



KINGDOM PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

Fulton, Missouri 65251

Kingdom of Callaway County—Mule Capitol of the World

The Bulletin December 2014

Meeting

The next meeting of the Kingdom Philatelic Association will be 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 2014 at the **Callaway Electric Coop Entergy Center**.

This month's circuits include 2 books of British North America, 2 books of France, 1 book of Vatican, 1 of Liechtenstein, 1 book of Austrian, and 1 book of Great Britain stamps. The rest are an assortment of U.S. stamps, including 2 with revenues and 1 U.S. possessions. There are no topical books this month.

Jon said he would bring also bring some Christmas Seals, if anyone needs some to fill out their collection.

David will provide us with a program on aero philately this month. He had a program on Naval covers recently that was quite interesting, so I expect this one will be equally interesting.

History of Christmas Seals

By 1907 TB sanatoriums were springing up around the country but most were makeshift and could only care for a few patients at a time. One of them, a small shack on the banks of the Brandywine River in Delaware, was in desperate financial straits. It was about to close its doors forever unless \$300 could be found to keep it going.



Joseph Wales, one of the doctors serving the hospital contacted his cousin Emily Bissell to raise the needed money. She was active in the American Red Cross and had fund-raising experience.

Emily learned about a Danish man who sold seals during the Christmas season to raise funds for fighting TB in Denmark. She sketched a design—a red cross centered in half-wreath of holly above the words “Merry Christmas”.

Selling the Seals for a penny apiece wasn't easy, but it was the only way to keep the Brandywine shack going. Emily started her own one-woman campaign to emphasize how donating to Christmas Seals would help fight the battle against TB. She spoke to all sorts of groups, working overtime to make her campaign a success.



Emily borrowed \$40 from friends and had 50,000 Christmas seals printed. The Seals were placed in small envelopes and sold for a penny each at the post office.

High officials, including President Teddy Roosevelt, endorsed the campaign and by the time the holiday season was over \$3,000 had been raised-ten times the amount needed.

Jon Hardgrove found this history of the Christmas Seal on the back of a sheet of seals.

First U.S. Se-tenant Stamps

The first se-tenant stamp issue by the United States was the 1964 Christmas issue. While there were some early provisional stamps and some souvenir sheets they were either not issued by the United States Post Office or were not issued specifically for postage.



These stamps were also among the first US stamps that were tagged.

The world's first se-tenant stamp issue was for German Southwest Africa in 1913.

Stamp/Coin Shows and Auctions

Regency Auction	January 9-11, 2014	OrcoExpo
Stratford Inn Stamp Bourse	January 10, 2015	Fenton, MO

New U.S. stamps scheduled For issue in December 2014



Philatelic Dates

December 2, 1862	First stamps of Nicaragua issued
December 5, 2014	USPS issues 49c forever Wilt Chamberlain commemorative stamp
December 10, 1918	USPO issues 6c red Curtis Jenney air mail stamp
December 18, 2014	Kingdom Philatelic Association meeting, Fulton, MO
December 28, 1927	First Brazilian air mail stamp issued

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