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One of the things I collect is old photographs and paraphernalia from the printer's trade. That's my "photo theme" for this month. I collect primarily from ebay, and have been pretty fortunate in getting items; the photos of old print shops do not command much attention, although the prices have gone up substantially during the past six months ~ funny that would happen at a time when the economy is plummeting.

Old business in Stayton is the completion of moving my in-laws here from Waldport (2.5 hours drive from here, on the Coast). I am glad to see that end. It meant lots of driving, packing, hauling, and cleaning of their house. The part I will miss is getting to drive my old



pickup; it's gas mileage is so poor that it seldom gets out of Stayton! It's a 1972 Ford and the closest that I will get to having an old car.

Of course, moving them might be passed, but there is still yardwork and hauling rocks at their new house! I even get to mow their new lawn ~ that's three lawns I get to do now, me who always hated yard work.

Jerry: I've always thought that marriages should be done twice, once at the altar and again at the Justice of the Peace's. Or, actually, since I am not a believer in religion, just the once in the bureaucrat's lair. That might solve the religious marriage of two homosexuals problem. You ask, What are these people afraid of? I am one of "these people" and I am afraid that we will lose another chunk of the old notion of Family. Every step forward for homosexuals is a step backward for our old ideas of "normal" matrimony. I am a big believer that homosexuals have the right to do whatever they want in their own home; I just don't think it supports "normalcy" to condone miscellaneous varieties. //The University of Iowa would be delighted to get your copies of SLANapa. In general, they want any fanzine; I have spoken SLANapa up to them, though, and they really want a set. They aren't get-

ting one from my 'zines because of all the miscellaneous titles TOEs have used. The poor bibliographers are lost! // Here's the stamp I did for the Salem Stamp Society. I gave them three choices; they chose the most plebian.



I did get to order 200 of them from zazzle.com, made into real USPS stamps. That was quite neat! They will use them in making first day covers that will be sold as a fund-raiser.

Gobe: Nice report on Summer TanKon. We did a lot more than you have chronicled, but I can't recall what. The movies took up more space in your report than they did in the gathering. Lots of talk; it always surprises me that we find so much to say to old friends. // I think that Rush is 'way off base if he suggested that Republicans register as Democrats to affect who gets the party's call. It is not moral to do that. He should be chained and horsewhipped. // I do not think that the teachers of home schooled children need to be teachers. My assumption is that it is the parents that are doing the teaching; if the parents are using someone else to do the teaching, then THAT someone should be a licensed teacher. It seems to me that if someone cares about their beliefs enough to home school a child, they should be able to teach what they want. I'm sure you can find excesses that are so pervertive that I would not approve of them.



Ned: Thank you for the offer of a custom stamp. I would appreciate any you can spare. Probably uncanceled as actually using them would most likely cause damage.

Best wishes to all Slen for another month!

Mike

