

# Birmingham - Ferndale Stamp Club Newsletter



## July 2024

July 1<sup>st</sup> is ZIP code Day. ZIP (an acronym for Zone Improvement Plan) was chosen by the United States Postal Service to suggest that mail travels more efficiently and quickly when senders use a postal code in the address. It was introduced on July 1, 1963 with five-digit codes, then expanded to ZIP+4 in 1983, which allows for identification of specific locations.



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July 1<sup>st</sup> is also National Postal Workers Day; Independence Day is commemorated on the 4<sup>th</sup> (stay safe with the fireworks) and don't; forget National Hot Dog Day on the 17<sup>th</sup>!

Notes from our club meetings:

Preparation continues for BIRMPEX 2024, September 13 & 14 at Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights. Volunteers to work the greeting desk should contact VP Fred Como.

Club member Al Schmidt provided an interesting discussion on Bavaria #1 and German newspaper wraps.

The annual club dinner will again be held at Shields Restaurant in Troy (Maple Road at Crooks) on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Price is \$16 per person.

It was good to have Chris Crossley back at a club meeting after extended absence.

Upcoming events:

Club meetings – July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at NEXT Senior Center, Birmingham. Meetings are currently held in room #4 at the rear of the senior center.

SUMMERPEX '24 Stamp Show, July 13<sup>th</sup>, at Sokol Cultural Center, Dearborn Heights, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Modern Stamps Sale #521, at their Oak Park facility on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 Noon.

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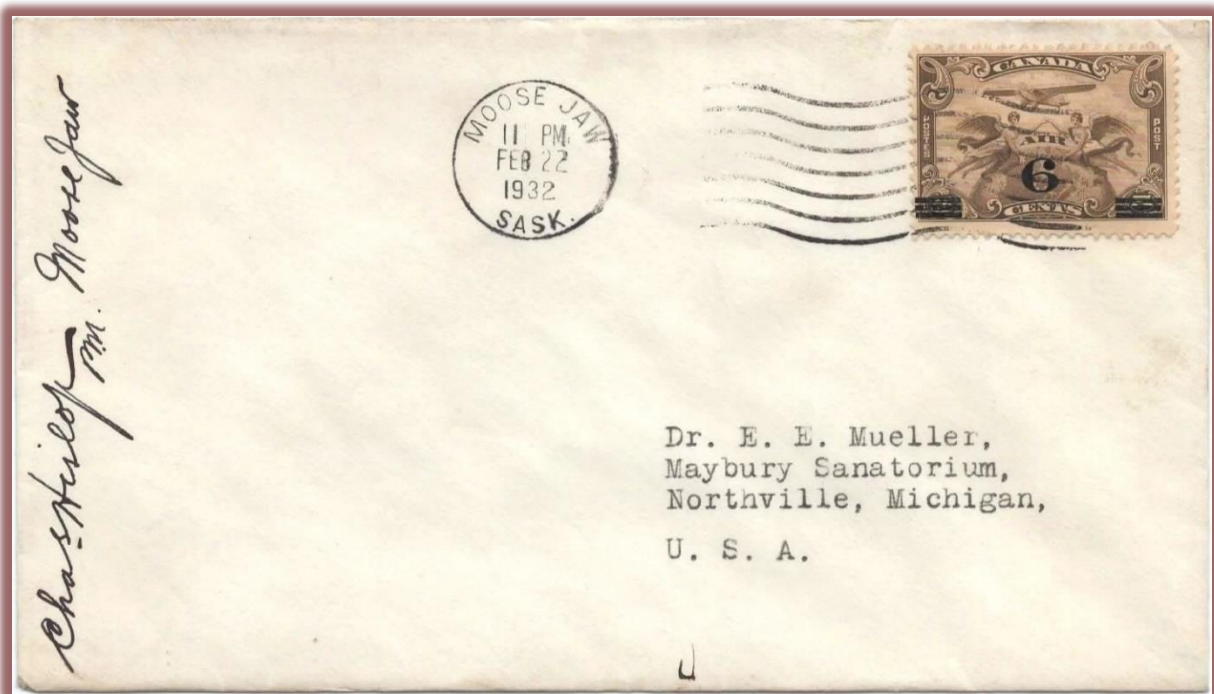
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# Maybury Sanatorium

Wally Koster



First known as the *Detroit Municipal Tuberculosis Sanatorium*, then briefly as the *Spring Hill Sanatorium*, Maybury Sanatorium was a tuberculosis quarantine and recovery center that opened in 1921 at Northville, Michigan. It was named for William H. Maybury who spearheaded its development and actually oversaw its construction. At its peak this hospital/resort facility consisted of around 40 buildings, generated its own power, grew most of its own food, and cared for nearly 850 patients.

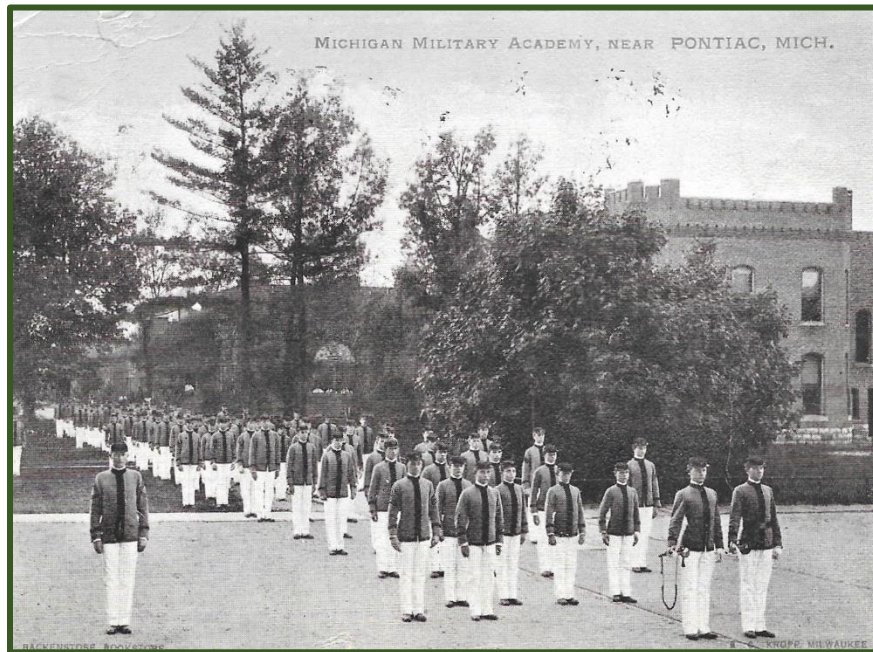
When Maybury was founded, there was no cure for tuberculosis. Treatment focused on fresh air, exercise, isolation, and good nutrition. Antibiotics did not become available until the mid-1940s. The sanitarium closed in 1969 and most buildings were torn down by 1975 when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) converted the land into a state park. Maybury State Park is located south of Eight Mile between Beck and Napier roads. It features almost 1,000 acres of gently rolling hills, forested terrain, and wetlands. Markers identify where most buildings once stood.

This cover to Dr. E. E. Mueller at Maybury Sanatorium is date cancelled February 22, 1932, at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and franked with Scott #C3, a 6¢ on 5¢ (with striker bars) airmail postage stamp. Postal markings include a "Moose Jaw, SASK, 11pm, February 22, 1932" circular cancel and a seven wavy line machine cancel. The cover is signed "Chas. Hislop PM, (Charles Anderson Hislop, Post Master) Moose Jaw." The cancellation date coincides with the first day of issue of the (Scott C3) airmail postage stamp.

Ref: Cover from Author's collection; Friends of Maybury.org; U Mich Edu Maybury

# Michigan Military Academy

Michael Swope



In 1875 Colonel J. Sumner Rogers saw a need for a school in the Northwest that would combine military instruction with a curriculum found in academies and colleges. Subsequently, Michigan Military Academy was chartered in September 1877 and opened at (now) 3525 Commerce Road, Orchard Lake, 48234. It was a four-year academy with a curriculum that included algebra, history, English, physics and a foreign language. In addition to advanced electives to prepare students for universities, M.M.A offered courses in music, bookkeeping, manual training and electrical work.

Colonel Rogers died in 1901, and the school was purchased by General Harris Wheeler and Lawrence Hull. By 1903 newspapers reported that the school was experiencing financial difficulties and that Hull had become superintendent. At Christmas 1908, Hull announced that the school would not reopen. The academy was purchased by the Roman Catholic Church in 1910 to become *SS Cyril & Methodius Seminary*, where it operated until closing in 2021.

This real photograph post card (c.1905) published by the Canadian Kodak Company (Toronto) pictures the original academy building, the “castle”, along with cadets in formation. The post card is franked with the 1¢, blue-green, Benjamin Franklin postage stamp, Scott #300 and was CDS and Flag cancelled at Pontiac, Michigan, on July 20, 1906. The card is receipt stamped at Saint Johns, Michigan, on the same day.



Ref: Post Card from Author's collection; [LostColleges.com](http://LostColleges.com)