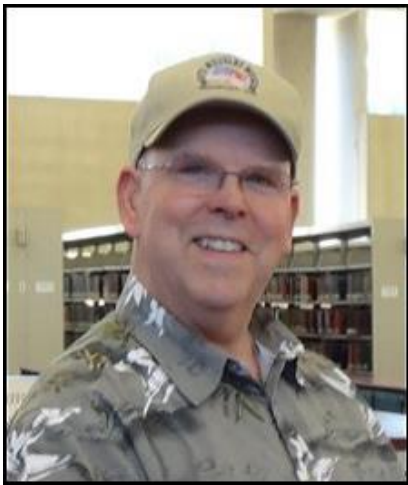


Federated Philatelist

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Jack Congrove 1948 - 2020



Jack Congrove, Editor of the Federated Philatelist, died in March following a scheduled operation. His enthusiasm, organization, competence and support are already missed.

Jack was a quiet but important member of the Federation, of his local clubs, of the American Topical Association and of philately in general. He was chairman of SEAPEX 2020, editor of the Biology Study Unit newsletter, Vice-President of the ATA, Grand Award exhibitor of Alexander Hamilton, local exhibitor and friend.

And he was much more than a philatelist. He was a career officer in the US Army, retiring as a Major after 20 years. With the Army he served abroad and with UN peace keeping forces in Middle East. After retiring he owned a publishing and printing company.

Canadian Stamp News Cover Contest

Canadian Stamp News has officially launched its Third Annual Cover Contest, pitting clubs and collectors from around the world against one another in a fun competition focused on philately, design and postal history. All philatelic organizations – at local, regional and national levels – are invited to submit a cover promoting National Stamp Collecting Month, which takes place in October.

There are two categories: “individual” open to collectors and club. “The competition continues to grow year over year, and CSN is eager to see even more covers come,” said CSN Publisher and Editor Mike Walsh. “We’re putting out a call to clubs across the country plus some in the U.S. and overseas. The more the merrier—but with the contest going worldwide, get ready for competition.”

There are six prizes (three in both categories), and both clubs and collectors are permitted to submit more than one design. The top three covers in each category will win \$100, \$50 and \$25. All covers must be mailed to and received by CSN by Sept. 25, complete with a postmark to prove the deadline date was met. The CSN address is PO Box 25009, Rose City RO, Welland, ON L3B 5V0.

More at canadianstampnews.com/2019covercontest or canadianstampnews.com/2020covercontest or contact CSN reporter Jesse Robitaille at reporter@trajan.ca. Designs can promote the club, the individual hobby or the month-long philatelic celebration of Stamp Collecting Month, which has fallen to the wayside since its inception about 40 years ago. [continue p. 3]

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Swiss Covid-19 Stamp – Redefining Semi-Postal

by George Struble

Swiss Post has issued a new stamp for “Covid-19 Solidarity.” I believe the issue date was April 7.

The stamp sells for CHF 5.00. All of the proceeds go to Swiss Solidarity and the Swiss Red Cross. Thus if you buy a sheet of ten stamps, you are giving 50 francs to these organizations.

But wait; this is a stamp. Isn't it good for postage? Yes, indeed it is. Its face value is one franc. The cover **below** carries two of the stamps, therefore the Priority (“A”) two franc postage for a letter to the U.S. One stamp would send a letter within Switzerland.

This is the extraordinary part. The stamp shows a denomination of 100 + 500, which you would think would mean that you pay 600 rappen, of which 100 is for postage and 500 is for the charitable purpose. But in this case, Swiss Post provides the one-franc postage value; we do not pay for it! I'll say it once more, because as far as I know, this is without precedent: you pay five francs for the stamp, all of which goes to the two charitable organizations. But Swiss Post honors the stamp with a postage value of one franc!

Awesome!

Swiss Post tells us that the stamp was created at very short notice and designed by Berne-based studio Nulleins Kommunikationsdesign. The graphic design professionals designed the stamp at a safe distance from their home offices. The word “Solidarity” appears in the four languages of Switzerland: Romansch, Italian, French, and German.



Canadian Stamp News Cover Contest [from p. 1]

By Oct. 1 all submitted entries will be posted on canadianstampnews.com on Oct. 1. People around the world will then be invited to vote for their three favorite submissions from clubs and from collectors. On Nov. 1, CSN will announce the three club covers and three individual covers that received the most votes.

In last year's cover contest Toronto's Harvey Shuter won the first-place prize in the individual category. The club category was topped by the Calgary Philatelic Society, followed by the Waterloo Region Stamp Club and the Kelowna and District Stamp Club.

Federation Up-date

These times are trying, and yet they will pass but, as individuals, we can do our part. Outside, the corona virus has changed our activities but also has given us time to think and evaluate. Inside, the Federation has lost a leader with the passing of Jack Congrove. This double set-back has affected the Northwest Federation of Stamp Clubs.

The Federation Board met electronically before Easter to start efforts and to allocate time to continue what Jack has given the Federation. Three Board members have volunteered to publish the next three issues of the Federated Philatelist; yet as the ATA encourages, we will go "boldly to the future." Be patient with us. Help us. Join us to collect a future we want, a future of stamp collecting, stamp newsletters and stamp shows. Help us on the local level at your own club and with its organization and with shows in your area. Join us to support the Federation's tasks to sustain, encourage and promote stamp collecting.

With the cancelation of PIPEX and thus of the NW Federation's Annual General Meeting. Voting for one officer position, two Board of Director positions and the redo of the By-Laws was done by mail. Electronic ballots were to be returned to webmaster David Harris, but after ballots were distributed, Director Michael Anderson withdrew in favor of Terry Leishman of the Peace Arch Stamp Club. Terry was known to the Board as he attended the September Board meeting in Vancouver, B.C. Some clubs were notified of the ballot switch and were asked to write in Terry.

David Harris reports, "I have not received any inputs since May 14, and have received a total of four from the Board of Directors and eleven from various clubs. All 15 voted for Alex Hadden for Treasurer and George Struble for American board member. All 15 also voted to "favor" the revised bylaws. Eight voted for Michael Anderson for Canadian board member and seven for Terry Leishman.

The votes for Michael were before he dropped out."

Since, the Board by email has received Michael's resignation and appointed Terry to the position.

Because of the Covid-19 virus, a couple traditions got skipped. A complete list of members of any Federation organization who died between May 2019 and April 2020 was not compiled. In the past these members have been remembered at the AGM at PIPEX. The incomplete list is Rich Allen - Southern Oregon, Kenneth Burden - Olympia, Jack Congrove - Evergreen & Tacoma, Dennis Matheny - Southern Oregon, Ben Robar - Anchorage, Don Shorting - Vancouver Island. Please let any officer know of those who were not named so they can be included in the next issue.

There was no call for nominations for the three Federation awards: NW Distinguished Philatelist, Federation Meritorious Achievement and member service. The announcement of honorees has been made at the awards banquet and the AGM. Thus, there are none for 2020.

To prepare for 2021, here are the criteria which were dropped from in the constitutional amendment.

NW Distinguished Philatelist. The nominees shall have rendered outstanding and distinguished service to philately in general in one or more of the following areas: a) published research and study in some aspect of philately, b) assembling a world-class collection, c) significant furthering of philately on a national scale.

Eligibility: Nominees must have been a resident within the geographic area of the Federation for a substantial period of time. A nominee need not be a member of a Federation member organization. A candidate can be honored with the award posthumously. This is a one-time award. No person may receive it more than once. More than one awardee may be honored each year.

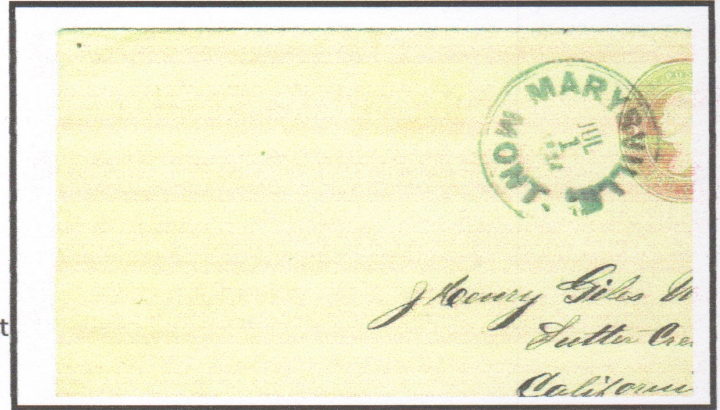
Federation Meritorious Achievement Award. The nominee shall a) have rendered outstanding and distinguished service directly to the Northwest Federation of Stamps Clubs and its member organizations, b) promoted and furthered the goals of the Federation as stated in the Constitution or c) have provided direct, significant contributions to the Federation as an organization in administration, leadership or support.

Eligibility: A nominee for the Federation Meritorious Achievement Award must have been a member of a member organization and have resided within the geographic area of the Federation for a substantial period of time. A candidate can be honored with the Award posthumously. This is a one-time award. No person may receive it more than once. More than one awardee may be honored each year.

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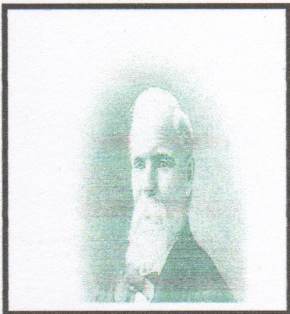
MARYSVILLE, MONTANA
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
1881 – DATE

In 1876, Thomas Cruse (figure #2) discovered and developed the famous Drumlummon Mine, named for his home parish in Ireland. Cruse started work in this area in 1868. He worked a placer mine where he found quartz stuck to the gold in his pan. Mr. Cruse tunneled into the mountain about 500 feet through granite to reach the treasure. Cruse sold his mine to English capitalists for 1,500,000 in 1882. Marysville prospered for the next decade with the 1886 development of a branch line of the Northern Pacific railroad.



Marysville (July 1, 1884) Type 2 cancel

Thomas Cruse named the town after Mary Ralston, who was an early settler and the first women in the town. Marysville was one of Montana's leading gold producing areas and the population quickly grew to over 4,000 residents in the immediate area during the mining period. February 14, 1881 saw the opening of the Marysville Post Office with Michael Lane as the postmaster. During the next 15 years, the town would have two dry-good outlets, grocery and drug stores, confectionaries (figure 3), quality restaurants, a bank, a couple of livery stables, grain store, at least a dozen saloons and bars, and a bakery. The town's electric company was formed in the late 1880's. Western Union, and regular train and stage services were all in full operation by 1894. The government census shows a population of 82 people as of July 1, 2015.



Thomas Cruse ca 1900
Figure 2

MARYSVILLE POST OFFICE (LEWIS AND CLACK COUNTY)
19TH CENTURY POSTMASTERS.

Michael Lane	February 14, 1881
John H. Jurgens	July 02, 1883
Charles E. Dudley	October 26, 1885
Militia H. Lush	January 09, 1891
Joseph D. Conrad	October 06, 1893
Maurice Deering Jr.	October 26, 1897

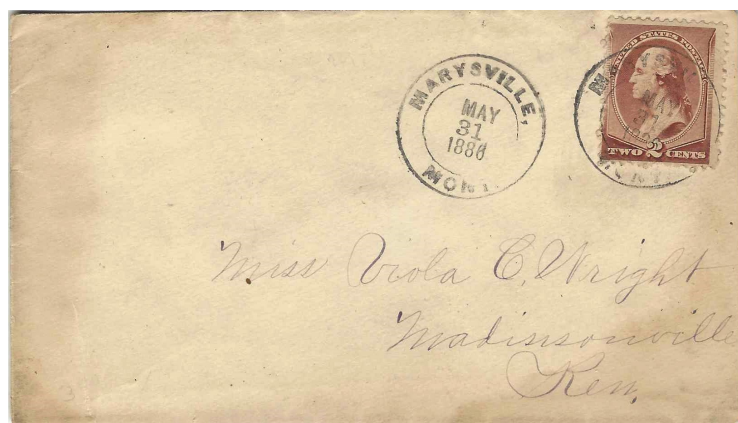
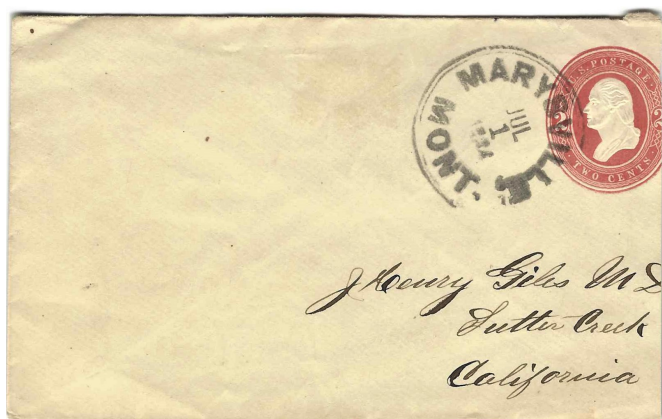
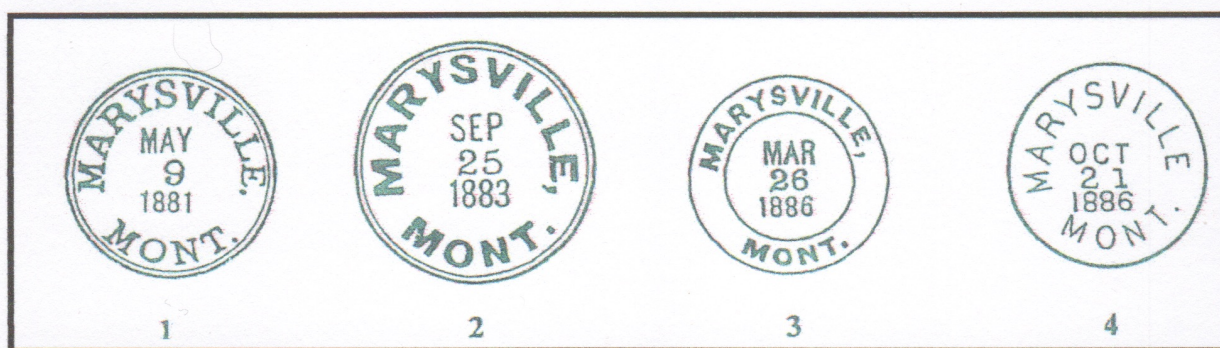


This old building was the former home of The Lush Confectionary and the site of the 3rd Post Office at Marysville, Montana (1891 to 1893).

Figure 3

The Montana Territorial Postmarks book by Wesley N. Shellen and Francis Dunn shown four (4) different postmarks that were used during the Territorial period.

<u>Town</u>	<u>Postmark</u>	<u>Earliest</u>	<u>Latest</u>	<u>Cancel</u>	<u>Census</u>	<u>Notes</u>
MARYSVILLE (1881 – Date) – Lewis and Clark						
1.	DLC28.5	May 9, 1881	March 20, 1883		(2)	red, blue gray
2.	DLC33	September 25, 1883	May 08, 1885		(4)	
3.	DCDS27	March 23, 1886	August 02, 1886	10 bar circular grid	(3)	
4.	CDS28	October 13, 1885	October 21, 1886	cork	(2)	



A Gummy Folly

A little-known fact of the Farley special printings was that anyone could send the "Farley Follies," after buying them, they could be sent back to the government to gum. They would be returned free. Originally the sheets were given to special people. When the word got out, many folk raised a real stink and complained. The solution was to buy them ungummed, send them back and get them returned gummed. Two examples of the National Parks on left.

Len Lukens

Member Clubs NW Federation

Alaska

Alaska Collectors' Club 66 members
contact: alaskaphilatellic.org
Anchorage Philatelic Society 73 members
contact: anchoragephilatellic.org
Gastineau Philatelic Society 9 members
contact: PO Box 20641, Juneau, AK 99802

Alberta

Edmonton Stamp Club 215 members
contact: edmontonstampclub.com

British Columbia

British Columbia Philatelic Society 40 members
contact: bcphilatellic.org
Fraser Valley Philatelic Club 90 members
contact: michaelanderson@shaw.ca
Lynn Valley Stamp Club no report
Okanagan Mainline Phil. Assoc. 46 members
contact: www.OkanaganStampClubs.com
Pacific Northwest Reg. - BNAPS 162 members
contact: pjacobi@shaw.ca
Peace Arch Stamp Club 59 members
contact: www.peacearchstampclub.com
Vancouver Island Philatelic Soc. 68 members
contact:

Idaho

Eagle Stamp and Post Card Club 20 members
contact: paul4@cableone.net

Montana

Garden City Stamp Club 25 members
contact: gardencitystampclub.com

Oregon

Central Oregon Postal Collective 23 members
contact:
Greater Eugene Stamp Society 52 members
contact: greatereugenestampclub.weebly.com
Northwest Philatelic Library --
open Tuesdays 10-2 & 6:30-8:30 pm
Oregon Stamp Society 189 members
contact: www.oregonstamosociety.com
Pacific NW Postal History Society 111 members
contact: pnwphs.org
Salem Stamp Society 82 members
contact: www.salemstampssociety.com
Southern Oregon Philatelic Soc. 27 members
contact: www.stamps.org/SOPS
Umpqua Valley Stamp Club 12 members
contact:

Saskatchewan

Regina Philatelic Club, Inc. 30 members
contact: <https://reginastampclub.ca>

Washington

Collectors Club of Seattle no report
old: PO Box 2295, Kirkland WA 98083-2295
Evergreen Stamp Club 14 members
<https://classicstamps.org/Evergreen-Stamp-Club>
Greater Eastside Stamp Society 23 members
contact: www.facebook.com/GESS
Inland Empire Philatelic Society 64 members
contact: IEPS-stamps.com
Olympic Philatelic Society 12 members
contact:
Puget Sound Collectors Club no report
contact:
Sno-King Stamp Club 47 members
contact: sno-kingstampclub.freehostia.com
Strait Stamp Society 35 members
contact: straitstamp.org
Tacoma Stamp Club 21 members
contact:
Tri-Cities Stamp Club 32 members
contact: www.tri-citiesstampclub.org
USS Puget Sound Chapter 24 9 members
contact:
Washington State Philatelic Soc. 10 members
contact: 3028 Western Ave #202, Seattle

Yukon

no active clubs - The Yukon is a part of the Federation and while there have been clubs in Whitehorse and Dawson City, there is not one at the present time.

Listed here is the information given on the 2019 annual report. Please send any corrections and additions. Officer contact information is on file with the Treasurer and Executive Secretary. Also see the website.

The PIPEX medal given to exhibitors for award-winning exhibits (gold, vermeil, silver, silver-bronze and bronze) is nine-sided to represent the nine areas of the Federation.

Other Covid-19 stamps

Iran (March 17) One stamp 18000 Rls

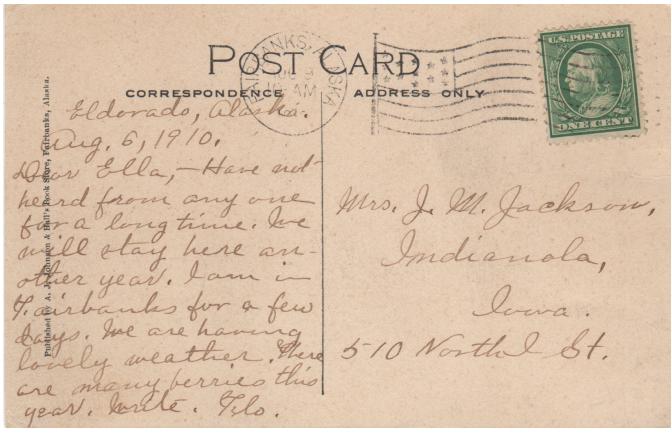
Viet Nam (?) Two stamps 4000^d and 15000^d

Isle of Man (May 4) This set highlights the message that love, faith, care, compassion, work, community, words and science will #CarryUsThrough these unprecedented times.

Eldorado, Alaska

by Larry Crain

The Eldorado, Alaska post office operated 1907-1910 at a mine nine miles north of Fairbanks. It appears to have closed July 31, 1910. One note I have indicates there was an interruption in the office's being open. According to the 1986 Helbock the Eldorado, AK cancel is an 8 level of difficulty. I have not seen one, but the card below is close. It was dated in Eldorado Aug 6, 1910 and postmarked Aug 9 in Fairbanks.



The name is sometimes spelled as one word, sometimes as two. There have been several El Dorado post offices in the area of the Federation: Eldorado, Idaho (1905-14), El Dorado, Oregon (1969-79), Eldorado, Saskatchewan (1953-82) and Eldorado, Washington (1892-94). Scans of Oregon and Saskatchewan are below.



In the US, 36 states have or had an El Dorado post office. Canada has two (the other's in Ontario). At least five more countries, including Australia and Zimbabwe, have or have had El Dorado post offices. There is an area Eldorado in South Africa but I have not verified that there is a post office so named.

Federation Up-date

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Member Service Award. This award shall be for rendering outstanding and distinguished local service by having promoted and furthered the goals of philately in general and by having provided distinguished service primarily to a member organization or group of member organizations. This award will be based on a combination of length of leadership, quality of leadership and achievements.

Eligibility. The person must have been a member of a member organization and have resided within the geographic area of the Federation for a substantial period of time. It is not awarded posthumously. A person may receive this award more than once but for service in separate organizations. More than one awardee may be honored each year. The award shall be given on the nomination by an organization. However, only one nomination per organization may be made in a year.

Finally, not included in the PIPEX program were the Thunderbird winners at Federation-connected shows in 2019/20. This award is for exhibits with a special appeal or success and that usually receive a vermeil or lower ribbon. These award winners will be in the PIPEX 2021 program.

Executive Secretary's Notes

In this time of stress and isolation, I am thankful for my philatelic interests. I haven't minded being alone because I could work on my disorganized shelves of philatelic items. Socially distancing, I have gone to the bourse of the lower shelves, bottom of the filing cabinet and back of the closet. At my own self-isolated bourse I 'bought' nothing new, but often I wondered when and sometimes why I did buy what I found there. Most items, however, I would have bought again, but now I have placed them where I know where they are.

We cope. Stamps have helped. Long phone calls have helped. Online bridge games have helped.

When we open up (and we are beginning to, for example the Oregon Stamp Society has held again its Saturday bourse, limiting dealers and attendees and being careful), we will again enjoy the full range of our activities, philatelic and otherwise. Thank you all for your patience (even with grumbling underneath, or was that just me?). See you soon at stamp shows.

Larry Crain