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## Canceling your own mail is simple -- and free

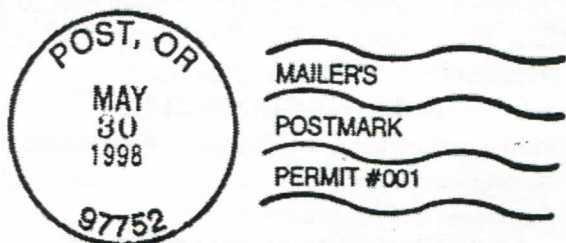
Are you tired of receiving mail that is smeared with ink, heavily canceled or otherwise damaged by a postal clerk who isn't a philatelist? Would you like to legally postmark your

ority Mail and parcels. Postmark and stamp collectors enjoy this process; it enables them to carefully cancel postage on their own mail en route to other collectors. Many decorate the covers with fancy cachets, special seals, pictures, local post stamps and a variety of cancels. The result is an attractive collectible that will be a welcome addition to any collection.

Obtaining a Mailer's Postmark Permit is a relatively simple process. Visit your local post office and obtain a USPS Form 3615 -- "Mailing Permit Application and Customer Profile." It's an 8.5 x 11 inch buff colored cardstock sheet. Complete only the front of the form and return to your post office. In many smaller post offices, the clerk will grant you a permit number on the spot, but in some larger facilities, it may take a day or two to receive your permit number.

At this point, you will need to purchase a postmark rubber stamp and a type set so you can change the date when you

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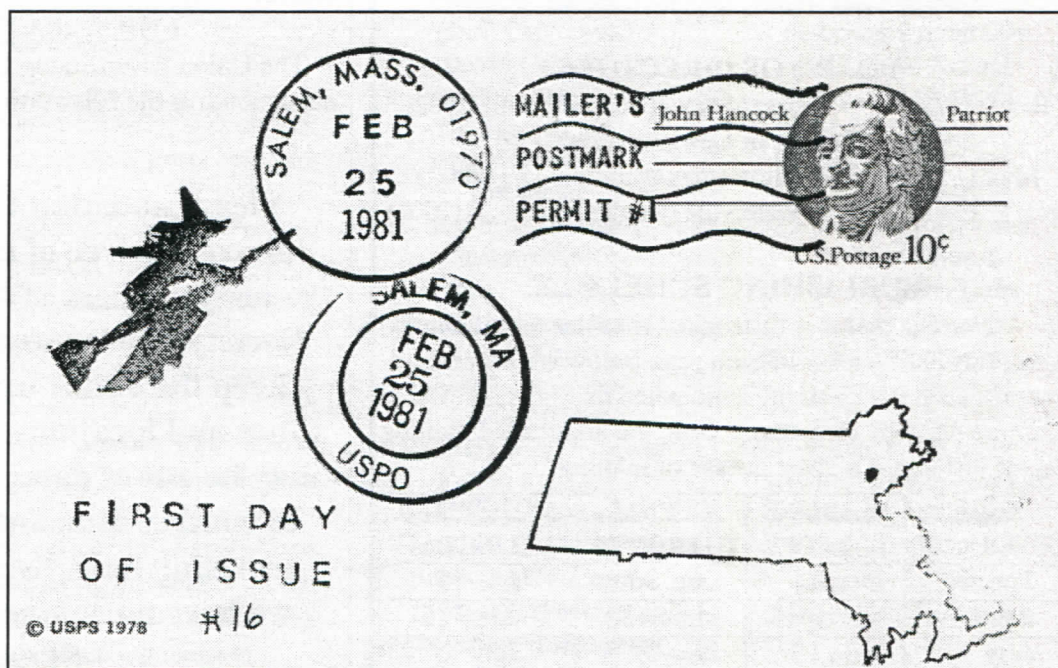


*Official mailer's postmark permit*

own mail in such a way to create nice used stamps that will enhance collections? It's not a very well-known fact, but you can postmark your own mail and the best part is, there is no cost involved in securing a permit.

A Mailer's Postmark Permit (MPP) is issued by the United States Postal Service and authorizes the holder to cancel the postage on mail prior to submitting it to the post office. A special rubber stamp postmark must be obtained by the permit holder.

Mailer's postmarks were first authorized for use by private individuals as a directive dated May 29, 1930 from the U.S. Post Office. At that time, its use was restricted to postal cards and postal stationery. A more relaxed ruling by the USPS, dated September 21, 1978, allowed mailers to cancel the postage on any type of mail, including first class, Pri-



*A colorful Louis Bakula cover from Salem, Massachusetts*

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Dues are \$5.00 per fiscal year (ending in June).

A Life Membership is also available.

Contact the Secretary for details.

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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.

**Please note that the listings contained above are free of charge to clubs which are members of the Maine Philatelic Society. Since most of these clubs do not keep the editor up to date on meetings times and locations, the above information may be out of date. It's always a good idea to contact someone with the club before traveling long distances. Unfortunately, we have no contact for the Union River Stamp Club.**

# Mailer's postmark permit

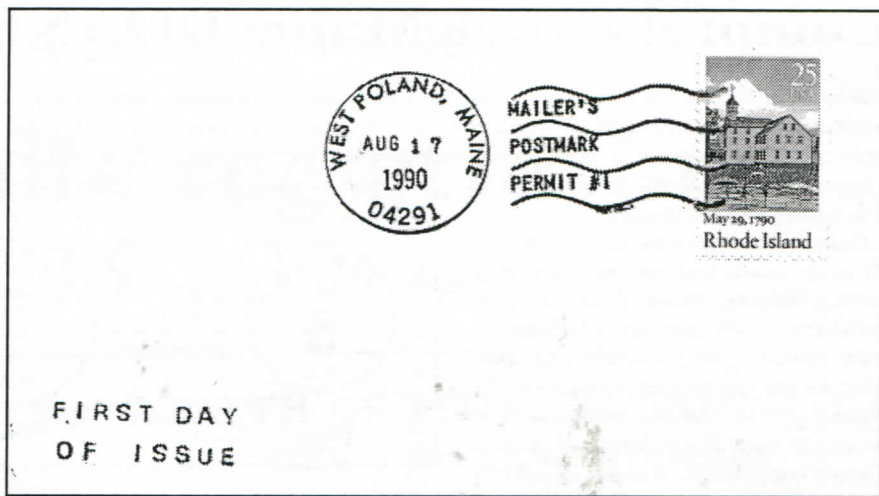
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want to mail items.

There are requirements for using the postmark, but they are simple. For example, you must present canceled mail at the post office from which you have a postmark, and you must use black ink for canceling stamps.

You can hold permits for as many post offices as you like. As example, if you spend the winter in Florida, you can have rubber stamps for your Florida post office and your Maine one as well. Obviously, you can only use the one where you are at the time unless you ship canceled mail to the other post office under separate cover.

If you have interest in canceling your own mail, you should also join the Mailer's Postmark Permit Club. Dues are a mere \$7.00 a year and there is a lot of useful information available in the club's bimonthly journal, *Permit Patter*. The club also

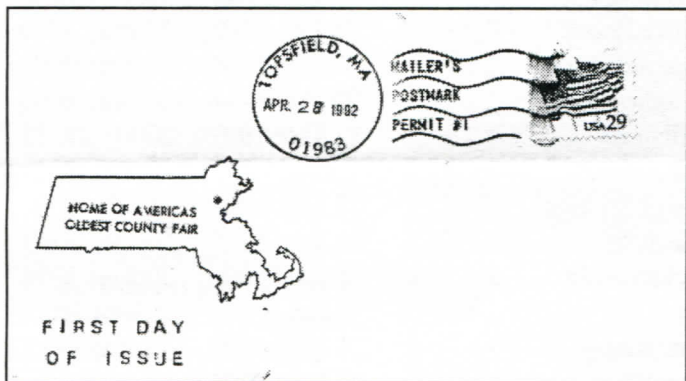


*West Poland, Maine permit cancel. From the Louis Bakula Collection*

## Are YOU on the Internet?

*Here is a list of MPS members with e-mail*

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*Topsfield, Massachusetts permit cancel.  
From the Louis Bakula Collection.*

has a brochure titled "How to Obtain a Mailer's Postmark Permit ... a Basic Guide" which would be of great help to a collector. It is priced at \$2 for non-members. For information about membership, contact President Joseph Lo Preiato, 165 Old Farm Dr., Newington, CT 06111-1819.

If you're wondering where to purchase a rubber postmark datestamp, Mr. Lo Preiato also has those available. The newest model is a self-inking model with banded numbers so you don't have to fit up new dates.

Illustrated with this article are several postmarks on covers prepared by member Louis Bakula in West Poland. Your editor also has a mailer's postmark permit through the Greenville Junction Post Office where officer in charge Alice Templeton was most helpful in providing the permit on the spot. And, since the tiny post office has a staff of one, she said she's happy to have the help in canceling mail! ☑

# Comprehensive Maine DOANES listing continues

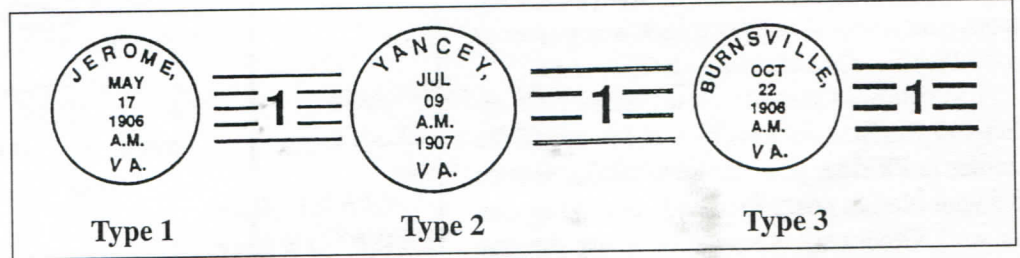
Starting in 1903 and concluding in 1906, the Post Office Department distributed a unique type of rubber handstamp to improve the impression quality of postmarks and cancels. Postal historians now refer to these handstamps as "Doane Cancels" in honor of Edith Doane, who led research into their background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

Samples of each type are shown on this page. This is only a brief over-



view 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
Garland	2	4	24 Aug 1905	21 Oct 1912	Houghton	3	1	13 Feb 1906	23 Dec 1908
Gilbertville	2	2	3 April 1905	20 April 1908	Howe Brook	2		28 Feb 1910	17 May 1910
Glenmere	3	1	19 July 1906	24 Dec 1914	Hurricane Island*	2	3	10 Aug 1904	21 Oct 1910
Globe	1		5 April 1904	8 April 1905	Iceboro	2	2	22 Feb 1904	10 May 1905
Goodrich	2	1	4 Sept 1908	24 Dec 1912	Indian Rock	3	1	13 Sept 1907	20 May 1913
Gouldsboro	3	3	7 Dec 1905	6 July 1912	Isle Au Haut	3	3	23 Jan 1906	3 Aug 1912
Grand Lake Stream	3	2	2 July 1907	24 Sept 1923	Isle of Springs	3	1	12 July 1907	7 July 1916
Grange	2	1	29 Dec 1903	8 Aug 1912	Islesford	2	3	31 July 1905	23 Dec 1910
Grant Farm	3	1	30 Dec 1905	16 Dec 1909	Jacksonville	3	2	4 Jan 1909	30 June 1914
Great Pond	2	2	8 Aug 1904	19 Nov 1906	Jay	2	5	4 Jan 1906	8 Sept 1906
Greenbush	3	1	14 Jan 1908	3 Sept 1912	Jefferson	3	4	25 May 1906	10 July 1912
Greenlake	2	2	24 July 1905	25 July 1911	Jewell	2		28 Nov 1904	
Grindstone	2	2	12 Jan 1906	12 Oct 1908	Kathron Works	3	4	10 Jan 1906	12 Aug 1916
Guerrette	3	1	17 July 1907	9 Oct 1907	Keens Mills	1	3	15 July 1903	2 Nov 1910
Hall Quarry	2	3	23 March 1904	18 Aug 1910	Kennebunk Beach	2	5	31 July 1905	17 Aug 1910
Hamlin	1		11 June 1907	1909	Kennebunkport	2	5	19 Aug 1907	
Hampden Corner	3	5	23 Dec 1905	30 Sept 1909	Kents Hill	3	2	23 March 1910	
Hancock Point	2	3	8 July 1905	22 July 1917	Kingsbury	3	2	7 April 1906	14 March 1913
Hancock Point	2	2	15 Aug 1907	25 July 1910(1911)	Knox Station	2	2	23 Nov 1904	22 April 1910
Hartford	2	2	8 Sept 1904	23 Dec 1921	LaGrange	3	5	15 Feb 1906	10 July 1911
Haynesville	3	2	6 Oct 1906	18 March 1913	Lakewood	2	1	26 June 1905	8 Aug 1910
Headtide	3	2	22 June 1906	20 Dec 1913	Larone	2	1	21 March 1905	25 Dec 1913
Hebron Station	3	2	28 April 1906	23 April 1913	Larrabee	2	2	21 April 1904	3 May 1909
Hermon Pond	2	1	23 Aug 1905	24 Jan 1910	Lawry	3	1	4 Jan 1906	27 March 1913
Heron Island	2	1	24 Aug 1904	18 Aug 1908	Lebanon	2		23 June 1904	
Highisle	2	1	13 Nov 1905	22 June 1907	Lee	2	5	10 Aug 1905	3 Sept 1912(1913)
Highland Lake	3	2	2 July 1906	24 May 1913	Leeds	3	4	29 Aug 1905	12 Oct 1910
Hillside	3	1	16 July 1906	14 Aug 1911	Leeds Junction	2	2	27 Nov 1905	30 Dec 1908
Hinckley	2	4	Not seen		Leeds Junction	3	2	25 Jan 1906	23 Dec 1908
Hiram	3	3	20 June 1906	18 June 1913	Levant	2	4	8 Dec 1904	21 Dec 1916
Holeb	2	3	29 Sept 1904	5 Oct 1907					
Hollis Center	2	3	? April 1904	24 Oct 1916	*Hurricane seen without "1"				
Hoope	3	2	15 Oct 1906	5 July 1913					

The list continues in the next issue.

POSTAL HISTORY

Automobile registration 1919

BY BRUCE NELSON

In Dec. 1918 E. Ridgway of Coatesville, Chester County, Pa. paid \$10 to get his 31 horsepower Cadillac registered for the year, 1919. This small post-card with a two cent Washington stamp and a Harrisburg, Pa. cancellation paid the postal rate (wartime) in effect at the time. The stamp is also perforated with the initials "SHD" indicating "State Highway Department" which was a security measure protecting the state of Pennsylvania from theft and/or illegal use.

The reverse side gives directions to the automobile owner regarding the regulations in effect for holders of automobile licenses in 1919.

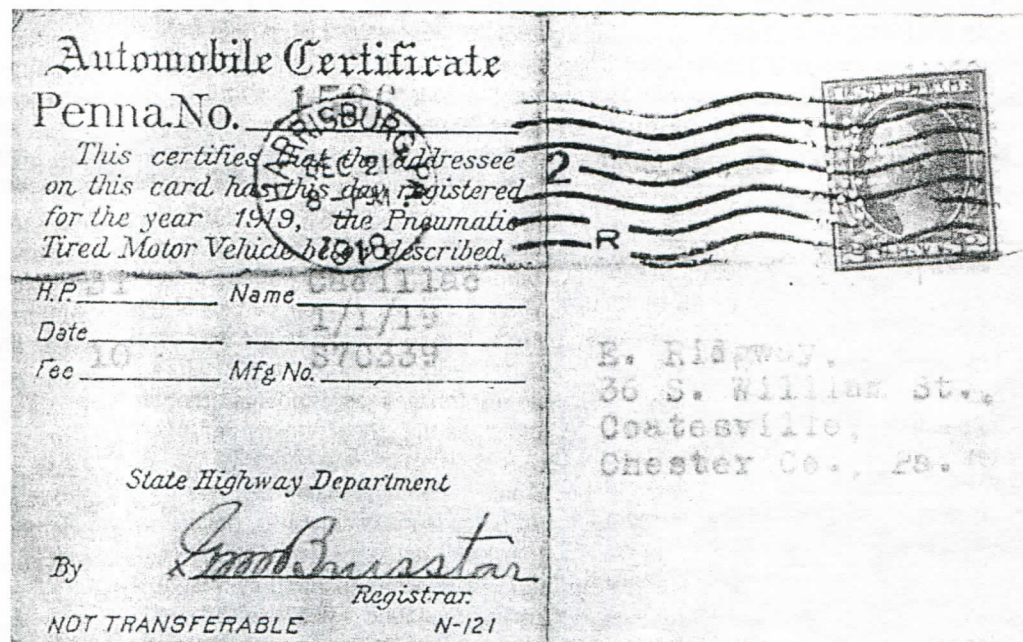
Some interesting features include: two plates must be used, no substitute plates, must carry this certificate in auto, no one to drive auto without license, no one under age 16 to drive, use two white lights on front of car one hour after sunset and best of all "remember 24 miles an hour is the maximum rate of speed on any public highway."

Also of interest is the perforated edges at top and bottom indicating the card was part of a larger item, probably a form requiring the owner to fill in information. When I recently purchased this card at an Ephemera show in Connecticut, a second similar card

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AUTOMOBILE DIVISION

INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLDERS OF AUTOMOBILE LICENSES FOR PNEUMATIC AND SOLID TIRED VEHICLES.

Attach your 1919 license plates to your motor vehicle after December 31, 1918. Put one on the front and one on the rear, each conspicuously placed so that the number can be seen at a glance. Never operate your car unless both license plates are in place. If one or both are lost, send one dollar with application for new set to the State Highway Department. Do not attempt to operate the vehicle with any license plates other than its own, or with only one plate. Do not make a license plate to replace a lost one. Any substitute plate will get you into trouble. Carry always your registration certificate. Do not permit anyone to operate your car unless he or she is an owner or has a license. Never permit any person under 16 years of age to operate your car. Display always one hour after sunset two white lights on the front of your car. Remember that your rear light must be displayed so that it shines on your license plate. Remember 24 miles an hour is the maximum rate of speed on any public highway. Lastly, and most important, operate your car always in a careful manner. Reckless driving is responsible for nearly all of the accidents which occur. See that you are not at fault. ALL PROVISIONS OF THE AUTOMOBILE LAW WILL BE ENFORCED RIGIDLY.



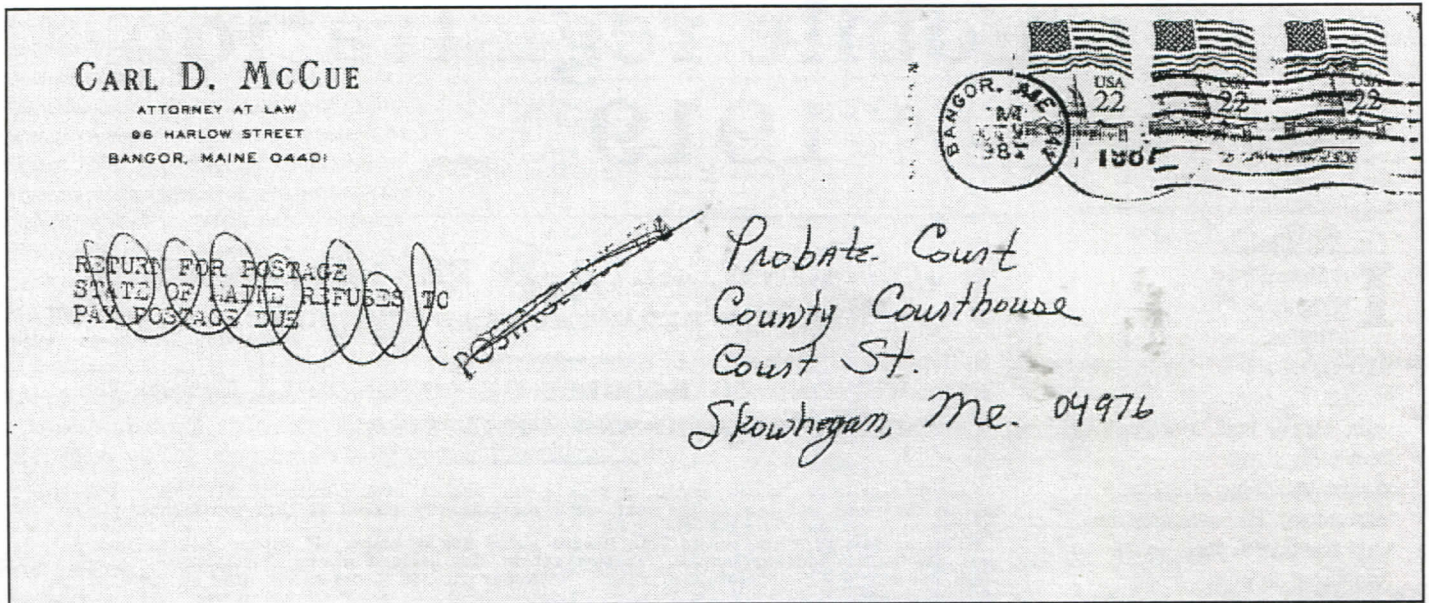
was also obtained indicating the same person also owned and registered on the same

date a 22 H. P. Ford. E. Ridgway was obviously a wealthy automobile lover.

Write: B. Nelson P.O. Box 3565 Portland, ME 04104

A postal history feature  
by Rob Washburn  
of Skowhegan

# Maine Cover of the Quarter



The above cover was returned to the sender because the Somerset County Probate Court refused to pay the 17¢ postage due. The post office placed a yellow label with the words "RETURN FOR POSTAGE/ STATE OF MAINE REFUSES TO/ PAY POSTAGE DUE" on the cover. The Somerset County Probate Court is not a State of Maine department or agency and, therefore, the post office label is in error. Instead of paying the 17¢ postage due, the sender added another 22¢ stamp and mailed it back to the Somerset County Probate Court.

(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).

## Post Offices of Maine A regular feature



This photo shows the post office in Berwick, Maine and is undated, but appears to be circa 1900. The Berwick Post Office was in North Berwick and is still operating. The York County site opened on July 19, 1870. The first Berwick Post Office opened on October 2, 1795 and closed on April 1, 1815 when it was changed to South Berwick. The second post office was opened on April 1, 1817 and closed on June 5, 1832 when it changed to North Berwick. 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.

## From the past.....

Few have heard of the *Pittston Farm Weekly*, a newspaper which served the Great Northern Paper Company north of Greenville in earlier days. Here is an excerpt from the issue of December 10, 1964:

"Mrs. Anna Worthing, veteran postmistress, will cancel the last letter and sell the last postage stamp on December 31st and January 1st 1965 will see North East Carry without a post office for the first time since August 2, 1889 when August Alexander Doherty cancelled the first letter.

"Tom Snow was postmaster for about 20 years and had the post office in the store at North East that W.K. Lacross now uses for a hotel. It moved to the river end of the Carry in 1924 where there were several different postmasters, Happy Nice, Bill Hodgins, Beardsley and Charlie Howard. On December 1st 1939 it was moved back to the Moosehead end of the Carry where Mrs. Anna Worthing (now 70 years young) took over."

## Secretary's Report Bruce Hazelton Secretary

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## 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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

**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 Cobbesseeconte (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)

**Wanted: Postal history of Pitcairn Island in the South Pacific,** St. Pierre & Miquelon and Newfoundland. Some stamps also needed. Let me know if you have anything to offer. Everett L. Parker, HC 76, Box 32, Greenville, ME 04441 (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 (4-01)

**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. (4-01)

# President's Message

By Everett L. Parker

Usually, I'm a pretty mild-mannered person (although my wife will likely disagree with that statement). But I'm riled up a bit. No, that's not the correct terminology. I'm disappointed. I'm disappointed because there seems to be a general lack of interest and a heaping dose of apathy among our members.

Whenever I talk with members around the state, the comments are similar: we need a state organization such as MPS, we need a newsletter, we need to host stamp shows, we need to promote philately... we need ... we need ... we need.

All of you good people can think of all kinds of things we need, but there the ball is dropped. No one outside of a small, core group of perhaps a half dozen people are willing to do anything about it. And I'm telling you, it's getting darn lonely at the top, so to speak.

We have been trying to set up a summer stamp show in Bangor, but ask me how many people are interested enough to offer to help? No, I'll tell you. Zip. Nada. None. We have met with a club and encouraged participation, but no one is willing to even take the first step. There is a deafening silence.

I asked for help with airport dedication information in the issue, and no one -- not a single member -- offered informa-

tion. And it's like this over and over. We have well over 200 members in this organization, and with less than 5% of the membership taking an active part, a number of us are quietly asking whether it's even feasible to continue.

I've heard it all -- Maine collectors are reticent to step forward, they don't want to let others know what they are collecting or doing, and they don't want to share knowledge. If that's the case -- and I don't think it is -- then I'm no longer proud of being a Maine native. And it can't be that you are all just sitting back and waiting to be asked because you've been asked to help over and over again.

We are still looking to establish a show in Central Maine, and we're still looking to establish a show in Southern Maine. Only one or two people are needed to get the ball rolling. If you don't believe that's the case, e-mail or call Max Lynd in Houlton and he'll tell you how he almost single-handedly set up our successful Northern Maine show. It CAN be done, but it takes you and you and you to do it.

I'm beginning to feel a bit like Chicken Little screaming that the sky is falling, but I can tell you this -- if our membership of well over 200 people (and growing all the time) doesn't get involved, there won't be a state organization. So it's up to you. ☒

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**TO:**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
If (6-01) appears after your name on the mailing label, it's time to renew your dues!

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