

The Lilac Hinge

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Cancelled Meetings

- Our annual July picnic has been cancelled because the Manito Park Gazebo is still closed for picnics. The Board tried to find an alternative location but couldn't find one that could be reserved and allowed for safe social distancing. This is a big disappointment as the picnic is a longstanding tradition that dates back for many years.
- The August "Ritzville Rendezvous" meeting with the Tri-Cities Stamp Club has also been cancelled.

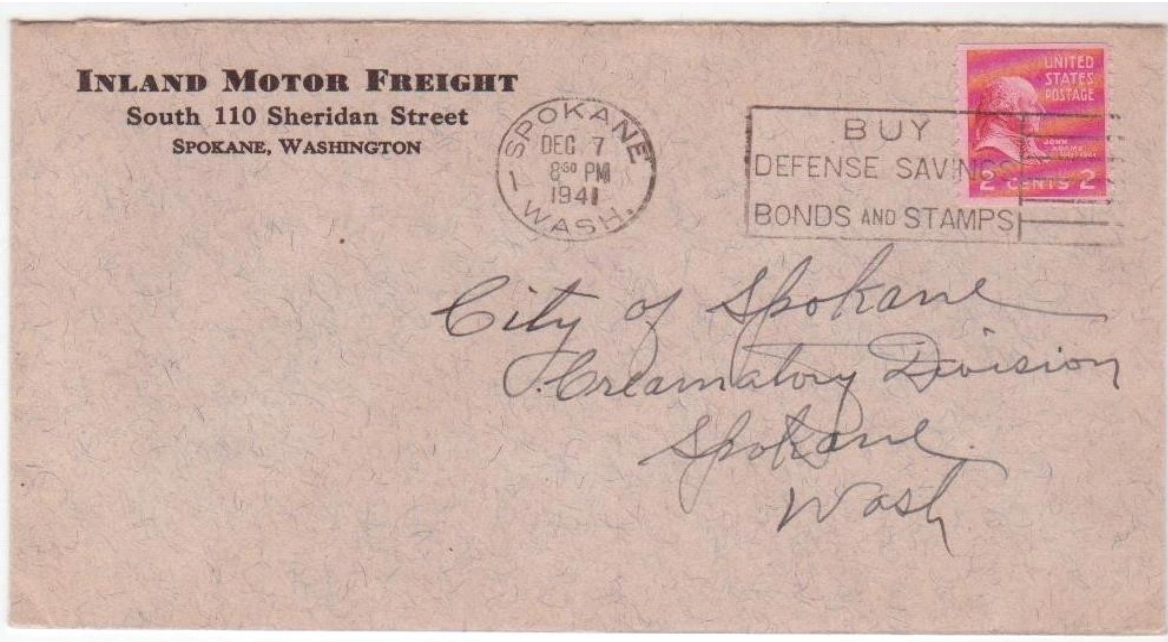
SEAPEX Update

Although the show has been cancelled, the group in charge of the show is attempting to stage a "virtual" show. No details are available yet about what that might consist of and it might not happen at all. Watch for details in the August *Lilac Hinge*.

Answers from the June *Lilac Hinge* Stamp Quiz

1. Booker T. Washington was the first African American to appear on a U.S. stamp.
2. Martha Washington was the first American woman to appear on a U.S. stamp.
3. "Black Jacks" are the 2-cent US stamps with a portrait of Andrew Jackson that were issued from 1863-75.
4. "V-Mail" was used by the US during WWII to film letters and then deliver them in reduced size to save on size and weight.
5. Canada, New Zealand, and Rhodesia are the three British Commonwealth countries that issued "Admiral" stamps picturing King George V.
6. George Washington appeared on more American postage stamps than any other person.
7. The U.S. issued its first Christmas stamp in 1962.
8. Great Britain issued the first official postage stamp in 1840.
9. The highest denomination of the three Graf Zeppelin air mail issues of 1930 was the \$2.60 value.
10. The initials "SON" refer cancels that are "socked on the nose" on the face of a stamp.

An Unusual Two-cent “Prexie” Cover



Spokane, December 7, 1941 with “BUY DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS” slogan cancel

By Larry Mann

The most unusual thing about this 2¢ “Prexie” cover from the 1938 US Presidential Series is the December 7, 1941 date, the date of the Pearl Harbor attack by the Japanese Navy that brought US involvement in World War II. The “BUY DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS” Spokane slogan cancel goes well with the date. The cancel was first used in cities around the United States beginning in the spring of 1941 and advertised the campaign to encourage citizens to invest in savings bonds and stamps to support national defense. Savings stamps were first issued May 1, 1941, and could be redeemed for US Treasury Defense, War, or Savings bonds.

The cover is commercial, sent by a freight company to the City of Spokane’s “Creamatory” [sic] Division. Cancels dated December 7, 1941 from anywhere in the US are probably quite scarce, as the day was a Sunday and post offices were closed. Even so, mail already in the system could have been canceled at mail processing centers such as the one in Spokane.

This cover is also unusual in that it shows a legitimate usage of the 2¢ Prexie coil paying the local letter rate for mail dropped at a post office for either delivery at the same post office or within the delivery area of that post office. Such mail was unusual at a time when the normal first class letter rate was 3¢.

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