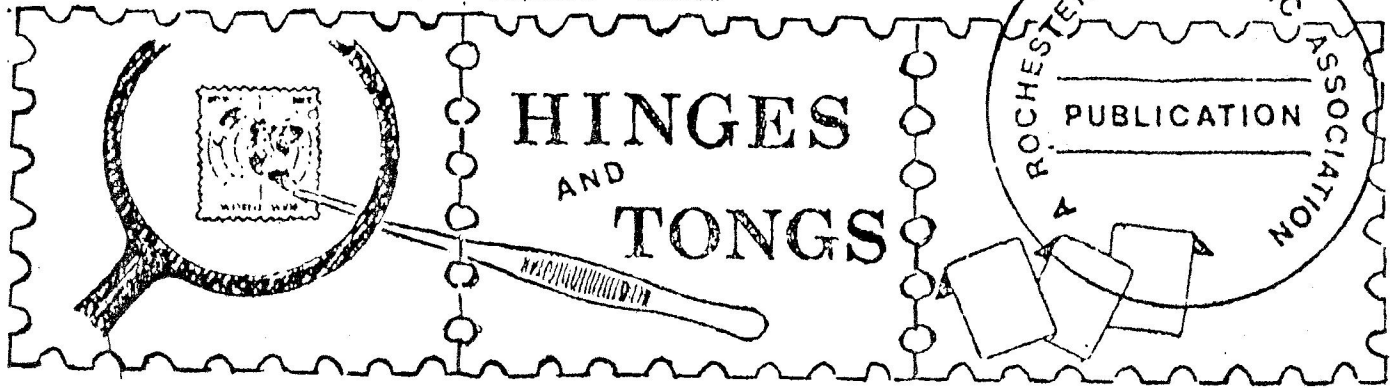


The RPA MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH
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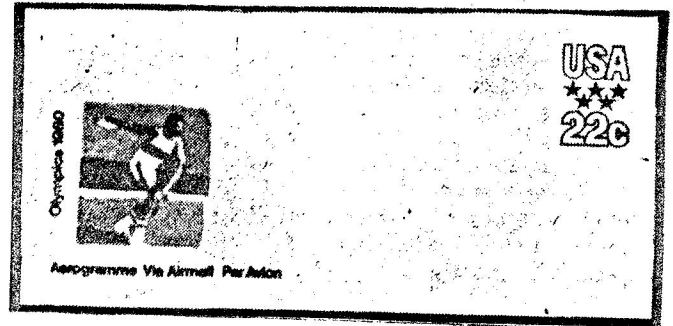
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EDITORIAL..... by John Kellas

In the last "H & T" newsheet we goofed! We reported that the Wednesday evening PHILATELIC WINDOW hours at the General Mailing Facility in Henrietta was to start 10/28/79 that was wrong. THE STARTING DATE IS - 11/28/79 thru 12/19/79 from 6:00pm-8:00pm . Two philatelic windows will be open to area collectors. This is an experiment and is dependent upon community response. You the collector have wanted extra philatelic window hours, so here's your chance to use those two hours to shop for stamps. If the response is strong the Post Office may continue this experiment or may repeat it again next year. Please take this opportunity and try out the philatelic windows Wednesday evening!! Both the new 1979 U.S. mint stamp set and the new 1979 Stamp & Stories along with other philatelic kits are now available at all Philatelic Sale Units and most local post offices. They make excellent christmas gifts! Guests are always welcomed at any RPA meeting. Prospective members must attend 3 meetings or currently belong to a National Philatelic organization and have attend 1 meeting. Membership dues are \$3,50 per year.



DECEMBER MEETINGS

Dec 13 - "Great Holiday Stamp Auction & Party" There will be a regular stamp auction at this meeting. RPA members will be allowed FIVE (5) LOTS to be put up for auction. Official Lot Forms must be used and will be available at the meeting. The Auction will start at 8:20 pm. The meeting will start at 8:00 pm. Bring a friend along with you and enjoy the start of the Holiday with the RPA!

Dec 27 - NO RPA MEETING





- Dec. 1 -U.S., Olympics, gymnast, 21¢ postal card
- Dec. 5 -U.S., Olympics, discus thrower, 22¢ aerogram
- Dec. 10 -U.S., Olympics, soccer, 15¢ embossed envelope

JONES STAMP PERF. DISCOVERIES

The commemorative for John Paul Jones has been produced with three varieties of perforations, according to the U.S. Postal Service, which attributed it to the use of a wrong size replacement for a worn-out perforating wheel. The varieties were not spotted until after the issuance on Sept. 23 of the Bicentennial stamp, the first to be printed by private firms under a USPS experiment.

About 30 percent have 12 perforations per two centimeters on both their horizontal and vertical edges. About 40 percent have 11 perforations per two centimeters on the horizontal edge and 12 perforations per two centimeters on the vertical side. Another 30 percent have 11 perforations per two centimeters on both the horizontal and vertical edges.

The USPS said a worn-out 12x12 perforating wheel was replaced by a new 11x11 wheel after about 30 percent of the stamps had been perforated on both edges and about 40 percent on the vertical edge. The 11x11 wheel was mistakenly taken for a 12x12 wheel.

The Philatelic Sales Branch will service full-pane orders from collectors wishing particular perforation varieties. Orders should be sent to "John Paul Jones Stamps, Philatelic Sales Branch, Washington, D.C. 20265." There is a minimum of \$5 for orders, and also a 50-cent handling charge.

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Does the RPA have your correct address?

BOOKS

Guide Lines to the Penny Black by P.C. Litchfield, 1979. In this book there is sufficient information to enable the collector with a primary knowledge of the hobby to identify and "plate" any Penny Black that maybe in a collection. Hardbound, 244pp. ill. From H.J.M.R. Co., Box 6638, Hollywood, Florida 33201 Cost \$14.50.

Discovering the Fun in First Day Covers, Mellone's 1980 Ed. Harold Cohn & Co., Inc., 3224 N. Halsted St., Chicago, Ill. 60657. Cost \$2.95.

The 1980 Stoneham Catalog of Great Britain Stamps. Lists all Great Britain Stamps with Channel Islands and the Isle of Man in one volume. From Winchester Stamp Centre, 6 Parchment St., Winchester, Hants SO23 BAT U.K. Cost \$10.95 postage free.

Manual and Identification Guide to the United States Regular Issues 1847-1934, by Charles N. Micarelli. 115pp. 100 charts, 255 ill. From Adriatic Stamp Company, P.O. Box 1651, Maitland, Florida 32751. Cost \$11.95 postpaid.

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	DECEMBER PLANNER					USA. - 1 OLYMPICS, GYMNAST, 21¢ Postal card	
2	3	4	USA. - 5 OLYMPICS, DISCUS-22¢ THROWER- aerogram	6	7	8	
9	USA. - 10 OLYMPICS SCOCER 15¢ embossed envelope	11	12	Rochester Philatelic Window OPEN: WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:00pm-8:00pm	13	14	HANNUKAH
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	31	CHRISTMAS DAY		The NEW YEAR IS NEAR			

