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## Eubanks wins APS Champions award

A study of the first U.S. postage issues of 1847 takes home the top exhibiting honors at APS StampExpo.

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## Revised design for Purple Heart stamp

The U.S. stamp issued Sept. 11 in honor of 20 unrepatriated POWs will change in its design.

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## New stamp honors first Danish commemorative

The stamp showing the General Post Office in Copenhagen also pays tribute to a stamp issued 100 years ago.

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# Short story writer O. Henry honored Sept. 11 with first-day ceremony in Greensboro, N.C.

By Jay Bigalke

The United States Postal Service will honor short story writer William S. Porter, commonly known as O. Henry, on a forever stamp that will be issued Sept. 11 in Greensboro, N.C., and nationwide.

The commemorative is the 28th stamp in the U.S. Literary Arts series, which began in 1975 with the 15¢ John Steinbeck stamp (Scott 1773).

The first-day ceremony will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Greensboro Historical Museum, 180 Summit Ave., Greensboro, N.C.

The miniature stamp shows an illustration of O. Henry by artist Cap Parrott of Dallas, Texas. The background includes a New York City scene with elevated rail cars.

Emil Kozier designed the stamp and served as art director



of the United States Postal Service in honoring short story writer O. Henry Sept. 11 on a forever stamp in the Literary Arts series and typography.

A biographical sketch of the author is printed across the paper's line release paper.

"Nobody writes surprise endings like O. Henry, who specialized in short stories with a final unexpected twist. This stamp commemorates the 160th anniversary of the birth of an American literary master," said William

S. Porter, 1862-1910. His tales, such as "The Gift of the Magi" and "The Ransom of Red Chief," are remembered for their purity, love and humanity.

Porter adopted the pseudonym O. Henry while in prison at the Ohio State Penitentiary. At least partly as a result of the time he spent in prison, his phenomenally successful author was reluctant to be photographed or interviewed, and often varying answers to questions about his life and how he chose his pen name.

"O. Henry has a place in O. Henry's work, but the dominant sense of humor is unmistakable. One of his most beloved stories, 'The Gift of the Magi,' tells of a young married couple on Christmas Eve. Della cuts off her long hair, her one treasure, and asks it to buy him a watch chain." — *Time* 1973, page 77

## Error pane of Celebrate Scouting stamps found

By Jay Bigalke

A pane of 20 of the United States nondenominated (45¢) Celebrate Scouting commemorative forever stamp (Scott 4691) has been found with all front die cuts missing.

The error pane was purchased at a Michigan post office.

A pair of the stamps, digitally

cropped from the pane, is pictured on this page.

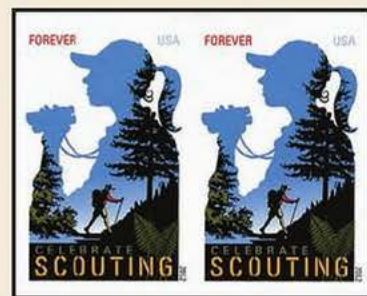
The full pane of 20 stamps, devoid of the front die cuts that normally separate the individual stamps, is shown on page 18.

The Celebrate Scouting stamp was issued June 9.

The error pane was purchased by stamp collector Fred Underwood of Virginia. He bought the pane of stamps while on vacation in Michigan.

Underwood indicated that the office had additional similar sheets available, but noted they were apparently damaged when attempts were made to remove stamps from the pane.

Underwood sent the error pane to *Linn's Stamp*



A pair of Celebrate Scouting commemorative forever stamps with all die cuts missing, digitally cropped from a full error pane purchased at a Michigan post office. The stamp was issued June 9.

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Although the die cuts on the front of the pane are entirely omitted, the liner paper on the reverse does have the roulette die cuts that normally assist in the separation of individual un-

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