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**THE MARCH 11 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE
NORMAL LOCATION, THE EAST RIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
FELLOWSHIP HALL, 915 McBRIEN ROAD, EAST RIDGE, TN
DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M. MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 P.M.**

**THE SECOND MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 25
AT THE SAME LOCATION, SAME TIME. COME AND ENJOY
A TIME OF EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND PLANS.**

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DID YOU KNOW - That the motto "In God We Trust" on our present money was first struck during the administration of Abraham Lincoln? It was used first on the two cent copper pennies of that era.

CLUB NEWS AND EVENTS

Upcoming Area Shows:

March 6-7Holiday Inn Cedar Bluff, 304 N Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville, TN
March 13-14Music Valley Events Center, 2416 Music Valley Dr., Nashville, TN

Chattanooga Stamp Club:

March 11Regular Meeting
March 25Second Monthly Meeting
April 8Regular Meeting & one-Page Exhibit Competition

HELP WITH YOUR NEWSLETTER

This is your newsletter. In that case, we need your input. If you have a special interest in some philately related subject, write it down and send it in. I will edit it if you want, and publish it in an upcoming issue. Just send it to me either way: email to <gbricker@catt.com>, or snail mail at P.O. Box 1642, Ringgold, GA 30736



For those with internet access, these are web sites of interest:

<http://www.stampnewsnow.com/uspsnewissues.html>

<http://www.wnsstamps.ch/en>

<http://www.postalhistory.com/index.htm>

<http://www.virtualstampclub.com/> (Then go to "Message Board" for more)

More later...

Many thanks for Chattanooga Stamp Club Member, Richard Barr for the following item:

The Unique 1962 4 cent U.S. Stamp Issued as a Tribute to Dag Hammarskjöld 1905-1961

Had things gone as planned the rather plain 4c U.S. stamp, Scott # 1203, would just have been one of many commemoratives issued in 1962 with little special about it to attract worldwide attention.

The story started when G.P. Clark of Cuyahoga Falls, OH was the first to find an unusual sheet with the yellow inverted and not long after Leonard Sherman from Irvington, N.J. found another inverted error sheet. This original find was finally given the number 1203a by Scott. The hope of owning a Philatelic rarity was soon dashed by Postmaster J. Ed Day who ordered the reprinting of enough of these inverted errors so that every collector could share in this find at the cost of just 4c per stamp. As we know this policy was not followed with the Legends of the West where the Post Office actually created a limited rarity and held its own lottery to distribute the error sheets.

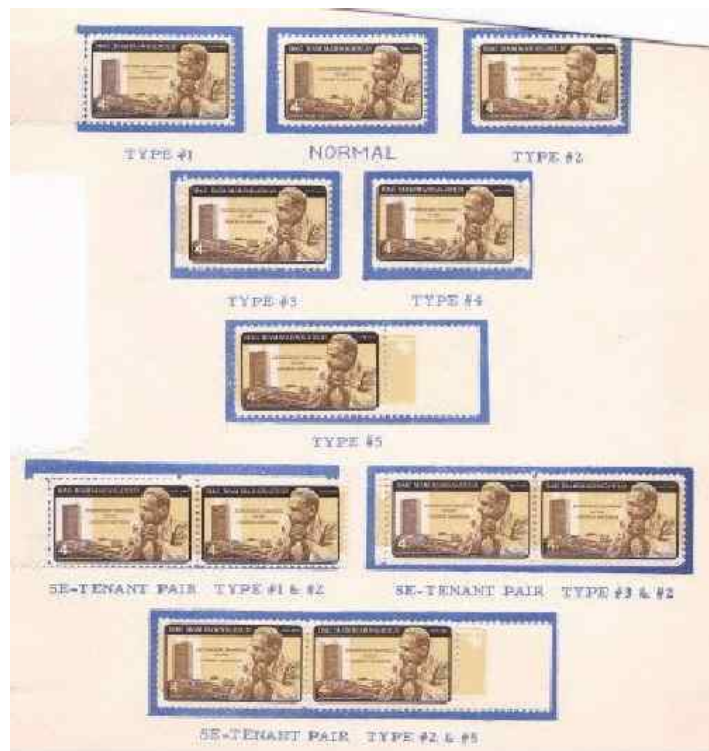


Figure 1

The story for most collectors seems to end here. The reprint was given the number in Scotts of 1204. Today both issues are plentiful and often can be purchased in sheet form at face value.

The truth is that there are more invert varieties than one of the 1204. Because the yellow was not over the entire stamp, but left areas blank, there are five possible collecting varieties for the specialist. Michel's lists three of them and Scott lumps them together as one stamp, but in recent footnotes acknowledges different varieties exist, although no numbers are assigned. Michel's lists the 1203 as 833I and then uses the numbers 833IIa, 833IIb, and 833IIc for the three it recognizes. The 833IIa has a white stripe of 3.5mm, the 833IIb has a white strip of 11mm, and the 833IIc has a white stripe of 9.75mm. This means that if you collect FDC's you would need one of each of these on each cached cover to have a complete set. Thus 4 Artcraft, 4 Fleer,

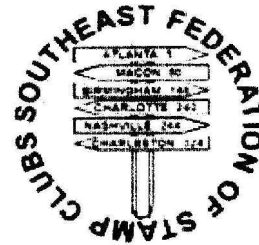
etc.

If you include the marginal varieties, you actually find the following five varieties were

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created, along with three se-tenant pairs. (See Figure 1) Type #1 with a full size white selvage on the left and the 11mm white stripe over the UN building. Type # 2 with no selvage has the 3.5mm white stripe and an inverted 4c over the UN building, Type #3 having a narrow selvage on the left with yellow and 9.75mm white stripe over the UN building, Type #4 having a narrow right selvage with yellow and a 3.5mm white strip and white 4c over the UN building, the final variety Type # 5 has wide selvage on the right showing the 4c invert in the yellow and having the 9.75mm white stripe and 4c invert over the U.N. building.

I have also found se-tenant pairs of types 1 and 2, se-tenant pairs of types #3 and #2, and se-tenant pairs of type # 2 and #5.



The Chattanooga Stamp Club

The Chattanooga Stamp Club is affiliated with the American Philatelic Society and the Southeastern Federation of Stamp Clubs. The club has been dedicated to the study, preservation, and promotion of the philatelic hobby since 1932.

- CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2010 -

President; Robert Barger Vice-President: Jim Hogue
Secretary: Willis Monk Treasurer: Carl Anderson

MEETINGS: Club meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at EASTRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST located at 915 McBrien Rd in Eastridge, TN. Meetings begin at 7.30 PM. Come early and enjoy meeting the members as well as talking about stamps.

MEMBERSHIP: Chattanooga Stamp Club memberships are on a calendar year basis. Yearly dues are \$20.00. Send all monetary donations and membership dues to the club's Treasurer, Mr. Carl Anderson,

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