

Some of My Heroes on Stamps

by Scot Cornwall

My heroes come from many places, walks of life, and eras.

One of my earliest and most vivid recollections from grade school was being a polio pioneer. I got a form for my parents to sign and turned it in to the school. Sometime later we lined up for a new medication administered by injection. At the time I had no idea what polio was or what I was being protected from, but I learned much later and have been grateful ever since.

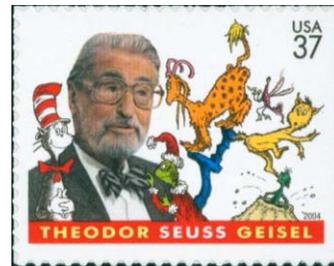
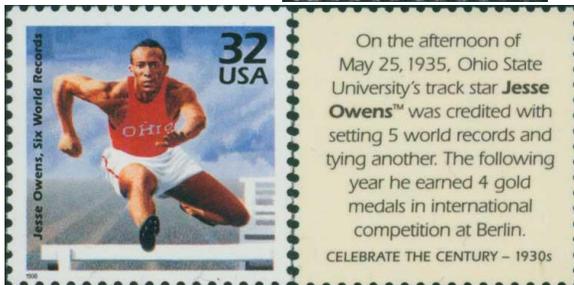


Scott #1087 was issued in 1957, about the time I began to collect stamps, and honored me and my friends and the scientists who had come up with the vaccine. In 1999, as part of the “Celebrate the Century” series, another stamp was issued to commemorate the vaccine (**Scott #3187a**). I came to greatly admire Dr. Jonas Salk (**Scott #3428**) for developing the vaccine.



Later, I got another polio vaccine. This one was administered in a sugar cube which was a deep pink color and was developed by Dr. Albert Sabin (**Scott #3435**).

By 1964 I was getting excited about the Olympics. The Summer Games were being held in Japan. I had a pen pal from Japan



who sent me Olympic related stamps. I learned about previous Olympics and was most impressed by the 1936 games in Berlin. One of our

stars caused much discomfort to those in power in Germany. Hitler had been awarding all the medals to all the winners, until Jesse Owens won medals in his events. The way he showed a bully and bigot how civilized people should act -- has always kept Jesse Owens in my good graces. Owens is honored on **Scott #2496** and on **Scott #3185j**, another in the “Celebrate the Century” series.

During the Watergate hearings, which I watched compulsively, I heard a voice which surprised and impressed me. Barbara Jordan’s (**Scott #4565**) booming sounds glued me to the TV. Her pointed questions showed me how democracy can be protected in our land. I was saddened when she retired from the House of Representatives and moved to academia. Those lucky students at the University of Texas at Austin!

Finally, I end with a man who helped me entertain my children, as he had entertained me in my youth: Dr. Seuss, or Theodor Seuss Geisel (**Scott #3835**). I and my children especially adore his “Hop on Pop” and “Fox in Sox,” even today. Whenever I need a good laugh, I pull down one of his books and read. I always feel much better after reading one of his many enjoyable volumes.

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January 26th One Day Show



Left to Right, Bill Goglas, Newton Kulp, Gene Perry – reception duty.



The one-day show was held on a rather cool Saturday. The seven dealers in attendance all did well enough to want to return. The show attracted a record number of 106 – besting the previous record for a one-day January show by one.

The next show is on April 6th – make a note on your calendar to attend.

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