EDITORIAL ....... by John Kellas

The Election Results are now official. The new RPA President is Ray Stone and our new Vice-President is Nancy Zielinski. Nancy, as VP, is in charge of the RPA programs at the meetings starting in September. Any ideas for possible programs should be sent to the RPA mailing address. All the new officers will need the help of the membership during the next philatelic season. The rest of the new officers are: Jack Knight, RPA Treasurer; Jim Trenton, Recording Sec.; John Kellas, Corresponding Sec.; and a new 3-year member of the RPA Board of Governors, Jim Flynn. The Membership wishes to thank all the officers of this past year for a great philatelic season......

Now that the membership has the summer to themselves, how about writing a short article for the "H & T". Please type and send your article in before the end of the month. Take a little time & do some writing on your philatelic exercise. The "H & T" wants to reflect your interests!!!

JULY MEETINGS

THERE ARE NO REGULAR RPA MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST

The RPA encourages the membership to invite guests to the regular RPA meetings which will start up again in September.

JULY 2 U.S., $1 Definitive in the Americana series
JULY 3 CANADA, Canoe/Kayak World Championships, one 17¢ stamp
JULY 24 U.S., Veterinary Medicine 15¢ embossed envelope
AUGUST 9 U.S., Special Olympics, one 15¢ stamp
CANAL ZONE LAST DAY

L.C. Hilzinger, director of posts, B Balboa, Canal Zone, advises special machine die hub cancellations reading "Canal Zone Postal Service, 1904-1979, Last Day Of Operation" will be used at Balboa and Cristobal post offices September 30, 1979. Collectors having access to Canal Zone postage can affix 15¢ in Canal Zone stamps to their own covers and forward directly to Postmaster, Balboa, Canal Zone, or to Postmaster, Cristobal, Canal Zone for cancellation. Covers should be postmarked no later than Sept. 1st to ensure their arrival at the respective post office prior to the termination of U.S. postal operations in the Canal Zone. The outer envelope should be clearly marked "Last day Cancellation" in the lower left hand corner. It is our understanding that the two post offices providing the last day cancellation will not affix postage stamps to submitted covers!

...For those collectors not having access to Canal Zone stamps, Guy L. Horine, 232 N. 10th street, Pirtom, Kan. 66736, will affix the current Canal Zone 15¢ Towing Locomotive to collector's selfaddressed envelopes and will forward them to the Canal Zone post offices for cancelling. Cost of Horine's service is as follows: 25¢ per cover (this includes postage) for regular weight envelopes, 35¢ each for covers with heavy fillers or letters; and 40¢ per ½ ounce for each cover to be sent to a foreign country. This is not a money making enterprise, so include the proper amounts. He also wishes to stress that method of payment must be in cash, no checks, or stamps will be accepted. Collector must forward their covers to him by August 1. The covers will be returned from the Canal Zone in the mailstream and Horine cannot guarantee the quality of cancellation. Collector should be specific as to which office they want their covers sent to. For covers going to Balboa, place the letter "B" in pencil in the lower left corner of cover. Likewise for Cristobal, the letter "C". There is no limit to the number of cover submitted. ACT NOW!!!!!!

DEEP FREEZE '80

Philatelic covers for Operation Deep Freeze '80 are being accepted now for cachet service for the October 1979 through February 1980 support season in Antarctica, according to a public affairs spokesman for the U.S. Naval Support Force Antarctica.

"The covers will be serviced locally at either South Pole, McMurdo, Siple or Palmer stations, depending on which station the collector designates. Cachet service for McMurdo Station will be handled by the Naval Support Force Antarctic Philetic Club. Requests should be addressed to Philatelic Postal Clerk, Naval Support Force, Antarctica, FPO San Francisco 96692.

Requests for service at Siple and South Pole stations should be addressed to the Philatelic Postal Clerk in care of that station, FPO San Francisco 96692.

Palmer Station cachet service should be requested from SAIIP, Wenceslas Villa Sane 740, Buenos Aires, Argentina, or Agencia Maritima, Delqui 282, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, Argentina.

No mail service is provided to Palmer from McMurdo until the U.S. Coast Guard icebreakers depart for the station in February.

An additional cachet service is available at McMurdo Station. Cachets denoting Winterover '81 (Detachment McMurdo) will be reserved for cancellation beginning sometime in September 1981. Requests for the Detachment

McMurdo cachets should be addressed to Philatelic Postal Clerk, Detachment McMurdo, McMurdo Station, Antarctica, FPO San Francisco 96692.

Only two cachets per collector per station will be accepted during the season. Additional requests will not be processed and, in all probability, will not be returned to the collector, notes the spokesman.

Antarctic Development Squadron Six (VXE-6) will again provide air support for the philatelic covers this season. Requests for cachets from VXE-6 should be addressed to Public Affairs Office, Antarctic Development Squadron Six (VXE-6). FPO San Francisco 96691.

VXE-6 will also limit its cachet service to two per collector for the entire season, with no guarantee of the stations to which flown. However, specific station requests will be adhered to as closely as possible, advises the spokesman.

A minimum of 3 by 1 inch area should be allocated on the envelopes for the cachet.

For minimum postage, envelopes with U.S. addresses should be affixed with first class postage and those with non-U.S. addresses should have U.S. postage at the international first class surface or international airmail rate.

Postage will be accepted at McMurdo in the form of U.S. stamps or international reply coupons. Postage for other stations should be in stamps only.

LUCK OF THE IRISH

THE MAIL'S ON AGAIN TO IRELAND:
You can write to folks in Ireland again because the U.S. Postal Service is again accepting civilian mail there. Postal authorities here suspended service when Irish postal workers went on strike Feb. 26. But the Irish Department of Posts and Telegraphs now says it's resuming mail delivery there.
Books

Stamps That Teach by Anthony S. Muhitch. 1979. Presents educational strategies for teachers & students, uses stamps in a specific subject area: math, geography, history, literature, how stamps are made, and general information relative to the hobby of stamp collecting. 50 page handbook with soft cover, cost $4 Canadian, from: A. Muhitch, 417 Ossington Ave., Toronto, Ont. M6J 3A6 CANADA


Hebert's Standard Plate Number Single Catalogue, 1979. Transpacific Stamp Co., Box 48215, Los Angeles, CA 90048. 199pp., softbound, cost $6.00 postpaid.


U.S. Duck Stamps by Carlo Vecchiarelli. Written in layman's terms detailing the interesting habits & activities of the wildfowl depicted on the federal duck stamps. The book is available in hardback for $20 or paperback for $10 from: PATO Publications, Box 2634, Castro Valley, CA (zip unknown?)


London '80 show

Bulletin I of the London 1980 International Stamp Exhibition is now ready. This provides details of the Regulations for those collectors who are hoping to submit a competitive entry for the exhibition.

The Bulletin will be sent automatically to all those who have already written to the Organisers requesting a copy of the regulations.

Anyone wishing to enter LONDON 1980 and who will not be receiving a copy of Bulletin I is invited to write for a copy to the Secretary, London 1980, P.O. Box 300, 265 Strand, London WC2R 1AF, England.

Fraser Canada's new PMG

The recent Canadian elections resulted in a new prime minister and a new cabinet - including a new postmaster general.

John Fraser was sworn in as the new Canadian postmaster general on June 4, along with Prime Minister Joe Clark and the rest of his cabinet. Fraser replaces J. Gilles Lamontagne, who served as postmaster general since Feb. 1, 1978.

Fraser will also serve as Minister of the Environment in Clark's cabinet.

* Does the RPA have your mailing address correct? If not, drop us a postcard with your new address....

Shows

JULY 21-22 COPEX '79, State University College, Route 7 Cobleskill, N.Y. Admission Free, Sat 10-7, Sun 10-5. Special Show Cancel.
### July 15 set for new Size standards

Briefly stated, the new size requirements prohibit mailing pieces which are \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch or less in thickness, unless they are rectangular in shape, at least 3\( \frac{3}{16} \) inches high, at least 5 inches long, and at least 0.007 (seven thousandths) of an inch thick. Pieces smaller than these new standards, except for keys and identification devices, will be nonmailable.

Also, all first-class mail weighing 1 ounce or less, and single piece third-class mail weighing two ounces or less is subject to a 7¢ surcharge in addition to usual postage if any of the following size limits are exceeded: height, 6\( \frac{1}{4} \) inches; length, 11\( \frac{1}{4} \) inches; thickness, \( \frac{3}{4} \) inch; or a height to length ratio not between 1 to 1.3 and 1 to 2.5, inclusive (when the length, divided by the width, is not between 1.3 and 2.5 inclusive).

Details or answers to specific questions may be obtained from the local post office.

### NOTES:

Please display the enclosed ROPEX’79 Posters/Prospectus, this is one of the ways YOU can help the RPA’s ROPEX’79.

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Coming: Special Olympics Aug. 9th