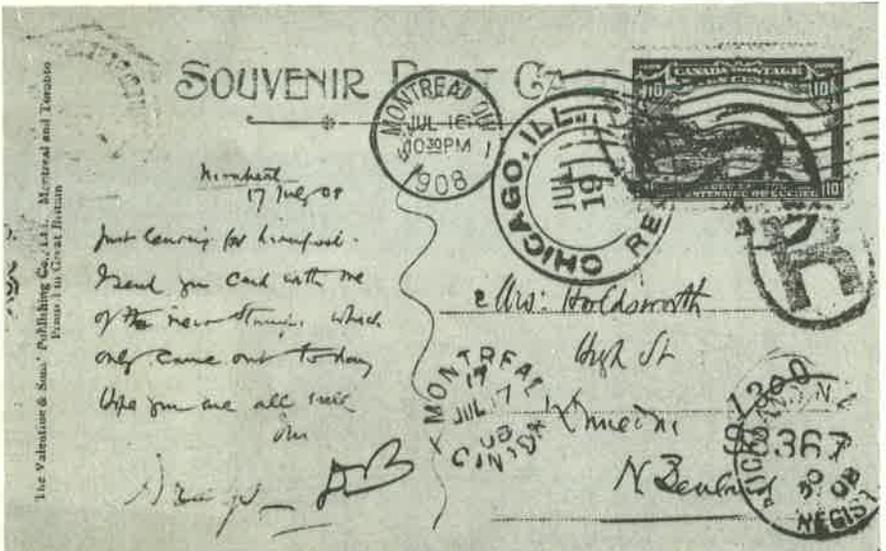


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Canada Sc. 101, ten-cent value of the 1908 Quebec Tercentenary commemorative series, very rare First Day Cover canceled Montreal, Quebec. The registered post card is a very rare usage, particularly for a First Day Cover. This is Figure 8 of the Baron and Lum "Classic Issues of Canada" article on page 1004.

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Scout First Day Covers**

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On February 8, 1960, the U.S. issued from Washington (DC) a stamp commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (Sc. 1145). Explorer Post 2486 of the Stockyards District of the Chicago Council, B.S.A., prepared this orange and black cacheted First Day Cover (Figure 1) (Mellone M-6) with enclosed



**Figure 1. Sc. 1145 FDC produced by Explorer Post 2486.**

coated white card stock stuffer on which this text is printed in black:

“FOUNDING OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

“It was a foggy day in London. Mr. W.D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, was looking for an address. A boy approached him and asked if he could be of assistance. Mr. Boyce told the boy the address he was seeking. Upon reaching his destination, Mr. Boyce offered the lad a shilling for his services. He refused, saying that he was a scout and therefore unable to accept money for doing a good deed.

“Mr. Boyce was curious about this group called ‘scouts’. He immediately sought information from Lord Baden-Powell.

“Upon returning to America, Mr. Boyce and 34 others interested in scouting formally incorporated the Boy Scouts of America on

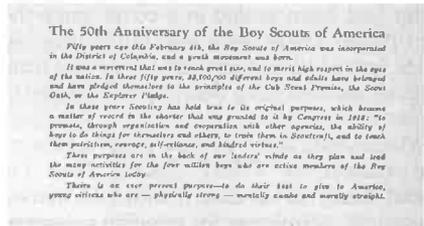


**Figure 2. Official cacheted FDC for Sc. 1145 by Fleetwood.**

Feb. 8, 1910.

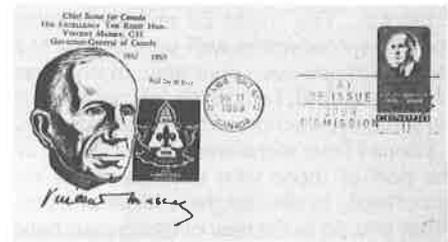
“This cover commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America and Honors Mr. William Dickson Boyce, one of the founders of the Boy Scouts, by featuring his picture on the cachet.”

For the same stamp issue, Fleetwood produced the “Official Cachet”, illustrated in Figure 2 (M-29) and included the printed stuffer reproduced in Figure 3.



**Figure 3. Stuffer card found in Figure 2 cover.**

On February 20, 1969, Canada issued a stamp honoring Vincent Massey, who had served as Governor-General of Canada from 1952 to 1959 (Sc. 491). SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps Society, International) prepared the multicolored cacheted FDC illustrated in Figure 4, in which was enclosed a card



**Figure 4. Multicolored cachet prepared by Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI) for Canada Sc. 491.**

stuffer containing Massey’s address opening the 8th World Jamboree, held in Canada in 1955 while he was serving as the Chief Scout of Canada:

“First, let me as Chief Scout of Canada welcome most warmly, on behalf of your hosts the Boy Scouts of this country, the many thousands of Scouts who have come to our shores from all parts of the world. Your hosts have been looking forward to meeting you and hope that you will feel thoroughly at home here at this International Jamboree . . .”

He continued with a message of his high

regard for the Scouting movement and concluded with the following words.

"I offer you my best wishes for success in all you do. I shall follow your proceedings with great interest and concern.

"I am happy to declare this Eighth World Jamboree officially open."

From Button Bay, VT, the U.S. issued a stamp on July 24, 1962, commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of America (Sc. 1199). The Cleveland Council prepared this black cacheted FDC (Figure 5) (M-32) and included an interesting

Thanks to Bob Gelwicks, Len Sautter and Dave Smetzer for sharing these Scout FDCs and stuffer. □



Figure 5. Cleveland Council, G.S.A., prepared this cachet for Sc. 1199 for self-servicers.

mimeographed stuffer:

"CAMP JULIA CROWELL

"Cleveland Councils first Commissioner of Scouting - 1919

"When the property at West Richfield was purchased in 1937 for the sum of \$60,000.00 it included 243 acres and four buildings — Kirby House, Garfield Lodge, the Millwheel, and the farmhouse used by the caretaker.

"The money was raised by pledge — ranging from \$0.10 to \$10,000.00. \$61,079.49 was collected — part used for maintenance.

"The camp became Girl Scout property in 1937, it was decided to name it in her honor.

"January, 1957, she passed away, having lived with many rich scouting experiences.

"Address this envelope to yourself in the extreme lower right hand corner indicate number of stamps to be affixed 1-2-or 4 in upper right hand corner. (Enclose this sheet) and insert in another envelope addressed to the Postmaster. Button Bay, VT c/o F.D.C. Girl Scout 50th Anniversary, not later than July 18th. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. At this moment it is not known to be 4 cents or 5 cents. Watch Sunday paper under Coin and Stamp news. Troops may send all covers in one wrapper, enclosing postal money order for postage."