

Palm Beach Stamp Club Newsletter



November 2025

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will change from daylight savings time to standard time. So be sure to “fall back” one hour on Sunday. We do this in the fall to give us more daylight in the mornings during winter months and to save energy by reducing the need for artificial light. The practice of moving clocks forward in the spring for summer evenings and back in the fall for winter mornings has its roots in the desire to conserve energy, a goal that has been pursued since World War I and was later formalized by the 1966 Uniform Time Act.

November 27th is Thanksgiving, a holiday focused on gratitude and togetherness, traditionally celebrated with a large meal shared with family and friends. Its modern meaning includes reflecting on blessings, practicing generosity, and coming together to share food and stories. Have a safe Holiday!

Regards, Michael Swope

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Are you still using Windows 10? Microsoft announced Windows 10 reached the end of support on October 14, 2025. Now, technical assistance, feature updates and security updates are no longer provided



The American Philatelic Society has confirmed that Jay Bigalke, David Fritz, and other investors, including Mystic Stamp Company, have formed Scott Stamp LLC and acquired the *Scott* catalogs, *Linn's Stamp News*, and *Scott Stamp Monthly* from Amos Media.



Club President Richard Kaye reported that the "Joy of Stamp Collecting" presentation at the Mandel Library in West Palm Beach on October 4th did not go well. Attendance was poor due to gridlock on Clematis Street, owing to a street fair. People could not get to the library.

Our October 14th club meeting at the Kingdom Buffett on Lake Worth Road went well. Keith Lichtman made a presentation on postage stamp color and color charts. A discussion at this meeting focused on changing the club meeting day. More on this soon.

The October 28th meeting was the largest club gathering in recent memory. President Kaye provided information on the artwork for the Columbian & Trans-Mississippi stamp issues. A great auction followed.



Upcoming Events:

Club meetings on November 11th and 25th at the Kingdom Buffet Restaurant, 1:00 p.m.

It's Showtime! See you at the Fall Stamp Show Saturday, November 1st, at Embassy Suites Hotel, 1601 Belvedere Rd in West Palm Beach, 33406.



November 9th, Second Sunday Stamp & Coin Show at the Azan Shrine Center, Sunday 9:30-3:00. Melbourne, 32935.

November 15th, Tampa Stamp & Coin Expo, St. Lawrence Church, 5225 North Homes Ave., Saturday, 9:30-3:00. Tampa, 33614.

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Span of Flight

Daniel Maddalino

At 1:00pm on Saturday December 5, 1953, an explosion rocked Miami International Airport. A mushroom cloud rose over 600 feet above the terminal building¹. Tens of thousands of people were fascinated by this simulated atomic bomb blast which signaled the start of a two-day celebration of powered flight. This celebration was an early variation of today's Air Show. All branches of U.S. Military, several aircraft manufacturers, commercial airlines and private pilots participated.



The souvenir cover (above) was provided by Eastern Air Lines in recognition of 25 years as a participant in the advances of air travel and air mail service². It is franked with the 6¢ carmine, 50th Anniversary of Powered Flight U.S. Air Mail stamp (Scott #C47³) issued on May 29th, 1953. The cancel is a single ring CDS stating: *INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT/FLA./DEC 6/2:30PM/1953*. There are two cachets, both preprinted in blue ink. The left side of the cover is the Official Emblem for the 25th anniversary of Eastern Air Lines and the cachet to its right promotes the Span of Flight celebration. Eastern Air Lines' local address is the corner card completing the cover. Eastern Air Lines printed and provided over 10,000 of these covers as souvenirs.

On Sunday December 6th, Miami Postmaster Sam Vallirie, with assistants, distributed 10,000 of these covers to eager attendees (estimated at 30,000). They could purchase 6¢ air mail postage stamps and mail their souvenir covers. The first 5,000 collected were set aside and all others were bagged and trucked to the main post office for machine processing. Note the time stamp on this cover is 2:30pm and according to the program, the show started at 11:00am. At 1:30pm an Eastern Air Lines flight originating in Atlanta, Georgia, landed at the show and began a demonstration of handling air mail pouches⁴. During this time, the first 5,000 covers were hand cancelled by Postmaster Villirie.

Now, with the audiences' full attention, these covers were loaded onto a vintage Pitcairn Aviation Mailwing Mail Plane⁵. They were now ready to see how mail is uploaded for flight and witness "MIAMI'S SHORTEST AIRMAIL FLIGHT".

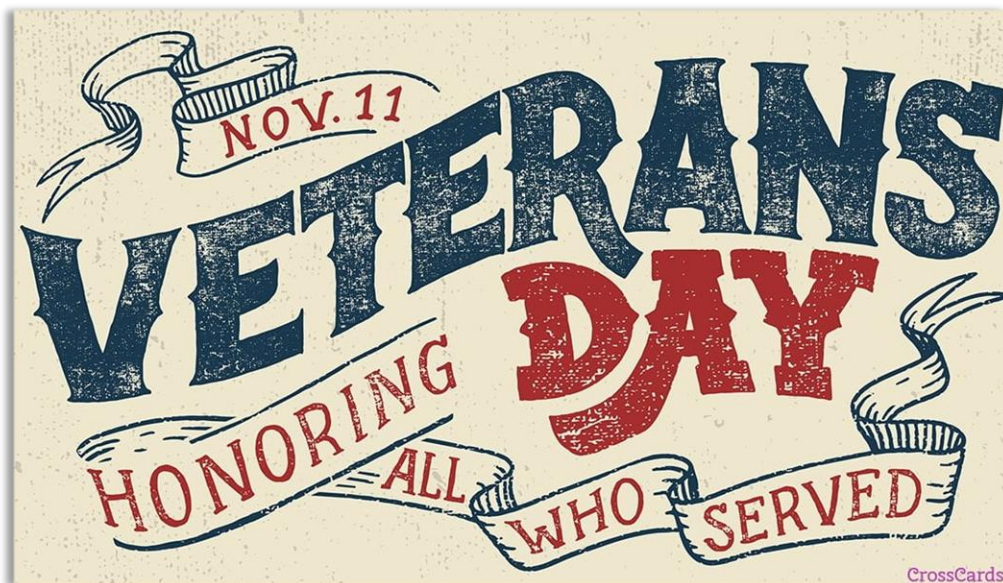
At precisely 2:30pm, the Pitcairn taxied down the main runway, turned around and took off. The aircraft flew a low circle around the terminal building and then landed back on the runway where it started. Total time: Less than 9 minutes. The demonstration continued to show manual off-loading of mail bags and post office clerks checking and accepting the mail. This batch of souvenir covers were also trucked to the main post office and placed into the mail stream⁶.

The show also included military air maneuvers, private pilot flight stunts, tours of a large variety of aircraft, and of course speeches. All heavily covered by Miami's local newspapers. This is a fun cover for the variety of great markings and the stories they represent. Find one of these historical covers to add to your collections!

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This Veterans Day message is posted to express gratitude for your service and sacrifices, and to honor your bravery, dedication, and commitment to freedom!



Urabá, Medellin & Central Airways

Juan L. Riera



This strange small airline was a Pan American subsidiary that never owned any airplanes and did not have any staff. Its existence was solely on paper. This airline was bought by the Aviation Corporation of the Americas, Pan American Airways' holding company, in 1932. This airline had only one two-hundred-mile route, from Cristobal, Panama, to Porto (the Caribbean coast) and Medellin, Colombia. Medellin was in a central position for domestic air transportation.

The airline was founded by Gonzalo Mejia (1884-1956), a Colombian businessman from Medellin, who with Guillermo Echavarria Misas, founded *Campania Colombiana de Navegacion Aeria*. This earlier airline was the first provider of airmail services in the Americas. Mejia was responsible for building the road from Bogota to Turbo as well as construction of the Olaya-Herrera Airport in Medellin.

UMCA was incorporated in Delaware on August 24, 1931, with Mejia owning a 54% stake and Pan Am owning the remainder. On July 12, 1932, Pan Am started a provisional, twice weekly flight, utilizing a Sikorsky S-38 (NC145M)



In June 1933, Colombia awarded UMCA an airmail contract. Pan Am eventually bought out Mejia and operated the single route owned by UMCA from 1931 until 1961. Two famous Pan American pilots were frequently lent to this airline-William S. Doxey, Sr., and John Mattis. Mattis had his portrait painted by Norman Rockwell and was the face of Pan Am in ads for many years.

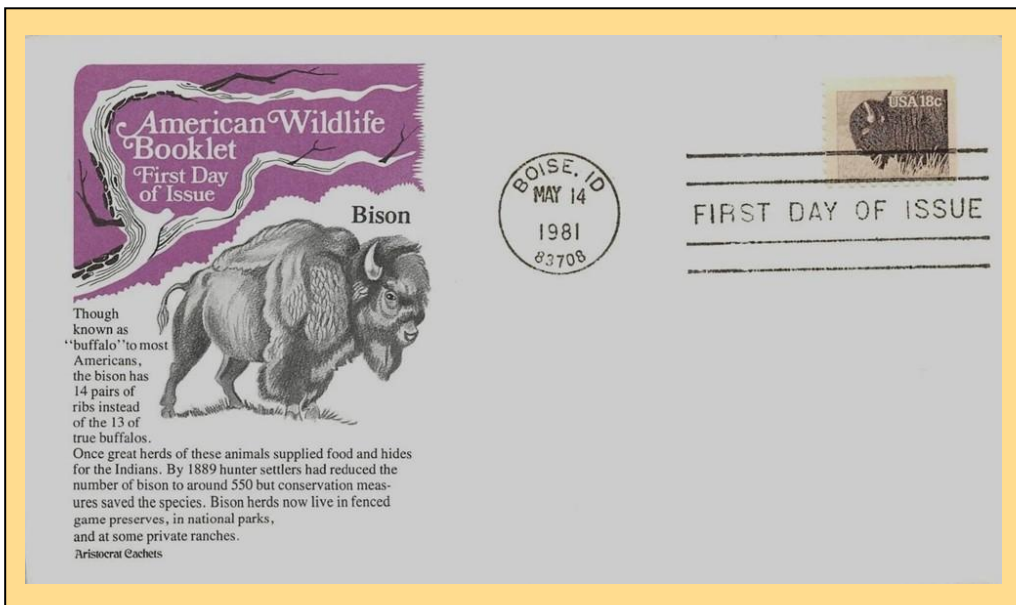
Shown above is a cover from Pan Am pilot, William S. Doxey, addressed to himself and flown on the first contract flight from Panama to Colombia, July 1, 1933.

National Bison Day

Pat Hensley

National Bison Day is celebrated every year on the first Saturday of November. It honors the American bison, also known as the buffalo, which is an important symbol of the United States. Bison once roamed across most of North America, but their numbers dropped sharply in the 1800s because of overhunting and loss of land. Thanks to conservation efforts, their population has grown again. The bison was named the national mammal of the United States in 2016, showing how important it is to America's history and culture.

On National Bison Day, people celebrate by visiting national parks, learning about bison history, and supporting conservation programs. Many Native American tribes hold ceremonies or events to honor the bison's role in their culture and traditions. The day reminds everyone to protect wildlife and the environment so future generations can enjoy them too. The bison stands for strength, resilience, and the spirit of the American frontier.



The 1981, 18¢ Wildlife of America, Bison postage stamp (Scott #1883) was part of a special series that celebrated North America's wild animals. Issued on June 13, 1981, this stamp shows a strong and powerful bison standing on the open plains. The bison was chosen because it is one of the most famous symbols of America.

This stamp was part of the "Wildlife of America" set, which featured different animals from across the continent. Collectors and nature lovers enjoyed the series because it helped teach people about the importance of protecting wildlife. The bison on the stamp also reminds Americans of conservation efforts that helped bring the species back from near extinction. Even today, the bison continues to stand for strength, freedom, and the beauty of the natural world.

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Stamp Calendar

Keith Lichtman

When I began collecting stamps in the early 1960's, I had a desire to learn more about what I was adding to my album. I started to read about the countries where they were located, when they were founded, and if they still existed. Ten years later, I started specializing in United States plate blocks and kind of dropped my worldwide collection. The Harris Liberty album I was using provided historical background for each commemorative stamp, and that piqued my interest. I'd grab the World Book Encyclopedia and research the topic or person further.

These days, I love to look on the internet and read Mystic Stamps "This Day in History". I was doing that today while attempting to think of more articles for our club newsletter. Then it hit me - I've seen forms of this idea before - Combine this month in history with stamps. I went on the internet, looked up the month of October, and tried to imagine stamps that represent that day in history; maybe even add a bit of personal history to it.

I am using a select group of dates to illustrate my ideas to you (my original calendar was 17 pages long). You can personalize your calendar however you like. Ideas: U.S. history; worldwide history; historic birthdays; or just family events. Then, find the stamps to match the event. Do it for a month or for the whole year. This could be your new stamp album! Print the events and then search for the stamps. Here is my version for **October**:

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: An annual event dedicated to raising awareness for breast cancer research, prevention, and treatment (Scott # B1 & 3081).

Employment Awareness Month: A month-long event to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities (Scott # 1925 & U629).

October 1, 1908: Henry Ford's Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time (Scott # 1286A & 3182a).



October 1, 1979 - After 70 years of American control, the Panama Canal Zone was formally handed over to Panama (Scott # US 856 & PAN 588).

October 2, 1967 - Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He served until 1991 and was known for opposing discrimination and the death penalty, and for championing free speech and civil liberties (Scott # 3746 & 991).



October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day (Scott # 555 & 3546).

October 4, 1957 - The Space Age began as Russia launched the first satellite into orbit. Sputnik I weighed just 184 lbs. and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days. The remarkable accomplishment by Soviet Russia sent a shockwave through the American political leadership resulting in U.S. efforts to be the first on the moon (Scott # RUS 2653 & US 1193).

October 5, 1877 - Following a 1,700-mile retreat, Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians surrendered to U.S. Cavalry troops at Bear's Paw near Chinook, Montana. "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more, forever," he declared (Scott # 1364).



October 5, 1929 – My Dad's birthday (Scott # 3558 & PRC 4282).

October 6, 1927 - The first "talkie" opened in New York. *The Jazz Singer*, starring Al Jolson, was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue (Scott # 1727 & 2849).

October 7, 1765 - Congress convened in New York City with representatives from nine colonies meeting in protest to the British Stamp Act, which imposed the first direct tax by the British Crown upon the American colonies (Scott #5064).



October 8, 1871 - The Great Fire of Chicago erupted. According to legend, it started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn on DeKoven Street. Over 300 persons were killed and 90,000 were left homeless as the fire leveled 3.5 square miles, destroying 17,450 buildings. Financial losses totaled over \$200 million.

October 8, 1918 – In the Argonne Forest of France during World War I, U.S. Sergeant Alvin C. York single-handedly took out a German machine-gun battalion, killing over a dozen and capturing 132. He was later awarded the Medal of Honor and the French Croix de Guerre (Scott # 3395 & 2045)



October 8 Birthday - John Lennon (1940-1980) was born in Liverpool, England. He was a member of *The Beatles*, an influential rock group which captivated audiences first in England and Germany, and later in America and throughout the world (Scott # 5315 & 2471).

October 11, 1939 - Albert Einstein warned President Franklin D. Roosevelt that his theories could lead to Nazi Germany's development of an atomic bomb. Einstein suggested the U.S. develop its own bomb. This resulted in the "Manhattan Project" (Scott #1284, 1285 & Cind.).

October 12, 1492 - After a 33-day voyage, Christopher Columbus made his first landfall in the New World in the Bahamas. Columbus was seeking a western sea route from Europe to Asia and believed he had found an island of the Indies. He thus called the first island natives he met, 'Indians' (Scott # 2621).



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October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships (Scott #790 & 935).



October 13, 1792 - The cornerstone of the White House was laid by George Washington. The building, located at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, is three stories tall with over 100 rooms, and was designed by James Hoban (Scott # 809 & 1936).

October 14, 1947 - U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first man to break the sound barrier, flying in a rocket-powered research aircraft (Scott # 3173 & 5657).



October 14, Birthday - Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969), the 34th U.S. President was born in Denison, Texas. He served two terms as President. Nicknamed "Ike," he was a West Point graduate and career Army officer who became a Five-Star General and was Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe during World War II (Scott # 1383 & 2513).

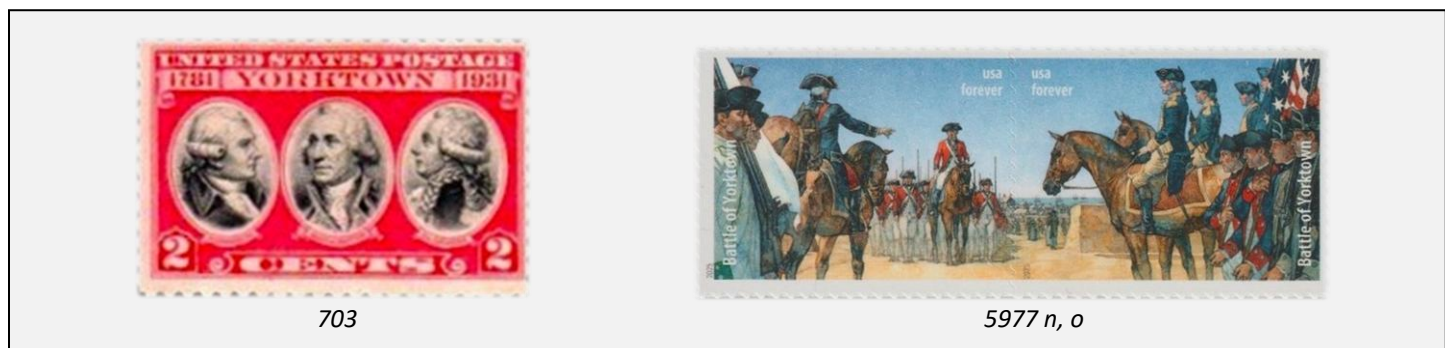
October 16, 1934 – My Mom’s birthday (Scott # 2272, 3558, and 2813).



October 18, Birthday – My Wife’s Birthday (Scott # 3558, 2813, and 2272)



October 19, 1781 - As their band played *The World Turned Upside Down*, the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington. The war between Britain and its American colonies was effectively ended.



October 20, 1944 - During World War II in the Pacific, General Douglas MacArthur set foot on Philippine soil for the first time since his escape in 1942, fulfilling his promise, "I shall return." (Scott PHI 971 & 972).

October 21, 1879 - Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours (Scott #945 & 655).



October 24, 1945 - The United Nations was founded (Scott # UN 1, 2, 6, and 9)



October 26, 1825 - The Erie Canal opened as the first major man-made waterway in America, linking Lake Erie with the Hudson River, bypassing the British-controlled lower St. Lawrence. The canal cost over \$7 million and took eight years to complete (Scott # 1325).

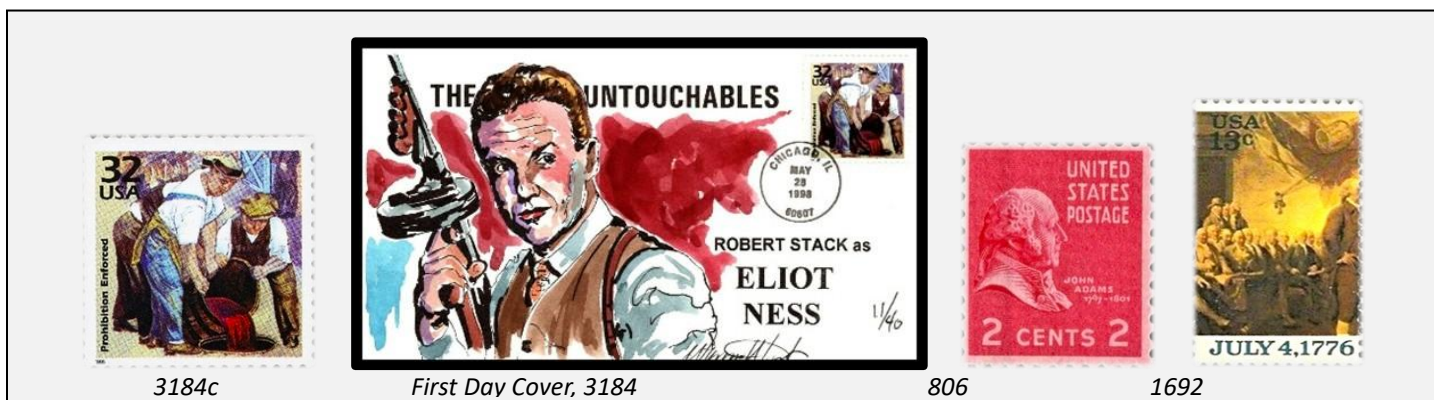
October 27, Birthday - Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), the 26th U.S. President was born in New York City. He succeeded to the presidency following the assassination of President William McKinley. Roosevelt served from September 14, 1901, to March 3, 1909. Best remembered for stating, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." (Scott # 557 & 3182b).

October 28, 1886 - The Statue of Liberty was dedicated at Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. The statue was a gift from the people of France to commemorate the French-American alliance during the American Revolutionary War. Designed by Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the entire structure stands 300 feet tall. The pedestal contains the words: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" (Scott # 2147 & 2224)



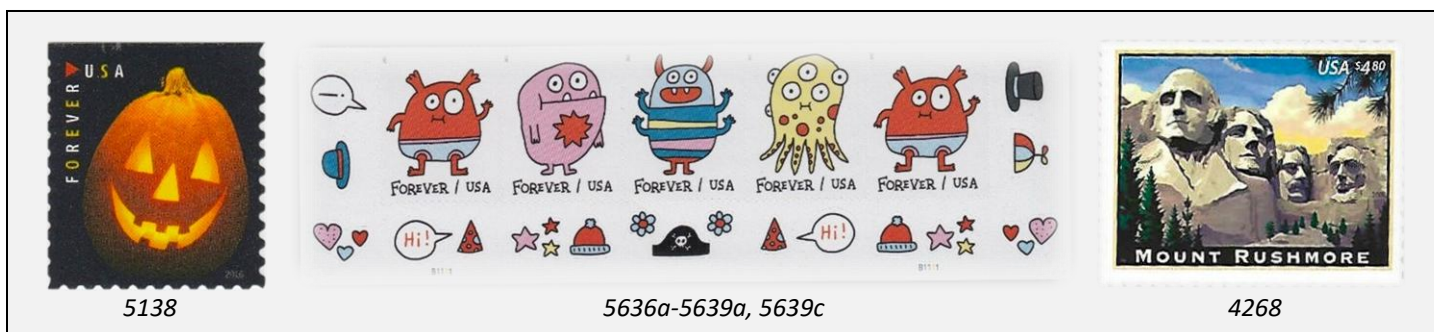
October 28, 1919 - Prohibition began in the U.S. with the passage of the National Prohibition (Volstead) Act. Referred to as a "noble experiment" by Herbert Hoover, prohibition lasted 14 years and was highly profitable for organized crime (Scott 3184c).

October 30, Birthday - John Adams (1735-1826) the 2nd U.S. President was born in Braintree, Massachusetts. He served from 1797 to 1801 and previously was George Washington's vice president. He died on July 4th, 1826, the same day as Thomas Jefferson, on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence (Scott # 806 & 1692).



October 31st - Halloween or All Hallow's Eve, an ancient celebration combining the Christian festival of All Saints with Pagan autumn festivals (Scott # 5138, 5636a-5639c).

October 31, 1941 - Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed after 14 years of work. The memorial contains sculptures of the heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt (Scott #4268).



Musical Postcard

Michael Swope



Featured here is one postcard from a set of twenty-nine “musical” postcards, produced by Musicnote Publishers, 1311 North Highland Ave., Hollywood, California, in 1946. The postcards depict lyrics and musical notes from well known songs.

It is interesting to find that “Musicnote Publishers” is not listed among the 25,000 known publishers of postcards worldwide, nor was the Highland Avenue address

registered to them. In 1946, the property at 1311 North Highland Avenue in Hollywood, California, was home to the Lasky-DeMille Barn. This historic building, located across from the Hollywood Bowl, served as the birthplace of Hollywood's feature film industry and later grew to become Paramount Pictures.

This postcard is franked with the 1¢ green, Presidential Series, Washington postage stamp, Scott #804. It was cancelled at Los Angeles, California, on November 15, 1950.

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