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Catalogs, Part 3

In the May 2022 issue of *The Philatelikid*, we began brief descriptions of various “Back of the Book” (“BOB”) listings in the Scott Catalogues. We looked at stamps identified as “Semi-postals,” which begin with the letter “B.” In the June issue we looked at listings for stamps issued for airmail service. In Scott Catalogues these stamps are listed behind Semi-postal stamps, and begin with the letter “C” followed by each number. This month we will look at the three BOB listings right after airmails.

Stamps beginning with the prefix “CE.”



The stamps listed with CE prefix are Air Post Special Delivery Stamps. (Air Post means Air Mail.) There are only two listings for stamps that begin with CE, and each can be purchased for less than a dollar. One has blue ink, and the other has the same design with both blue and red ink. The first one, the all-blue one, was issued in 1934, and the second one came out in 1936. They are denominated 16¢, which paid the 6¢ for an air mail letter, and the 10¢ for Special Delivery Service. (Special delivery will be covered in a future issue of *The Philatelikid*.) According to Scott Catalogue, the first one had 9,215,750 stamps issued, and the second one had 72,517,850 issued.

Stamps Beginning with the prefix “CL.”

The stamps listed with CL prefix are Air Post Semi-Official stamps. Most collectors of U.S. postage stamps collect stamps that are issued by the post office and are available to be used on mail in any city in the U.S. There are only two listing of CL stamps. The first stamp (CL1) not only was NOT issued by the Post Office, the stamps were available only in Nashville, TN. The stamp featured a balloon in flight. Only 23 were ever used.

The most interesting aspect of this stamp is that it was the first ever stamp to be used to transport mail by air. The stamp was issued on June 18, 1877. If you ever run across one of these, immediately have it expertized, and then you can sell it for thousands of dollars. It was a blue stamp, imperforate, and the original cost was 5¢.

The second stamp (CL2) was issued in October, 1911, and it also was NOT issued by the Post Office, and was not generally available. It featured a biplane with the words VIN FIZ on the lower wing, advertising a soft drink. Thirteen examples are known. When they come up at an auction, they sell for tens of thousands of dollars. The interesting aspect of these stamps is that they are the first stamp in the world to feature an airplane. The soft drink, Vin Fiz was manufactured by Armour and Company, a meat packing firm still in existence today. The stamp was issued imperforate, black, and cost 25¢.

Epilogue: The Vin Fiz drink did not taste good, and was a commercial flop. However, in 1948, Armour & company introduced Dial soap, which is still a big success commercially.

Stamps Beginning with the prefix “CM.”

The stamps listed with a CM prefix (there are 12 different types) are all the same stamp, a common 6¢ red airmail stamp featuring a twin-engine airplane in flight, but with different overprints of the initials R.F. The initials sometimes appear with periods, without periods, inside a circle, and inside a rectangle. These overprints were done in 1944-1945 for stamps mailed on board a French ship. They are collected on cover, and cost hundreds of dollars each.

Stamp of the Month



Katharine Graham
2022

On June 14, 2022 (Flag Day) the USPS issued a Forever stamp for 2 ounces commemorating Katherine Graham. (Cost 78¢.) It is the 17th stamp in the Distinguished American Series. Graham was the owner and publisher of the Washington Post newspaper, bought by her father in 1933, and run by her husband until his death in 1963. She became the very first woman to be the CEO of a fortune 500 company. She took a big risk in 1971 when the Washington Post published the controversial “Pentagon Papers.” In 1972, the Washington Post reported on the break-in of Democratic National Committee headquarters, located in Washington, D.C. at the Watergate complex. This led to a scandal, eventually resulting in the conviction of John N. Mitchell, who was the 67th Attorney General of the United States (from 1969 to 1972), and the resignation of President Richard M. Nixon in 1974. 48 people eventually were convicted. Katherine

Graham was admired by conservatives and liberals, and was very active in cultural and civic endeavors.

In 1963, when Katherine Graham took control of the Washington Post newspaper, a new house cost \$12,650. A new car, \$3,233. Rent averaged \$110 per month. Gasoline cost 29¢ per gallon. A postage stamp, 5¢. A loaf of bread, 22¢. Tuition at Harvard University, \$1,520 per year. ZIP codes were first used. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. 16-year-old Lesley Gore had a number 1 hit with "It's My Party." Senator Bernie Sanders was a student at the University of Chicago.

I had the opportunity to attend the First Day of Issue ceremony for the Katherine Graham stamp. It was the best attended FDOI ceremony I have ever attended, with over 200 people present, standing room only. In attendance were a number of famous people including Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the House, Associate Justice Stephen Breyer and his wife, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, famous conservative journalist George Will, and many other famous people.



**Katharine
Graham**

A New Collecting Area

Attending First Day Of Issue (FDOI) ceremonies is fun, and you will get some very collectible items. Here is an illustration of the front cover of the Program for the Katherine Graham stamp, and the contents, as well as a lapel pin of the stamp, all given away for free to each person in attendance. Note the envelope that contains the Program has a copy of the stamp and a First Day of Issue cancellation (also free.) For a small price, the USPS offers a copy of the stamp on cover with a FDOI color cancel for sale, as well as a FDOI cover with a black ink only cancel.

KATHARINE GRAHAM

TWO-OUNCE STAMP

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE DEDICATION CEREMONY
17TH STAMP IN THE DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS SERIES

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Don Graham

Former Chairman of the Washington Post Company
Oldest Son of Katharine Graham

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Honor Guard

United States Postal Service

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Alison Fassett

Vocalist
United States Postal Service

WELCOME

Dr. Carla D. Hayden

Librarian of Congress

OFFICIAL STAMP DEDICATION

The Honorable Donald L. Moak

Board of Governors
United States Postal Service

REMARKS

Lally Graham Weymouth

Senior Associate Editor, *The Washington Post*
Daughter of Katharine Graham

Stephen Graham

Professor, Bard College
Youngest Son of Katharine Graham

GUEST SPEAKER

Michael R. Beschloss

Presidential Historian and Author



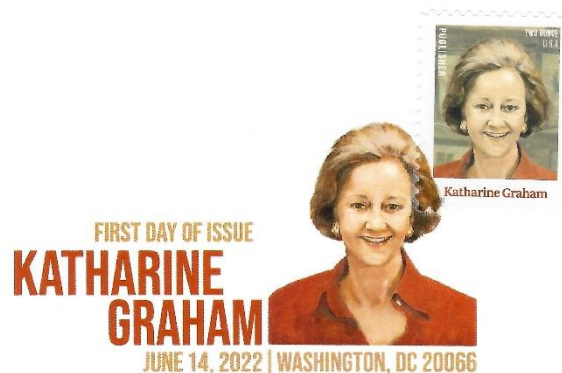
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