

Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club

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Many winters ago . . .



This was the scene on North 8th Street in Lebanon, circa 1976. This picture was taken at 901 N. 8th Street. We lived in that house until 1979, two doors down from my Nana and Papa, who moved into their newly built house after the war in 1946. Going through the neighbor's backyard with my sister to visit them is a fond childhood memory. The neighbor across the street from my Nana and Papa was a mail carrier, and I remember seeing the mail truck parked outside well into my childhood years. I love the red, white, and blue trucks of the 1970s. – Scott Ney

Stamp Suggestion Update

In last month's newsletter I included a letter that I wrote to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee to suggest the production of a stamp honoring Civil Rights pioneer and Pennsylvania

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resident Octavius Catto. I received a reply from the Manager of Stamp Development of the USPS Stamp Services: “Thank you for your submission to the Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee expressing support for the issuance of a commemorative stamp honoring Octavius Valentine Catto. I am pleased to inform you that this proposal will be submitted for review and consideration by the Committee at their next meeting. The Committee is responsible for reviewing stamp proposals and making recommendations to the Postmaster General.

“Each year, the Postal Service receives thousands of letters suggesting hundreds of different topics for new stamps. The Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee was established in 1957 to review all suggestions and make recommendations to the Postmaster General. Committee recommendations are based on national interest, historical perspective, and other criteria as outlined at: <http://about.usps.com/who-we-are/csac/criteria.htm>.” – Scott Ney

The Lebanon Directory Review



A few years ago, I was fortunate to acquire a large collection of old Lebanon city and county directories. They’ve always looked impressive in the book case, and have occasionally aided me in genealogical research, but they have picked up even greater prospects for practical use since I’ve become a stamp collector. I don’t have the time to scan their tens of thousands of pages to share them with everyone, but I’ll take the opportunity to write about their contents so that you are better aware of what information each one might have to offer. The library of the

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Lebanon County Historical Society has a collection of directories going back to at least 1869, which is where we'll start our review this month . . .

The proper name of the 1869 Lebanon County Directory is *The Correct and Complete Business Directory of Lebanon County, PA 1868 – 1869*. This directory was published by Grittinger, Seltzer, and Light, and printed in Philadelphia by Sherman and Co. It contains many full- and partial-page business advertisements, mostly (but not all) from Lebanon County. The ads make it both a fine source of post-Civil War county information and a nice collectable. The businesses listed in the index to advertisers number more than 160.

The general data included in this little reference tome includes overviews of then-current affairs such as internal improvements, industries, and education. The business directory is classified and arranged by township. Each township begins with a short sketch of historical information and other interesting facts. About half of the book is devoted to Lebanon, then still a borough, and includes a directory of inhabitants, which is the only place in the book you'll be able to look up private individuals.

As collectors of classic United States stamp issues know, 1869 saw a brand-new series of stamps issued by the US Post Office. That year, the Lebanon directory listed the names of all the postmasters in the county; they were:

Annville: John Ward

Avon: Joseph Light

Campbellstown: John Deininger

Colebrook: Wm. Boyd

Cornwall: Artemus Wilhelm

East Hanover: John A. Heilman

Fredericksburg: Levi Shiffler

Greble: Isaac Garman

Hamlin: Samuel E. Fox

Jonestown: J. Jefferson Heim

Kleinfeldtersville: John Siegrist

Lebanon (C.H.) Caroline E. Bibighaus

Meyerstown: Wm. Behny

Monroe Forge: Philip Killinger

Mt. Zion: Mark Hoffa

Ono: M. A. Meily

Palmyra: J. H. Brightbill

Richland Station: Cyrus E. Hoffman

Sheafferstown: Wm. Dissinger

Sheridan: D. W. Leeds

Union Forge: W. Morris Weidman

Next month we'll take a look at the 1873-1874 Lebanon Directory. – Scott Ney

Calendar of Events

Courtesy of the PSLC: [Philatelic Society of Lancaster County – An award-winning, non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting stamp collecting as a hobby for education and fun. \(lcpss-stamps.org\)](http://lcpss-stamps.org)

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2021 SOCIETY PROGRAMS

We are planning in 2021 to hold **Virtual Bi-Monthly Meetings**, which shall begin promptly at 6:30 PM and run for ~90 minutes via Zoom video conferencing. For details to attend these meetings please contact [Paul Petersen](mailto:pcpetersen@comcast.net) via email (pcpetersen@comcast.net) or call +1 (717) 299-5640. We usually hold a brief business meeting led by President DiComo, followed by our keynote speaker(s) and a Show & Tell, where Members & Guests can share in a few minutes their favorite stamp, cover, or other philatelic item(s) and take a question or two. We look forward to seeing you! And it is never too late to start planning ahead – speakers are requested. Please contact [Paul Petersen](mailto:pcpetersen@comcast.net).

March 10: *The U.S. 1933 Byrd Antarctic Issue: Production, First Day and Other Uses*, by **Alan Warren**. This program is an overview of the 3-cent United States Little America stamp issued on October 9, 1933. The stamp marked the Second Antarctic Expedition of Richard E. Byrd and was intended to help defray expedition costs by offering the public the opportunity to prepare souvenir covers canceled at the Little America post office in Antarctica by charging a service fee of fifty cents plus the face value of the stamp. The program covers essays, a die proof, production, first day and other uses of the stamp.

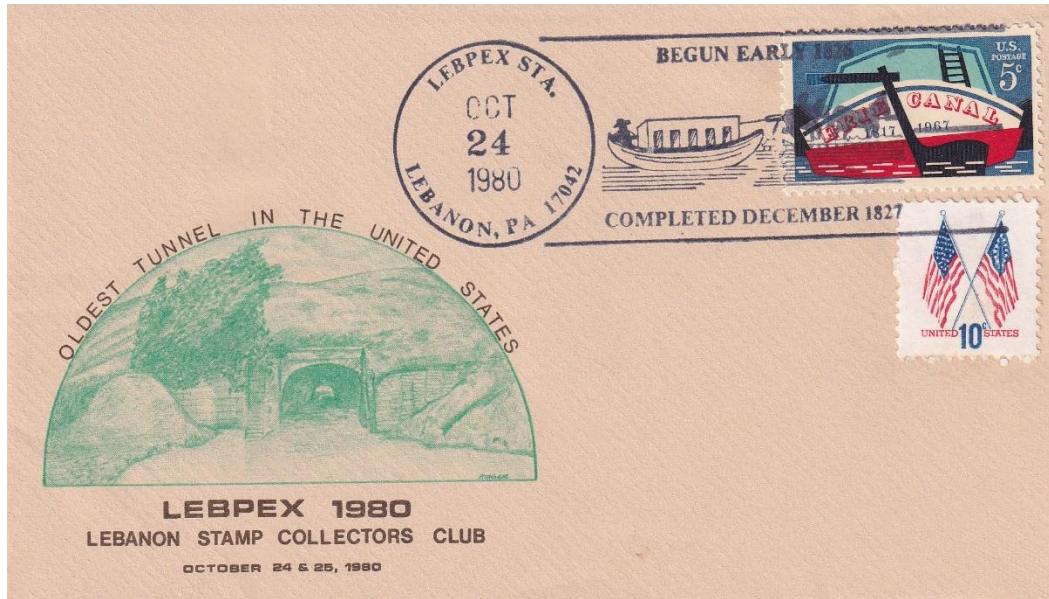
- March 24: *An Introduction to Revenue Collecting as Illustrated by Members*, led by Petersen & DiComo, PhD
- April 14: *Revenues: Carte-de-Vistas*, by Bill Schultz
- April 28: *“Doc, I need a drink”: Events and Revenues Leading to the Prohibition*, Ron Leshner.
- May 12: *Canada’s Roll in Union & Confederate Postal Cross-Border Mail during the U.S. Civil War*, Ron Majors.
- May 26: *Mail Wrappers: An Introduction, Foreign & Domestic*, by Cemil Betanov.

Sending a smile and a piece of pandemic postal history

This just hot off the press: the Canada Post has come up with a splendid idea to use their services to spread some cheer. According to a spokeswoman from the CP, last week they started delivering free, pre-paid postcards to the country’s roughly 13.5 million households. “The idea is for recipients to write someone who they have been missing or who may need a smile,” said spokeswoman Sylvie LaPointe.

The postcards are bi-lingual and sport six different phrases. “Meaningful connection is vital for our emotional health, sense of community, and overall well-being,” said Doug Ettinger, President and CEO of Canada Post. [Canada Post is sending every household a free postcard to help ‘deliver a smile’ - The Washington Post](#)

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Memories of LEBPEX past

There's a dwindling group of us who have been around long enough to remember LEBPEX, our annual show that took place in October from the 1970's until the early 1990's. LSCC president Dick Colberg remembers he was attracted to the LSCC when he moved to Lititz in the late 1970's because many of the LSCC members were accomplished exhibitors. At its height, LEBPEX was a 50-exhibit frame affair. Over the years, as our members passed on, the decision was made to end LEBPEX's run. The last show was in 1993. Now, members of LSCC still exhibit at other regional shows like LANCOPEX and YORKOPEX.

I would like for those of us who still have memories of LEBPEX to preserve some of them in the pages of this newsletter. Perhaps that can be the theme of this coming October's newsletter; or memories can be run any month of the year. Please mail or email your stories to the editor (stnst2@aol.com).

Dick's history of the LSCC can be found on our web page, which is hosted by the PSLC. You can find it here [The Lebanon Stamp Collectors Club – Philatelic Society of Lancaster County \(lcpstamps.org\)](http://TheLebanonStampCollectorsClub-PhilatelicSocietyofLancasterCounty(lcps-stamps.org))

And as a trip down memory lane for those of us who have lived in Lebanon for a long, long time, here's the tenant list of the Lebanon Valley Mall, the long-time host of LEBPEX, from Polk's 1985 Lebanon City Directory. When was the last time you shopped at Boscov's or had a pizza from Mancino's? Those places are both still there, serving customers. How many of the businesses of the past do you remember?

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Boscov's Department Store – Bavarian Pretzel – Hotsy Topsy t-shirts – Boscov Auto Service – Card-O-Rama gift shop – Thom Mc An shoes - Dipper Dan Ice Cream Shoppe – Fashion Bug clothing retailer – Karmel Korn Snack Bar – Famous Maid clothing retailer – Feel Fine clothing – General Nutrition Center – The Hub men's clothing – Jo Ann Fabrics – Kay Jewelers – Kinney Shoes – Murphy's Mart auto repair – Fayva shoe store – Radio Shack – Rea & Derrick Drugs Inc. – Royer's Flower Shop – World of Sports sporting goods – Mancino's Pizza – Boscov's Wicker Hut furniture retailer – Seafood Shanty restaurant – Sixteen Plus women's clothing – Slack Shack clothing – The Cookie Corner – Waldenbooks – Zales Jewelers – Wee Three Records – Marty's Music Store Inc instrument dealers – Heagy's coin shop – Scott's Connoisseur Collection – Boscov's Optical Center – Norwest Financial Co – Gem Stone Jewelry – Great Expectations beauty salon – Steitz Savings and Loan Association – Cuddly Critters toy store – Hershey Laundry & Dry Cleaners – Invest stock brokerage firm – Tap Room Too tavern – Fox Theaters

A Badge of Distinction



Every year Scouts BSA (formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America) releases a list of the most and least popular merit badges. While historically popular, the Stamp Collecting merit badge has seen some lean years in the past few decades. This year the BSA's list is somewhat of an outlier, as the most popular merit badges, which are usually the ones earned at summer camps across the country, are almost uniformly down due to the camp-less summer that many boys and girls experienced. Conversely, many of the badges that can be worked on in the safe confines of one's home did well. Stamp Collecting experienced an increase of 39%, from a total of 919 badges earned nationwide in 2019 to 1,278 in 2020. Collections, which is a catchall for everything from Matchbox cars to Pokémon cards, experienced a 58% increase (from 4,060 to 6,429). The merit badge that saw the most increase in interest? That was Public Health, which saw a 359% increase from 2019 (2,507) to 2020 (11,510). – Scott Ney