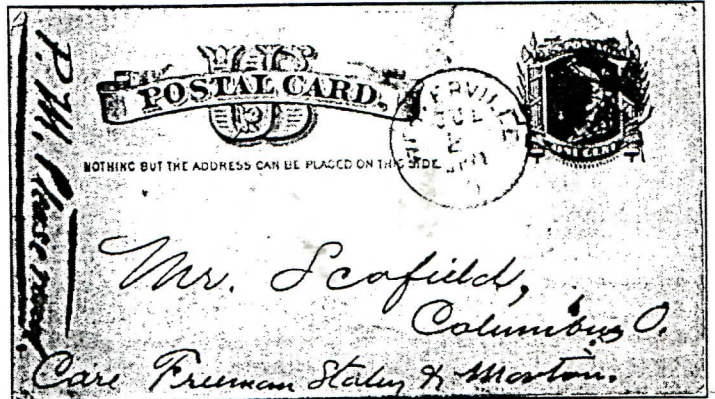
PIONEER POSTCARDS

Political Postal Card-
1884
PRESIDENTIAL RACE

By Bruce Nelson

Hand drawn and colored postal cards turn up occasionally in the Pioneer Period (1873-1898). Once in a while, quality artistic work makes the card special. This particular one is a political cartoon for the 1884 Presidential race. Here, we see "The old Democratic Race Hoss ready for '84." It is burdened by various weighted sacs labelled "Free Trade and Free Whiskey, Slavery, Treason, War Record, States Rights, Fraud, No Sunday (sales) and Cleveland Basting." A confederate soldier ("S.C.—KKK.") is attempting to add another sac labelled "Southern War Claims and and Pensions." I'm sure the political historians understand all these messages.

On the address side, the sender (July 2) adds "P.M. Please read," referring to the postmaster at the origin in Westerville, Ohio, and/or the destination in Columbus, Ohio. Cleveland (Democrat) narrowly defeated Blaine (Republican) in November 1884 to become the next president in 1885.

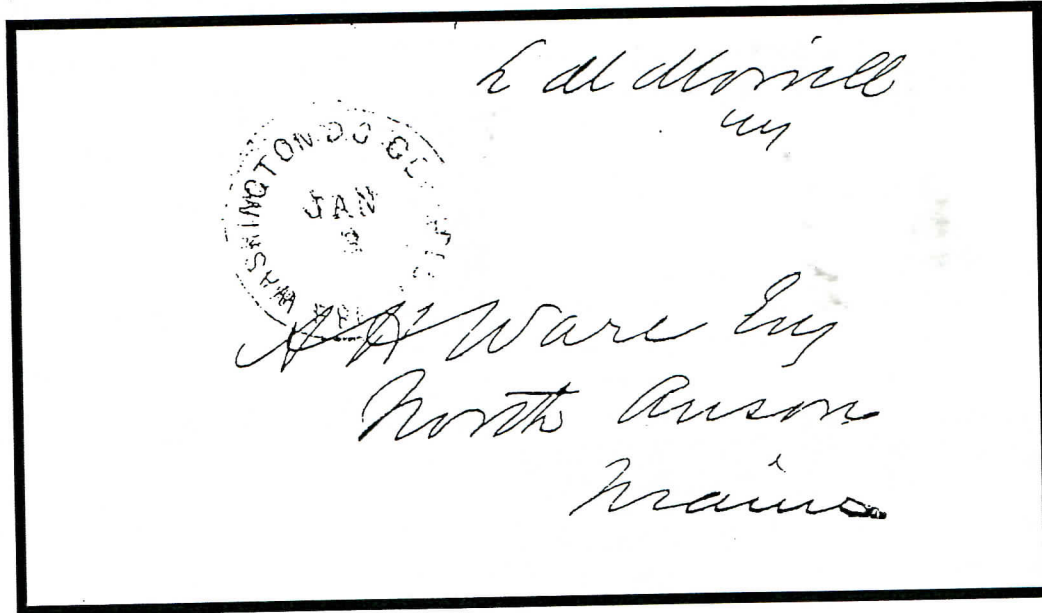


Write to Bruce Nelson, P.O. Box 3565, Portland, ME 04104.

(Card is enlarged by about 135 percent)

A postal history feature
by Rob Washburn
of Skowhegan

Maine Cover of the Quarter



The above cover features a free frank usage by Congressman Lot Myrick Morrill. The cover received a "JAN 3 Washington, D.C. Congress Free" cancel. Lot Morrill was the Governor of Maine from 1858-1860, and he also served in the U.S. Senate from 1861-1876, originally filling the vacancy left by Hannibal Hamlin, who resigned from his seat to be Vice President under Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Morrill also served as Secretary of the Treasury in the Cabinets of President Grant and President Hayes from 1876-1877. (Cover courtesy of Millard H. Mack.) If you have a candidate for Maine Cover of the Quarter, please send a photocopy of your cover against a black background to Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976-0840.

Post Offices of Maine

A regular feature



This photo shows the post office in Anson (Somerset County) in 1959. The post office was established on January 3, 1811. The name was changed to North Anson on July 11, 1845. Anson was established on February 22, 1847 at South Anson and discontinued on March 16, 1854. The current Anson Post Office was established on January 6, 1855 and is still operating. Thanks to Secretary Bruce Hazelton, who loaned the photo. Do YOU have a photo of an old post office? Send it to the editor with as much information as you know about it.

How to determine if you ARE truly a stamp collector

- You save junk mail for their stamps.
- You know the present-day monarchs of 12 countries.
- You hate it when people misuse the word "tete-beche."
- You wear a perf gauge around your neck while on vacation.
- On bad days, you mumble about the slabbing threat.
- Your postmaster calls you for advise when there's a need for stamps.
- You're the only one in three states who knows who Czeslaw Slania is.
- You're embarrassed by your country's latest stamps.
- You look down your nose at coin collectors.
- You know the correct terms for 29 shades of pink.

Does this describe YOU?

Secretary's Report Bruce Hazelton Secretary

NEW MEMBERS

No new members to report this quarter.

ADDRESS CHANGES

There are no address changes to report.

This quarterly Secretary's Report will provide current members with names and addresses of new members and address changes of members as well as other pertinent information from the Secretary. Please remember that new membership applications, address changes and dues should be sent to the Secretary at the address listed on page 2.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

Classified advertisements are free to members. You may use this space to buy and sell, trade or swap. When sending an advertisement, please mark it for the Classifieds and indicate how many issues you wish it to appear. All ads will appear twice and be removed unless otherwise indicated.

WANTED

Wanted: modern (since 1970) U.S. covers. I am especially looking for junk mail transportation coil PNC covers, Express mail, postage dues, insured mail, Certified mail, auxiliary markings. Rob Washburn, P.O. Box 840, Skowhegan, ME 04976-0840. (4-00)

Wanted: Maine hunting and fishing stamps on license. Will pay a minimum of \$10 each for every license I need. Also want Maine (and other New England states) Old Home Week seals. Terence Hines, P.O. Box 629, Chappaqua, NY 10514-0629. (4-00)

Information needed to further research on Maine NARROW GAUGE RPOs. Need RPO, month, day, year, train no. ME 4 BAR COLORED cancels, need P.O. name, month, day, year, time, color. Will respond to all information received. Bruce L. Corey, 108 Marilyn Ave., Westbrook, ME 04092-4624. (4-00)

Wanted to buy: Maine fancy cancels on cover or postal cards, stampless to 1920 only. Let me know what you have. Gil Roderick, 52 Fern St., Bangor, ME 04401. (4-00)

Collector is looking for covers from Houlton Air Force Base Station. If you have same, please contact me. Telephone: 538-9788 (home) or 532-2291 (work). My e-mail is max@ainop.com Max Leigh Lynds, P.O. Box 761, Houlton, ME 04730-0761. (4-00)

Wanted: perfins used in Maine, on cover or off (with good town cancels). Special interest in AJS (Auburn) and RB (Bangor) -- users not yet identified. Will buy or trade. Vince McDermott, 53 Willow Grove Rd., Brunswick, ME 04011-2969. (4-00)

We urgently need quantities of used Japanese stamps from the period of 1876 (Old Koban Series) through 1955. Dealer stocks, accumulations; bundle material from this period needed for our specialist customers. Will buy anything and everything (used only) at fair prices or will select only what we must urgently need at

near to full Scott retail. Prompt payment always. Forty-five years in the trade! John B. Head, P.O. Box 7, Bethel, ME 04217. (4-00)

Wanted: Maine Express Covers (and others): with labels, hand-stamps, manuscript markings or cornercards. Express Company labels and stamps (such as for newspapers, parcels or free franking) off cover also sought. William W. Sammis (Bill), 436 Thomas Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850-9653. (4-00)

Wanted: Early USN postcards of battleships with ship cancels before 1920 (called classics): BB2 USS *Massachusetts*, BB4 USS *Iowa*, BB5 USS *Kearsage*, BB7 USS *Illinois*, BB8 USS *Alabama*, BB9 USS *Wisconsin*. I have other BB covers and postcards for trade. Also interested in topicals, especially flowers on stamps, and Antarctic stamps. Louis C. Bakula, P.O. Box 150, West Poland, ME 04291-0150. (4-01)

Wanted: Any PPC with Lake Cobbeseecote (Manchester, Maine as well). Also any PPC with rural railroad scenes as well as RPO covers in the lower price range. Gary Clark, 3607 Landings Way Dr., Apt. 107, Tampa, FL 33624. (4-01)

FOR SALE

Precancel approvals: town and types 15¢, classics, 1922-26 general, bicents, prexies, perfins available. Buro approvals starting at 5¢. Good mixed precancel lots. 2,000-\$25.00; 10,000-\$110.00. Mixed buros, 2,000-\$25.00; 10,000-\$110.00: Dick Laetsch, 108 Ashswamp Road, Scarborough, ME 04074. e-mail: precancel@aol.com (4-00)

For sale: DPO, Macy, ME - Doane 1906 on PPC, Rarity 8. First \$75.00 takes it. Carl A. Burnham, RR1, Box 559, Limington, ME 04046. Telephone 637-2871. (4-00)

President's MessageBy **Everett L. Parker**

In an earlier issue of *The Maine Philatelist*, I mentioned that I had appointed Max L. Lynds of Houlton to the Board of Directors. Max is the driving force behind the forthcoming October 7 stamp show in Houlton. But in that earlier issue, I didn't tell you anything about Max, and now's the time.

Max was born on November 24, 1952 in Houlton, and is currently Vice President of Human Resources for the F.A. Peabody Company of Houlton. He is married to Jane Ritchie and they have three children: Ritchie, 22, Adam, 20, and Benjamin, 17. Max started collecting at the age of six when his grandmother Taylor gave him eight Indian head pennies. He soon started collecting stamps, and his philatelic interests include most U.S. material, early Canada and Provinces, and postal history with an emphasis on Aroostook County.

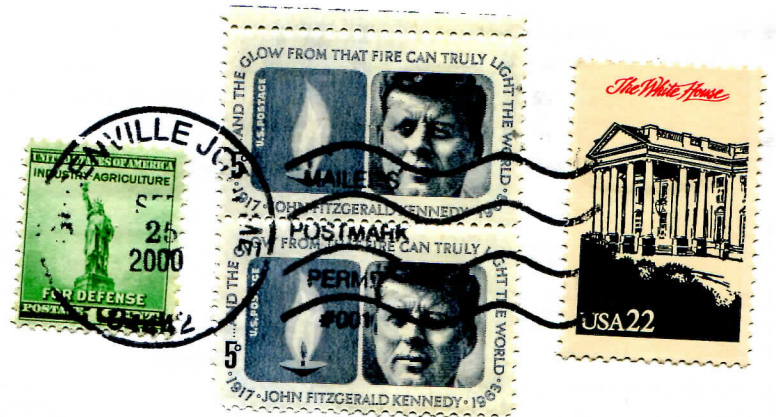
His other interests include U.S. type coins, tokens and medals, Lionel trains, photography, genealogy and computers. He is a member of the American Philatelic Society, the Civil War Token Society, Monument Lodge #96, Anah Shrine, Houlton Rotary (Board member), Northern Maine Development Commission (Board member), Southern Aroostook Development Corporation (Board member), Southern Aroostook Growth Council (President), Aroostook Historical and Art Museum of Houlton (Board member), and Border Little League (Past President). Greet Max when you see him at the show.

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