

Synopsis:

USES OF THE 11¢ PREXIE

Purpose: This first-time exhibit will demonstrate the surprisingly wide variety of ways in which the 11 cent Prexie stamp could be utilized on covers, wrappers, labels, and documents to pay rates to domestic and foreign destinations. Both solo uses and multiple uses are shown.

Scope: The exhibit is limited to items with one or more 11 cent prexie stamps but no other denominations.

Treatment: The items are organized as described on the title page. The description of each item shows the date sent, the rate paid, and the time period for which the rate or rates were in effect. Some fourth-class items are undated, but the time period in which they were used can often be extrapolated by the zone and amount paid.

Knowledge, study, research: I have been collecting, studying, and researching prexies for the last thirty-five years, and been a member of the United States Stamp Society Prexie Study Group.

Rarity: There is no census information available. When I state that an item is “the only one reported” it is the collective knowledge and experience of myself and others Prexie students such as Bob Hohertz, Louis Fiset, Jeff Shapiro, Chip Briggs, Steve Suffet, Mike Ley etc. They have all been given the opportunity to weigh in on these items. The highly regarded Bob Hohertz website listed in the references illustrates nine solo uses. This exhibit shows twelve all-different solo uses and fourteen multiple uses. Bob has requested scans of many of these items to make his website up to date.

Condition: When there is a choice, the finest condition possible is shown. Some items are unique or nearly so. In such cases the condition is what it is and has to be accepted.

References:

Prexie Postal History, La Posta Publications, edited by Richard Helbock, pp 86-87

The Prexies, Roland R Rustad, Bureau Issues Association 1994, pp 246-252

US Domestic Postal Rates, 1972-1993, Beecher and Wawrukiewicz

Presidential Issue Usages – 11 ¢, John Grabowski, United States Specialist, Aug. 2000, pp 369-376. Available on the United States Stamp Society website.

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www.rdhinstl.info/prexies/eleven.htm Part of the Bob Hohertz Prexie website.

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DOMESTIC FIRST CLASS SURFACE MAIL

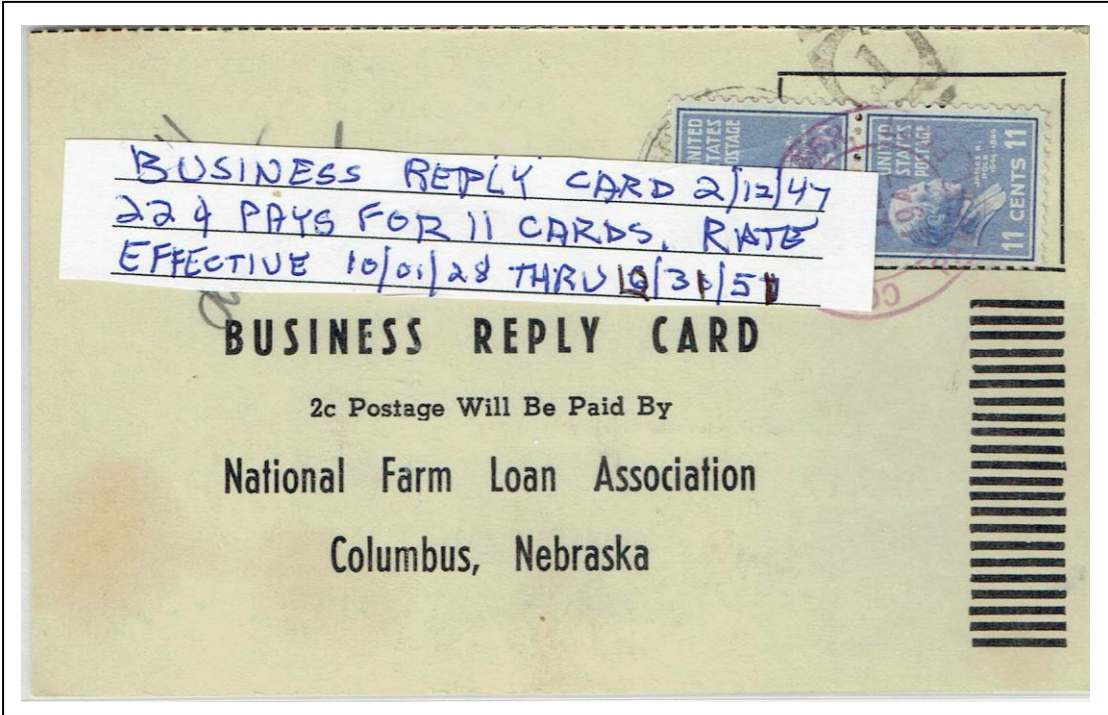
The eleven-cent James K Polk stamp of the 1938 Presidential (Prexie) series was issued on September 8, 1938. There was no single 11¢ rate at the time but was required for the new Presidential series because Polk was the country’s 11th president.

This exhibit shows the wide variety of ways the 11¢ Prexie was used. Twenty-five items are shown, with no two alike. All are franked with one or more of the 11¢, but no others. Twelve of the items are solo uses of the 11¢, most needing different multiple weight rates and/or combinations of rates adding up to eleven. Three have actual 11¢ single rates that did not exist when the stamp issued.

Many items in this exhibit are extremely rare. Those that are the only or one of two reported examples are triple framed in ultramarine.

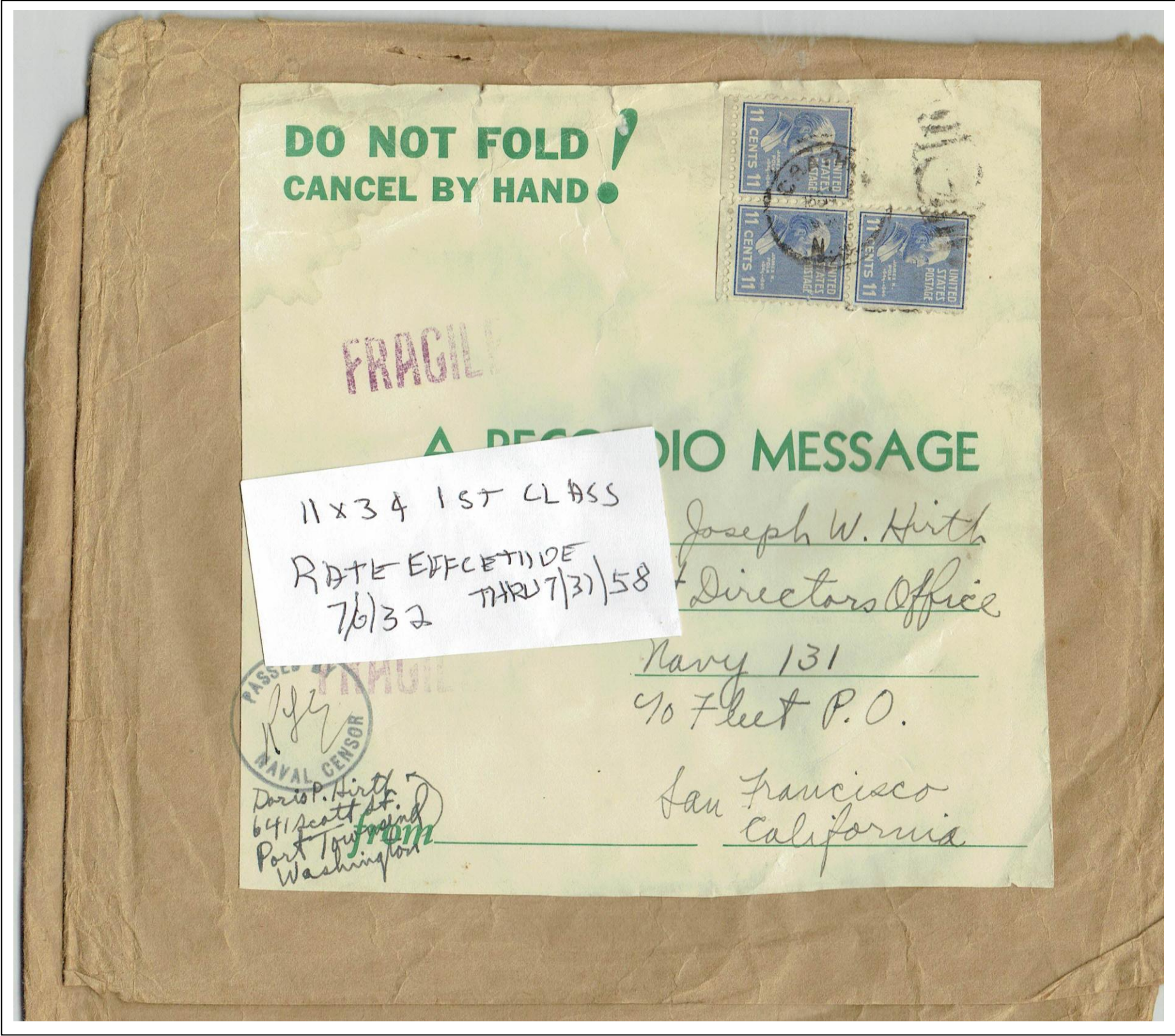
- EXHIBIT PLAN
- First Class
- Surface
- Air
- Second Class
- Third Class
- Fourth Class

BUSINESS REPLY CARD PAYING FOR ELEVEN CARDS



Columbus, Nebraska – Feb 12, 1947
Eleven times the postcard rate 1¢ per card – July 1, 28 thru Dec 31, 1951 plus
Eleven times the business reply handling fee 1¢ per item – October 1, 1928 thru June 30, 1957
The 11¢ stamp pair was placed on the top card of a stack of eleven business reply cards received by the addressee.

ELEVEN TIMES FIRST CLASS POSTAGE
PHPNOGRAPH RECORDED MESSAGE IN WORLD WAR II



To Lt. Joseph W Hirth.
Return address is his wife Dorothy P. Hirth in Port Townsend, WA.
3¢ per oz first class rate effective Jul 6, 1932 thru Jul 31, 1958