

NOTES ON PHILATELY

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Surcharged and overprinted stamps number great in Philately. There are several reasons for overprinting stamps, such as a change in a country's currencies, a new name territory taken in conflict, etc.

As a general rule surcharges are set in type and printed black. This is often the case with British and French colonies who use stamps either of the mother land or a neighboring colony overprinted with the name of the territory for which it is to be used.

Salvador, once found a mistake in engraving which was corrected by surcharging the stamps. In China where highway robbery abounds, stamps are overprinted with the province they are being sent to so to make it more difficult for thieves to dispose of any stolen shipments.

The United States have not had a great many overprints in their regular postage, although this is quite frequent in revenue stamps of the United States.

United States stamps have been

overprinted with "Shanghai 2c," "China," "Canal Zone," "Porto Rico" and others of territorial possessions, until it was time to issue regular stamps for such territories or to decide who had the right to issue such stamps as in case of aggression by another foreign power.

Surcharges show definite trends of a country's economics, history and territorial possessions and are often used to denote a change of government. When Alphonso of Spain abdicated, his picture was overprinted with the word "Republica," and when George of Greece returned as king, a crown was overprinted on top of the republican stamp.

In cataloging stamps with surcharges the color is indicated as "B" for Black; B1 for blue, R for Red, etc. If no color is shown it is understood to be black.

The surcharged "Kans." and "Nebr." issues is probably the most popular of all United States surcharged stamps. There are eleven items in each set which were printed on the regular issue of 1926-27, Rotary Press Stamps.

Useful hints on tree preservation.

Invitations have been sent to the 24 garden clubs which comprise the North Shore Garden clubs offering their members the opportunity to attend the institute. Individual tickets at nominal fee admit the holder to the entire course. Tickets at nominal fee which may be purchased by garden clubs admit any number of their members to the institute.

Mrs. Kelsey will be assisted by the following committee: Mrs. William R. Uhlmann, Mrs. F. W. Lang, Mrs. Percy W. Langtry, Mrs. Arthur V. Gustavson and Mrs. Mary Scott Paxson.

The Community Garden Club of Highland Park, the Community Garden Club of the Highland Park Woman's club, the North Shore Garden club, the Ravinia Garden club, the garden department of the Deerfield Woman's club and the Highland Park Study club are among the twenty-four garden clubs invited to attend the Garden institute.

General Electrics to Play Boosters

Highland Parks General Electric basketball team will play the Highland Boosters at the Oak Terrace school tomorrow, Feb. 19. The Booster team is composed of Shelton, Pete Tracano, Cecil Notagiacomo, Bruno Somenzi and other well known former high school stars, while the General Electrics lineup will consist of Warren Dean, Irv Garling, Tommy Russell, Bill Hallberg, Pat Pasquesi, Red Dennison, Bill Rogan and Goog Dahl. Goog is a new man this year and has developed into a very good offensive as well as defensive player.

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D. A. R. BETTER FILMS REVIEW

"Three Men On a Horse." Cast: Frank McHugh, Joan Blondell, Guy Kibbee, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 18-19. The extremely successful stage comedy has been skillfully transferred to the screen. Swiftly paced and replete with farcical situations. Expertly acted by a splendid cast and directed with an exceptionally fine sense of timing and humor. Adults and young adults.

"Night Waitress." Cast: Margot Graham, Gordon Jones, Vinton Haworth, Thursday, Friday, Feb. 18-19. A love story set on the waterfront of San Francisco—dependent for excitement and suspense on a background of crime and the frustration of the criminal's plans. A sea gangster story with some good shots of the harbor police in action. Adults.

"Reunion." Cast: Jean Hersholt, Dorothy Peterson, Dionne Quintuplets, Rochelle Hudson, Saturday, Feb. 20. This picture, the second featuring the Dionne Quintuplets, is worth seeing, if for no other reason than that it shows the growth and development of these remarkable babies. The story—a reunion leaves much to be desired. The cast is good and the picture is well produced. Adults.

"Charge of the Light Brigade." Cast: Errol Flynn, Olivia DeHavilland, Patric Knowles, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Feb. 21-22-23. A powerful tale of love, courage and military intrigue during the Crimean war. The direction of Michael Curtiz is outstanding and reaches a high point in technique and imaginative execution in the amazing realistic charge of the Six Hundred. The photography and the musical score contribute much to the dramatic power of the action filled drama and the acting is of a notably high calibre. One of the year's outstanding films. Family.

"Our Relations." Cast: Laurel and Hardy, Alan Hale, Betty Healy, Wednesday, Thursday, Feb. 24-25. The dual identity of two sets of twins furnishes a fast-paced comedy of errors with fun-provoking complications. A well directed screen play adapted from W. W. Jacob's story, "The Money Box." Family.

Native Revue, Staged by W.P.A. Notable Hit

Going into its third month in the Great Northern theater, Chicago, "O Say Can You Sing" is such a hit as to make laughable the oft-expressed notion that a true revue may be staged only by veterans of the theater. What is really required to make a good topical revue is the spirit of observant youth plus a knowledge of the generally-ignored fact that the theater, as an art or as a craft, has certain undodgable rules. This is to say, in plain English, that revue—meaning true burlesque—and tragedy call for certain fundamentals that are definitely alike when it comes to "putting it across."

Earnestness is the chief quality in all stage-diversion intended to create an illusion. Earnestness is the outstanding quality of a notable tragedian, a successful comedian or clown, a burnt-cork "minstrel," a popular opera-singer, a man who juggles things, any dancer, and the men in a play or skit who "ask the questions."

"O Say Can You Sing" is brimful of the truth of this doctrine of earnestness. Although the evocation of laughter is the principal purpose of this topical shot at folly, the performers make their points by working every minute at the task of getting the show "across"—across the footlights, and across that invisible but sturdy barrier which every good audience automatically erects against the actors.

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