

Scribblings



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TWO CENTS WENT A LOT FURTHER IN THOSE DAYS!!

by Bill Dunn - RMPL Secretary

Criticism of the U. S. Postal Service seems to be in the news fairly often these days. Far too seldom do they get credit for trying their best to provide the service that the patron desires. This cover, dating from Depression days, is a good example of giving their best effort.

The letter was from a physician in a hospital to a patient who seems to be on the move and the intent of the letter is obvious - he apparently had not paid his bill as he had promised. The addressee never seemed to stay in one place very long, but he let the Post Office know he was in town by leaving his name at the General Delivery window.

It took a long time to unravel the various markings on this cover as there are twelve different towns.

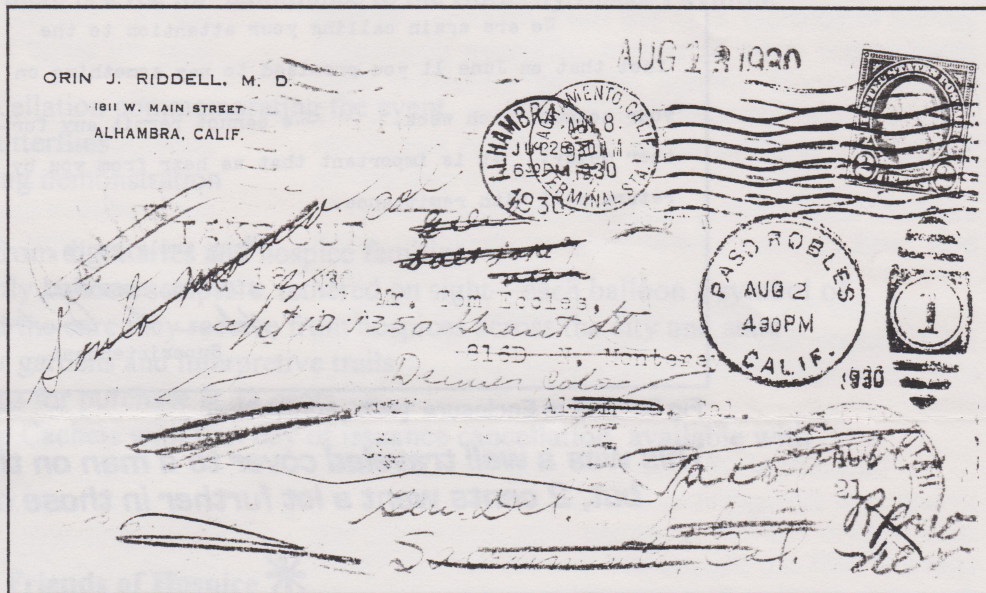


Fig 1. - Front of Cover Addressed to Mr. Tom Eccles (80% Actual Size)

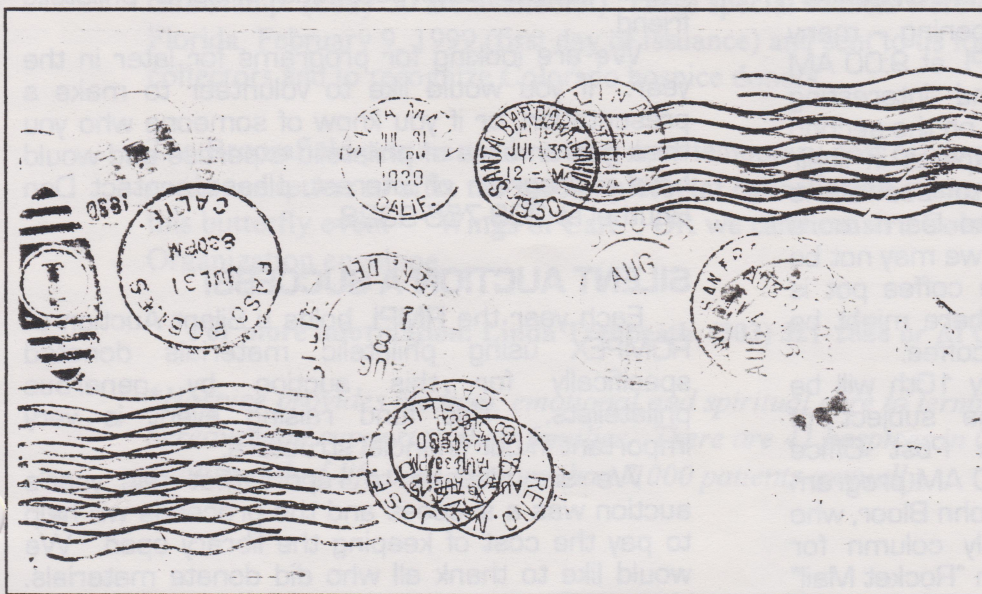


Fig 2. - Back of Cover Addressed to Mr. Tom Eccles (80% Actual Size)

Mailed from:

Alhambra, CA	July 28, 1930
Santa Barbara, CA	July 30, 1930
Santa Maria, CA	July 31, 1930
Paso Robles, CA	Aug. 3, 1930
Salinas, CA	Aug. 4, 1930
San Jose, CA	Aug. 5, 1930
San Francisco, CA	Aug. 6, 1930
Reno, NV	Aug. 9, 1930
Salt Lake City, UT [Rec'd]	Aug. 11, 1930
Salt Lake City, UT to Denver, CO	Aug 21, 1930

Delivered to addressee at
1350 Grant St. Apt. 10, Denver,
Colorado finally after 24 days.

ALHAMBRA HOSPITAL

INCORPORATED

206 SOUTH GARFIELD AVENUE

ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

July 24, 1930.

Mr. T. T. Eccles,
816 N. Monterey Street,
Alhambra, California.

Dear Sir;

We are again calling your attention to the fact that on June 11 you promised to pay something on your account each week. We cannot permit any further delay. It is important that we hear from you by return mail with remittance.

Very truly yours,

ALHAMBRA HOSPITAL,

Helmer C. Anderson

Superintendent.

Fig 3. - Text of Enclosure (60% Actual Size)

***This was a well traveled cover to a man on the move,
but, 2 cents went a lot further in those days!***



News from the RMPL...

RMPL SECOND SATURDAY PROGRAMS

A strange thing has been happening - many philatelists are heading for the RMPL at 9:00 AM on a Saturday. Informative and interesting programs are provided each month on the second Saturday of the month by local experts in their subjects. It is an opportunity to see some wonderful philatelic material and to learn more about philatelic subjects with which we may not be as familiar as we would like. The coffee pot is always full and most of the time there might be "goodies" available to have with the coffee.

The 9:00 AM program for July 10th will be given by George Snyder on the subject of "Confederate States of America Post Office Department and Stamps". The 9:00 AM program for August 14th will be give by Dr. John Bloor, who frequently writes an aero philately column for Global Stamp News. He has chosen "Rocket Mail" as the subject for his program. Join us on

these second Saturdays and bring a philatelic friend.

We are looking for programs for later in the year. If you would like to volunteer to make a presentation, or if you know of someone who you think has an area of philatelic expertise and would have a program of interest, please contact Don Beuthel at 303-755-9328.

SILENT AUCTION A SUCCESS!

Each year the RMPL holds a Silent Auction at ROMPEX using philatelic materials donated specifically for this auction by generous philatelists. This fund raising event is very important in our financial structure.

We are pleased to report that this year's auction was a success and the proceeds will help to pay the cost of keeping the library open. We would like to thank all who did donate materials. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, we

would like to thank each and every person who participated in the auction, whether or not you were successful with your bids. We had suggested that you bid early, high, and often and many of you did just that. We would like to thank our Volunteers, Joe Weinman, Norm Camara, and Bill Dunn, for all of their work in setting up the auction

Just when you finish the auction for the year, it is time to start thinking about the auction for next year. We would like to have your donations as soon as possible so that we can get them processed before the last minute rush. All types of philatelic material are welcome - individual stamps, country collections, world wide collections, and especially interesting covers of all types. This year we were asked frequently, "Don't you have any more covers in the auction?" - so we are earnestly soliciting covers of all types for next year because of their popularity.

Your donations can be brought to the RMPL, sent to the RMPL, or if necessary, arrangements can be made to pick up your donations by calling the library at 303-759-9921. Please indicate that they are donations for the Silent Auction.

BEGINNING ADULT CLASS

Buoyed by the success of our first Beginning Adult Stamp Collecting Class the RMPL has tentatively scheduled a new Beginning Adult Stamp Collecting class. In response to the "I don't want to go out at night comments", this class for beginning adults will on 4 successive Saturday afternoons from 1:30-4:00 PM starting with September 18th and ending on October 9. If you know of someone who might be interested in such a class, please have them call the library at 303-759-9921 to register for the class. The class will be limited to no more than 20 persons and it is important that the participants be available for all four Saturday sessions. There is no charge for the class - just another way the RMPL serves the public.

THE RAILROADS ARE COMING...

The Maps Aren't Far Behind

by Robert L. Brown, RMPL Volunteer

Did you know that the Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library (RMPL) has a microfilm reader-printer? That's right - thanks to Joe Crosby, who arranged for the donation from his employer. He also had the unit serviced after it was set up at the library. Bob Brown, a RMPL Volunteer, recently retired from the CO Department of Transportation (CDOT) arranged to have 11 rolls of railroad maps and miscellaneous maps on microfilm, duplicated and made a donation to the library. Some of the railroad maps are copies of the maps filed with the General Land Office when

the railroads were building their lines out west. Other maps include valuation maps showing the real property owned by the railroads. Other maps include station maps, which show in greater detail, the station grounds of the railroads.

Among the miscellaneous maps are various editions of state maps, dated as early as 1910 and 1916. A couple of interesting maps include one showing "the general location of the Western Union Telegraph Companies owned, leased, and controlled poles and wires in the states of Wyoming and Colorado," January, 1919, and a "map showing distances between towns by the Yellowstone Trail Association."

Brown has been busy indexing the microfilm rolls, in order to bring a little order to this collection. Another donation by Bob Brown is six rolls of microfilm from the U. S. Geological Survey containing microfilm copies of each topographic map published by that agency from 1884 to 1972. If there are six different editions of a respective quadrangle, all six editions will appear on the microfilm.

All of these maps should prove useful to those doing research on early towns, railroad lines, and history in general.

The RMPL thanks Joe Crosby and Bob Brown for their significant donations to our library. The RMPL would welcome all donations of microfilm of a philatelic or historical nature.

DONATIONS, DONATIONS, DONATIONS!!!

We are most pleased to announce that one of our members, who wants to remain anonymous, read our wish list and has bought the RMPL a new iMac computer. We thank the donor for such outstanding generosity.

Donations of all kinds continue to arrive at the library. The donations range from envelopes full of stamps for the "kiddies corner" to collections of stamps, to boxes and boxes of catalogs, books and periodicals. There seem to be so many generous philatelists who are willing to share with others through the library and we thank each and every one of them. A few donors have left little bundles at our doorstep when we are not open and thus have to remain anonymous. We would like to know who these people were so that we can thank them properly.

In the last issue some of the names of donors inadvertently were not listed. They will be included in the following list. The RMPL has received donations in the past several months from the following: The Aurora Stamp Club, Don Beuthel, Bill Dunn, James Moorman, James Reichman, Daniel Meschter, Brian V. Kelly, Jim Ozment, Joe Weinman, Phil Beutel, Steven Winetear, Shirley Pope, George Fisher, Roger Cichorz, George Killian, Stephen Green, George Wright, Kathy

Osborne, Norm Ritchie, Ed Schenck, Robert C. Wolf, John Luecke, Ed Waters, Roger Rydberg, Colin Spong, Gary Gibson, Helen Hard, Nigel Evans, Stephen Pacetti, Gary Starkey, Western Postal History Foundation, Steve Datz, Don Dhonert, Dave Bize, Mort Turner, Terence Hines, Laurence Lambert, John Lievsay, Stanley J. Luft, Western Philatelic Library, Guhua Chen, Glen Mallory, Mary Komich, Colleen Sawyer, Michael Tiernan, Ed & Nancy Bathke, Glenn W. McDonald, Joyce Snavley, Bob Brown, Michael Barie, Wineberg Philatelic Library, Bill McCarren, Bill Bauer, Carolyn Anderson, Dr. P. Gysin, Jim Davenport, Joe Crosby, Earle Plyler, James E. Ragsdale, Leonard Schmitt, Buster A. Boatman, Jack Dear, Frank Bocovich, Jim Johnson, Art Maniker, Mike Read, Art Weaver, Steve Pearson, and Jack Willard.

The RMPL has a "Public Charity", 501 (c)(3) status with the IRS so that the fair market value of your donation may be deductible on your tax return. We try to acknowledge each donation with a letter. If you did not receive such a letter please contact the RMPL Secretary, Bill Dunn, and he will see that you receive the letter.

MEMBERSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

With the Scribblings every two months we send out dues renewal notices and we have a few who do not respond thus we loose several members - mainly members who were kind enough to help us get the library started by joining. During the two months period between renewal

notices we gain more members than we loose thus the membership trend shows a slight growth. We would like to see that growth increase much more, so we are asking each member to make a real effort to convince another collector to visit the library. Once they have seen what we have available, most frequently they will join. The key is to get them to visit and this is where we have to depend on you. Try to get your philatelic friends to make that visit to the RMPL. The basic membership remains at only \$15 per year and the membership with checkout privileges is only \$25 per year. Let's really make an effort to get a significant increase before the end of the year.

During the past two months the following persons have become members of the RMPL:

George A. Fisher, Jr.	Mark S. Hoskinson
Douglas Moore	Gary G. Hendren
Joe Thompson	Alan J. Hanks
Mike Flores	George E. Dawkins

OCTOBER RMPL SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Each year the RMPL has commemorated Stamp Collecting Month with special activities on each Saturday during the month. We are working on the plans for October now and would love to have your suggestions for these special activities. If you have suggestions, please contact Ron Mitchell at the library at 303-759-9921 and let him know about your ideas. At the present time we are open to all kinds of suggested activities so let us know what you think would be of interest.

WHAT'S HAPPENING at the RMPL "come and enjoy the activities"

JULY 1999

Mondays: July 12, 19, 26 Open 10-4
 Tuesdays: July 6, 13, 20, 27 Open 10-4
 Wednesdays: July 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
 Thursdays: July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Open 2-8
 Fridays: July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
 Saturdays: July 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4
 July 3 - RMPL CLOSED - 4th of July weekend
 July 5 - RMPL CLOSED - 4th of July weekend
 July 7 - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program
 July 10 - Second Saturday at the RMPL - 9:00 AM
 Program "CSA Post Office and Stamps"
 by George Snyder
 July 10 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Universal Ship Cancellation Society
 USS Colorado Chapter
 July 14 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
 July 24 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 China Stamp Society

AUGUST 1999

Mondays: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Open 10-4
 Tuesdays: August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Open 10-4
 Wednesdays: August 4, 11, 18, 25 Open 10-4
 Thursdays: August 5, 12, 18, 26 Open 2-8
 Fridays: August 6, 13, 19, 27 Open 10-4
 Saturdays: August 7, 14, 21, 28 Open 10-4
 August 4 - Aurora Stamp Club
 6:30 Trading 7:30 Meeting and Program
 August 11 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 Denver Germany Stamp Club
 August 14 - Second Saturday at the RMPL
 9:00 AM - Program "Rocket Mail" by John Bloor
 August 14 - Meeting - 11:00 AM
 Rocky Mountain Aero Philatelists
 August 14 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 Universal Ship Cancellation Society
 USS Colorado Chapter
 August 26 - Meeting - 7:30 PM
 ROMPEX Committee
 August 28 - Meeting - 2:00 PM
 China Stamp Society

“WINGS OF CARE” HOSPICE STAMP EVENT

**July 16, 11:00 – 12:00 noon
The Butterfly Pavilion and Insect Center
Highway 36 and 104th Ave. in Westminster**

Philatelic memorabilia available

We would like to encourage you to attend a unique event celebrating hospice care and the **Hospice Care Commemorative Stamp**. On July 16 at 11:45 a.m., there will be a release of 33 butterflies into a butterfly habitat garden, outdoors, adjacent to the pavilion. The event is free; however, there is a fee for admittance to the Butterfly/Insect Pavilion.

The event includes:

- Pictorial stamp cancellation commemorating the event
- The release of 33 butterflies
- A butterfly kite flying demonstration
- Free refreshments
- Special comments from dignitaries and hospice families
- A 9 ft. x 9 ft. butterfly balloon sculpture, tethered on sight—each balloon a symbol of hospice patients and the care they receive from hospices across the city and state
- Free tour of outdoor gardens and interpretive trails
- Hospice Care Stamps for purchase at 33 cents
- Hospice Care Stamp Cachets with first day of issuance cancellation, available with your donation.

Stamp Collectors and Friends of Hospice

For a \$50.00 donation to the Colorado Hospice Organization*, you can purchase a 1st day of issuance postal cachets, featuring a specially designed envelope and cancelled hospice care stamp. (Only 50 are available!) These special cachets were cancelled in Largo, Florida, February 9, 1999 (first day of issuance) and sent to us for Denver stamp collectors and to recognize Colorado hospice donors.

The Broomfield postmaster is setting up a temporary post office at the sight. Bring your cards and letters to affix the special **pictorial cancellation** stamp designed especially for this butterfly event – “Wings of Care”, OR we can furnish a Colorado Hospice Organization envelope.

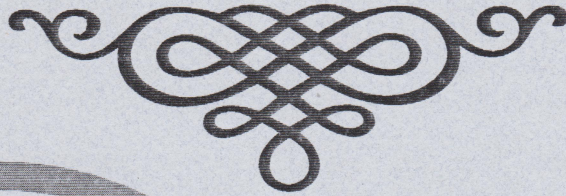
For more information: Linda Trenbeath, (303) 321-2828 or Al Canner (303) 449-1142

**Hospice provides medical, emotional and spiritual care to terminally ill persons and bereavement support to their families. There are 41 hospices in Colorado providing quality end-of-life care to more than 7,000 patients annually.*



ROMPEX '99 Stamp Show

50TH ANNIVERSARY



HOLIDAY INN DIA - John Q. Hammons Trade Center
1-70 at Chambers Road (Exit 283) • Aurora, Colorado
May 14, 15 & 16, 1999

Friday: 10 AM - 6 PM • Saturday: 10 AM - 6 PM • Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

Admission: Daily Rate - \$1.50 • 3 Day Rate - \$3.50

Children (under 16) Welcome at No Charge • Children's Activities will be available at the Youth Booth

HOSTING:

Bureau Issues Association (BIA)

Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI)

"Champion of Champions" Philatelic Exhibits

Silent Auction • Over 50 Stamp Dealers from across the U.S.

The United States Post Office

Also Including:

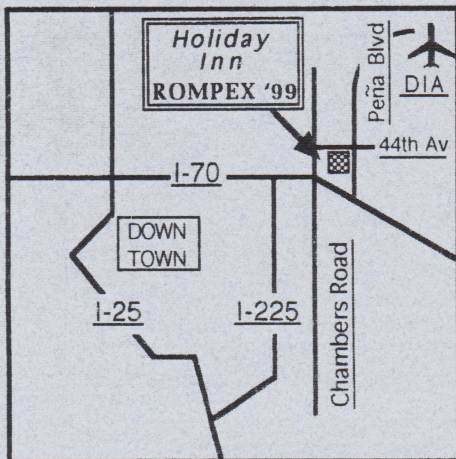
The Colorado Postal History
Society Annual Meeting

The TOPICAL Philatelists In
Colorado (TOPIC)
General Meeting

The Mobile Post Office Society
Regional Meeting

Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library

Scandinavian Collectors Club
Colorado Chapter Meeting



An American Philatelic Society "WORLD SERIES OF PHILATELY" Stamp Show

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