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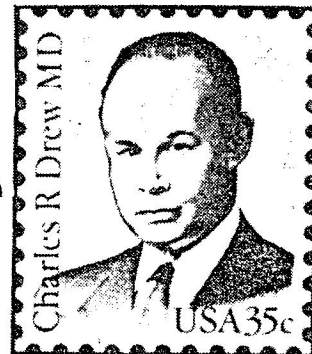
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JUNE '81 MEETINGS

June 11 "Annual RPA Business Meeting & Elections". Enclosed with this issue of the "H&T" is the RPA's Election Ballot listing RPA members who are running for offices. There is only one ballot per member which can be presented in per person at the Business Meeting or mailed in by June 25, 1981. Please plan to attend the RPA's Business Meeting!!! 8:00pm.

June 25 "Strawberry Stamp FEST'81". This will be the last RPA meeting of '80-'81 after which the RPA breaks off for the summer (NO MEETINGS IN JULY OR AUGUST). The evening program will mix strawberries & a Silent Auction (5 lots+ donation lot per member) Also the results of the RPA Election will be announced. See you all there. 8:00pm.

July/August There will be a RPA Summer Picnic which WILL be announced well in advance as to the dates, time, place, etc.



new Souvenir folder

A new souvenir folder is announced to go on sale June 8, containing the new Space Achievement commemorative block of eight 18-cent stamps.

The folder, described by the U.S. Postal Service as its latest philatelic product, is priced at \$2.

The item is to be sold starting June 8 at over 13,000 "Stamp Collecting Centers" nationwide (philatelic centers, offices with philatelic windows, etc.).

The Space Achievement souvenir folder may also be ordered by mail from the Philatelic Sales Division, U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20265.

The folder is listed as Item No. 833, although it is not included in the latest *Philatelic Catalog* from the USPS.

Mail orders are subject to a \$5 minimum order requirement and a 50¢ handling charge.



higher rates

23¢
↑
18¢

With rumors flying and uncertainty at every turn, most sources seem to indicate that postal rates can be expected to increase yet this summer.

The Postal Rate Commission reportedly set aside the period from about May 1 to June 15 for its reconsideration of the U.S. Postal Service's rate case.

The first decision by the PRC was accepted under protest by the Postal Service Board of Governors and returned for further consideration.

Postal officials seemed encouraged by PRC requests for additional information and further arguments.

Earlier reports that the PRC was likely to reject the USPS bid for a 20-cent first-class stamp have now softened, with current rumors ranging from predictions of another rejection to grudging allowance of the 20-cent rate.

Some recent court decisions may enter the picture. Specifically, one or two recent court rulings have upheld the right of the Board of Governors to modify PRC actions under certain conditions.

PRC actions have been modified in the past by the Board of Governors, and recent court victories have upheld the governors right to do so by a unanimous vote.

Clouding the issue is the fact that these legal tests have also involved — directly or indirectly — mail classifications as well as rates.

Special classifications have been involved in these tests, and the modification of rates that do not hinge on mail classifications is still uncertain.

Thus, there is still the question of whether or not the recent court cases — involving such groups as the National Easter Seal Society and phased nonprofit discount rates, and Time Inc. and certain bulk rates — provide the authority necessary for the Board of Governors to overrule the PRC if it rejects the request for a 20¢ rate.

In the April 13 *Federal Times*, while PRC rejection still seemed likely, it was speculated that the Board of Governors might "decide — by a unanimous vote — to substitute its own remedy, which could mean a first-class stamp of 20¢ or more before the end of this fiscal year."

Regardless of the source, most indications now point to a first-class stamp higher than 18¢. It remains to be seen how soon this change will occur, and who will approve it.

The PRC decision is expected on or after June 15, after which events are expected to develop rapidly.

LINN'S STAMP NEWS
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 1981



June 3, Charles Drew. New 35¢ definitive in Great Americans series for Dr. Charles Drew, expert in blood theory and research and discoverer of blood plasma. Washington, D.C. 20013. Order deadline July 18. Scott 1859.

June 18, Professional Management. Single 18¢ commemorative for business education and pioneer educator Joseph Wharton. Philadelphia, Pa. 19104. Order deadline Aug. 1. Scott 1920.

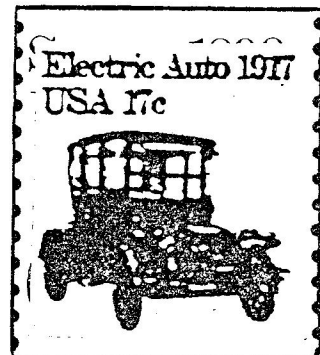
June 25, coil. New 17¢ coil stamp with Electric Auto design in Transportation coil series. Greenfield Village, Mich. 48120. Scott 1905.

June 26, Wildlife Habitats. Block of four stamps urging preservation of national wildlife habitats. Reno, Nev. 89510. Scott 1921-24.

June 29, Disabled Persons. Single 18¢ commemorative for the International Year of Disabled Persons. Milford, Mich. 48042.

July 1, Duck stamp. One \$7.50 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp (revenue) for 1981-82. Nationwide release. Scott RW48.

June 30, Canada Day. Four ten-cent 17¢ stamps showing maps of Canada from 1867 to the present.



RPA TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 1/JUNE 31
1980 - 1981

EXPENSES:

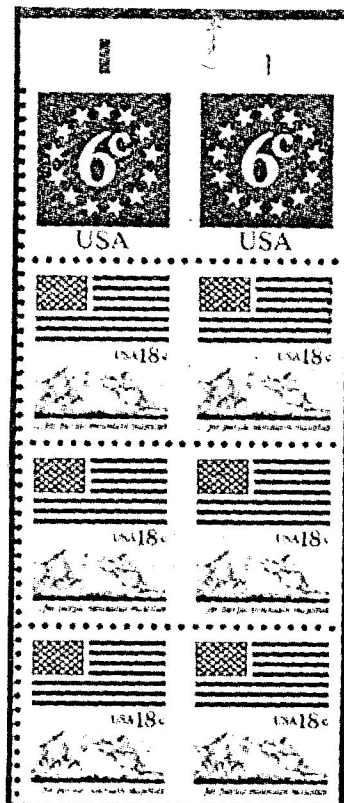
Cash
 Outstanding \$ 35.64
 Room Rental \$ 315.00
 Post Box
 Rental \$ 66.00
 Fagan Copy
 Center, "H&T"
 Printing \$ 156.19
 Ben's
 Printing,
 "H&T" Printing \$ 40.51
 Gestetner,
 Paper supplies
 & Ink \$ 119.80
 Postage,
 "H&T" Mailing \$ 242.60
 RPA
 Insurance \$ 180.00
 APS Circuits \$ 42.50
 Bank Service
 Charges &
 Maintenance
 Fees \$ 18.50
 SPA, APS,
 NFFSC 1981 Dues \$ 30.00
 Jim Flynn
 Funeral Flowers \$ 21.40
 RPA Birthday
 Cake \$ 14.99
 Library Books \$ 95.00
 Refreshments \$ 2.00
 Other Postage
 & Telephone
 Calls \$ 5.30
 Office supplies \$ 4.39
 Awards \$ 50.00
 Total \$1438.62

INCOME:

Start of New
 Year-7/1/80 \$ 343.15
 Club Dues \$ 358.75
 Donations \$ 107.95
 Interest
 from Certificates \$ 470.27
 Balance in
 Saving Acc. \$ 31.77
 Balance in
 Checking ACC. \$ 17.38
 RPA Auction
 Donation &
 Penny Stamp
 Box \$ 59.95
 ROPEX'81
 advance to
 RPA \$ 50.00
 Total \$1439.22


ASSETS:

\$1200.00 Certificate due
 Sept. 16, 1981
 \$3000.00 Certificate due
 July 1982
 \$4200.00 TOTAL



A miscut pane from a current vending machine booklet shows a problem in production that has created a new U.S. "imperf between" error.

As of June 11, 1981
 the RPA has a total
 membership of
 134: 108 regular
 1 junior
 25 Lifers
 plus 3 Honoraries
 plus 5 guests
 Total 142
 Members dropped:
 14

 **BOOKS:**

 **Rochester P.O.**

The Philatelic Sales Unit is changing its evening hours. During the months of May, June, July, and August 1981 the philatelic evening hours will be on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The location of the philatelic window is at the Main Rochester P.O., General Mail Facility, 1335 Jefferson Road. This is a special time period for the stamp collector.....



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