

TODAY in STAMPS

Show Gets International Flavor

By MARY MORISON

One of the most famous philatelic rarities — the 24-cent U.S. air mail invert of 1918 — will be on display at the Rochester Philatelic Association's 50th anniversary exhibition at Midtown Plaza next weekend.

The stamp show will be open at 3 p.m. Friday and run until 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, on the mall, terrace level and auditorium of the plaza. Admission will be free.

The rare invert will be among other U.S. inverts on display in the show's Court of Honor through the courtesy of a Nebraska collector who wishes to remain anonymous. The loan was arranged by Herman Herst, Jr., of Shrub Oak, N.Y.

The winning exhibits of the junior stamp show held last month at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences also will be on display in the Court of Honor.

An exhibit marking the 100th anniversary of the postage stamp also will be shown. It was submitted by Stanley A. Garnett of Timperley, Altrincham, England.

An information desk to aid collectors will be set up. The show has attracted entries from all over the U.S., and from Canada, Guatemala, England, New Zealand and India. It has an international theme and will be staged around the Clock of the Nations.

The clock is the central

theme of cacheted envelopes and souvenir sheets available at the show. First day covers of the United Nations stationery to be released next Friday also will be available.

The cachets for the souvenir sheets were designed by Mario DiCesare, 201 Kent St. A commercial artist for the Robert Hart Printing Co., Mr. DiCesare also is a stamp collector.

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RUTH GORDON, 253 Alexander St., won a first award at the Plewacki Post Stamp Society's annual stamp and coin show April 5, 6 and 7 in Buffalo.

Miss Gordon displayed 30 pages of Europa stamps titled "Toward a United Europe" in the topical section. The



exhibit covered the background of the United Europe concept.

Rochester Show Judges Named

Wolfgang Fritzsche of Canandaigua, New York will be chairman of judges for the exhibition April 26 to 28 at the Midtown Plaza in Rochester, New York, which the Rochester Philatelic Association is staging as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Other judges for the show are Mark Arons of Ithaca, New York; Jacob Glaser of New York City; Richard Hedley of Buffalo, New York; Charles F. Orgel of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and George Turner of Washington, D.C.

As the jury is announced, the number of special awards in this open competition at Rochester continues to grow. The Germany Philatelic Society is offering gold and silver medals for the best German material, and the Czechoslovak Philatelic Society announces that it will award a special certificate for the best Czech.

The Prospectus for the exhibitors providing special awards which will supplement the grand award and the gold, silver and bronze medals donated by the Rochester Philatelic Association.

The Prospectus for the exhibitors may be obtained from Gerhard Siefert, 20 Round Trail Drive, Pittsford, N.Y.

One of the largest special awards is a 21-inch high trophy donated by the Bureau Issues Association for the best in U.S.

The International Society of Guatemala Collectors, which will hold its convention in Rochester during the show, has offered a large gold platter for the best Guatemala. The American Metered Postage Society has arranged for special award for the best meters and will also hold its convention in Rochester.

The Perfins Club will mark its 20th anniversary by sponsoring a special section in the Rochester show and providing a plaque.

Others participating with awards in their specialties are the International Society for Japanese Philately, the Postal History Society of the Americas, Korea Stamp Society, American

First Day Cover Society, American Air Mail Society and American Topical Association.

Commemorating this 50th anniversary show will be cacheted envelopes, available at two for 25¢ from Mrs. Marion Armstrong, 316 Winton Road South, Rochester 10, N.Y. Seals are three for 25¢ plus a stamped return envelope.

The cachet will feature the Clock of the Nations, which is the focal point for the Midtown Plaza where the exhibition will be held. This clock, similar to the clocks of Renaissance Europe, revolves with its stages opening on each hour. Puppets then come alive as folk music of the country of the hour fills the air.

The goal of the Rochester show is to introduce to more people the finest in philately as shown by leading collectors throughout the world. Visitors to the show will find the exhibit staged in a relaxing atmosphere.

Special hotel rates have been arranged for visitors and information may be obtained on these from the hospitality chairman, Mrs. Audrey Pankratz, 9 Hillcrest Drive, Fairport, N.Y.

Rochester Philatelic Association's 50th Anniversary Exhibition

SPECIAL cacheted covers and seals will mark the 50th anniversary of the Rochester Philatelic Association. They will be released in conjunction with their worldwide open competitive stamp show which will be held April 26-28, 1963 in the Midtown Plaza, Rochester, N. Y. This is a covered temperature-controlled mall in the heart of Rochester.

The covers will be available for 15¢ each, two for 25¢. Seals will be 10¢ each, three for 25¢, plus a stamped addressed return envelope. Orders should be sent to Mrs. Marion Armstrong, 316 Winton Road South, Rochester 10, N. Y.

April 1 is the deadline for acceptance of exhibitors' applications. There are seventeen categories in the exhibition, which is open to all collectors. Interested collectors may obtain prospectus from Gerhard Siefert, 20 Round Trail Dr., Pittsford, N. Y.

Twelve each of gold, silver, and bronze awards, in addition to the grand award, will be given by the Association. Twelve participating national stamp societies will also award prizes.

Wolfgang Fritzsche of Canandaigua, will serve as Jury chairman, and the following will serve with him as judges: Mark Arons, Ithaca, N. Y.; Jacob Glaser, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Richard Hedley, Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles F. Orgel, Cleveland Hts., Ohio; and George T. Turner, Washington, D. C.

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ENVELOPE

The Rochester Philatelic Assn. of Rochester, N.Y. mailed out its golden anniversary announcement and prospectus of its April exhibition and bourse in a 4¢ precanceled envelope. It was a very neat job and very attractive with some notes about the meeting worked in the cancellation. The dates are April 26-28 and the meet will be at the Midtown Plaza which should be easy to find. More information can be had from the association at 120 Klink Rd., Rochester 25, N.Y.

Philatelic Displays Draw Thousands to Midtown

The Rochester Philatelic Association's Golden Anniversary Exhibition moved into the second of its three-day show yesterday as thousands viewed displays on the terrace-level of Midtown Plaza.

Temporary United States and United Nations post offices were established in an auditorium and will be open today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Current commemorative stamps are available at the U.S. station where a special canceling device is in use for covers mailed there. The U.N. station is dispensing stamps and stationery at face value, including six new items which were released simultaneously with the opening of the show on Friday.

Collectors of 14 states, the District of Columbia and four foreign countries are represented in the approximately 123 exhibits.

Considerable attention was centered around a sign which proclaimed, "This is it! The 24c Invert Airmail and Other Famous Inverts." The others included an 1871 Revenue Issue and a 1c Pan-American issued in 1901. The 24-center was released in 1913.

Award-winning junior exhibits were contributed by Charles Daniel, Monroe High School; Larry Hoeffler, Cardinal Mooney; Jerry Lapides, Rush-Henrietta Central School; Terry Tandlemeyer, East High; Thomas Angle, School No. 39; Thomas Pottier, East Rochester, and Sharon Taylor and Janice Taylor, both of the Gillette School.

Sharon, a 7-year-old first grader, printed this legend over her display:

"These stamps are U.S. stamps. There are different kinds of stamps. These are 3c and 4c stamps, because at first it cost 3c to mail a first class letter. That was in 1956 and 1957, when the wild life stamps were issued. 1958 was the first 4c stamp for first class letters. These are commemorative stamps. They show about conservation. That means things will last,

if we take good care of them."

Janice is five and attends kindergarten. She wrote:

"There are many stamps from all countries. Lots of them are very pretty. I like these ones best of all my stamps."

The Association and the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences are sponsors of a junior stamp club which meets twice monthly in the museum. Last month, the junior club conducted its own stamp show in which the exhibits now at view at Midtown won top awards.

The exhibits span a wide variety of subjects: "The Fabulous Sixties," "Champions of Liberty," "Great Britain Penny Blacks," "French Post Office in Shanghai," "U.S. Mail Takes to the Air," "Famous Men Who Were Masons," "The History of Medicine," "Roman Catholicism," "History of Olympic Games," "Christmas," "Race in Space," "Orbital Oddities," "Jewish National Fund," "Highlights of U.S. History" and "Francisco Goya."

At 6:30 p.m., Admiral Jesse E. Johnson, secretary of the American Philatelic Society,

addressed those attending the anniversary banquet in the Manger Hotel which is the convention headquarters.

The convention will resume at 9:30 a.m. today with a get-acquainted breakfast at the hotel. The exhibition will close at 5 p.m.

Henry Blum of Leonia, N.J. won the grand award for his collection of Swiss stamps from 1799 to 1862 at the banquet yesterday evening at the Manger Hotel.

He received a silver clock for his award.

Gold medal winners were: Jacob J. Legeer, East Rochester; Charles P. deVolpi, Montreal, Canada; Dr. Robert V. C. Carr, Youngstown, Ohio; Anthony Ruta, Toronto, Canada; M. C. Dillingham, Menlo Park, Calif.; Edwin Mayer, New York, N.Y.; Leon Bilak, Guatemala City, Guatemala; Fred A. Gubler, Rochester; R. P. Alexander, Washington, D.C., and John R. Waterfield, Aurora, Ill.

Approximately 200 persons attended the banquet. Silver, bronze, specialists and honorable mention awards were also announced there.

**Stamps Sold Out
At Exhibition**

More than \$5,000 in United Nations commemorative stamps and First Day covers were sold during the 50-hour Rochester Philatelic Associ-

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ation's 50-hour Golden Anniversary Exhibition which ended last night at the Midtown Plaza.

13 Area Stamp Collectors Receive Awards at Show

Thirteen city and area stamp collectors received awards for their exhibits last weekend at the Rochester Philatelic Association's 50th anniversary exhibition at Midtown Plaza.

Grand award was won by Henry Blum of Leonia, N.J. He received a silver clock for his exhibit, "Switzerland Classics, P.M. Cancellations, 1799-1862, Reconstructed Sheets, Paper and Color Varieties."

Jacob J. Legeer, 511 Beechwood Drive, East Rochester, was awarded three medals; a gold medal (first prize) for "Canadian Pence Issues," a silver medal (second prize) for "Three-Cent 1851 Imperforate in Varieties, Shades, Plating and Cancellations," and a bronze medal (third prize) for "Nineteenth Century U.S. Covers."

Fred Gubler, 854 Culver Road, received a gold award for "Bari Issue of Italy, 1944, A.M.G. Sanctioned Provisional."

Silver awards were presented to Peter M. Leaming, 150 Wedgewood Dr.; Warren Stevens, 10 Hillcrest Dr., Fairport; Arthur Cohen, 850 Hillside Ave., and Mrs. Dorothy Fordham, 475 Lake Road, Webster.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Victor Emmel, 55

Reservoir Ave.; S. Clark Place, 67 Southview Ter.; Mrs. Vilma Gallagher, Macedon; Mrs. Dorothy Salo, 535 Van Voorhees Ave., and Mrs. Virginia Gubler, 854 Culver Road.

Three local women also won awards given by national stamp collecting societies. Mrs. Fordham received a certificate from the American Topical Association for her topical exhibit of "Biblical Botany." The American First Day Cover Society presented a first award to Mrs. Joanne Seymour, Oaks Corners, and a second award to Mrs. Mary Morison, 120 Klink Road.