

FDR: The Stamp Collecting President

American Philatelic Society

2015 Summer Seminar

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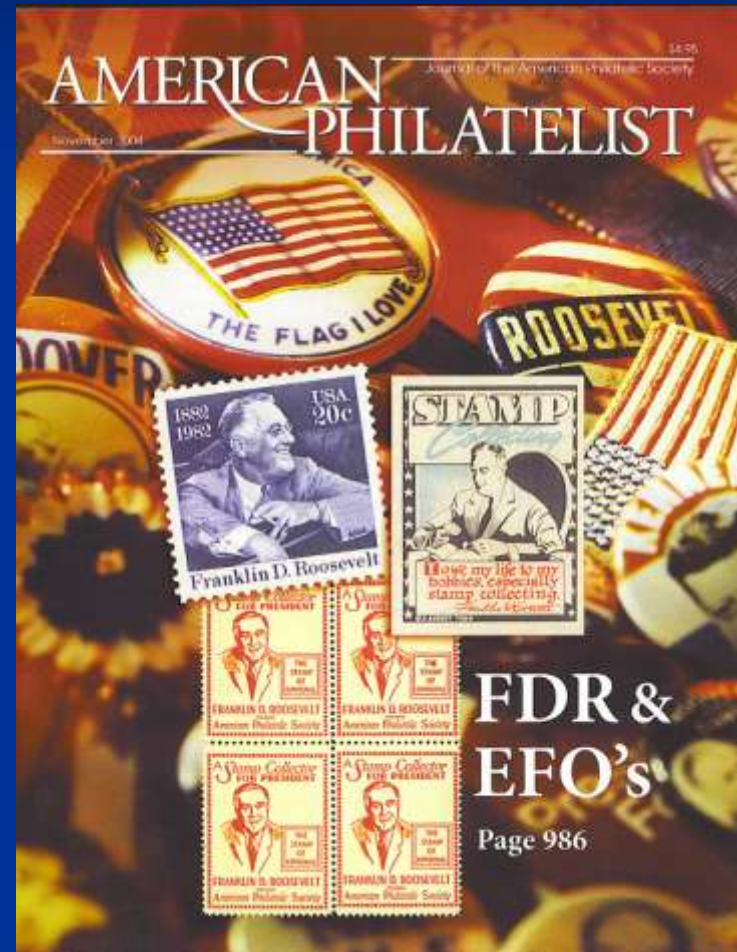
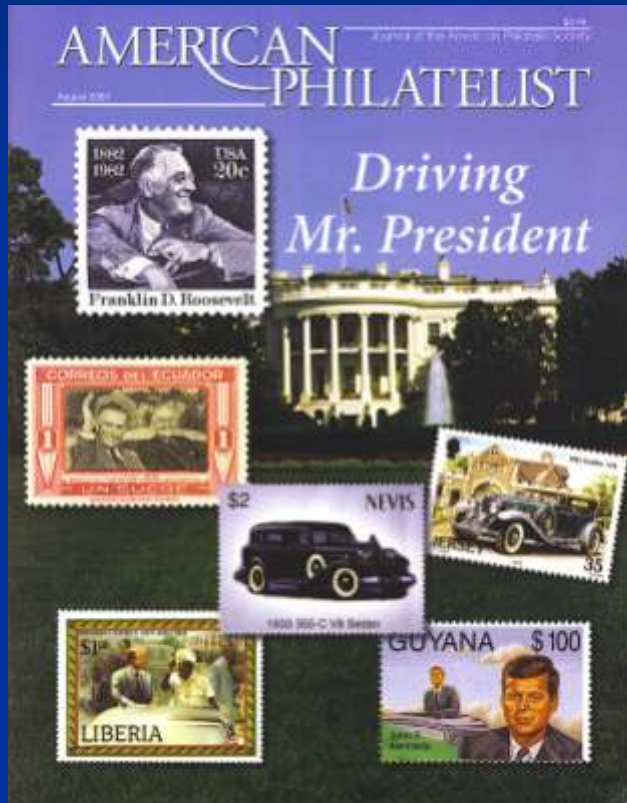


Baseline History

- Sara Delano (Roosevelt) and her father
- Fred Delano (Sara's brother)
- Early travels and correspondence
- 2° Education; Harvard, then Columbia Law (2 years)
- Marries Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, Travel
- NY State Senate (4 years)
- Assistant US Secretary of the Navy (8 years)
- Vice President nominee; Polio (Campobello)
- NY Governor (4 years); President (12 years)

FDR and APS-1

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FDR and APS-2



Adhesive labels issued by the American Philatelic Society in 1932, "A Stamp Collector for President."

American Philatelist

FDR and APS-3



A man in the public domain...

Promoting the hobby.



Saint Louis stamp dealer Albert Butzen was anything but shy about employing a stamp collector president to promote his business in 1933. The hobby, at large, did the same with the seal at left—and promotes itself today with our great legendary stamps like the "World's Rarest Stamp" and the inverted airmail shown here.

The Collector President ...or King Edward cigars anybody?



And he keeps on promoting...

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1882 - 1982**

**32nd President
of the
United States
of America
1933-1945**

"I can almost say that I
owe my life to my hobbies
— especially stamp collecting."



FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT was born at Hyde Park, New York on January 30, 1882. Elected to the New York state senate in 1910, he was reelected in 1912. In 1928 he was elected governor of New York State and reelected in 1930. 1932 saw him elected to the presidency of the United States and reelected in 1936, 1940 and 1944. He died in Warm Springs, Ga. on April 12, 1945.

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May 28, 29, 30, 1982



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And we keep collecting...

“Collection STARTERS”

By Percy Doane

Building A Theme: The Stamp Collector President



Four days before being elected President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt—knowing that, as a Democrat, he would not likely carry the election of his own Dutchess County, New York, wrote personal letters like this one to his neighbors. The signature on the letter is his personal autograph. On November 8, 1932, FDR was elected President—he was inaugurated four months later on March 4, 1933.

The APS and the New York American newspaper sponsored the cacheted cover when FDR was inaugurated. The true cachet as far as it appears on the reverse of the cover.

Your Next Step...

Even photographs like the one below of the Grand Central Palace where the 1936 international philatelic exhibition was held (TIPEX) can be part of an FDR thematic collection. Roosevelt was the official patron of the show. One great way to start is to get online, go to Google, and search for “Franklin Roosevelt Philately” or “Roosevelt Stamps.” Do the same on eBay as well.

While governor of New York, Franklin D. Roosevelt—a lifelong stamp collector—joined the American Philatelic Society. He was such a dedicated philatelist that his election spurred a gigantic increase in the national popularity of the hobby. Obviously, stamp collectors—even many Republicans—supported his candidacy, as shown with the cacheted cover illustrated here.

Many stamps were issued to honor FDR, especially after his death in 1945. And of course, during his presidency, his influence (and often design talents) had an impact on every one of the postage stamps issued by the U.S.

Philatelic memorabilia of Roosevelt abounds and a wonderful thematic collection can be formed with material like the examples shown here.

*American Stamp
Dealer & Collector*

FDR in the White House-1

- James A. Farley, PMG
- Harold Ickes, Sec of Interior; Henry Morgenthau, Treas
- The New Deal; Nat'l Recovery Admin. (NIRA, NRA)
- Works Progress Administration (WPA) & New POs
- Peace Issue, Washington's Headqtrs, Newburgh, NY
- Subsequent USPD approvals (n>200)
- Preliminary design for seven published stamps
- Responded to collectors

FDR in the White House-2

- FDR and APS
- APS/Century of Progress, '33 Chicago World's Fair
- Mailroom Covers
- Foreign Gifts
- Custom Albums
- Controlled stamp proliferation
- 1940 FDR and Farley part their ways; AER's intervention
- Presidential Library at Hyde Park; Top Cottage

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FDR on Stamps



More Roosevelt on Stamps



Even More Roosevelt on Stamps



Still More Roosevelt on Stamps



Many More FDRs on Stamps



Close up: FDC Cancel



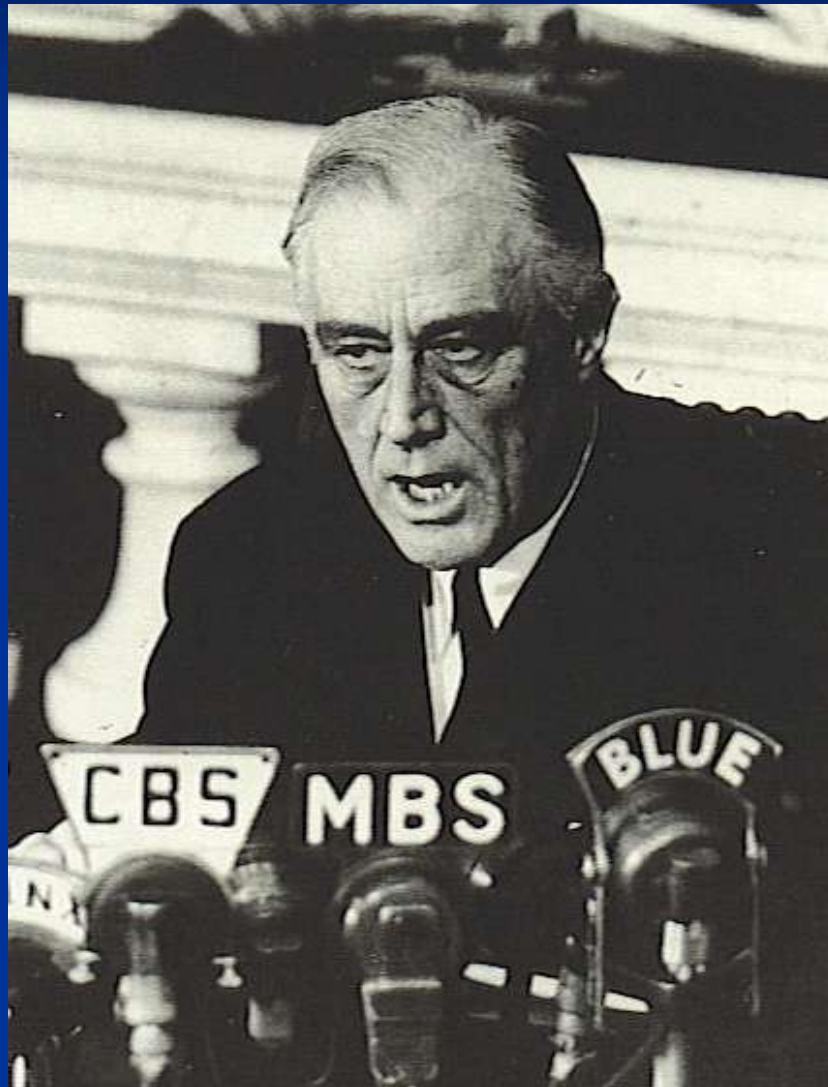
Other FDR on Stamps



(Side Bar) Smoking on Stamps



Master of the Media



FDR and Cars



Herbert Hoover was driven to his inauguration in a Cadillac.



A Lincoln touring took Hoover to Franklin Roosevelt's inauguration.



FDR brought his own Packard, a favored make, to Washington.



Newly inaugurated Roosevelt rode back to the White House in a Pierce-Arrow.



When a closed car was needed, a formal Cadillac served Roosevelt.



Roosevelt often used an open Cadillac when he was away from Washington.

In 1913 this car was replaced by a dark blue open 1912 Pierce-Arrow touring car, which came with a separate, closed formal body that could be installed in place of the open body in winter or as otherwise needed. When Taft left the presidency in 1913, this "convertible" vehicle was purchased from the government by his brother for Taft's use as a private citizen. It was substantially the same as the 1913 Pierce-Arrow touring appearing on Nevis Scott 303b (1984).

Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921)

During his time in office, President Wilson enjoyed daily rides in automobiles, although during the Great War he often had himself driven on public occasions in horse-drawn carriages to set an example of wartime austerity. The Wilsons' favored motor vehicles were a succession of large Pierce-Arrows, one of which, a 1919 "routable suburban" (a formal closed car), he purchased for their use in retirement. This car was very similar to the 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine shown on Chad Scott 821 (1999).

Wilson's very last auto trip as chief executive set a new

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Warren G. Harding (1921-1923)

President Harding was the first president who was actually capable of operating an automobile at the time he entered the White House, although he was almost always chauffeured during his term in office. Harding had driven an open Locomobile touring car as a senator, and he was occasionally transported in this car in the course of his abbreviated term as president. It closely resembled the late-term Locomobile shown on Sierra Leone Scott 626 (1984). His normal means of official conveyance, however, was one of the large, formal Pierce-Arrow limousines, like the 1919 model shown on the Chad stamp cited above, which continued to be the vehicles of choice for the White House fleet.

Calvin Coolidge (1923-1929)

President Coolidge had been an unusually careful driver before assuming the presidency, reportedly never exceeding a speed of sixty miles an hour, but he never drove a car while president. The White House fleet by then included five Pierce-Arrow limousines and touring cars, which were leased from the manufacturer and replaced as necessary. However, in late 1923, a dark open Lincoln seven-passenger touring

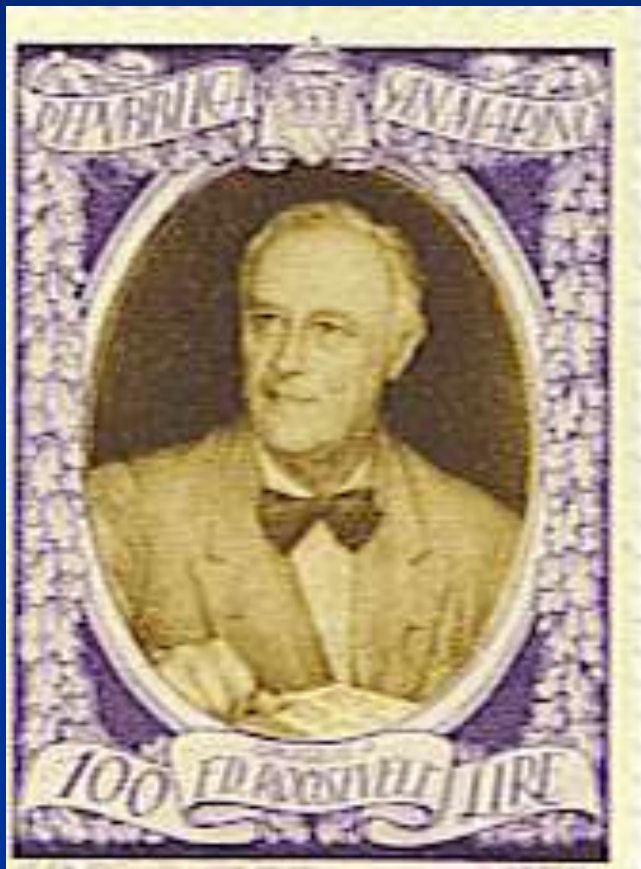


Roosevelt rode in a jeep while reviewing troops in Liberia.



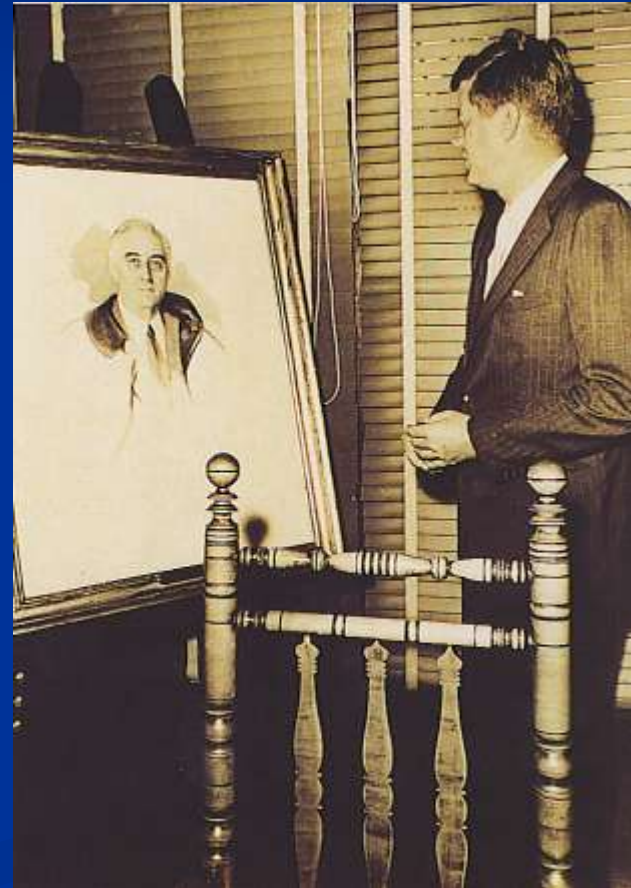
A jeep also carried FDR during an inspection visit in wartime Sicily.

Some Memorial Issues

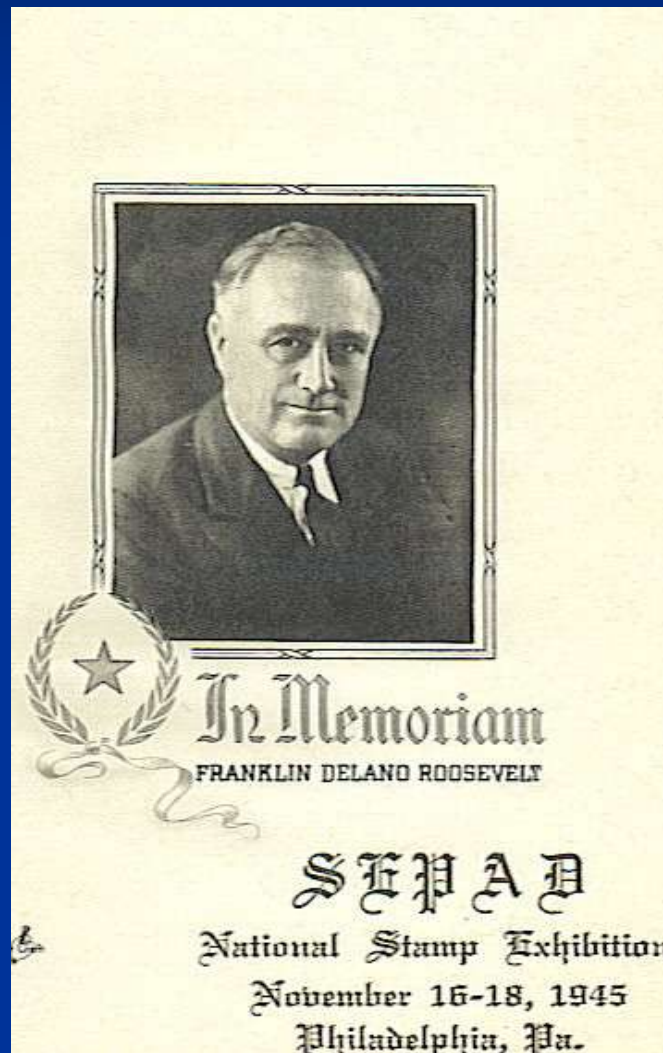


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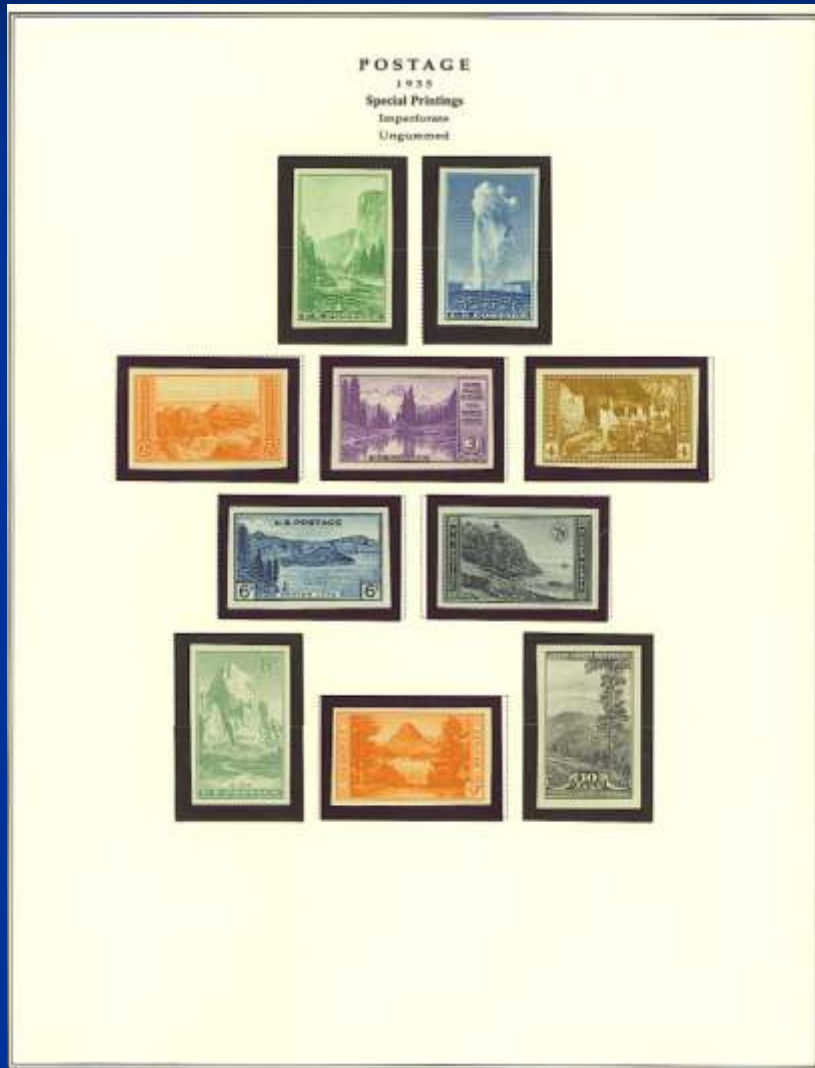
Other Memorials



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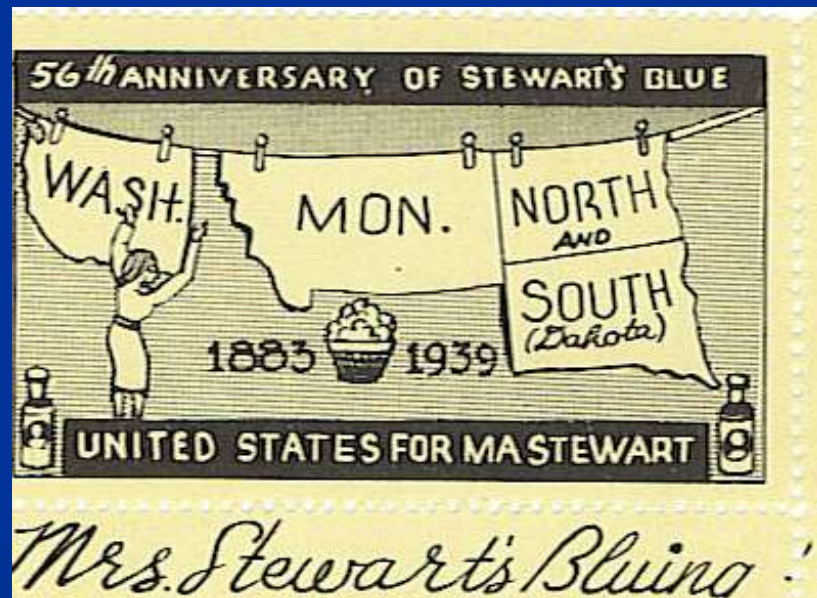
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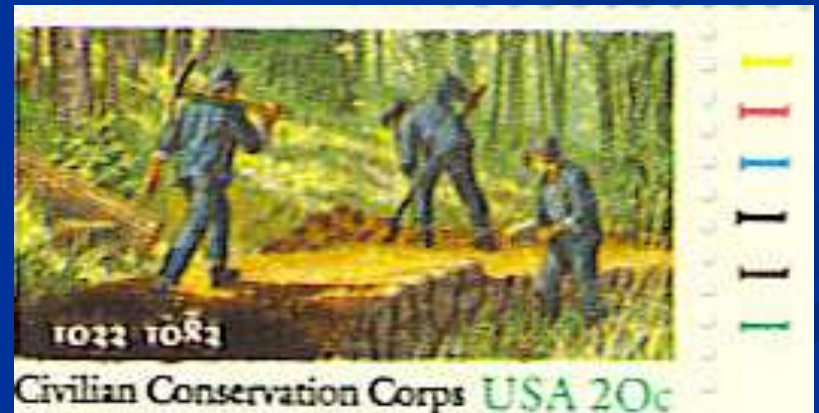
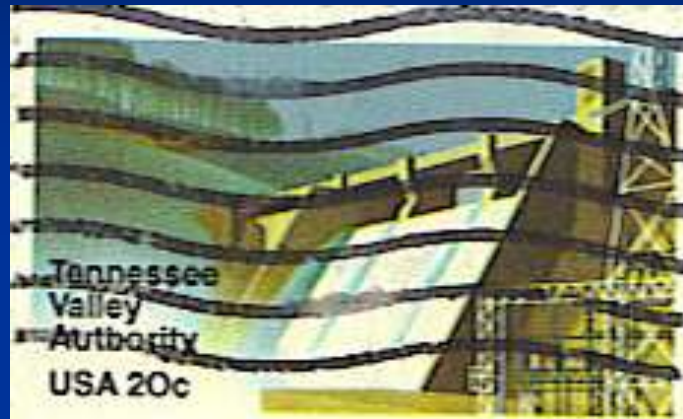
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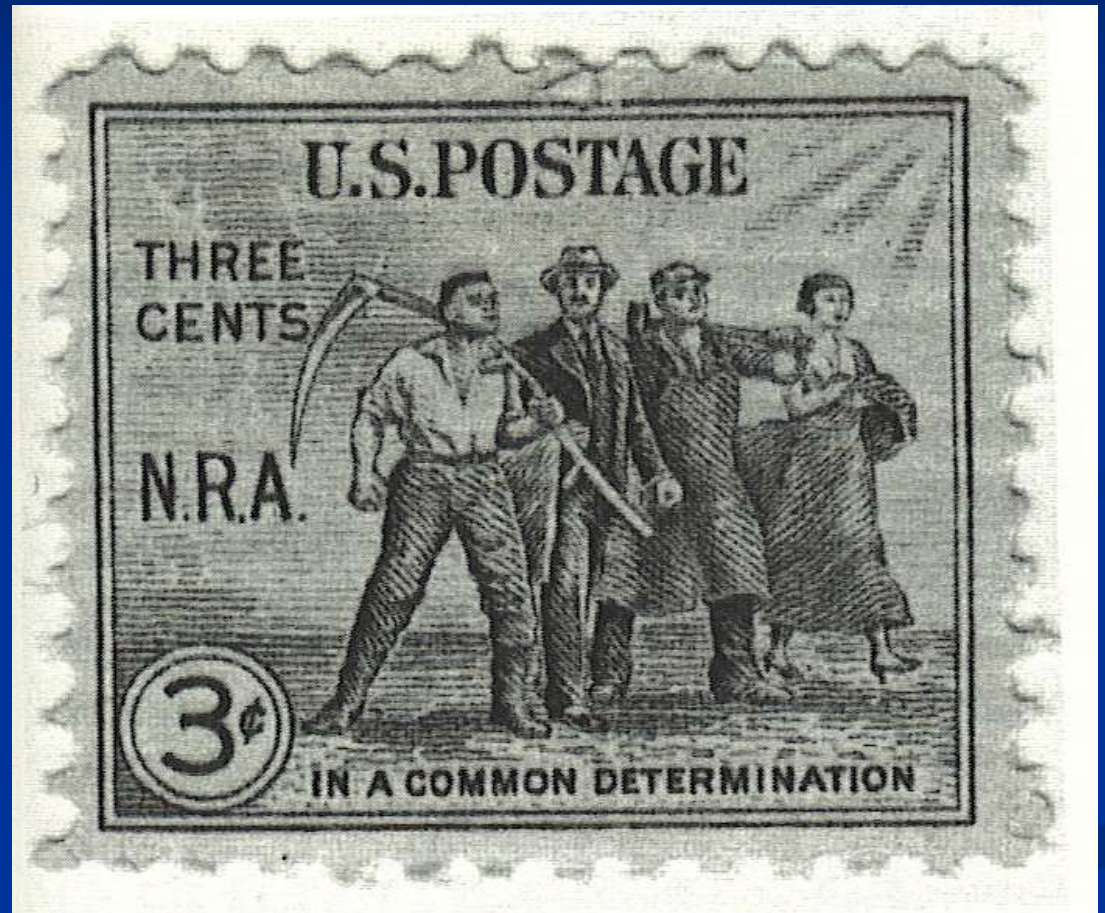
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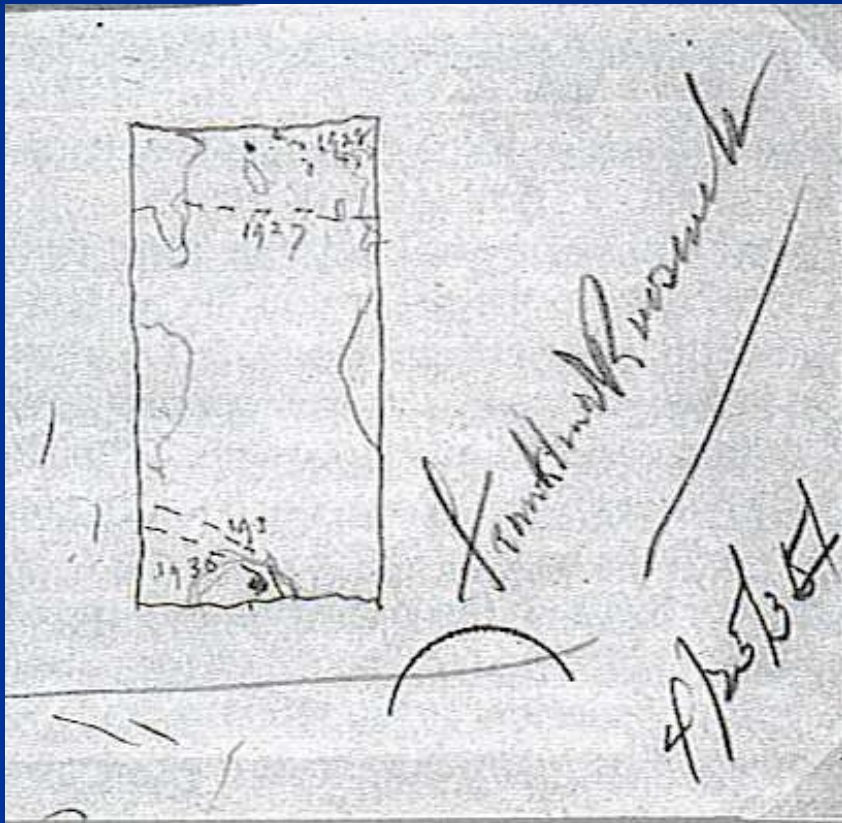
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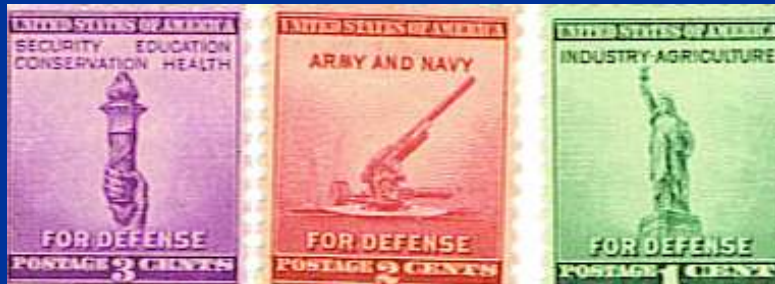
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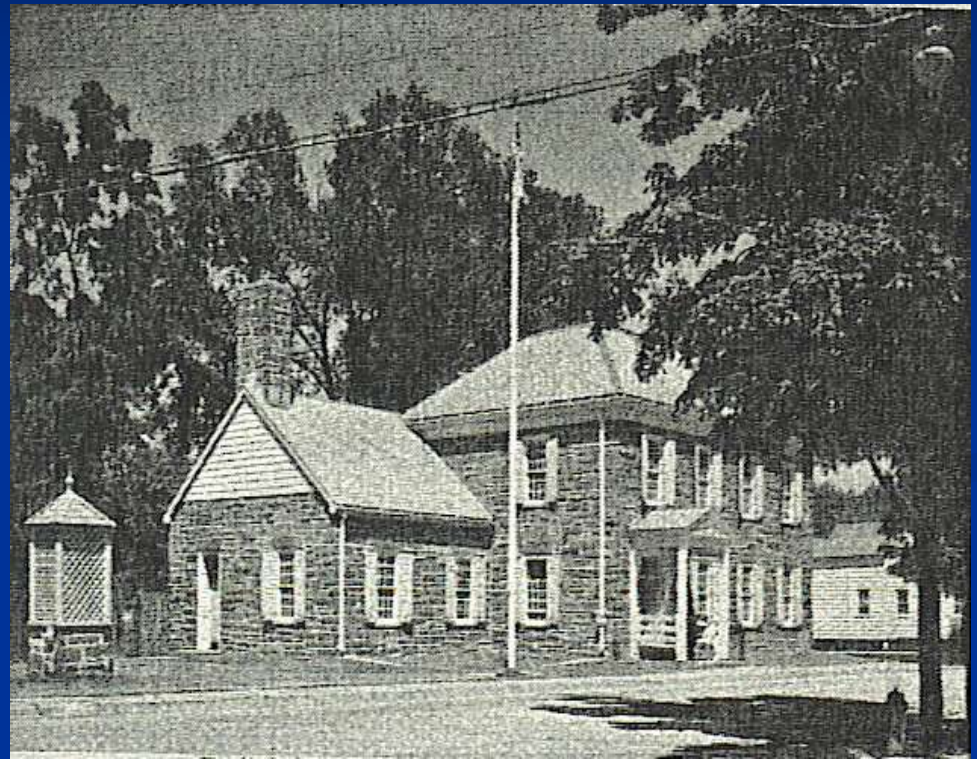
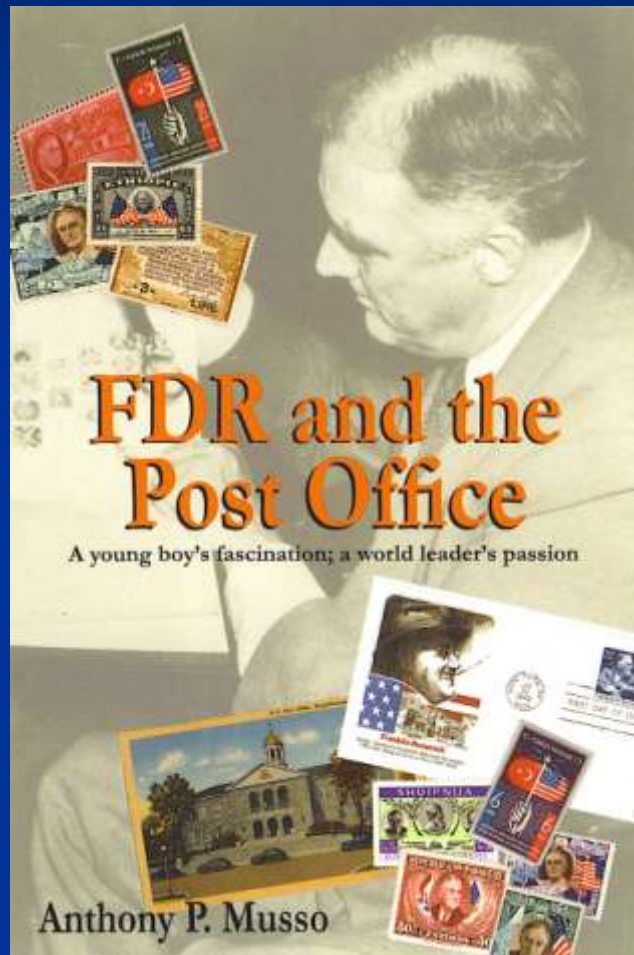
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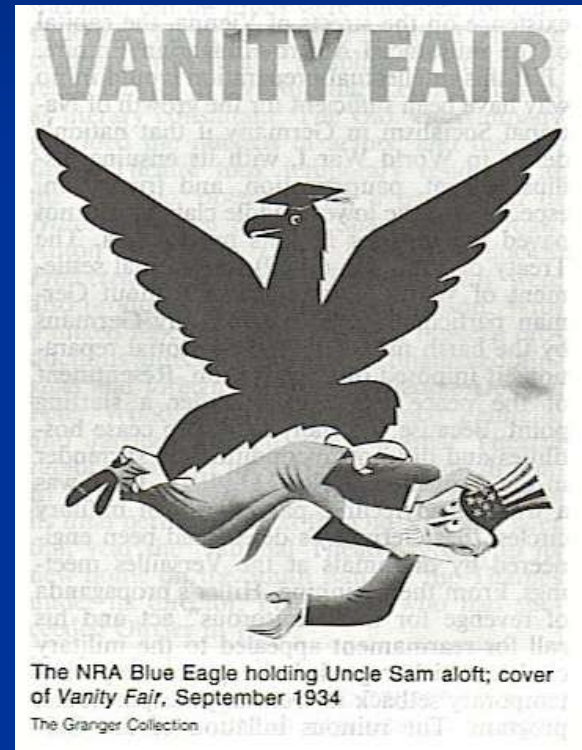


Works Progress Administration



USPO, Hyde Park, NY

NRA Logos-1



NRA Logos-2



NRA Remembrances

N. R. A. 40th ANNIVERSARY

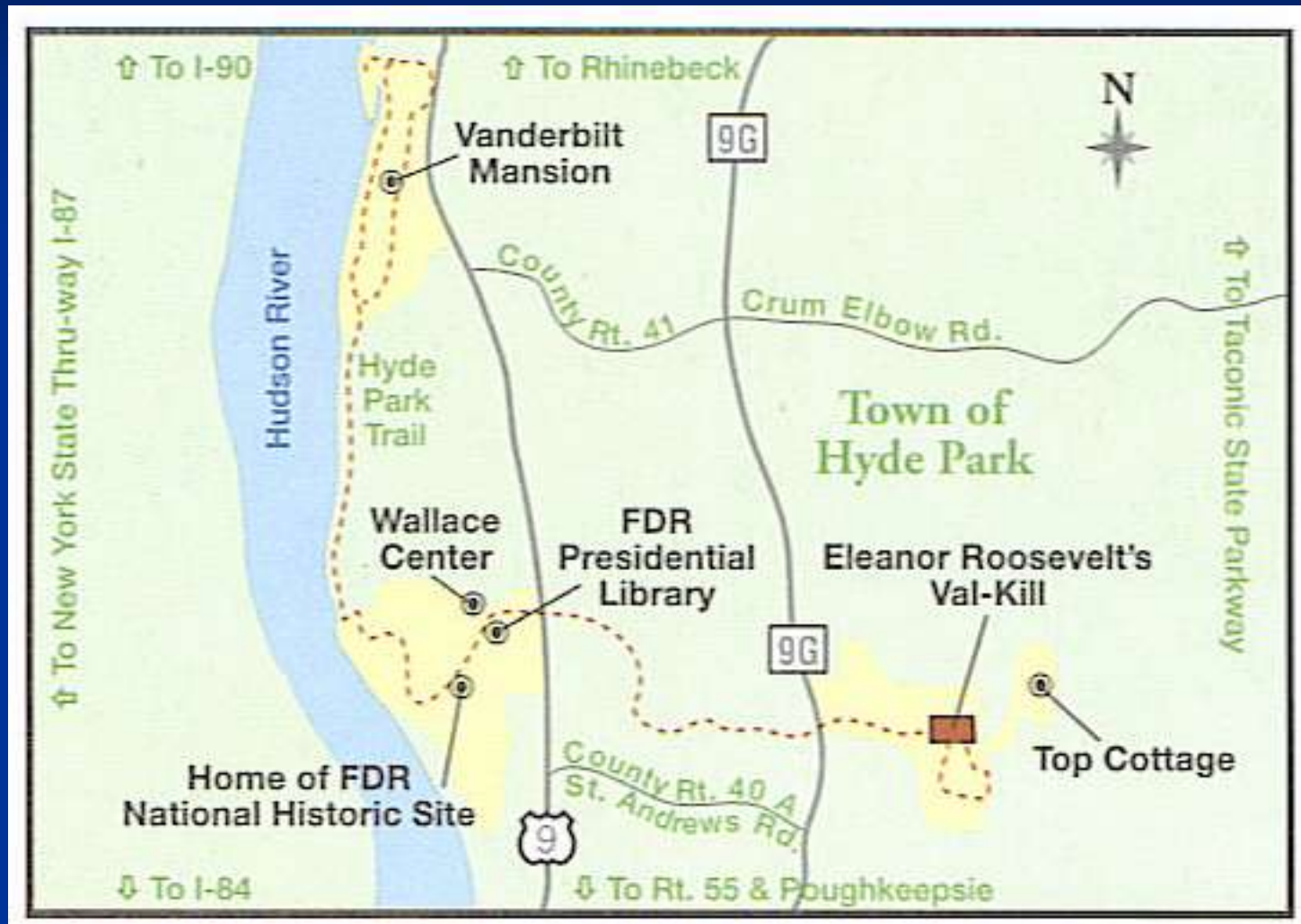
President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the
National Recovery Act on June 16, 1933



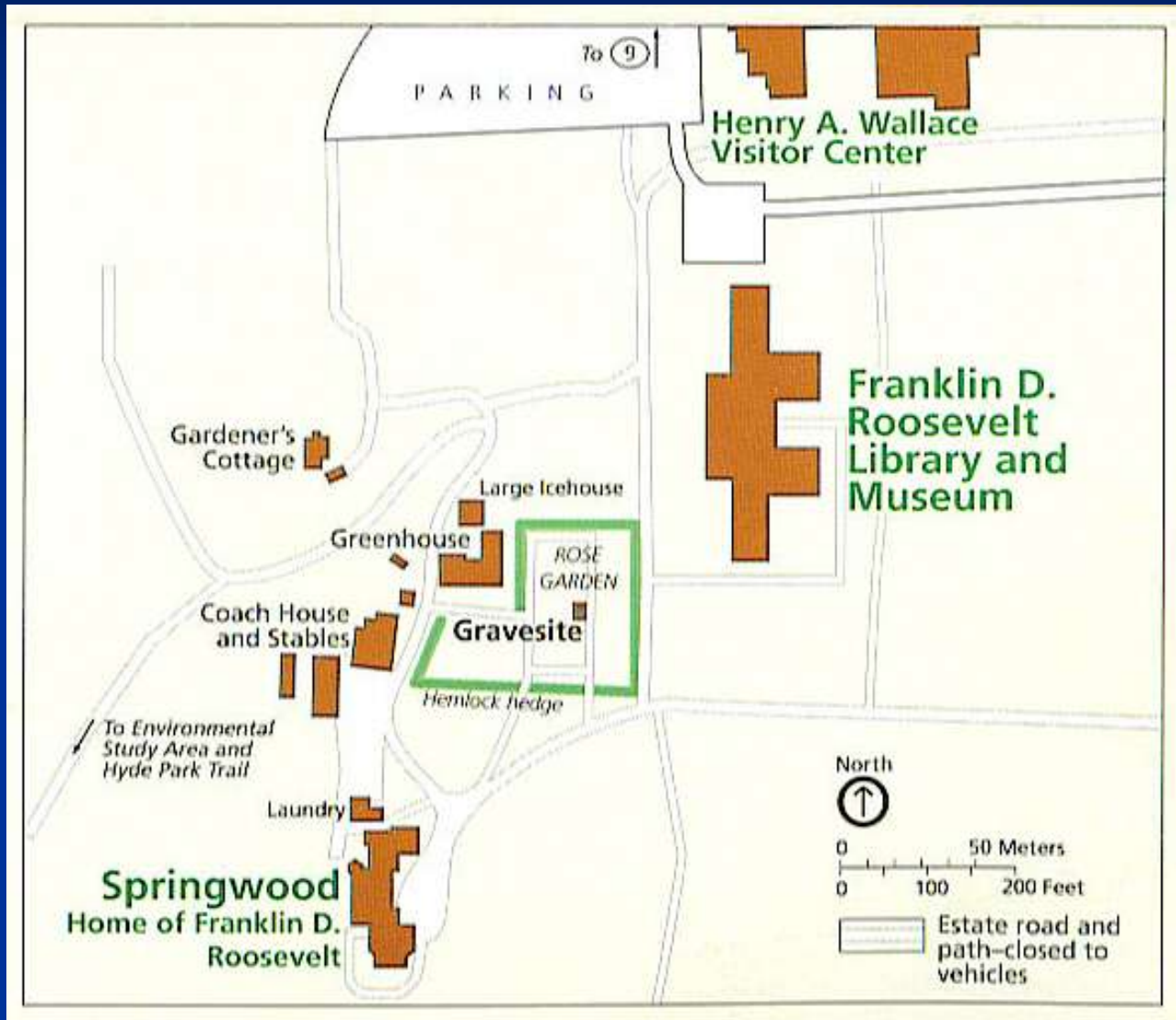
The Act established the National Recovery Administration aimed at organizing all industries voluntarily to regulate production and prices for an improvement of the economy. General Hugh S. Johnson ("Old Iron Pants") was appointed Administrator of the N.R.A. Under his guidance the Act accomplished what it was intended to do, with the full support of the majority of the American people, until it was invalidated by the Supreme Court on May 27, 1935.

(Cachet of The Franklin D. Roosevelt
Philatelic Society)

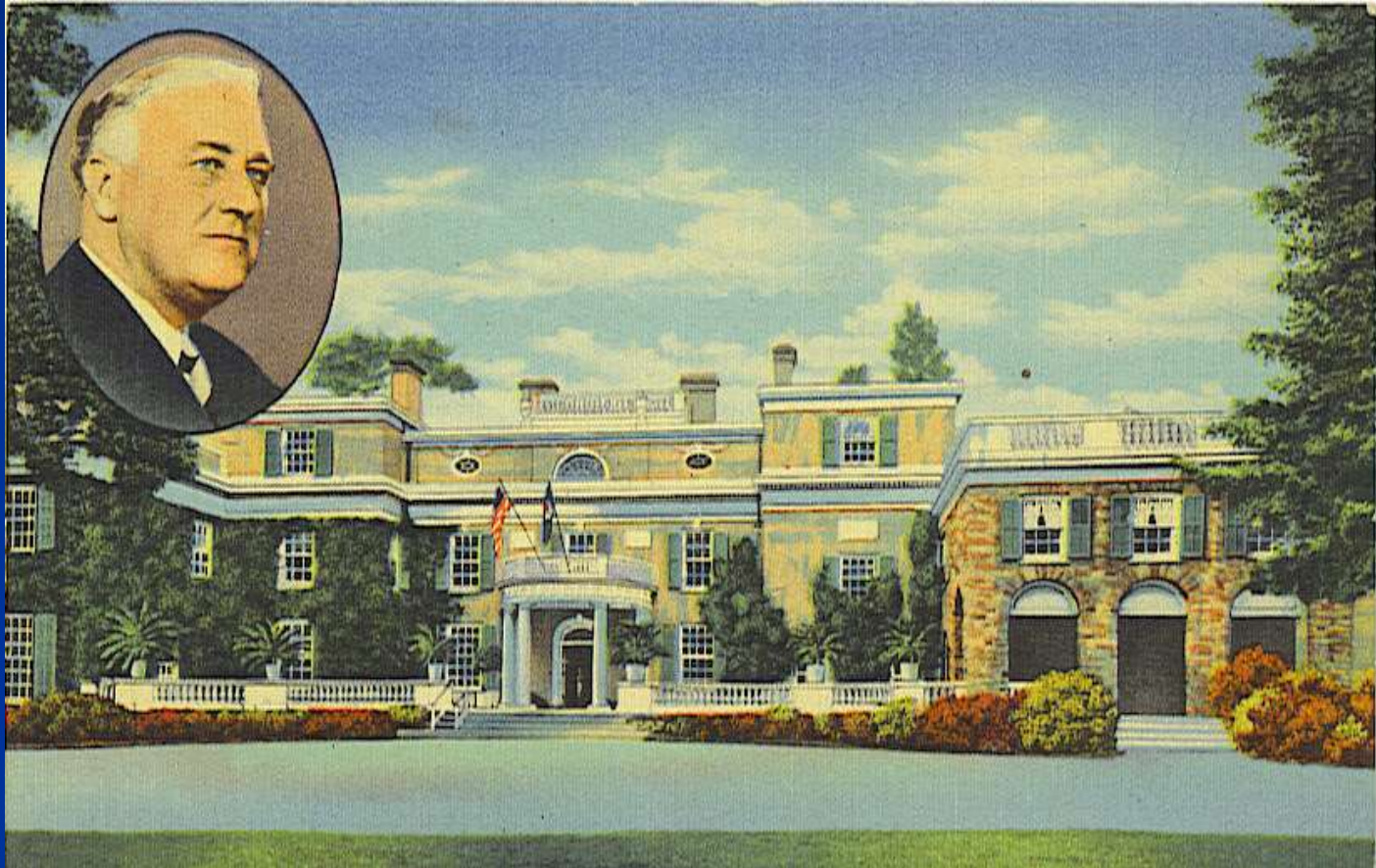
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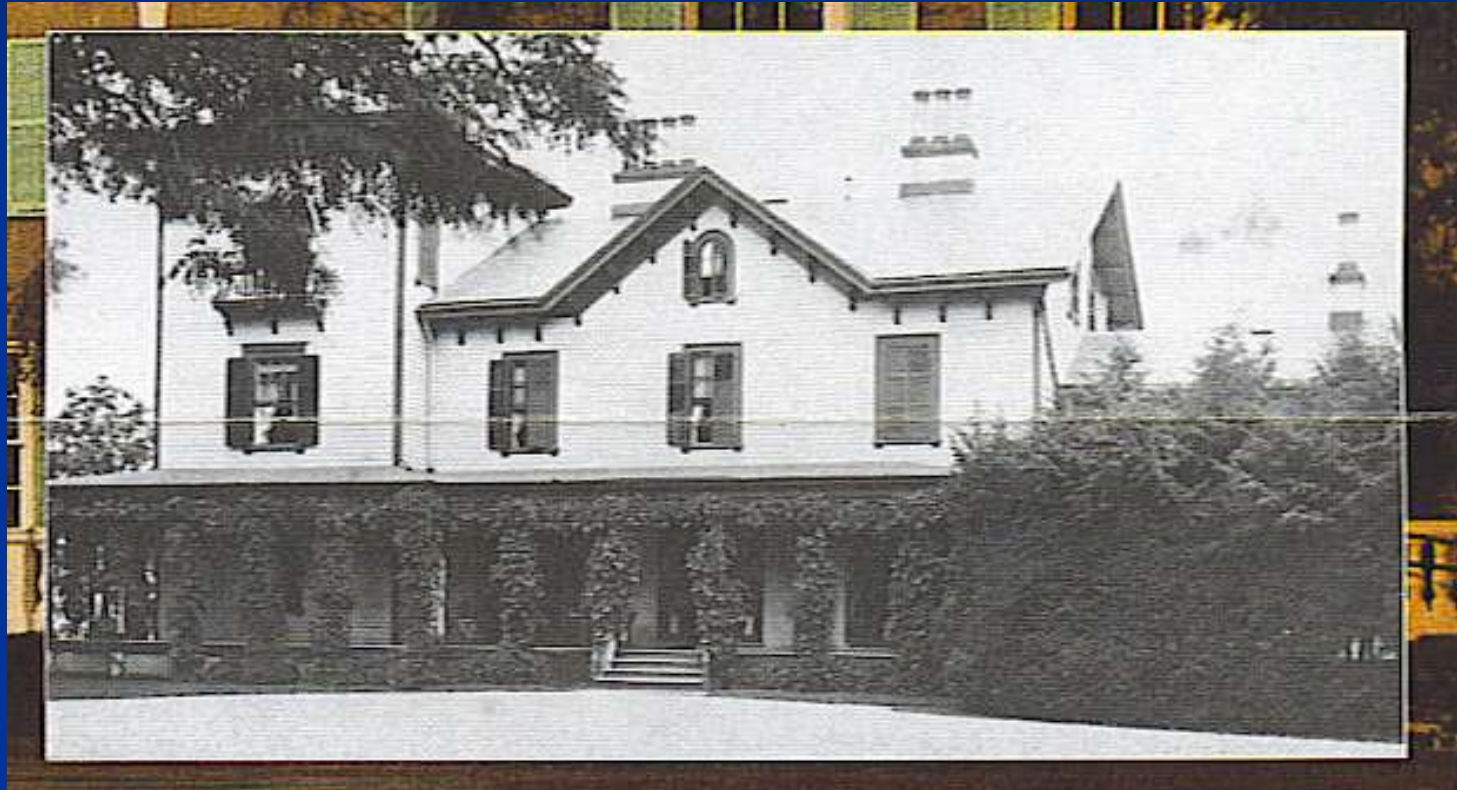
Map of Springwood Today



Hyde Park-Springwood



Original House



FDR Library



Freedom from Fear



Four Freedoms: N. Rockwell



FDR's White House Desk



Hyde Park & FDR Library

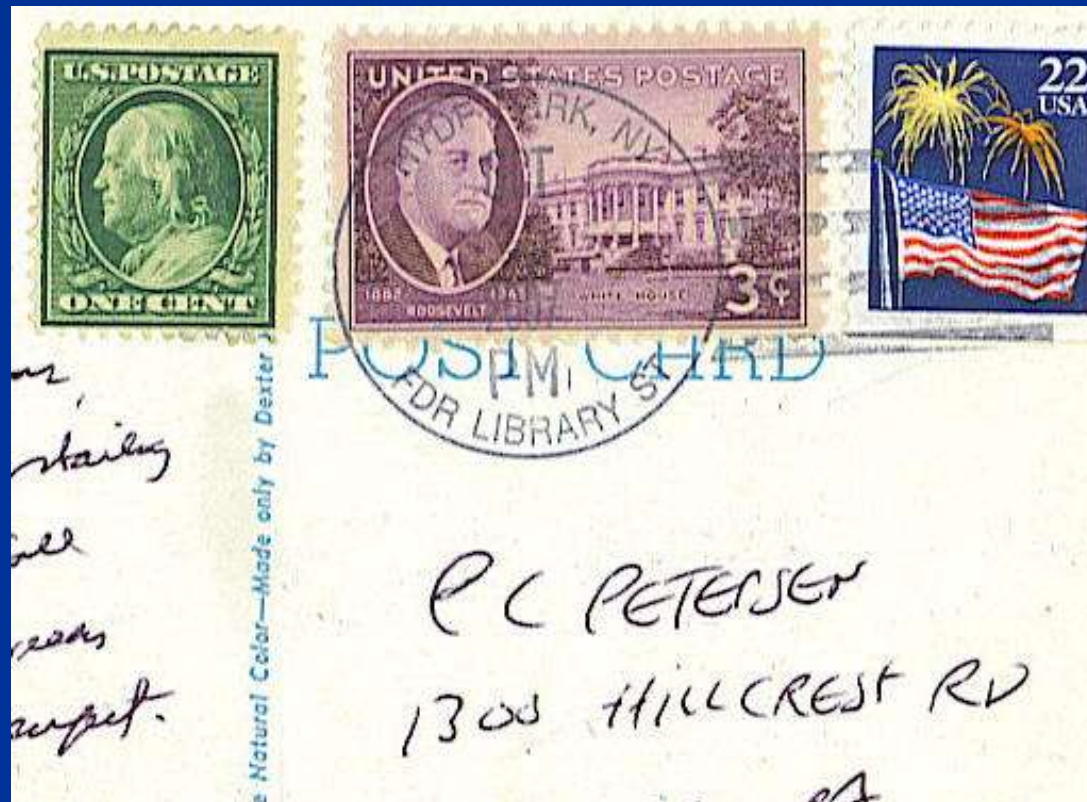


Library
Home of
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Painting by
Ruth Perkins Safford

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- Hyde Park, FDR Library Station Cancellation



The Little White House



What Did FDR Collect?

- Hong Kong, Haiti, Mexico
- Santa Domingo, DW Indies
- State Dept Covers
- Civil War & Sp Am War
- Newfoundland/Nova Scotia
- Some Asia, Europe, Russia
- Ships' Cancellations
- Country Collections in General



Philatelic Estate Auction-1



- Estate Appraisal: \$80K
- 2+2 Auctions
- 1: 2/46 realized \$53,650
- 2: 4/46 realized \$76,214
- 3: 6/46 realized \$17,208
- 4: 12/46 realized \$22,637
- Grand total much greater than original appraisal

Philatelic Estate Auction-2

- FDR's personal interests, IE: S. America, Carib
- Covers to FDR & other dignitaries
- Foreign philatelic gifts
- USPOD 1892-1945 die proof collection (\$40K)
- US sheets and autographs
- Other mailroom items, *i.e.* NY State, Navy Dept
- Misc. stamps on paper and lesser value issues

From the estate...

This stamp is from
the personal collection



of the late president
Franklin D. Roosevelt



*"I owe my life to my hobbies, especially
stamp collecting."* Franklin D. Roosevelt

With Gimbels Stamp Department "stamp" of authenticity on reverse

Collectables

- FDR on stamps
- Memorial covers
- Signatures
- Advertisements
- From FDR collection
- Memorabilia
- Cinderellas
- Themes (see next slide)



WWII Thematics



FDR's Government & Programs



What FDR Did For Philately

- Stamp Catalogue Revision
- First Day Cover Strikes
- Increase in USPOD Sales
\$300K to \$2M in 12 years
- More Hobbyists/Dealers
- Presidential Oversight
- Stamps for the Wounded
- Mobile Post Office Museum
- Philatelic Windows
- Stamp Vending Machines



Stamps for the Wounded

Stamps For The Wounded

(A Service Activity of Lions Clubs)



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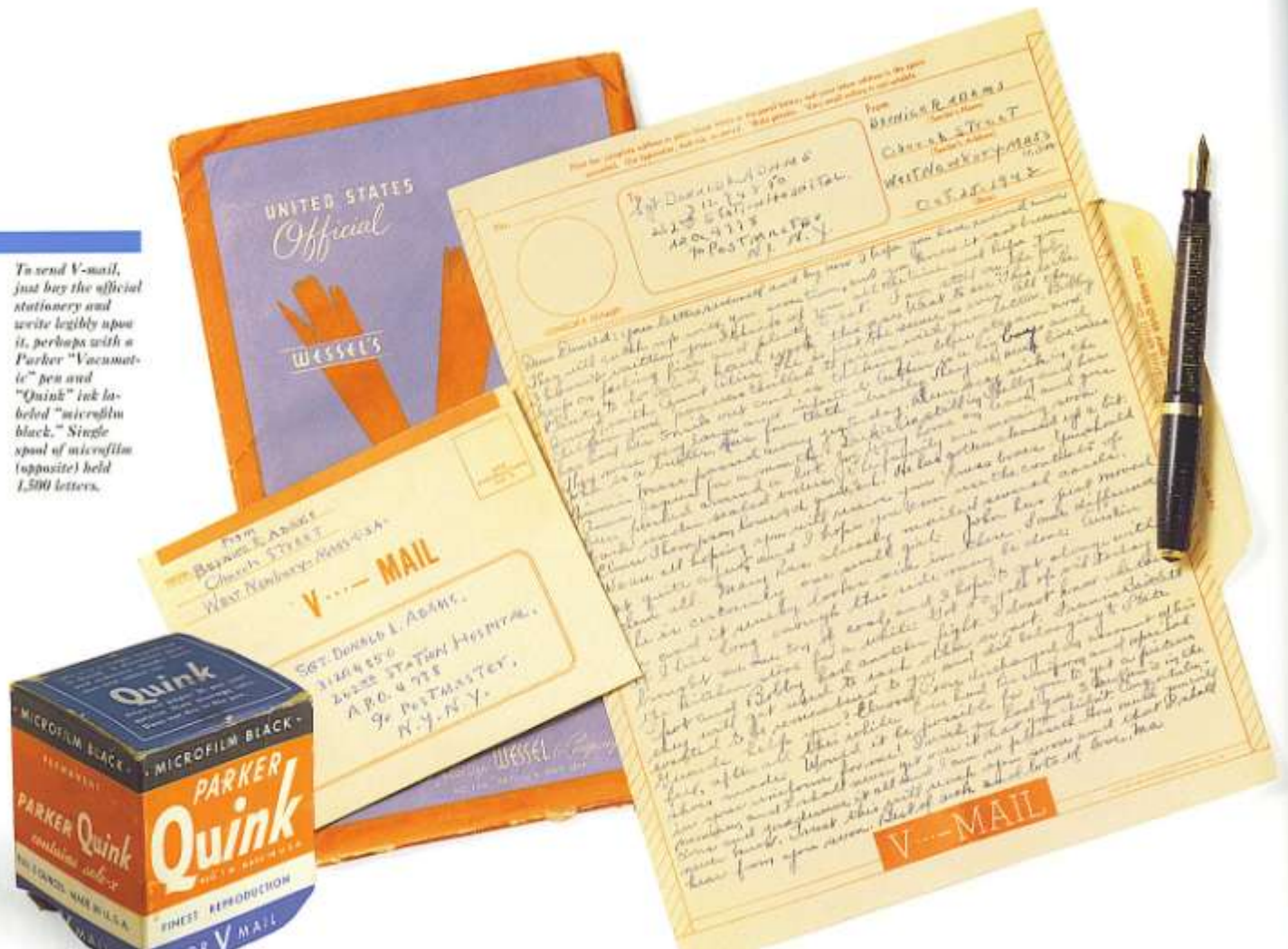
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V-Mail

To send V-mail, just buy the official stationery and write legibly upon it, perhaps with a Parker "Vacumatic" pen and "Quink" ink labeled "microfilm black." Single spool of microfilm (opposite) held 1,500 letters.



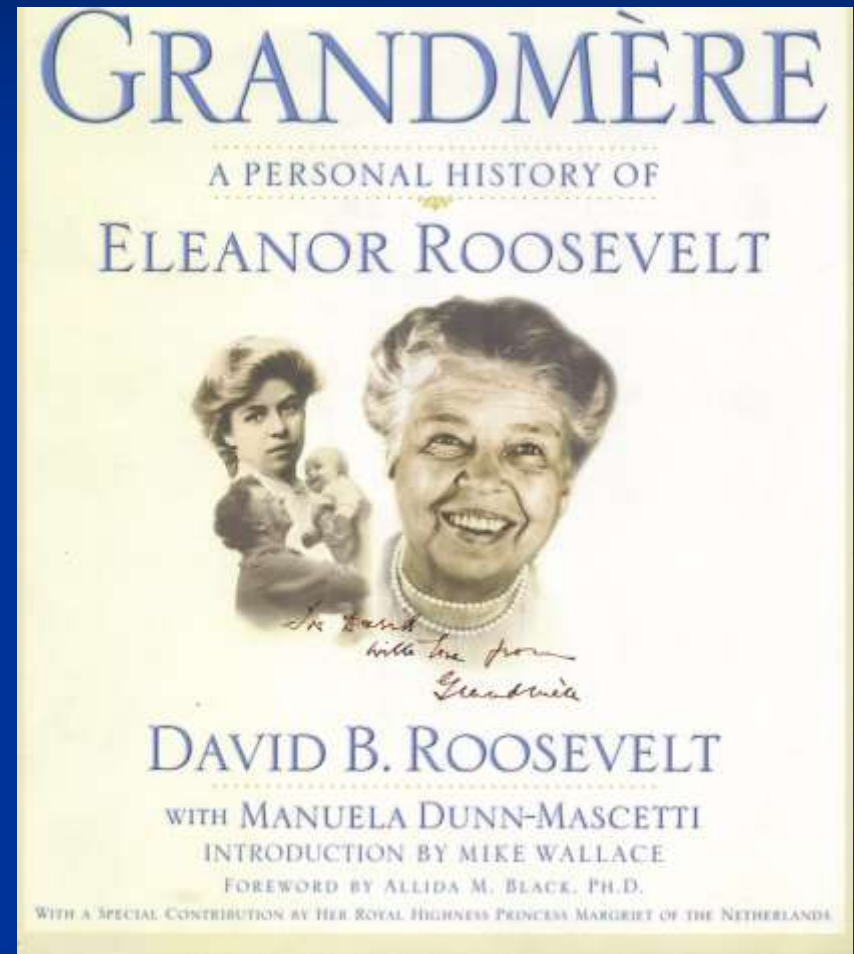
Anna Eleanor Roosevelt



AER at her best



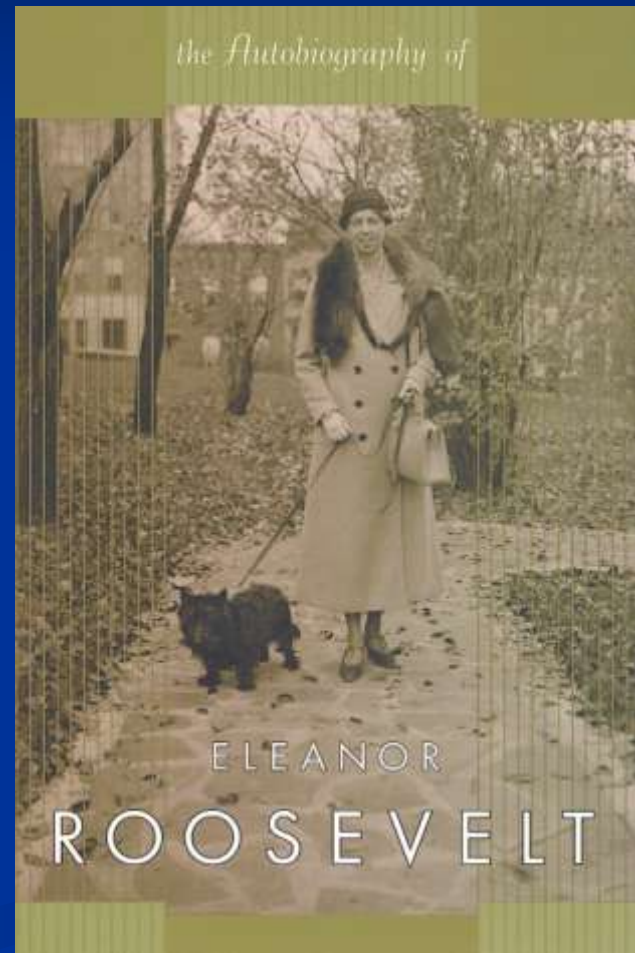
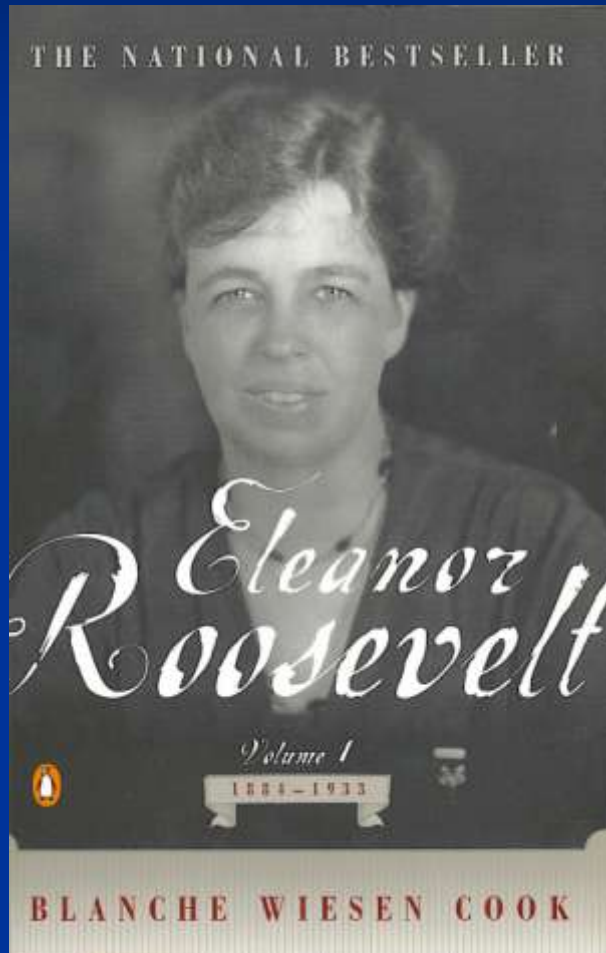
AER Postcard and History



Hyde Park over the Hudson



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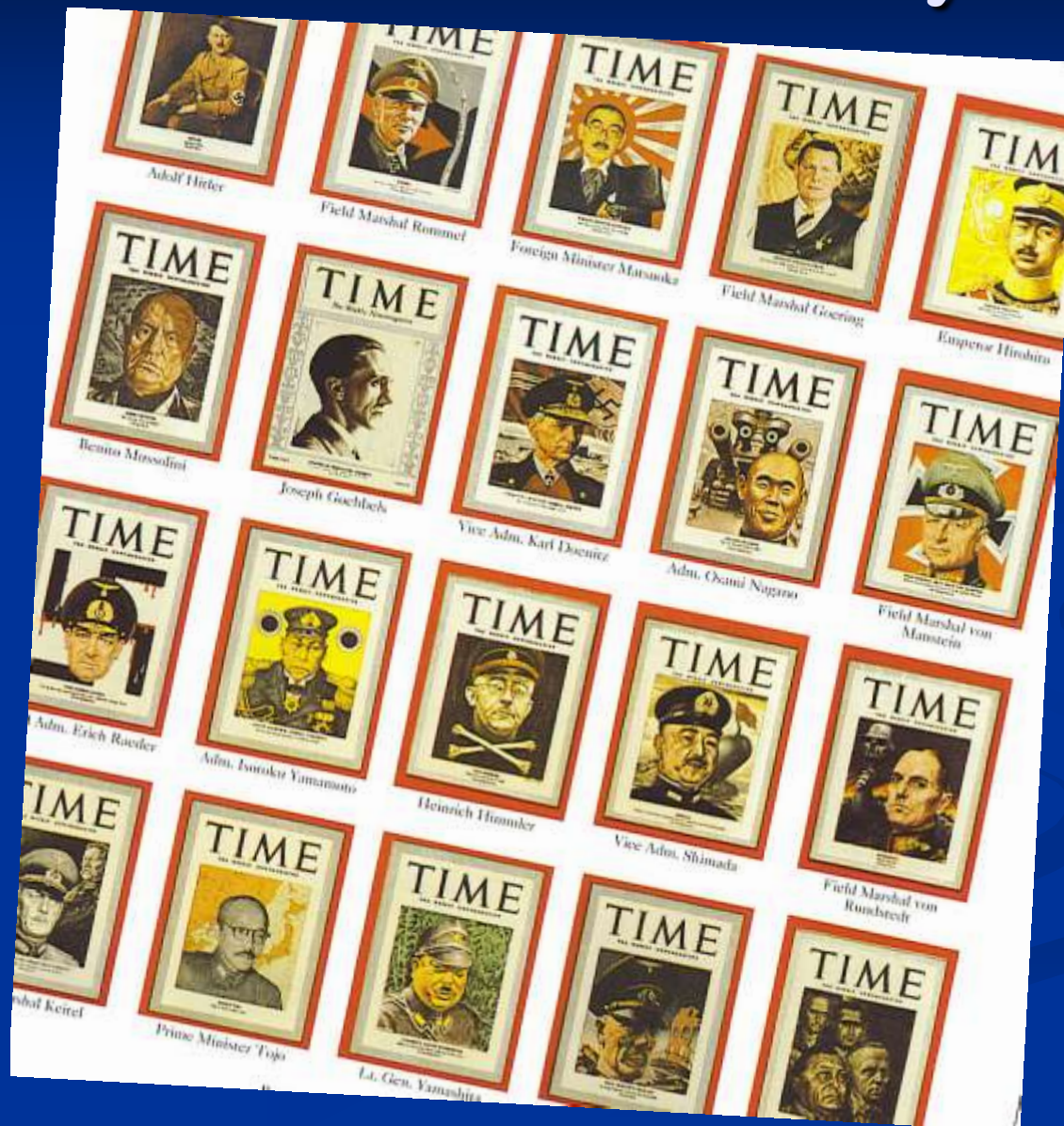
WW II Series (1991-1995)



Time Magazine Covers-Good Guys



...and the Bad Guys



Declaration of War



On December 8, President Roosevelt asks for a declaration of war on Japan in a packed House Chamber, under scaffolding for ceiling repairs. Congress acted swiftly and the President signed the declaration only an hour later.

“Let Our Hearts be Stout” 6/6/1944

Prayer by Franklin Delano Roosevelt

“Almighty God: Our sons [and daughters], pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religions, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity.

“Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith.

“They will need Thy blessings. Their road will be long and hard. For the enemy is strong. He may hurl back our forces. Success may not come with rushing speed, but we shall return again and again; and we know that by Thy grace, and by the righteousness of our cause, our [forces] will triumph.”

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

From the prayer originally entitled “Let Our Hearts Be Stout” written by President Roosevelt as Allied troops were invading German-occupied Europe, and read to the nation on radio on D-Day, June 6, 1944. Today, over 57 years later, his words reflect upon yet another cause equally important to us all.

Mr. Roosevelt sought comfort during those trying times through his stamp collection.

Through countless difficult times during our nation's history, many Americans have turned to our great hobby for comfort, solace and diversion. We believe the greatest way all of us can support our country now is to simply continue being Americans—helping others, moving forward with our lives, and as they did on Wall Street on Monday, September 17, conducting business. Thus, our business here endures—and our business is buying. If you are thinking of selling your collection, call us.

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FDR's D-Day Prayer to the Nation

His prayer was simple starting with Almighty God praying for "...our sons, pride of the nation...give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith" And for the people at home "to wait out the long travail, to bear sorrows that may come...Give us faith in Thee. Concluding "faith in our sons, faith in each other, and faith in our united crusade."



Burma Road, 717-mile lifeline to China



America's first peacetime draft, 1940



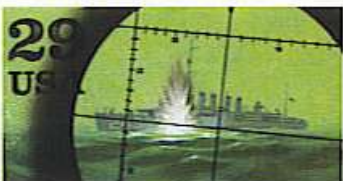
U.S. supports allies with Lend-Lease Act



Atlantic Charter sets war aims of allies



America becomes 'arsenal of democracy'



Destroyer Reuben James sunk October 31



Civil Defense mobilizes Americans at home



First Liberty ship delivered December 30



Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, December 7



U.S. declares war on Japan, December 8

Atlantic Charter with Churchill





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USA

B-25s take off to raid Tokyo April 18, 1942



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Food and other commodities rationed, 1942



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U.S. wins Battle of the Coral Sea May 1942



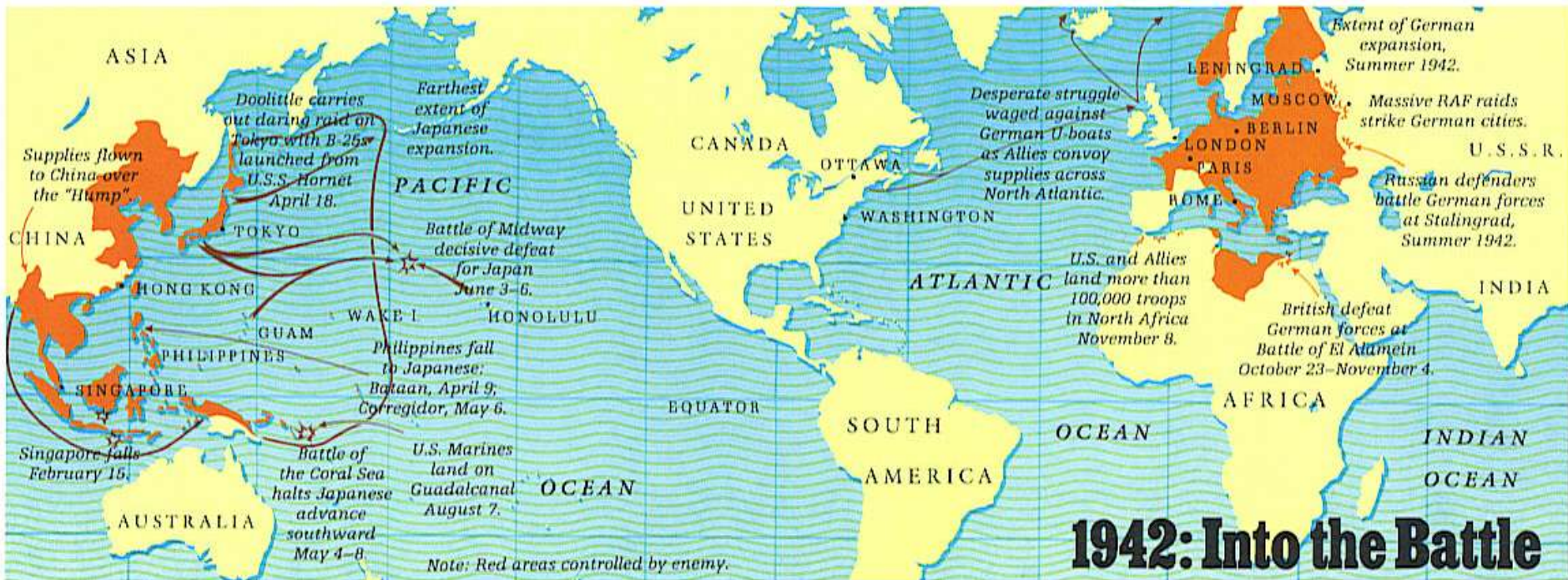
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Corregidor falls to Japanese May 6, 1942



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Japan invades Aleutian Islands June 1942



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Allies decipher secret enemy codes, 1942



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Yorktown lost, U.S. wins at Midway, 1942



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USA

Millions of women join war effort, 1942



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Marines land on Guadalcanal Aug. 7, 1942



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Allies land in North Africa November 1942



Allied forces battle German U-boats, 1943



Military medics treat the wounded, 1943



Sicily attacked by Allied forces, July 1943

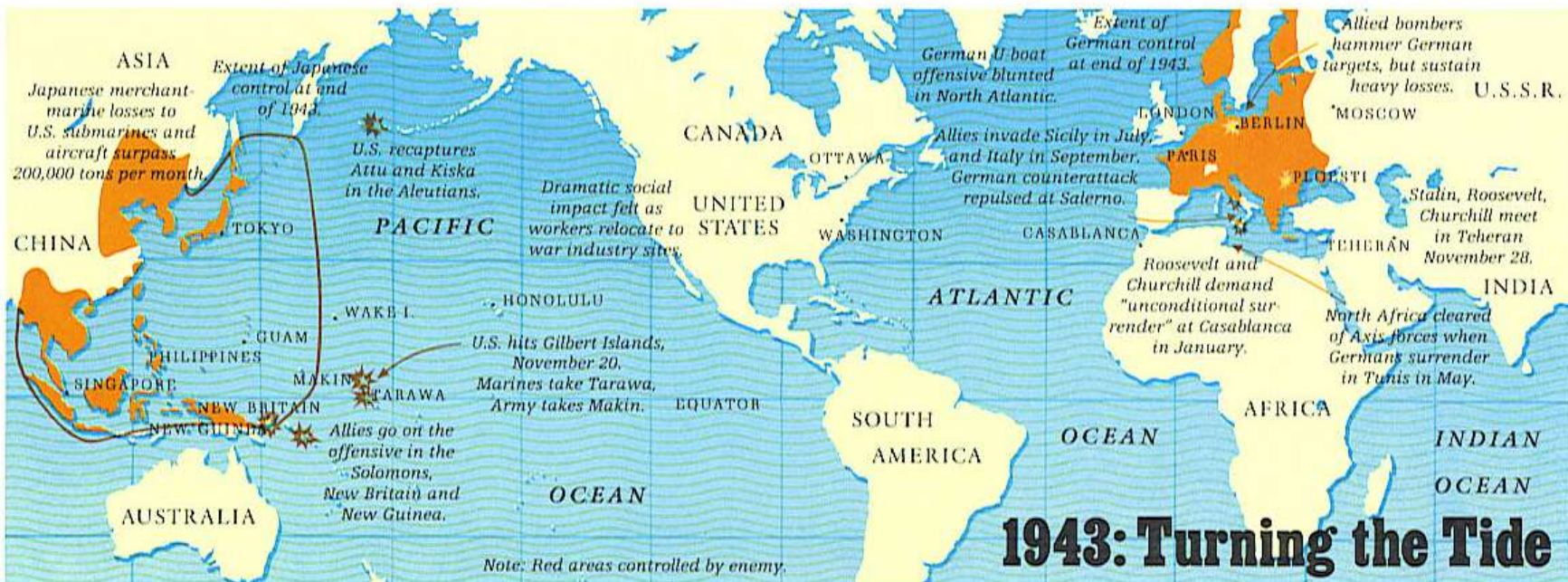


B-24s hit Ploesti refineries, August 1943



V-mail delivers letters from home, 1943

This is the third in a series of World War II 50th anniversary stamp sheets being issued by the U.S. Postal Service from 1991 through 1995.



Italy invaded by Allies, September 1943



Bonds and stamps help war effort, 1943



"Willie and Joe" keep spirits high, 1943



Gold Stars mark World War II losses, 1943



Marines assault Tarawa, November 1943

Big 3 at Teheran





Allied forces retake New Guinea, 1944



P-51s escort B-17s on bombing raids, 1944



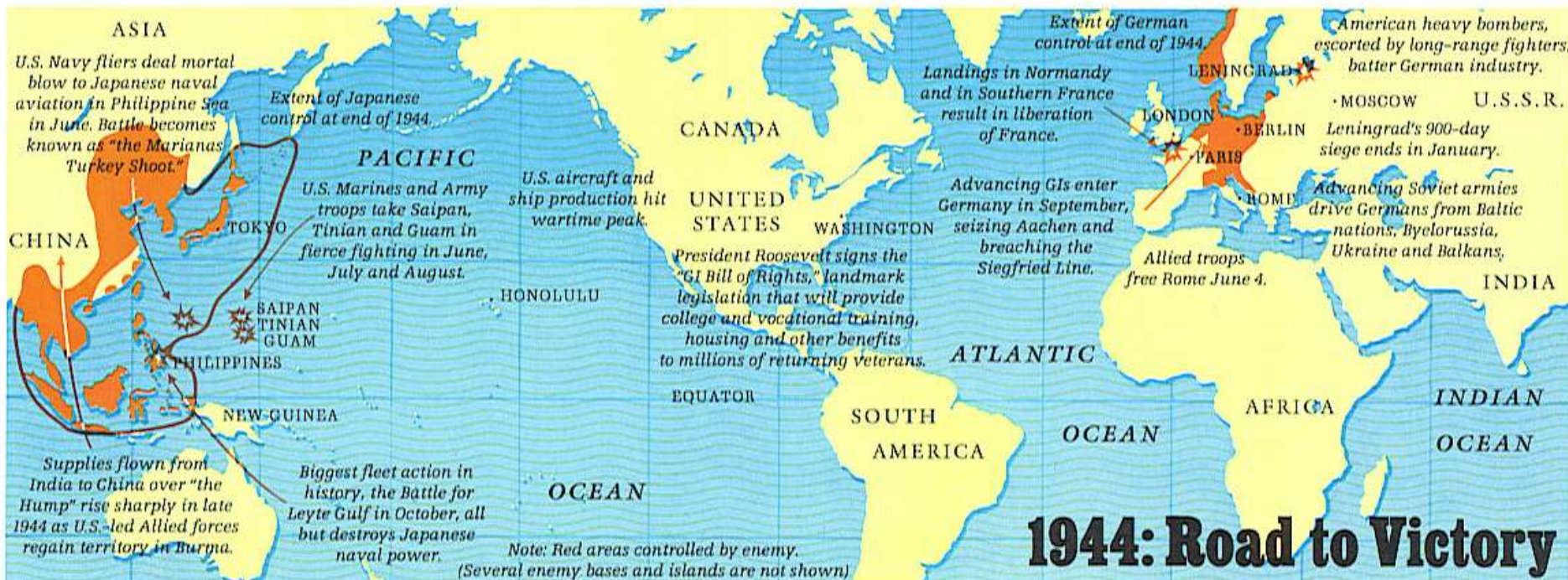
Allies in Normandy, D-Day, June 6, 1944



Airborne units spearhead attacks, 1944



Submarines shorten war in Pacific, 1944



Allies free Rome, June 4; Paris, Aug. 25, 1944



U.S. troops clear Saipan bunkers, 1944



Red Ball Express speeds vital supplies, 1944



Battle for Leyte Gulf, October 23-26, 1944



Battle of the Bulge, Dec. 1944

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Allies liberate Holocaust survivors, early 1945

PACIFIC

Atomic bombs dropped by B-29s on Hiroshima, August 6 and Nagasaki, August 9. Japan signs formal surrender aboard U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay, September 2.

Marines finally overcome Japanese resistance on Iwo Jima, March 26. GIs and Marines secure Okinawa June 22.

From air bases in the Marianas, B-29s attack Japan's home islands.

By midyear Japanese resistance in the Philippines has been reduced to isolated areas.

Note: Red = surrender (Several Axis

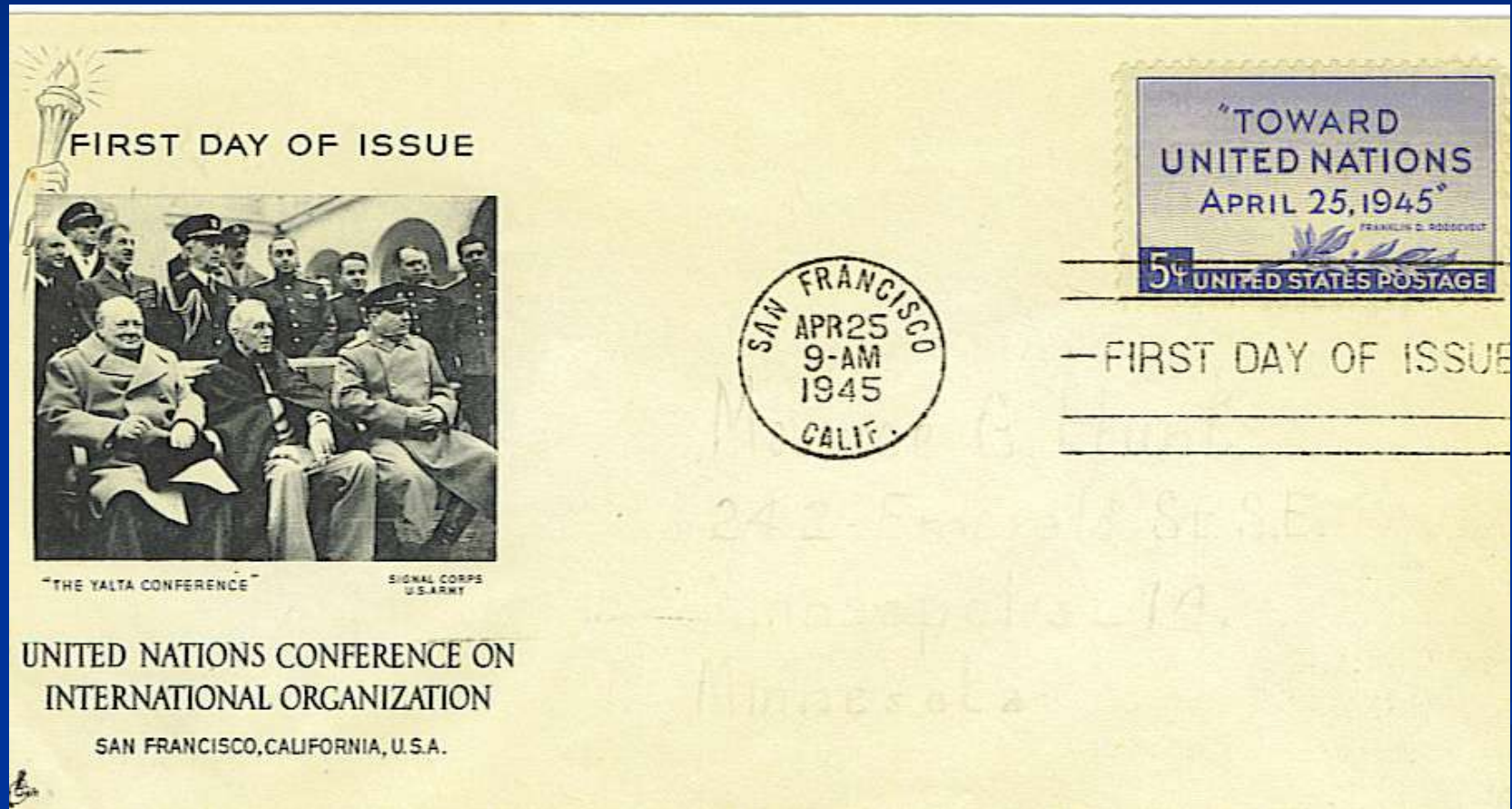
Atomic bombs end WW II

1945: Victory at Last



Hometowns honor their returning veterans, 194

The “Big Three” at Yalta



VE-Day



1930s

CELEBRATE THE CENTURY™



Depression, Dust Bowl, and a New Deal

By 1933 the average wage was 60 percent less than in 1929 and unemployment had skyrocketed to 25 percent. Dust storms forced many farmers to give up their land.

Americans escaped hard realities by playing Monopoly, reading the adventures of "Buck Rogers" and "Flash Gordon," and listening to Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust." Popular films included King Kong and It Happened One Night. For the first time, African-American athletes became national idols: Joe Louis in boxing and Jesse Owens in track and field.

Prohibition was repealed in 1933. President Franklin Roosevelt fought the Great Depression with his New Deal programs. The "Star-Spangled Banner" was chosen as the national anthem. The Empire State Building rose above the Manhattan skyline and the Golden Gate Bridge spanned the San Francisco Bay. Back on the ground, the parking meter made its first appearance in 1935.

As the decade closed, many Americans were anxious about the growing war in Europe.

New words: all-star, oops, pizza, racism.



1940s

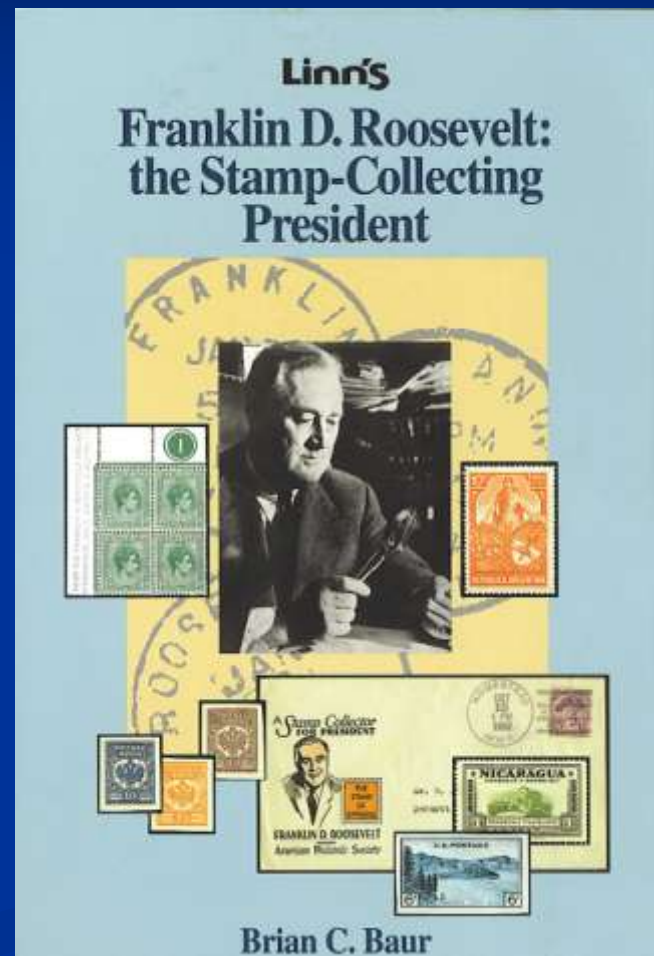
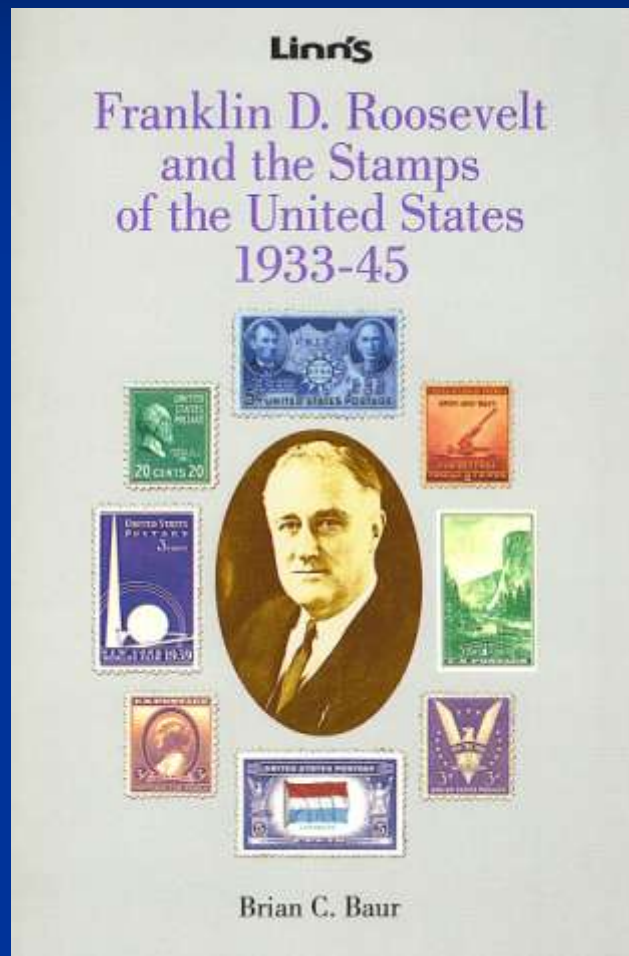
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World War II Transforms America

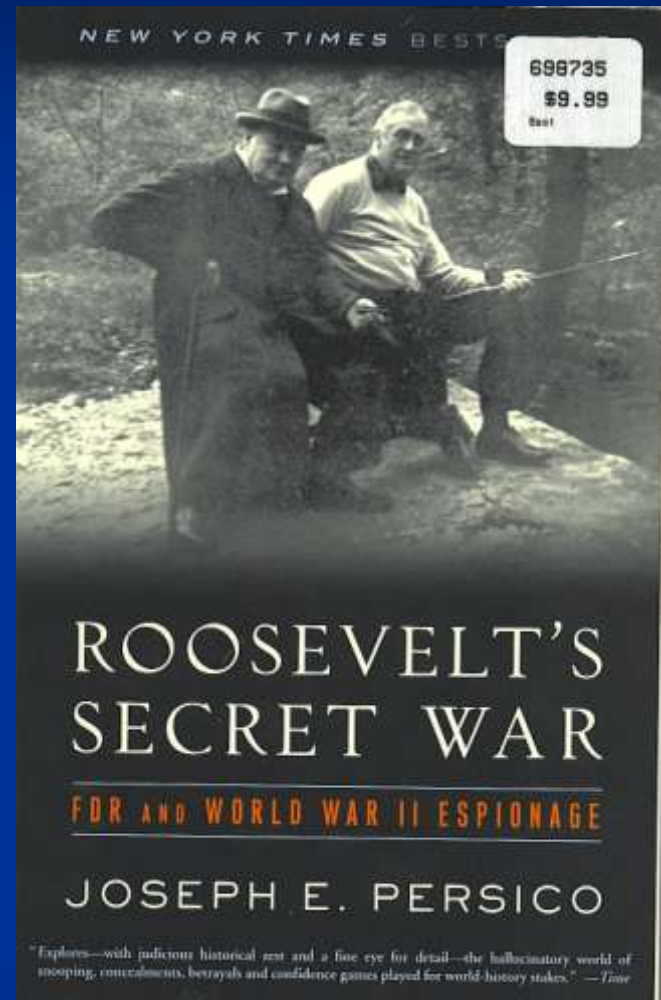
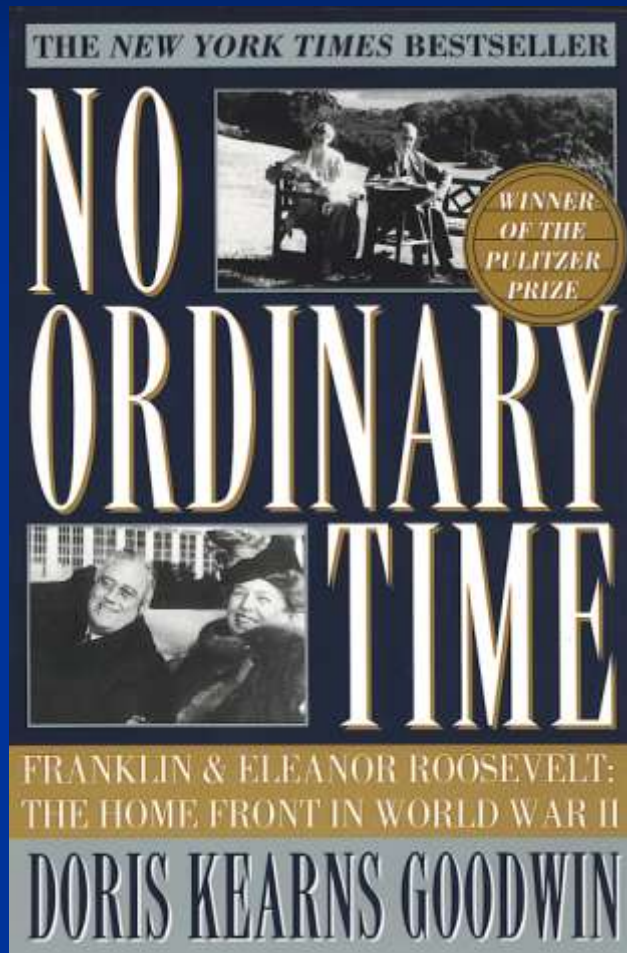
After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, the United States entered World War II. More than 16 million American men and women served in the military while millions of housewives worked to help keep the economy running. The U.S. emerged from the war as the world's most powerful nation. Americans, after surviving years of depression and war, eagerly started families. A surge in the 1946 birthrate began the postwar baby boom. Movie fans enjoyed the films of Bing Crosby and Betty Grable. Commercial television was launched, and Milton Berle and Ed Sullivan became household names. Jackie Robinson and Ed Sullivan became household names. For the first time, people played with Slinky and Silly Putty. Nylon stockings were the rage for women, while teenagers sported socks with loafers or saddle shoes and rolled-up blue jeans. The jitterbug was popularized by music from live bands and jukeboxes. New words: hot rod, pinup, bikini, self-employed.



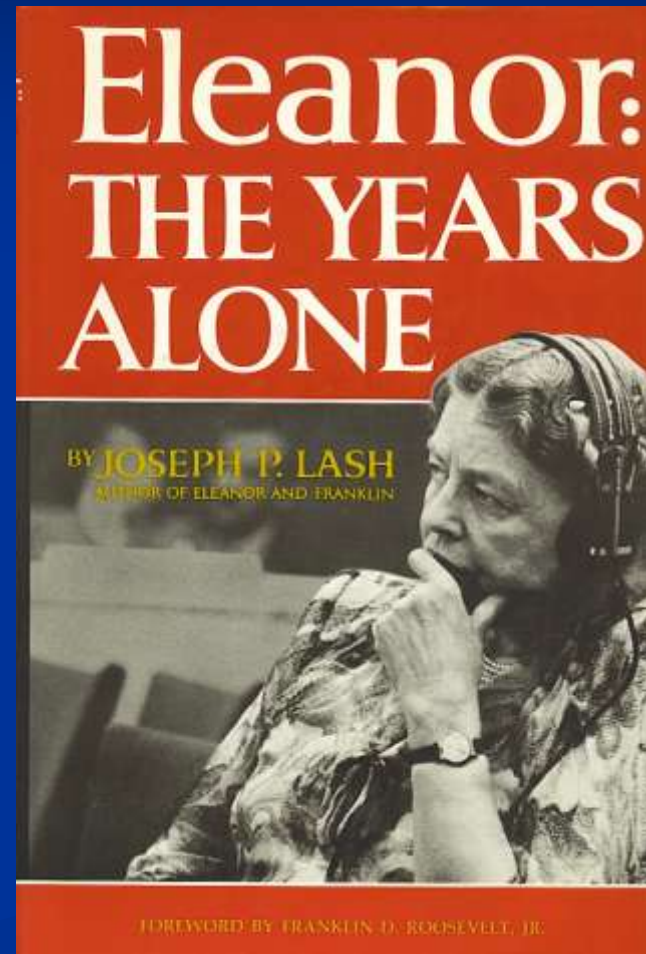
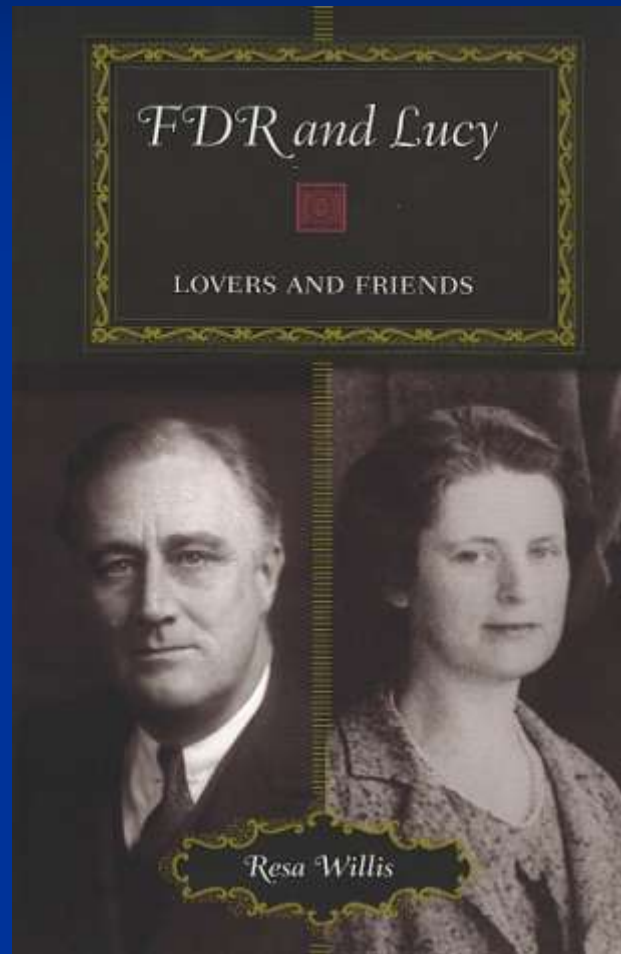
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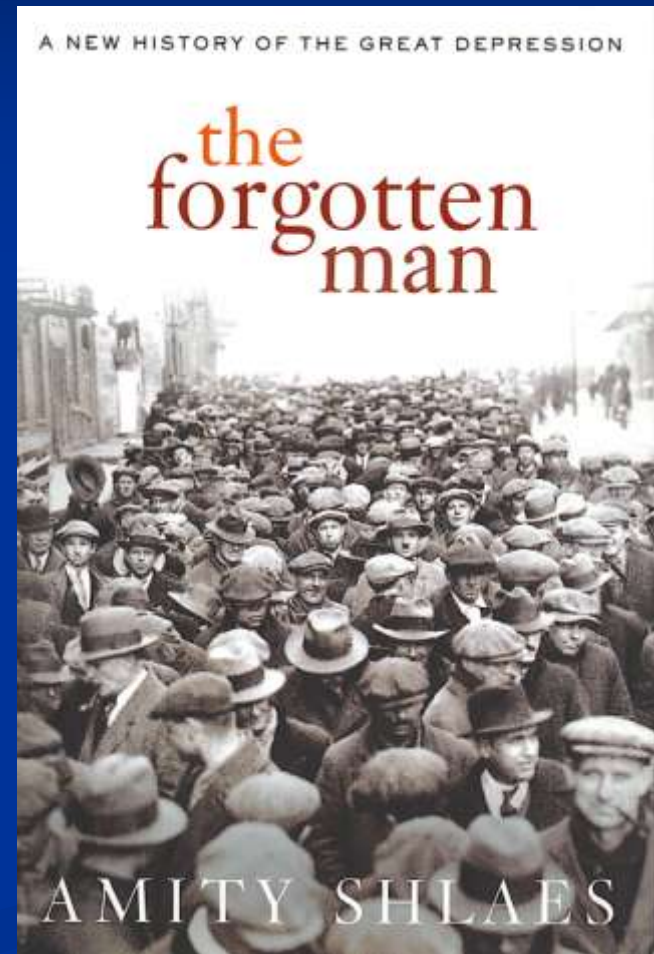
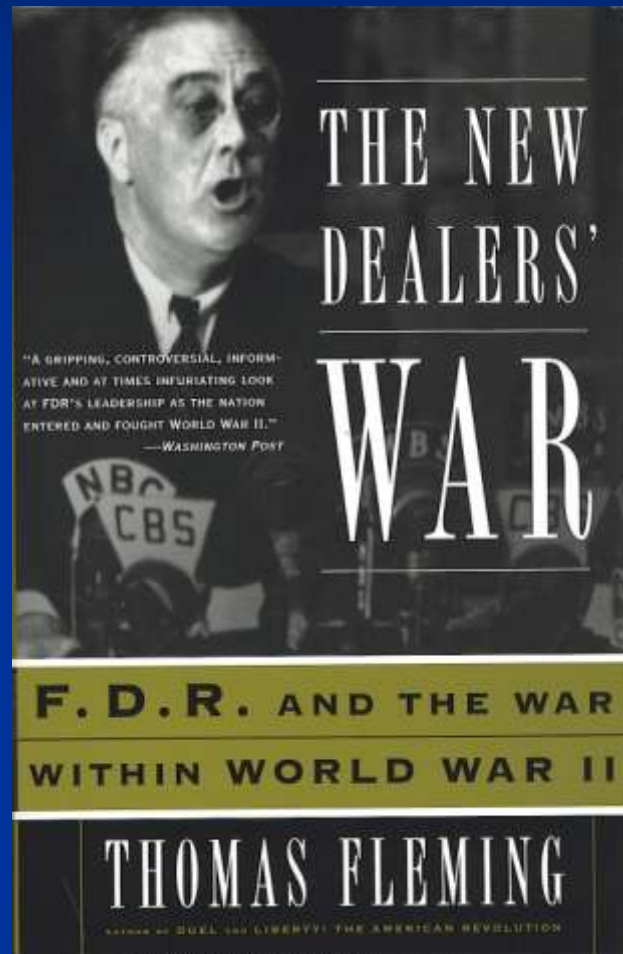
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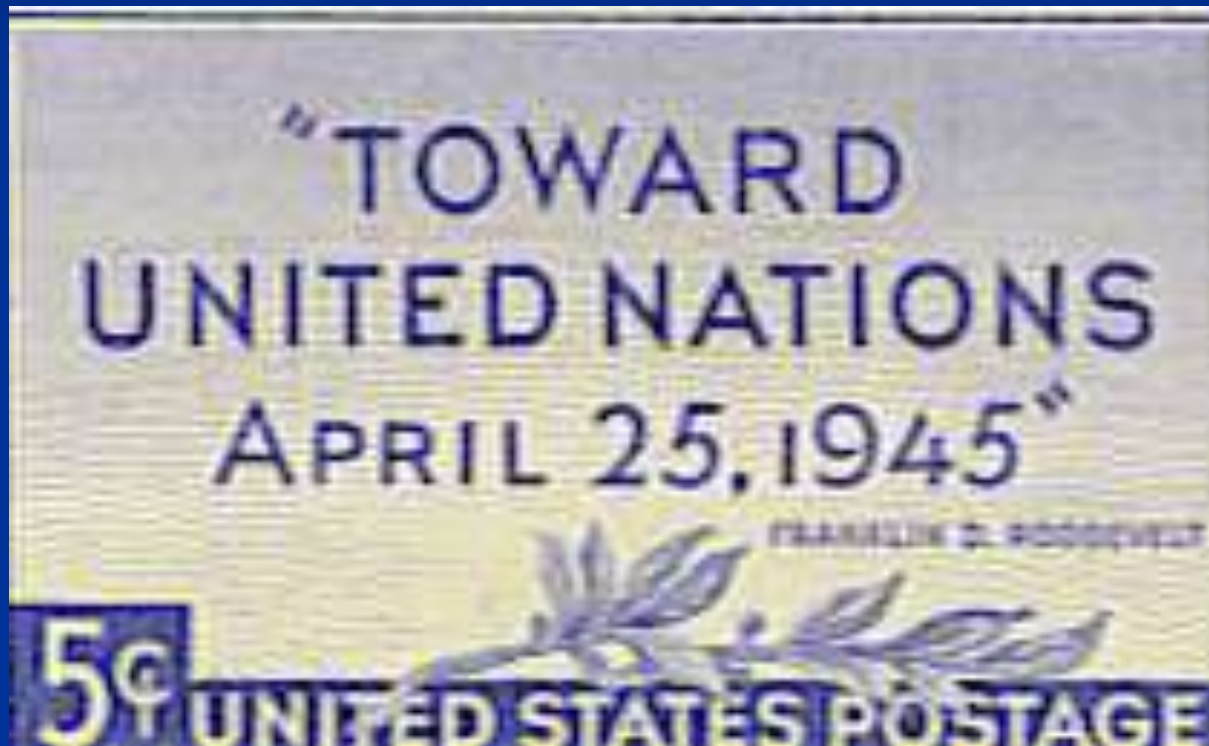
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