

HINGES & TONGS

ROCHESTER PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, Inc. Founded 1913

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MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Vick Park B and East Ave.

TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN? - WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE?

I have been an RPA member for four years and have enjoyed every minute of it! Every time I meet a fellow collector and non member, I mention the RPA. I usually get the response, "not enough time, or meeting place is too far from home" and many other various excuses for not joining.

What are the reasons for our own RPA members who live in town, not coming to any meetings?

Do they know what they are missing? I seriously doubt it! I am fortunate in that I was warmly befriended from the first meeting as are all new members. I made many new friends. I even renewed a 30+ year friendship!!! Tim King, one of our newer members and I went through grammar and high school together as friends. We have renewed that friendship. Yes, philately brought two old friends back together!!!

Whats the point? Come to RPA meetings, invite your friends and see what you are missing. You will make new friends, learn more about various aspects of stamp collecting, find some good items in our silent auction, and generally have a good time!

Who knows, maybe you will be lucky enough to renew an old friendship too?

You will never know unless you come and see for yourself!!

L.Kelly Armstrong Jr.

QUITE PLEASE!

Dear Members,

It seems that a number of our members want to be speakers. However, they don't wish to get up in front of the group and talk, but instead just talk to their neighbor. This in itself isn't bad, it's their timing. These individuals insist on talking during the general meeting and the program.

So far this year I have missed only two meetings. To one degree or another this has happened at every one.

Now I ask a favor. If you have something we'd all like to hear, rise up and tell us your thoughts. However, if your comments or conversation is for your neighbors' ears alone, wait until the meeting is over, or go outside.

Yours truly,
name withheld by request

STAMP FACTS

The only stamp ever issued by a postal administration for a rocket post was the 10 centavos produced by Cuba on Oct.15, 1939 overprinted EXPERIMENTO DEL COHETE POSTAL AÑO DE 1939. Stamps and miniature sheets were issued in 1964 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of this rocket flight.

If you haven't paid your dues . . please send them in!

U.S. Stamp Program

Jan. 6, Idaho Statehood. 25¢ commemorative honoring centennial of statehood, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of five gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter A, Boise, Idaho 83708 (Linn's Dec. 25, Page 1) Scott 2439, USPS order No. 4472.

Jan. 18, Love. 25¢ special stamp, horizontal sheet format, panes of 50, one group of five gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter U, Romance, Ark. 72136 (Linn's Jan. 8, 1990, Page 1) Scott 2440, USPS order No. 5529.

Jan. 18, Love. 25¢ special stamp, horizontal booklet format, two panes of 10 stamps in each booklet, one group of four gravure cylinder numbers on the binding stub of each pane. Unfolded panes also available, Romance, Ark. 72136 (Linn's Jan. 8, 1990, Page 1) Scott 2441, USPS order Nos. 6628 (full booklet) and 6628 (unfolded pane).

Feb. 1, Ida B. Wells. 25¢ commemorative stamp, Black Heritage series, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of five gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter A, Chicago, Ill. 60607 (Linn's Dec. 25, Page 8) Scott 2442, USPS order No. 4471.

Feb. 2, U.S. Supreme Court. 25¢ commemorative, Constitution series, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of three offset plate numbers on the large selvage each pane, a single-digit intaglio sleeve number on the selvage of the adjacent stamp, Washington, D.C. 20066 (Linn's Jan. 29, Page 1) Scott 2415, USPS order No. 4473.

Feb. 3, Beach Umbrella. 15¢ postcard rate stamp, booklet format, panes of 10 stamps, available also as unfolded single panes, one group of six gravure cylinder numbers on the binding stub of each pane, Sarasota, Fla. 33578 (Linn's Jan. 22, Page 1) Scott 2443, USPS order Nos. 6611 (full booklet) and 6612 (unfolded single pane).

Feb. 18, Luis Munoz Marin. 5¢ Great Americans definitive series stamp, features new denomination style and additional marginal markings, panes of 100, single-digit intaglio sleeve number, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936 (Linn's Feb. 12, Page 10) Scott 2173, USPS order No. 1013.

Feb. 23, Wyoming Statehood. 25¢ horizontal commemorative honoring statehood centennial, panes of 50, one group of four offset plate numbers on the large margin of each pane, a single-digit intaglio sleeve number on the selvage of the adjacent stamp, Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001 (Linn's Jan. 29, Page 1) Scott 2444, USPS order No. 4474.

March 13, American Papermaking. 15¢ postal card honoring 300 year of papermaking in the United States, New York, N.Y. 10199 (Linn's March 19, Page 1) Scott UX145, USPS order No. 2208.

March 17, Official Mail. 45¢ Official Mail stamped envelope to pay two-ounce first-class rate for passports, Springfield, Va. 22150 (Linn's March 12, Page 2) Scott U060, USPS order No. 2145.

March 22, Literacy. 15¢ postal card stressing the importance of literacy, Washington, D.C. 20066 (Linn's April 2)

Scott UX146, USPS order No. 2206.

March 23, Classic Films. Block of four stamps marking 1939 films, including *Come With the Wind* (Scott 2446), *Wizard of Oz* (Scott 2449), *Stagecoach* (Scott 2448) and *Beau Geste* (Scott 2447), vertical format, panes of 40, one group of four gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter A, Hollywood, Calif. 90028 (Linn's March 12, Page 1) USPS order No. 4476.

April 18, Marianne Moore. 25¢ Literary Arts series commemorative, vertical format, panes of 50, one group of three gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 (Linn's March 26, Page 1) Scott 2449, USPS order No. 4475.

April 20, Seaplane. 1¢ Transportation series coil showing seaplane, coil rolls of 500, single-digit intaglio sleeve number on every 52nd stamp, Phoenix, Ariz. 85026 (Linn's April 9, Page 1) Scott 2468, USPS order No. 7703.

April 24, Lighthouses. 35¢ Booklet showing five different lighthouses, including Admiralty Head, Wash. (Scott 2470), Cape Hatteras, N.C. (Scott 2471), West Quoddy Head, Maine (Scott 2472), American Shoals, Fla. (Scott 2473) and Sandhook, N.J. (Scott 2474). Cover features Portland Head, Maine, lighthouse, Washington, D.C. 20066 (Linn's Aug. 14, Page 1 and April 2, Page 1) USPS order Nos. 6625 (full booklet) and 6629 (unfolded panes).

May 4, George Caleb Bingham. 15¢ face value picture postal card showing *Fur Traders Descending the Missouri* painting. Cards sell for 50¢ each, Saint Louis, Mo. 63155 (Linn's May 7) Scott UX147, USPS order No. 2210.

May 18, Plastic Stamp. 25¢ plastic self-adhesive Flag stamp, ATM compatible, carrier sheets of 12 stamps. Seattle, Wash. 98109 (Linn's Dec. 11, 1989, Page 1; May 21, Page 1 and May 28) Scott 2475, USPS order No. 5536.

May 29, Rhode Island Statehood. 25¢ commemorative, Constitution series, vertical format, one group of six offset plate numbers, a single-digit intaglio sleeve number on the selvage of the adjacent stamp, Pawtucket, R.I. 02860 (Linn's Dec. 4, 1989, Page 1, and April 9, Page 1 and May 7) Scott 2348, USPS order No. 4477.

June 1, Bobcat. 2¢ multicolor definitive stamp, horizontal format, panes of 20, standard commemorative size, single-digit sleeve number on all four corners, Arlington, Va. 22210 (Linn's May 21, Page 2 and May 28, Page 1) Scott 2476, USPS order No. 1082.

June 16, Isaac Royal House. 15¢ postal card in the Historic Preservation series, Medford, Mass. 02155 (Linn's April 9) Scott UX148, USPS order No. 2209.

July 2, Federal Duck Stamp. \$12.50 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation stamp with pair of black-bellied whistling ducks in flight, horizontal format, any city. First-day ceremony held June 30 in Washington, D.C. (Linn's May 14, Page 1) Scott RW37, USPS order No. 3321.

July 3, Postal Buddy. 15¢ postal card printed by computer change-of-address system, printed in sheets of four cards for \$1.32, Merrifield, Va. 22081-9998 (Linn's Aug. 6) USPS order No. 2211 (mint) and C2211 (first-day canceled).

July 6, Olympians. Five-stamp commemorative issue featuring Olympians of the past, including Jesse Owens (Scott 2496), Ray Ewry (Scott 2497), Hazel Wightman (Scott 2498), Eddie Egan (Scott 2499) and Helene Madisson (Scott 2500). Horizontal sheet format, panes of 35, one group of four gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter A, forming horizontal plate block of 10 stamps (two stamps of each design), Minneapolis, Minn. 55401 (Linn's June 11, Page 2) USPS order No. 4481.

Aug. 16, Official Mail. 45¢ self-sealing Official Mail stamped envelope to pay two-ounce first-class rate, Washington, D.C. 20066. Release date changed from July 9. First-day cancellation deadline Sept. 9 (Linn's July 9, Page 5) USPS order No. 2148.

Aug. 19, Official Mail. 65¢ self-sealing Official Mail stamped envelope to pay three-ounce first-class rate, Washington, D.C. 20066. Release date changed from July 9. First-day cancellation deadline Sept. 9 (Linn's July 9, Page 5) USPS order No. 2149.

Aug. 17, Indian Headresses. Folk Art series booklet release of five different designs showing American plains Indian headresses, including Cheyenne (Scott 2502), Comanche (Scott 2503), Shoshone (Scott 2505), Flathead (Scott 2504) and Assiniboin (Scott 2501), two panes of 10 stamps each. Unfolded panes also available, Cody, Wyo. 82414. First-day cancellation deadline Sept. 16 (Linn's Aug. 6, Page 9) Scott 2505a, USPS order Nos. 6623 (unfolded 3.50 pane) and 6624 (full \$5 booklet).

Aug. 31, Circus Wagon. 5¢ Transportation coil stamp, one single-digit intaglio sleeve number on every 52 stamp, Syracuse, N.Y. 13220. First-day cancellation deadline Sept. 30 (Linn's Aug. 13, Page 1).

Sept. 6, Claire Lee Chennault. 40¢ Great Americans definitive stamp, panes of 100, single-digit intaglio sleeve number, Monroe, La. 71203. First-day cancellation deadline Oct. 6 (Linn's Aug. 27, Page 1) Scott 2186.

Sept. 28, Joint Issue. Pair of 25¢ stamps to be released jointly with the Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands, Washington, D.C. 20066.

Sept. 30, Stanford University. 15¢ Historic Preservation series postal card showing The Quad of Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. 94305.

Oct. 3, Creatures of the Sea. Block of four different designs, joint issue with U.S.S.R. Designs show common dolphin (Scott 2511), killer whales (Scott 2508), sea otter (Scott 2510) and sea lions (Scott 2509), one group of four offset plate numbers and single-digit intaglio sleeve number of adjacent stamp, Moscow and Baltimore, Md. 21233. First-day cancellation deadline Dec. 2 (Linn's March 19, Aug. 6 and Aug. 20) Scott 2508-11.

Oct. 11, DAR Memorial, Continental Constitution Hall. 15¢ Historic Preservation series postal card, Washington, D.C. 20066.

Oct. 12, America Issues. 25¢ and 45¢ commemorative and airmail stamps. 25¢ stamp shows Grand Canyon, 45¢ shows coastal scene, Grand Canyon, Ariz. 86023.

*Oct. 13, Dwight D. Eisenhower. 25¢ commemorative marking centennial of Eisenhower's birth, horizontal for-

mat, panes of 40, one group of five gravure cylinder numbers preceded by the letter A, Abilene, Kan. 67410. First-day cancellation deadline Nov. 12 (Linn's Sept. 10, Page 1) Scott 2513.

Oct. 18, Traditional Christmas. 25¢ special stamp, Washington, D.C. 20066.

Oct. 18, Contemporary Christmas. 25¢ special stamp, Evergreen, Colo. 80439.

October 19, Chicago Orchestra Hall. 15¢ Historic Preservation series postal card, Chicago, Ill. 60607.

*Asterisks precede entries that have changed since their most recent Stamp Program appearance.

HOW TO ORDER FIRST DAY COVERS

There are two ways to order first day covers:

1. Buy the stamp (or postal stationery item) at your local post office, affix it to an addressed envelope (postage must make up the first-class rate) and send under cover to Customer-Affixed Envelopes, Postmaster, (Name of City, State and ZIP Code-9991). No remittance.
2. The USPS will affix the stamp to submitted addressed envelopes or will provide the postal stationery upon request and receipt of remittance to cover cost of items. Send requests to (Name of Issue), Postmaster, (Name of City, State and ZIP Code-9992).

The deadline for submitting envelopes for first-day cancellations is usually 30 days after the date of issue.

Mail orders for mint stamps, plate number, Mr. ZIP and Copyright blocks, full panes and postal stationery items should be sent to Philatelic Sales Division, Box 449997, Kansas City, Mo. 64144-9997.

The PSD imposes a \$10 minimum and 50¢ service charge on all mail orders.

A *Philatelic Sales Catalog* is available free upon request from the PSD at the aforementioned address.

Full details of each issue listed in this program are given in news stories in *Linn's*. Reference to the date and page of such stories is given at the end of each entry.

Tentative Scott and United Postal Stationery Society catalog numbers are reported as received.

Plate numbers. All sheet stamps have corner plate numbers, requiring a block of four unless otherwise stated. Coil numbers should be collected in the center of strips of three or five stamps.

If you collect U.S. new issues, you should own *Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbooks*.

The 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989 Yearbooks are available individually at \$18 per softcover copy. Order all seven softcover volumes for \$90. Send order and remittance to *Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbook*, Box 29, Sidney, Ohio 45365. Ohio residents please add 6 percent sales tax.

PROGRAMS

September 13

SHOW & TELL - Get re-acquainted. Lets hear about what you collect or what happened this past summer.

September 27

AUCTION - Bring 5 lots for this seasons first live auction. Remember club policy is cash only.

October 11

SLIDE SHOW - This APS slide/tape programs is entitled **A History of Hawaii As Told Through Stamps** by Albert Schwalm.

October 25

GUEST SPEAKER - Mr. John McNally of the Kodak Stamp Club will give us all the details of collecting Naval Covers.

November 8

Slide Show - Errors, Freaks and Oddities on U.S. Stamps. This slide/tape presentation was done for the APS by Clyde Jennings.

November 22

NO MEETING - Have a Happy Thanksgiving - See you December 13th.

PROGRAMS START AT 8 PM

RPA Ambassador Honored

Ann Maureen Triggles has been an RPA member since 1985. She has been the unofficial ambassador for the RPA on the national exhibiting scene.

In last weeks' Linn's, Ann was honored for her contributions to the hobby. A copy of that article is reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

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1990 PROGRAMS

Sept. 25 APS slide program
"Classic US Air Mail Covers"

Oct. 23 APS slide program
"Universal Postal Union"

Nov. 27 APS slide program
"Stamp Printing Methods,
Identified and Illustrated"

Dec. 18 Joint meeting with
RPA - at Bldg.28

The KSC meets the 4th Tues.
in the Bldg.28 Kodak Park
2nd floor cafeteria at 8pm.
Guests are always welcome.

Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990

<u>Income</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Membership Dues Prepaid	\$ 110.00	Copier Service Contract 1990-1991	\$ 277.00
Membership Dues	340.00	Copier-Toner	106.98
Interest/Checking	522.25	Office Supplies	50.37
*1 Interest/C.D	91.50	Copies, other postage	14.68
Donations	30.00	*6 Awards and Prizes	\$1,110.00
Penny Stamp Box	0.27	Hinges and Tongs (Postage)	195.60
Auctions	38.50	*7 Rent-Meeting Room	250.00
Refreshments	55.50	Rent-Post Office Box	28.00
To General Operations of Association		*8 Insurance	276.00
from ROPEX-90	3,255.49	Sunshine Fund or Memorials	18.64
*2 ROPEX-90	1,227.73	Library Books	74.00
Banquet Money	431.00	Program for Meetings	128.66
Refunds	32.61	Refreshments	78.89
*3 Exhibition Frame Fund Raised during		*2 ROPEX-90	651.83
1989-1990 R.P.A. Year 25,932.78		Dues Other Clubs or Publications	80.00
*4 Town of Irondequoit-Centennial	151.15	Telephone Calls	32.76
Ad in Hinges & Tongs	3.00	Banquet	431.60
*5 Award & Prizes	+ 82.00	Representatives Fees to Federation Meetings	36.70
Total	\$32,303.78		
		A.P.S. Circuits-Postage & Insurance	56.32
		*9 Attorney Fees	463.15

Exhibition Frame Fund Project Expenses 27,069.29
 Pitney Bowes Inc. + 151.15
 Total \$31,714.62

\$12,889.35 Total 6/30/89
 +412.17 Transfers
 \$13,301.52 Total 12/5/89
 +32,303.78 Total Income 1989-1990 Year
 \$45,605.30 Total Before Expenses
 -31,714.62 Total Expenses 1989-1990 Year
 \$13,890.68 Total 6/30/90

Financial Status 6/30/90
 Cash-On-Hand \$ 437.68
 R.P.A. Checkbook Balance 4,741.27
 *2 ROPEX Checkbook Balance 1,227.73
 Exhibition Frame Fund +7,484.00
 Total \$13,890.68

Liabilities
 Exhibition Frames Purchased \$31,895.00
 Current Liability 25,516.00
 Long Term Liability 8,097.75
 Total Liabilities Ontario Design Inc. \$8,097.75

*4-U.S. Postal Service mistake in billing R.P.A. for a cancellation device for Town of Irondequoit Centennial Postal Cancel, rather than the town. A check from the Town was mailed to Association to cover the bill.
 *7-Last year for meeting room rental this cheap. First meeting in September rate is raise by Church to \$35.00 each night used.
 *9-Final balance owed attorney, to finalize accomplished goal of non-profit organization, Internal Revenue Service Section 501 (c) (III), covers costs in obtaining New York State and Local Sales and Use Tax Exempt Organization Certification, membership approved to proceed, in this direction over 20 years ago.
 *10-Ontario Design Inc. suggested, payment upon R.P.A. satisfied completed work.

Footnotes

- *1-Upon maturity of Certificate of Deposit the Board of Governors felt that a temporary total withdrawal should be done to cover costs of new Exhibition Frames, it will be a part of the income picture as soon as possible at the conclusion of payment on new Frames.
- *2-All moneys left in the Ropex Checking Account, with the exception of \$1,000.00, must be kept in it to eliminate service charges put on it by the bank. At a Board of Governors meeting, it was decided that the amount left in the account after all bills were paid, should be indicated as income or under disbursements, seed money for the next Ropex.
- *3-With money raised for the new Frames in less than 3 years they were purchased sooner than anticipated, and were built in time for the ROPEX-90 Show held in March 1990.
- *5-Ropex Committee voted to reimburse the R.P.A. for the R.P.A. Awards used at the Show.
- *6-\$1,110.00 costs of purchased of medals for R.P.A. supplied Ropex Awards, Board of Governors approved for continuation of membership approved policy to replace supply when needed.
- *8-Covers only the Association Liability and Compensation Insurance. Any coverage for Exhibition Frames is under Frame Fund Expenses.

Abigail Van Buren
DEAR ABBY



Postal Service profits from stamp issues

Dear Abby: In responding to your reader, "Flooded in Florida," you indicated that taxpayers pay for the price of "fancy changes" in postage stamps. The U.S. Postal Service has been functioning for two decades as a government corporation with a mandate to break even and with no appropriations from the U.S. Treasury. Consumers pay directly for the service they receive through stamp sales — not tax dollars.

The cost of new stamp designs is justified philatelically as stamp collectors buy new issues and never ask for the service for which they paid. This revenue source, highly dependent on "fancy" issues, provided \$150 million last year, which saved the mail user from paying that part of our operating expense.

Furthermore, our American cultural excellence and artistic diversity are reflected in stamp designs that promote our heritage. Each year, we receive more than 20,000 stamp proposals, a direct indication of the high level of interest that the mailing public takes in its stamp program.

Just as with any American corporation, postal

costs of doing business do increase in our inflationary economy. The proposed rate increase is necessary to cover our operating costs while maintaining the service our customers want and have every right to expect.

— Gordon C. Morison,
assistant postmaster general

Dear Mr. Morison: Thank you for setting me straight. You may be pleased to learn that the U.S. Postal Service profited handsomely from my off-the-wall response to "Flooded in Florida." It generated several thousand letters. Read on:

Dear Abby: With reference to "tooling" for new postage stamps, our China-Burma-India Veterans Association, representing some 300,000 men who served in World War II, has lobbied for years to get a stamp with a picture of Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the Flying Tigers. We finally succeeded, so now, after 45 years, such a stamp will be issued in September. A 40-cent stamp!

Now you ask, "How could the government expect to come out financially on a postage stamp of that denomination?" Well, I would estimate they will sell at least 5 million stamps the first month!

Stamp collectors will grab them, and most of those stamps will never be used as postage, thus making an enormous profit for the postal system.

— Denver Stamp Collector

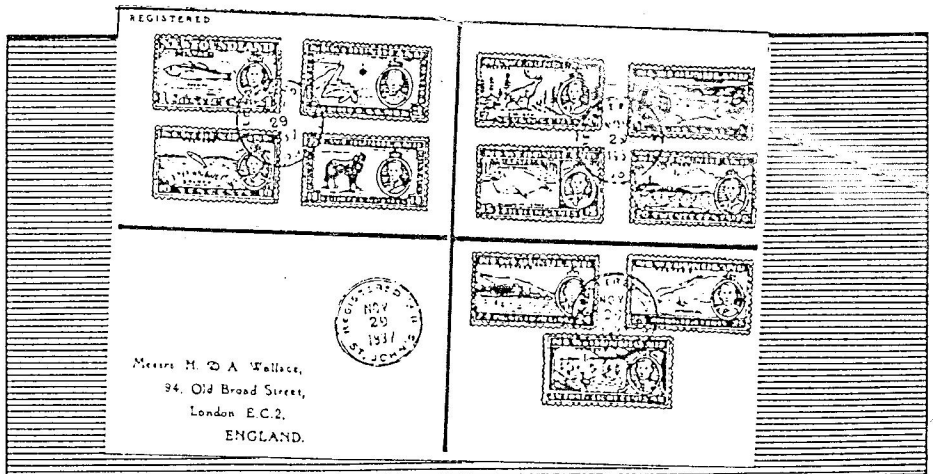
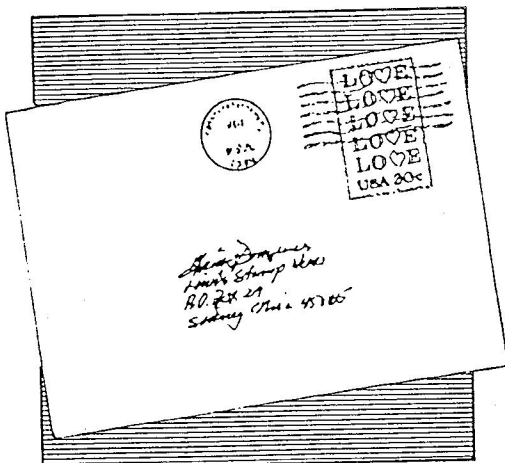
Dear Abby: Please be informed that when the Postal Service prints commemorative postage stamps, it makes millions of dollars. Collectors from all over the world buy them.

These stamps are seldom used and the post office does not have to provide any service (which is what you are supposed to be paying 25 cents for).

— Robert C. Loper, Houston

Do you have a question? Write to Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal, unpublished reply be sure to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

From the July 23, 1990 Times Union
Gordon Morison, RPA Life Member #34 was the creator of the first Champion of Champions Show which was held here in Rochester.

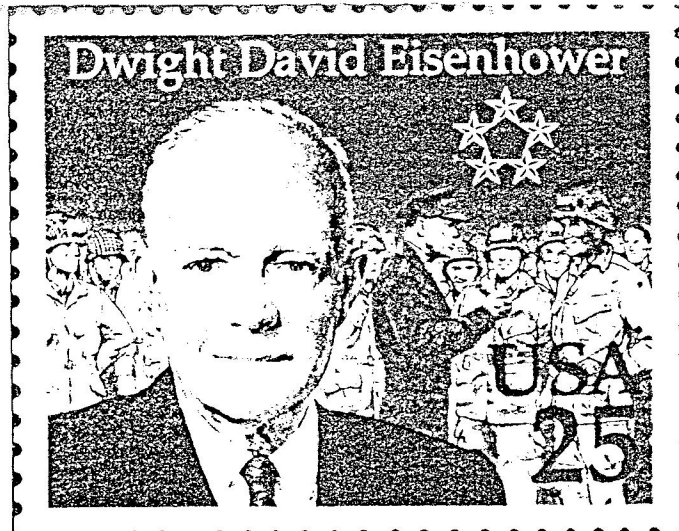


Cover: A cover is an entire envelope that has passed through the mailstream. It bears some evidence of postal payment and carries appropriate postal markings.

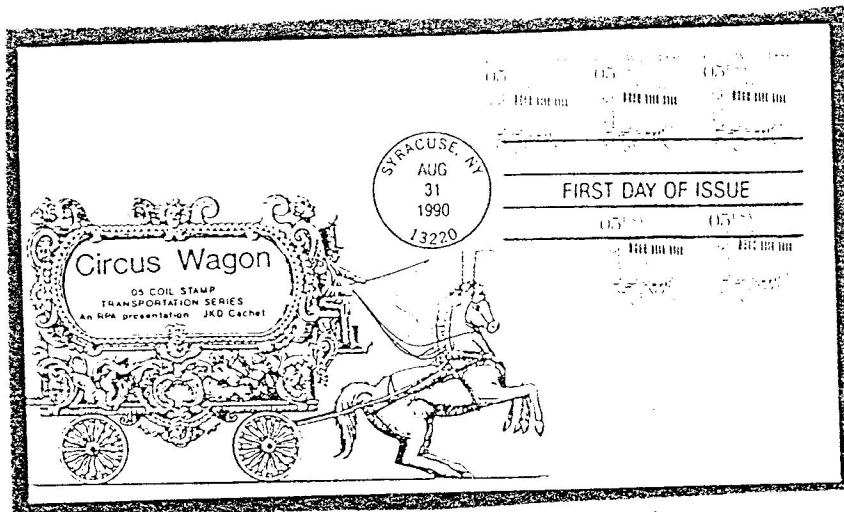
A philatelic cover is one that was created with a philatelic purpose in mind. It may or may not have gone through the mailstream. On the philatelic cover shown, a collector affixed the entire set of eleven 1937 Newfoundland definitives, greatly overpaying needed postage.



Circus wagon coil



The design of the 25c Dwight D. Eisenhower stamp, which will be released Oct. 13 in Abilene, Kan. Oct. 13 is the 100th anniversary of Eisenhower's birth.



Aug. 31
FDC for Circus Wagon stamp. Cachet depicts an antique circus wagon. \$1.50 each. Rochester Philatelic Association, Box 10206/L, Brighton Station, Rochester, N.Y. 14610. SASE required.



Figure 7. Ann M. Triggie of Buffalo, N.Y., has given much to the hobby of stamp collecting.

**U.S. POSTAL SERVICE
HONORS ROCHESTER**

Through October 28
An exhibit of stamps that honor individuals, events and ideas with a Rochester connection. Third Floor, Rochester Museum & Science Center. 657 East Ave. at Goodman Street.
Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm; Sun. 1-5pm.
Admission: adults \$3.50 senior citizens \$3, students (K-12) \$2, RMSC members free.
Phones: 271-4320

hibit chairman and speaker. She is also active in regional and national groups.

Ann's mission is to encourage those who are beginning to get involved. She says of the future of our hobby:

"I believe it is bright. There are increasing numbers of people brought up on the steady diet of TV who want to find a more stimulating pursuit — these should be encouraged and welcomed in our ranks.

"Postal history of all vintages and thematic collections are the keys for those with desire but with little capital. We must be very careful and not scare away potential hobbyists with too heavy a dose of our more esoteric material in their first initial contacts."

Ann Triggie

This month, we honor Ann M. Triggie of Buffalo, N.Y., as our unsung contributor to the strength of stamp collecting in the United States. Triggie is shown in Figure 7.

Ann began collecting worldwide stamps as a child in Wales, but with an emphasis on British Commonwealth.

As with many of us, the collecting urge went into hibernation during the early years of marriage, which included