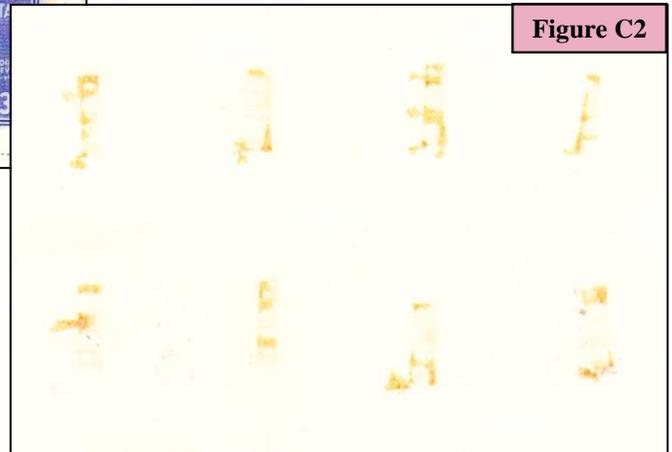


Scotch Tape & Stamps – AARRRG!!

by Phil Fettig



Once upon a time this collector carefully secured his nice NH stamps in mounts. Since he apparently believed in being really safe, he neatly attached a small piece of scotch tape to ensure the mount stayed in place. I need not say a whole lot more – the scans show the rest of the story. **Figure C1** shows the bleed through the mount and onto the edge of the stamp. What did surprise me



is when I realized the stains on the pack of the previous page **Figure C2** were from the Prexies and not the items on the other side of that page. This horrible practice stopped around 1964 and the collection ended in 1974. I don't want to think what this collection could have been worth if a little philatelic knowledge had been gained!

The Story Behind the Stamp

by A. Stephen Patrick



Scott # 2359 pictures items that may have been found on the teacher's desk in the Colonial era. It was to appear April 23, 1985, to celebrate the 350th anniversary of the Boston Latin School, the first public school in the English colonies. Due to production problems, it had its first day ceremony on October 1 at the school site.

There is no information linking the stamp with the school or the occasion. This is because the USPS had decided to stop honoring anniversaries of universities because there are so many requests. Instead, school anniversaries are honored on postal cards. However, the stamp was a tacit celebration for the anniversary. The back story helps explain the why and what for the stamp issue.

This and many other stories come from a daily service of Mystic Stamp Company called "This Day in History." I have been receiving these essays for almost two years and I recommend that CFSC members give the site a "look see". It comes free and can be accessed from their web site.

Mystic is now the largest mass market stamp company in the United States. Don Sundman is the biggest recruiter of new members for the APS. Whether you plan to buy from Mystic or not, I think you may get enjoyment from this public service.

It was a Saturday in September: Stamp Show!



The traditional stamp show for the kickoff of the fall stamp show season was held the weekend of September 14th. All in all – it went well with a robust crowd of 157 coming through the show during the six hours. This site is used for both the June and September shows.

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From top left working clockwise; Show venue, picture of the show floor, Jason Wells helping Collectors Exchange, Sheldon Rogg supervising his booth space, CFSC members Mel, Stephen and David staffing the greeting table, and Tom Hart staffing his booth. The weather was spotty, with a chance of meatballs – we had on/off rain a couple of times during the show hours. Overall it was a good show with plenty of material to look at with 16 booth holders. The show was well supported by the dealers and the attending public. See you back here in June of 2020.