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Wikipedia - <http://www.wikipedia.org>

The Former Soviet Union New Issues Web Site - <http://home.nestor.minsk.by/fsunews/index.html>

The Trident-Visnyk Newsletter of the Ukrainian Philatelic Numismatic Society Newsletter

The Focus on Philately column in The Ukrainian Weekly newspaper.

The Ukrainian Philatelic and Numismatic Society

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UKRAINE

1918

Definitive Stamps



Shahy Issue

The 1918 Shahy issue was originally issued on April 18, 1918, perforated and affixed to heavy cardstock. They were used as a coin substitute and were not valid for postage. 2 months later, the stamps were issued imperforate on thin paper for use as official Ukrainian postage.

The 10 and 20 Shahy stamps in this series were designed by artist Antin Sereda. The 30, 40 and 50 Shahy stamps were designed by famed artist Heorhii Narbut.

Trident

July 18, 1918



1 B

This definitive shows the sun rising and shining down on Ukraine, with the Trident, the coat of arms of Ukraine in the center. Flowers native to Ukraine are shown on the right and left sides.

Peasant

July 18, 1918



2 B

This definitive shows a Ukrainian peasant holding a scythe. The scythe was heavily used by Ukrainian peasants to harvest wheat and cut grass.

Woman

July 18, 1918



3 B

This definitive shows a Ukrainian woman with a wreath of flowers in her hair. The wreath is an integral part of most traditional Ukrainian women's costumes. The image is meant to be an allegory for the country of Ukraine.

Trident

July 18, 1918



4 B

A trident surrounded by a wreath of flowers is shown on the 40 shahy stamp. The Trident has been used as a symbol of Ukraine for millenia, first used in 988 by Grand Prince Volodymyr The Great.

Printed Value

July 18, 1918



5 B

The 50 Shahy value of this stamp is printed in the center, surrounded by a ring of flowers. The top of the stamp features 2 postal horns.