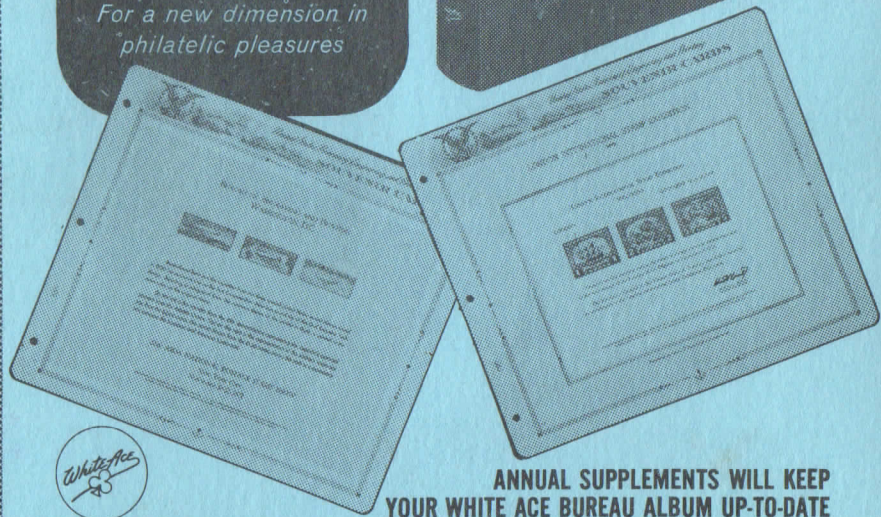
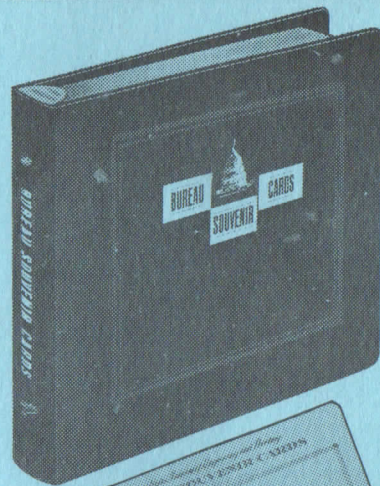


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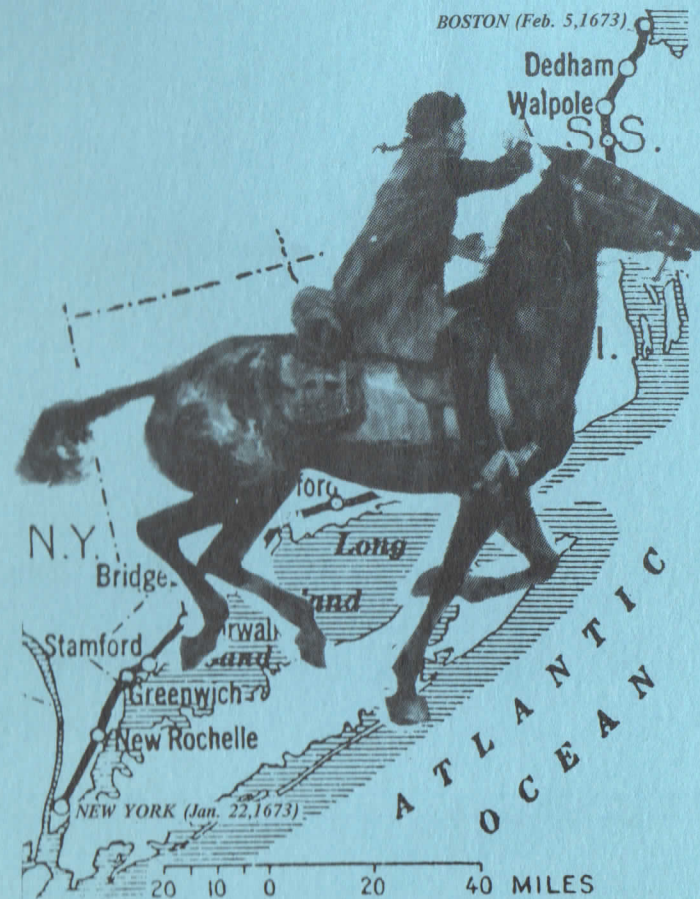
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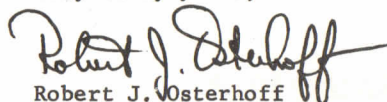
The RPA is particularly pleased that national societies such as the Society of Philatelic Americans, the Junior Philatelic Society of America and others of significant importance have selected ROPEX '73 as their meeting locale. The Association, as your host, will do everything possible to make your visit a most rewarding and enjoyable one. If you need assistance during your stay, please do not hesitate to contact an RPA member.

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I thank you for your interest, and may your stay be an enjoyable one....

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Robert J. Osterhoff
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C A L E N D A R O F E V E N T S

FRIDAY - June 22, 1973

- 10:00 a.m.----Opening of Exhibition and Bourse - Regimental Hall
 Opening of Postal Substations - Regimental Hall
 Registration for Society Members - Lounge
- 10:45 a.m.----Arrival of Post Rider
- 11:00 a.m.----First Day Ceremony - Mezzanine Level
- 1:00 p.m.----Meeting of Judges - Italian - Belgian Rooms
- 2:00 p.m.----American First Day Cover Society Meeting -
 Italian - Belgian Rooms
- 7:30 p.m.----Auction, Frontier Auctions, Lawrence Manno -
 auctioneer (lots may be examined from 7:00 p.m.
 until time of sale)
- 10:00 p.m.----Exhibition and Bourse closes

SATURDAY - June 23, 1973

- 10:00 a.m.----Exhibition and Bourse open - Regimental Hall
- 10:00 a.m.----Society of Philatelic Americans Meeting -
 Rochesterian Room
- 11:00 a.m.----United States Philatelic Classics Society Meeting
 - Italian - Belgian Rooms
- 1:00 p.m.----Junior Philatelic Society of America Meeting and
 U.S.P.S. film "90 Billion Raindrops" - Italian -
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- 1:30 p.m.----Flag Cancel Society Meeting; slide show, and auc-
 tion - Rochesterian Room
- 4:00 p.m.----S.P.A. Film and Lecture: Col. Joseph Sousa speak-
 ing on the subject "Counterfiet Postage Stamps"
 - Genessee Crossroads Room
- 6:30 p.m.----Cash Bar - Hotel Patio
- 7:30 p.m.----Awards Banquet
- 10:00 p.m.----Exhibition and Bourse closes

SUNDAY - June 24, 1973

- 10:00 a.m.----Exhibition and Bourse opens - Regimental Hall
- 10:30 a.m.----Franklin D. Roosevelt Philatelic Society Meeting
 - Italian - Belgian Rooms
- 1:00 p.m.----Empire State Postal History Society Meeting -
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- 5:00 p.m.----Ropex'73 closes

See you next year at Ropex '74

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 of Issue, Mezzanine entrance) (Booth No. 13)
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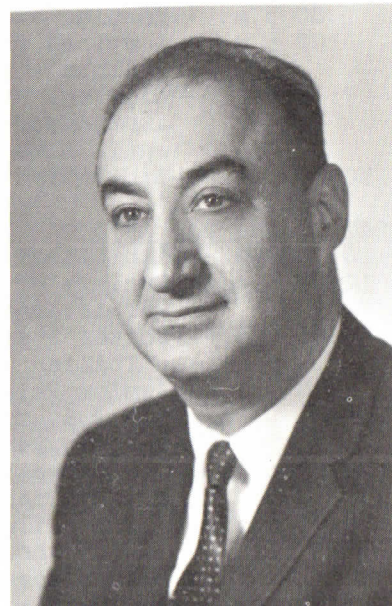
S.P.A. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very happy to have this opportunity to welcome all the visitors to ROPEX 73 in conjunction with the 79th Spring Meeting of the Society of Philatelic Americans. This being the first time the Society has ever held a gathering of the clan in the "Flower City", I must say that I am especially proud that it is taking place during my tenure as President, since I was born in Rochester and I am really pleased to be back in my own home town.

This year ROPEX boasts an added dimension in that it is host to no less than seven important philatelic fraternities, several of which are integrated national branches of the SPA.

I urge you to visit the S.P.A. Hospitality Booth and to discover for yourself the added value and pleasure which lie in store for you by affiliation with a national society prepared to perform just about any philatelic service. The S.P.A. has gained a reputation as "the friendly stamp society" and we make every effort to live up to that reputation by answering all correspondence promptly and effectively. We sponsor frequent get-togethers for officers, members and spouses, and we especially enjoy hearing from members from all over the world.

On behalf of the officers and members of the Society of Philatelic Americans, I welcome you to ROPEX 73.



Milton Mitchell
President



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The American Colonial Post Rider



Well before the Revolutionary Era, distinct attempts for a successful colonial post were made, one of the most notable being a postal route opened by New York Governor Francis Lovelace from New York to Boston in 1672, but which did not last. The Boston merchants had looked with favor on this post, however, and in 1673 the Massachusetts General Court ordered that post riders, who had previously received no stated allowance, "should receive 3d. a mile and full satisfaction for the expenses of man and beast."

Further direction provided that "If any letters or packets shall lie or remain in the office uncalled for, by the space of 48 hours, the Post Master then sending them forth to the respective houses of the persons to whom they may be directed shall receive one penny more for each letter or packet." The continuation of a postal service was inevitable.

The initial colonial post riders were expected to complete one round trip within a month, however, by 1764 actual service between such cities as New York and Philadelphia was expanded to three trips a week each way, the riders travelling by night as well as by day for the first time.

Compared to the thousands of post offices and branches in the State of New York today, in 1773 just three post offices existed---at New York, Albany and Skeensborough. In 1773, New York was selected as the headquarters of the United States Post Office, but this plan did not mature.

The State of New York is a fitting locale for issuance of the Post Rider commemorative postage stamp ---and it is an honor for ROPEX to host this first day of issue ceremony. The horizontal stamp, which features a post rider, was designed by William A. Smith, of Pineville, Pennsylvania. Mr. Smith has also created designs for other issues in the "Bicentennial Communications" series of 1973.

The stamp was modelled by V. Jack Ruther and engraved by Joseph S. Creamer, Jr. (vignette) and James Goodbody (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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	<u>UNITED STATES</u>				
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			115-119	U.S. Postal Service Symbol	Moriarty
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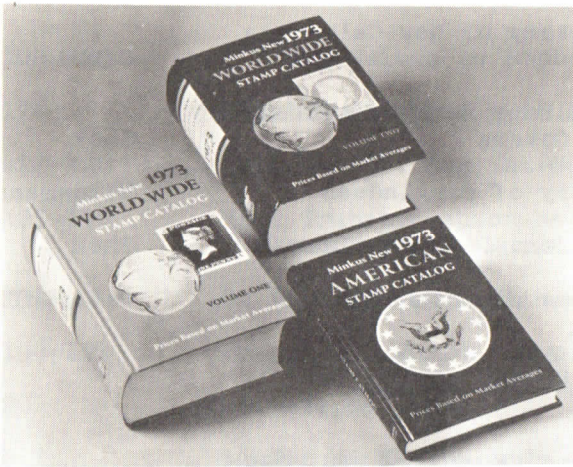
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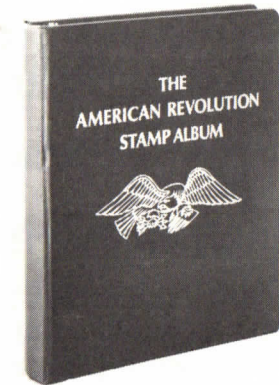
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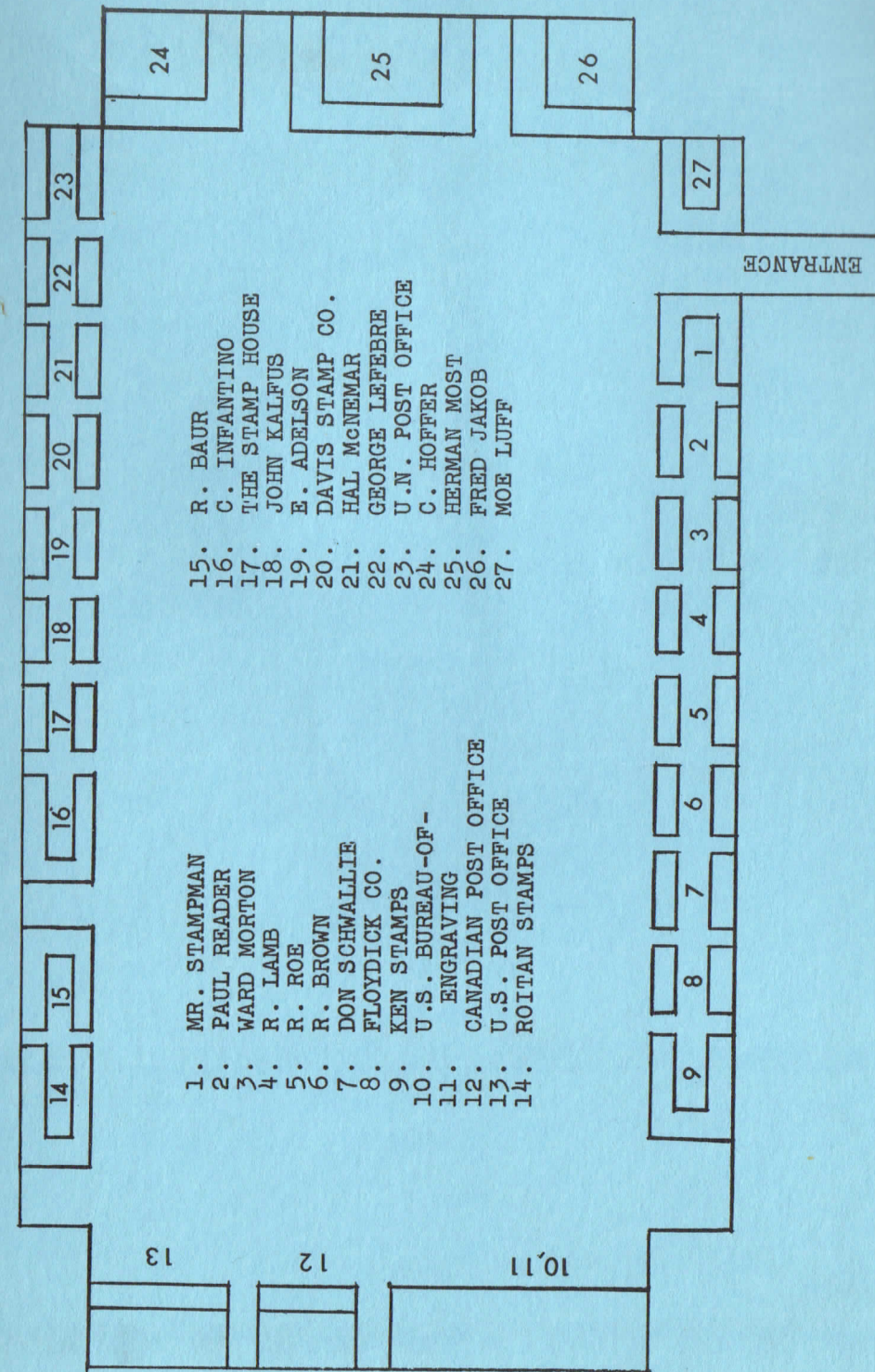
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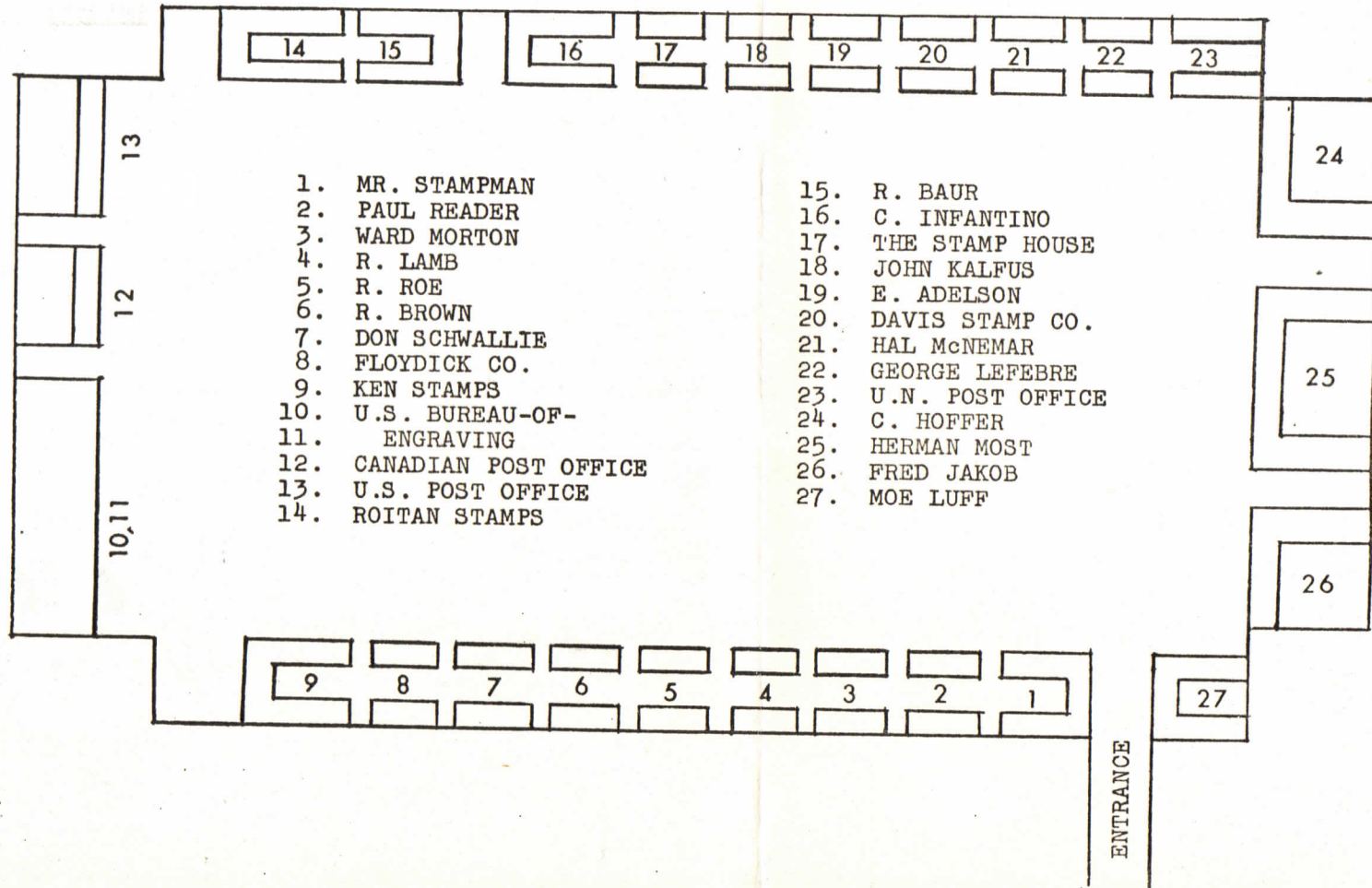
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