

THE POSTER STAMP BULLETIN

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Editorial:

For almost 12 centuries the Olympic Games were held in Greece in spite of everything. Nations at war simply stopped fighting until the Games were over. Later, when the Roman Empire ruled the world, the spirit and traditions established by the early Greeks faded. By 394 A.D. the games had become so corrupt and brutal that they were abolished by the Roman Emperor Theodosius. The modern Olympic Games began again in 1896 in Athens and, as Robert Dubois illustrates in his Catalog of Olympic Labels, Poster Stamps have been issued ever since. Poster Stamps were even issued to celebrate the games of 1916 even though they were never held. Unlike ancient times, World War I was not put on hold until the games were over. The governments of nations at war in our modern era chose to slaughter the youth of the world rather than celebrate them. We illustrate two Olympic Poster Stamps that were designed for the Games of 1916. Yes, dear reader, the vignettes of the Olympic Games are definitely worth collecting. But, of course, you knew that already, didn't you?



While we were looking for something else, we found what we consider to be some non-philatelic stamps of a postal nature. Consider if you will the following TOY POSTAGE STAMPS! If these issues do not fall within the realm of philately, then we suspect that there will be some serious objections raised by some of our younger collectors.



For Clarification:

What is a label? Our definition is rather like a rainbow. Anyone who is not color blind can see that the color red becomes orange and the color yellow becomes green, but precisely when does this transformation occur? Our definition is like that.

A LABEL we consider to be an adhesive or non-adhesive paper, usually not perforated, and often too large to be placed on an envelope. Its function is to identify, or inform the reader about a product and its contents. It is usually found on a can, a box, a bottle, a package and at times, for special identification purposes, even on an envelope (i.e, postal labels).



What then, pray tell, is a SEAL? We think of a SEAL as an adhesive paper or stamp that provides the means to close an envelope or validate and verify the authenticity of a document. We are all aware of the wax seals and seal rings that were used to close or seal a document, and the Notary Public's embossing seal to verify signatures on documents and our paper seals that resemble the wax seals of old. Charity vignettes when used to close the back of an envelope we consider to be seals. Yet these very same Charity Seals can become Poster Stamps when used on the face of an envelope. Why? It is because they then function as advertisements for the particular charity. Basically we will know what we are dealing with when we can determine the purpose for which a particular item was designed and used. When we can no longer do this, the boundaries that should contain our definitions disappear. We welcome your comments, and any additions, corrections, or objections that you may have concerning our definition of these terms. Don't be shy, No definition of any of these terms has ever sailed into a calm sea. The waves have been always as turbulent as the waters have been murky.

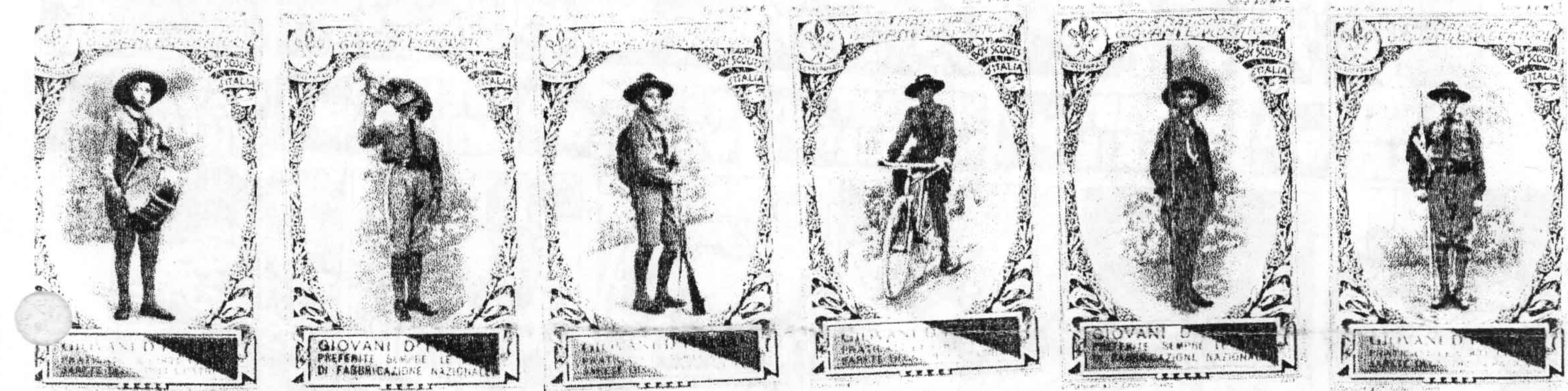


SOME GREAT TOPICS TO CHECK OUT:

Boy Scout Vignettes: We continue to wait for Stephan Schrolkamp to publish his Scout catalog. All we can say is that collecting Scout vignettes is a popular topic. It is so popular that there is a Canadian dealer, Murray Fried, who specializes in them. His address is: 509-11 Margaret Avenue, Kitchner, Ontario, N2H 6M4, Canada.



The following set (two missing) is rare and in great demand, so we are told, and they command a most respectable price. We are hanging on to our set unless someone makes us an offer we can't refuse.



YMCA/YWCA Poster Stamps are also of interest to some collectors. We like them too.



Political Vignettes and Mark Warda's Catalog:

While political Poster Stamps have been issued for years, they seemed to have reached a climax in 1940 when Wendell Wilkie ran for president against Franklin D. Roosevelt. We present a variety of these issues to illustrate just how powerful a Poster Stamp campaign can be. Note how each vignette acts like the min-sound bite of today and covers all of the issues such as peace, prosperity, defence, employment, opportunity, tax relief, fair farm prices, food for all, patriotism, and progress. After all of this publicity it is hard to believe that Wilkie could lose; but he did. Why? Because he had a 'gravelly' voice on the radio. At least that's what some folks said after the election.



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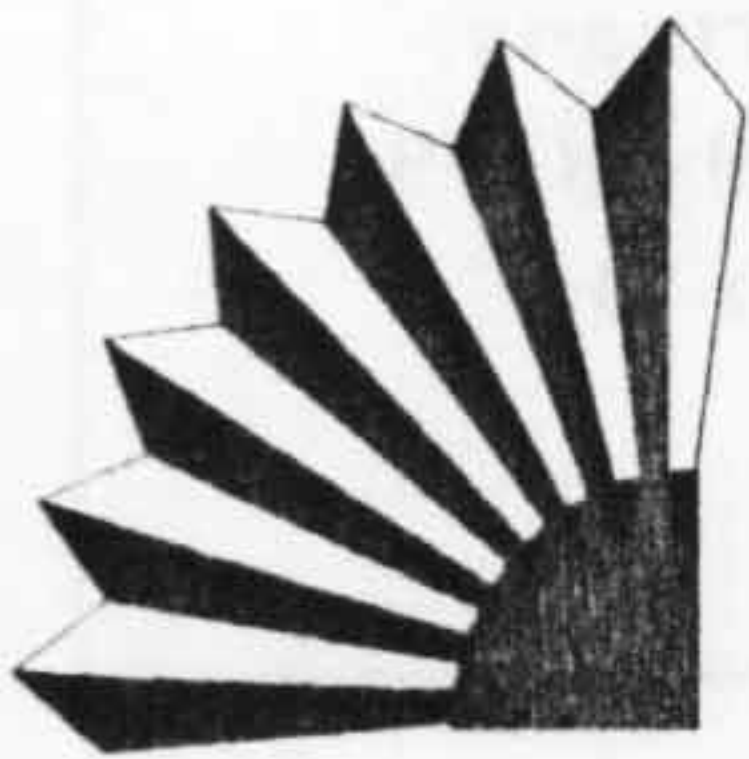
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A SEMI-FINAL WORD:

Alas, for many of you, this will be your last Poster Stamp Bulletin. The bottom line is simply this-**NO DUES; NO BULLETIN!** It gives us no pleasure to delete so many of you from our database. However, we wish you all a HAPPY NEW YEAR and a happy life. For us, happiness is, and will continue to be, our sacred and blessed hobby time where we bathe in nostalgia and are purified by designs of great beauty.



GOODBYE FOR NOW, BUT IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR DUES, IT'S GOODBYE FOREVER!



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