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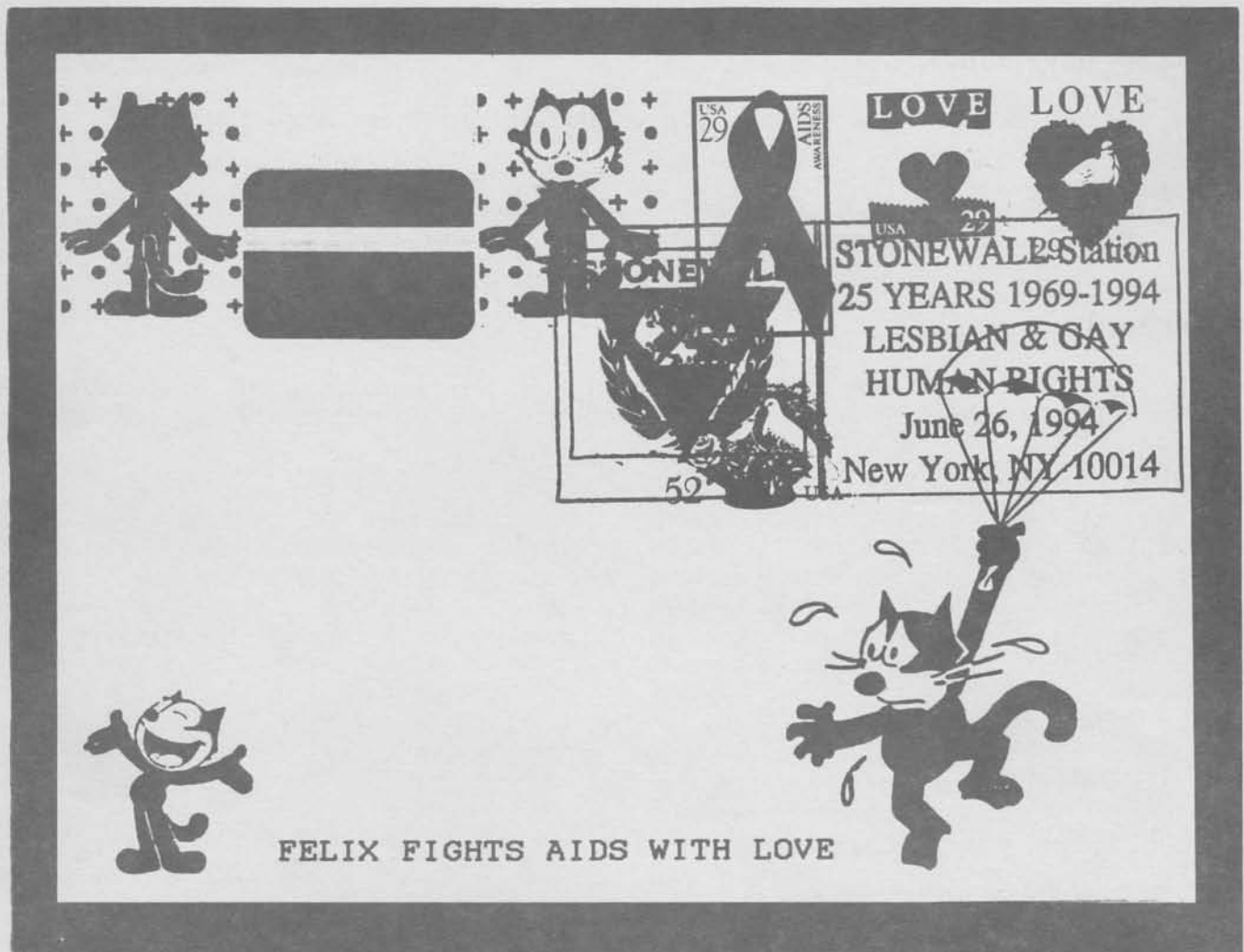
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To promote and foster an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation.
- mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture.
- flora and fauna scientifically proven having prominent homosexual behavior.
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News from the Editor

This journal is composed of several different avenues of collecting. As you will see, your collection is only limited by you! Use your imagination while collecting. And, be sure to share your experiences with us.

Here's an updated list of members by state. The current mailing list contains 169 names, of which 12 are complimentary.

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President's Points

Okay gang, let's rock and roll! Yes, the club has suffered some recent personnel setbacks, and it will affect us. But let us remember that each member of this

club has an important contribution to make, whether it be an occasional article, a monetary donation in excess of their annual dues, or act in a leadership role.

I am filling in as president until a suitable volunteer can be found. As I understand it, we have a membership of something like 150 people. Certainly, there must be several people out there who would like to participate actively in a dynamic and growing organization. Need I remind everyone that we are the largest group that focuses on philately and gays/lesbians in the WORLD?!?

We need a president and a vice-president. The president, as you can see, fields correspondence from interested people throughout the world, writes a quarterly column, rents a P.O. Box (we'll reimburse you) and tries to secure GLHSC media recognition in form of writing press releases and talking intelligently to any members of the media that might contact the club. This would probably require that the individual not be closeted, which I realize is a concern for some members.

The vice president would assist the president, act in his/her behalf should he/she step down or take a leave of absence, and work to update the By-Laws.

We have a new treasurer, Judith Beckett. She was kind enough to step in on a moment's notice. She has been taking care of the books for us now for about three or four months.

Another way you can help is to contribute cash. An extra \$10 from several members would ensure that gay newspapers across the U.S. remain on our mailing list. Maybe we can begin to include foreign papers.

And lastly (even though you've heard this song and dance before), you can contribute an article. Keep your eyes open for postmarks, cancels or anything having to do with gay philately. (Thanks to those few who currently send in materials.) We need YOUR help!! Think about how you can help us become a bigger, better club.

♀♀ GAY & LESBIAN POSTMARKS ♂♂

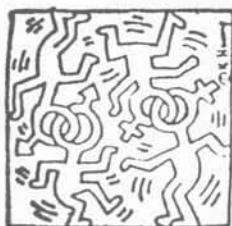
With the thirteenth known gay, lesbian, or bisexual postmark/cancellation being used in July, it is time to present a listing of all available cancels. This listing contains only those that are specifically gay/lesbian/bisexual. Cancels/postmarks of or in honor of famous gays/lesbians/bisexuals is another listing.

<u>CITY/STATE/COUNTRY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Stockholm, Sweden	8/20/83	Circular postmark; used for "Gay Pride Week".
New York, NY, USA	6/25/89	20th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots; first postmark used in the United States; caused furor with Jesse Helms, US Senator from North Carolina, and other conservatives; designed by gay artist, Keith Haring.
Bristol, Avon, England	6/11/91	Used for "Avon Pride, 1977 - 1991".
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA	6/28/92	15th Anniversary of South Florida's Pridefest Celebration; incorporates South Florida's logo in design; official title "Pridefest '92 & Pride March".
Hartford, CT, USA	6/19/93	"Pridefest '93 Station"; designed by GLHSC President, Ed Centeno; first of four to be used in 1993 in the US.
Minneapolis, MN, USA	6/26/93 6/27/93	First cancel to use "transgender" in wording; two dates available; used the 1993 theme of "A Family of Pride".
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA	6/27/93	Second cancel designed and used by South Florida; design is similar to 1992 version.
San Diego, CA, USA	7/17/93	"Lesbian and Gay Pride Station"; known to exist in rainbow and purple ink; designed by Julie Warren; several autographed copies exist.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL, USA	6/05/94	Third cancel designed and used by South Florida; design similar to 1992 version.
Asbury Park, NJ, USA	6/05/94	"New Jersey's 3rd Annual Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Parade Station".
New York, NY, USA	6/17/94 thru 6/25/94	"Unity Center Station"; designed by Gay Games IV; Ed Centeno, GLHSC President, coordinated efforts between Gay Games IV and USPS; for mail orders, 6/17/94 date used unless otherwise requested.
New York, NY, USA	6/26/94	"Stonewall Station"; designed by Stonewall 25; incorporates Stonewall 25 logo; "25" hard to read due to logo design.

Washington, DC, USA

7/01/94
7/02/94

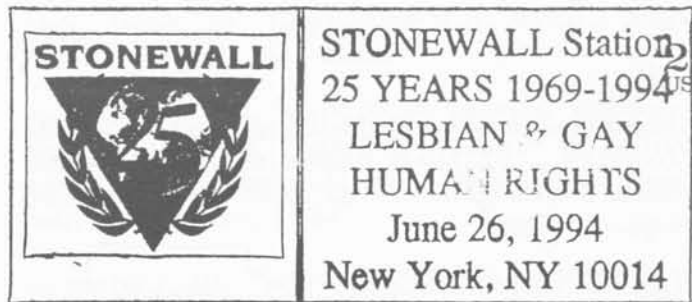
Used for annual convention of the International Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs; though convention lasted four days, postmark available only two days.



STONEWALL STA.
20 YEARS 1969-1989
LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE
JUNE 25, 1989
NEW YORK, NY 10199



PRIDEFEST '93 STA.



♀ GAY & LESBIAN UPDATE ♂♂

Cancel used in Berlin, Germany for "Christopher Street Day". Used June 18, 1994. Does anyone have more information on this? Was it in recognition of Stonewall 25? Or, is there a street in Berlin called Christopher Street?



Another von Steuben cancel will be used this year. It will be used in River Edge, NJ for the bicentennial of his death. Paul Henefeld designed the postmark portion of the cancel. The drawing of Steuben House was done by Claire Tholl of New Jersey.



There is a Stonewall, Manitoba, Canada postmark. I have three or four extras which I will give to the first members who request them.

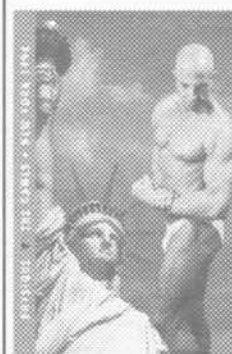


Two of Humboldt's lovers have been pictured on French stamps. Joseph Gay-Lussac can be found on France #B260. François Arago is on France #626.

Emperor Frederick II (1194 - 1250) was honored by the German Post Office with a stamp this year. He had three wives several mistresses, yet he also carried on a lifelong affair with Pier della Vigna.

Just what were they doing at a "Lovers' Festival" on board the U.S.S. Relief? An interesting cover, when taken out of context, canceled on Valentine's Day in 1934. Thanks to Phil Stager for sharing this!

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General von Steuben

NEWSWEEK: February 1, 1993, p.59,
What's Fair in Love and War, by Randy
Shilts.

"History tells us that the man who first instilled discipline in the ragtag Continental Army at Valley Forge was Prussian Baron Frederick William von Steuben. It was he who took what were essentially 13 different colonial militias and molded them into one army. Von Steuben at first had declined Benjamin Franklin's offer of the job, because the Continental Congress could not pay him. But when von Steuben learned that ecclesiastical authorities were planning to try him for homosexuality, he renegotiated with Franklin and was appointed a major general to the Continental Army. When he came to Valley Forge to begin his drills, he appeared with a 17 year-old French interpreter, who must have had other talents useful to the general, because it soon became clear that he had no linguistic skills.

Nevertheless, von Steuben, the army's first inspector general, came to have an incalculable impact on the US military, writing the drill books that would be used for the next 35 years by the fledgling US Army. His plans for a military academy became embodied in West Point. Some military historians have judged von Steuben as one of the only two men whose contributions were "indispensable" toward winning the Revolutionary War; the other was George Washington.

It is a crowning irony that anti-gay policies are defended in the name of preserving the good order and discipline of the US military, when that very order and discipline was the creation of a gay man."



Germany-Berlin, Scott No. 9N455

There was a special von Steuben postmark from the Remsen, New York post office in 1992. There will probably be another this year during the Steuben Salute, Old Home Days, that are held in Remsen on August 26 through 28, 1994. These cancellations should be offered at two post offices:

Postmaster
Town of Steuben Station
Remsen, NY 13438-9998

Holland Patent Post Office
Main Street
Holland Patent, NY 13354

A stamp show at Steubenville, Ohio on October 1 and 2 will salute von Steuben by having a special postmark honoring him. Requests for this special cancellation can be sent to:

Philatelic Window, Main Post Office
150 North 3rd Street
Steubenville, OH 43952

Phone number (614) 282-6221

Besides the Newsweek article partially quoted above, other sources of interest on General von Steuben are:

Frederick William Von Steuben and the American Revolution, Joseph B. Doyle, Burt Franklin, NY, 1913, and reprinted in 1970.

Gay American History, Jonathan Katz, Crowell Co., NY, 1976.

Gay Book of Days, Martin Greif, Main Street Press, NJ, 1982.

Gay Roots, An Anthology of Gay History, Sex, Politics & Culture, Volume 2, edited by Winston Leyland, Gay Sunshine Press, San Francisco, 1993.

Jonathan to Gide: The Homosexual in History, Noel I. Garde, Nosbooks, NY, 1969. (See George Washington)

♀ AIDS UPDATE ♂

First Day Ceremony Programs for the AIDS Awareness Stamp

by John Olmsted

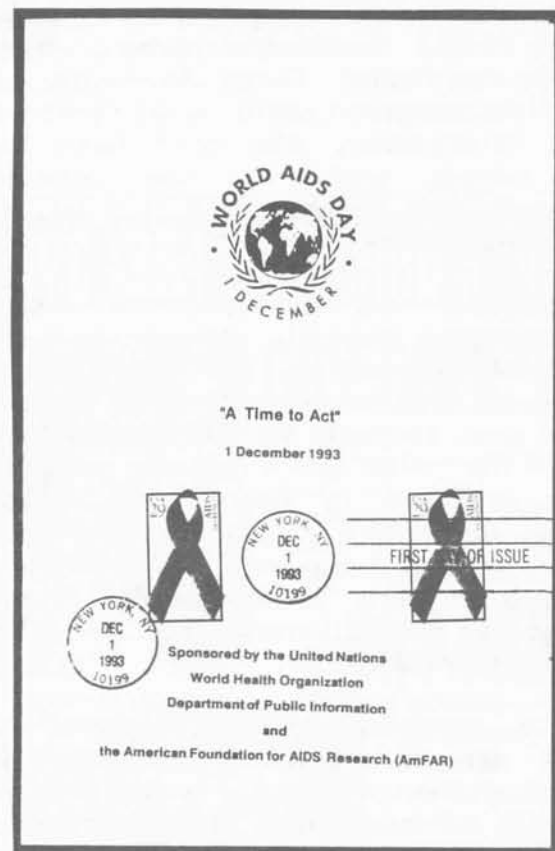
Just what is a First Day Ceremony Program? As defined by the American Ceremony Program Society (ACPS), it is a program available to the public at the First Day Ceremony that has been produced by the United States Postal Service (USPS) or the sponsoring organization. It lists the speakers and will usually have the stamp being issued and the First Day cancel. The program can be autographed, and unofficial First Day cancels are often added.

The "Official" First Day Ceremony was held at the United Nations. Postmaster General Marvin Runyon did participate. The ceremony, however, was sponsored by the United Nations World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Public Information and the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR). Therefore, the USPS did not produce a program for the AIDS Awareness stamp.

Like the Elvis stamp in January 1993, the AIDS Awareness stamp was issued nationwide on December 1, 1993. Potentially every city in America could have held a First Day Ceremony and issued a program for the event. There are four First Day of Issue Programs of which I am aware. These were issued for ceremonies held in New York, NY; Washington, DC; Princeton, WV; and St. Paul, MN. I have also been informed of ceremonies in Newark, NJ; Muscatine, IA; Dallas, TX; and Houston, TX; but I have not yet seen programs from those events.

If any readers know of programs for other First Day Ceremony events, please contact me. I would be more than happy to trade one of my spare programs for one of yours. If you have one copy of the program, I would also appreciate receiving a photocopy of the program for my files.

Program No. 1 was the program given out at the ceremony at the United Nations. This program was given out without being cancelled. I had this program cancelled with the traditional First Day of Issue cancel, and then added an unofficial bullet cancel. Unofficial cancels are often added to programs because the First Day of Issue cancel is available for 30 days or more, and can be obtained by mail. The bullet or other unofficial cancels are only available on that day. The program was printed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper and folded in half vertically.



Cover of program 1.

Program No. 2 was distributed at the Washington, DC ceremony held at the new Postal Museum. This program was distributed already cancelled. It was printed on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper and folded in half vertically. (The Postal Museum is a marvelous facility. I encourage you to visit it on your next trip to our Nation's Capital.)

World AIDS Day Ceremony
December 1, 1993

Presiding: David A. Clark
Postmaster, Washington, DC

National Anthem: Anne Stern School Choir
Washington, DC

Moment of silent prayer in remembrance of those who have lost the fight against AIDS.

Welcome: Jim Bruus
Director, Postal Museum

Remarks: Daniel Brine
Executive Director
AIDS Action Council

Jim Graham
Executive Director
Whisman-Walker Clinic

Dedications of Stamp: Durrak Porter
Vice President of Purchasing
USPS Headquarters

Selection: Anne Stern School Choir

Honored Guest: Patrick Deouche
District Manager, USPS
Capital District



In December 1988, the World Health Organization started World AIDS Day. Each year, December 1, is recognized internationally as a day to raise AIDS awareness and promote prevention programs worldwide.

In formulating plans for the AIDS Awareness stamp, the US Postal Service merged partnerships with three organizations: American Association for World Health, The Center For Disease Control and The Points of Light Foundation.

The stamp which features the red ribbon that has become symbolic of AIDS awareness, is available at post offices nationwide.

Inside of program 2.

Program No. 3 was issued in Princeton, West Virginia. It is printed on one side of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of white paper that was folded in half vertically. I traded for this program at the annual meeting of the ACPS. If you have any information on this ceremony, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Welcoming Remarks & Introduction: Benjamin R. Hodges
Chairperson, HIV/AIDS Education Committee
East River Mountain Area Chapter
American Red Cross

Raising of the American Flag

Music presented by: Princeton Senior High School "Madrigals"

Postal Service & AIDS Awareness: William M. Akers
Postmaster, Princeton, WV

First Day Stamp Celebration: Debra K. Hedrick
Chairperson, World AIDS Day Activities Committee
East River Mountain Chapter
American Red Cross

HIV/AIDS Awareness, National Outlook: Bob Thomas
American Red Cross
Washington, D.C.

Awards Presentation: Benjamin R. Hodges

WORLD AIDS DAY
December 1, 1993
Princeton, WV



Sponsored Jointly By
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Debra K. Hedrick - Chairperson World AIDS Day
Activities Committee East River Mountain Area Chapter
American Red Cross

Benjamin R. Hodges - HIV/AIDS Education
Committee ERMAC American Red Cross

William M. Akers - Postmaster, Princeton, WV

Reception with music presented by
Diana Charles of Princeton, WV
at the First Methodist Church on Center Street, Princeton.

Available for Purchase:
A limited 1st day Envelope with the First Day Cancellation
of the AIDS Awareness Stamp for the price of the postage stamp.

Special Commemorative Stamp Pin available from
Debra K. Hedrick of the American Red Cross
(limited number available - maximum of 2 per person - \$5.50 each)

Cover of program is the right side;
inside is the left side.

Program No. 4 was issued at St. Paul, Minnesota's First Day Ceremony, with the stamp and cancel. This program was unique in that it is the only AIDS Awareness stamp ceremony I know of that was attended by an elected official. Both St. Paul Mayor James Scheibel and US

Senator Paul Wellstone participated in this First Day Ceremony. The program was printed on 8 1/2" x 11" buff paper and folded off center horizontally. The ceremony was organized by E. William Anderson, president of ACPS. The World Theater, site of the ceremony, is also a historic vaudeville venue. For many years, it was the home of "A Prairie Home Companion", hosted by Garrison Keillor on National Public Radio.

World Theater
December 1, 1993
St. Paul, Minnesota



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First Day of Issue
AIDS AWARENESS STAMP

WORLD AIDS DAY

Cover of program 4.

Program No. 5 is the same program shown as No. 1. For this program, I carried a blank program back to Washington, DC and had it cancelled at the US Capitol.

In addition to First Day Ceremonies, many organizations are hosting second day ceremonies for stamps related to their fields of interest. For example, many aquariums will be hosting second day ceremonies for the Wonders of the Sea stamps being issued in early October. Several stamps are being issued in the coming year that will lend themselves to a Gay or Lesbian related second day ceremony. Anyone interested in organizing a second day ceremony is invited to contact me. I will be happy to give you plenty of free advice!



The Capital AIDS Walk was held in Sacramento, CA on June 12, 1994. A postmark was used for this event. Capital AIDS Walk also used their own envelopes on some cancels. They can be contacted at:

Capital AIDS Walk
920 20th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento CA 95814

Be sure to include a small donation.

Arthur Ashe was honored recently by Tanzania. A se-tenant pane of 8 stamps was released in January 1994.

Japan issued a stamp on August 5th for the United Nations International Conference on AIDS. It's denomination is 80 yen.

The U.S. AIDS Awareness stamp won the 24th International Asiago Prize of Philatelic Art. This award is given to what a jury declares to be the best stamp of the year. Entries come from around the world. The award is presented in Asiago, Italy. (Linn's Stamp News, August 29, 1994)

A Letter from a GLHSC Member

Dear Joe:

It was very gratifying to see on the back cover of the Lambda Philatelic Journal, Vol. 11, No. 3, the cover I prepared and had cancelled on June 25, 1989 in New York City for the Stonewall 20th Anniversary. This over-sized cover contained 25 different gay-related American stamps and a large rainbow flag sticker. I have the original proudly displayed in my home.

In addition to my interest in philately, I am an avid collector of items depicting

Felix the Cat and Sylvester (of Sylvester and Tweety). Of the two, Felix is my favorite. Among the items I have are several wooden-jointed dolls from the 1920's, several items of china from the 20's and 30's and various 16 mm original cartoons from the 30's. What better way to enjoy my hobbies than combining them? With this in mind, I prepared several covers for cancellation on June 26, 1994, the penultimate gay pride celebration ever, culminating the week long Gay Games IV and the Stonewall 25 celebration. As a native New Yorker, I am, as a rule, nonplused and of the opinion that I've seen it all. Wow, was I wrong! The nine day period from June 18th to 26th was the closest to a terrestrial Gay Heaven one could ever hope to encounter. Amsterdam has its work cut out for it in 1998.

To each of my six envelopes, I had affixed four stamps: the 29 cent AIDS Awareness stamp, two 29 cent Love stamps and one 52 cent Love stamp. Two envelopes had been purchased from the post office - namely the 29 cent cat envelope. On one such envelope, I affixed 6 Felix the Cat stickers; on the second, a multi-colored sticker. A little creative decoupage and three envelopes were all that I required to create my next group of covers. All five Felix the Cat covers also contain a small rainbow flag and the statement "FELIX FIGHTS AIDS WITH LOVE." My last envelope, of Sylvester, was a commercially produced one to which I added only the stamps and my address label.

Preparing my Felix and Sylvester Stonewall 25 envelopes was a lot of fun. I encourage other club members to combine one or more of their interests with their creative philatelic endeavors. I've included photocopies of all six envelopes.

Hoping that you enjoy reading about my work, I am,

Yours truly,

Paul D.

QUEER AS A THREE-DOLLAR BILL

by Chuck Matlack

I feel as though I've been collecting for a lot more decades than I actually have. I've worked my way through US pennies from circulation, worldwide crowns and coins from obsolete countries and the coins of Iceland. I've had a very nice Icelandic stamp collection, a few ship and chemistry topicals, canceled meter imprints, Antarctic and Faroe stamps, and my present obsession, the stamps engraved by Czeslaw Slania. Most of these collections have either gone by the boards and been disposed of, or have been frozen because only unobtainable rarities are left to fill. There are few things sadder than a collector who doesn't have anything to collect.

One day, for no apparent reason, I was thinking about the fact that something (or someone) could be as queer as a three dollar bill. The derivation of the phrase seemed obvious, but I wondered if any country had actually issued three dollar (or mark or pound or ruble) bills. So I pulled out my trusty **Standard Catalog Of World Paper Money** (Albert Pick, 6th edition, volume 2, Krause Publications, Iola, WI) which no home should be without, and began making a list.

I quickly found that some ground rules were necessary. Although the US had issued some three cent notes, and they were decidedly odd, they just weren't as queer as a three dollar bill. The banknote had to be in that nation's base currency. And although the basic unit for the USSR is the ruble, and 10 gold rubles equaled one chervonets, there were some pretty interesting three chervonetsa bills out there.

The list turned out to be a bit longer than I thought possible. Although many prices were scary, there were also quite a few inexpensive, brightly colored and well designed notes. Remembering some

price lists I had received from dealers over the past several months, there were a whole slew of cheap, recently issued notes from the former Soviet republics. This was a definite collecting possibility.

A few remarks about the list of three unit bills are in order. For the sake of what I'll laughingly call completeness, I've included all the notes listed in the **Standard Catalog Of World Paper Money**. Many listed notes are not only expensive, but very difficult to locate. The notes are listed in the finest condition, and thus the highest price, which Pick lists. Many of these pricey notes are available for considerably less if you downgrade the condition.

And the list is far from complete. I know that there are US and Canadian broken bank notes (19th century banknotes issued by now insolvent banks, many of which are beautifully engraved), colonial currency and Continental issues, specimen issues as well as provisional issues lurking out there. Part of the fun of collecting is trying to trace these oddballs down.

If three unit bills aren't your cup of tea, you might consider naked men on banknotes like Hungary 169 and Yugoslavia 21. They could brighten up any collection and the collector.

(Editor's note: Copies of the list, which runs 4 or 5 pages, can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Dallas address. The following page contains some samples of "queer" bills.)

