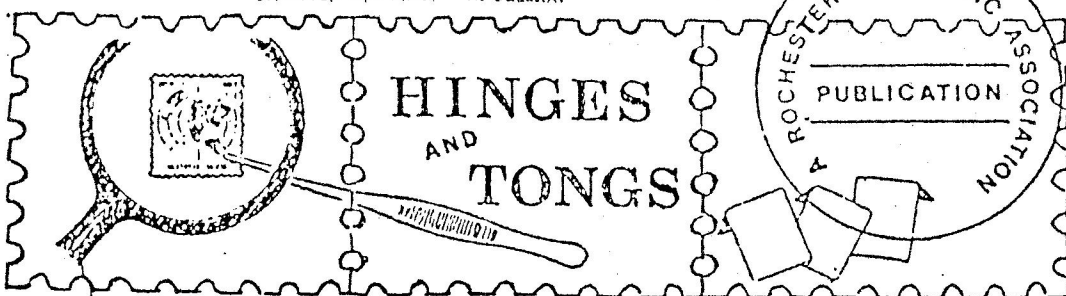


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JANUARY '81 MEETINGS

- Jan. 8 - The evening program will involve members in a round-robin forum in which volunteers will be asked to briefly tell how he or she first got involved in philately! Bring an example of that you collect to the meeting to help explain how you first got started in philately. Please don't be shy..... 8:00pm.
- Jan. 22 - "RPA AUCTION NIGHT" This program will feature a regular RPA Auction with a 5 lot max per member. Official auction lot form are available in the RPA Library. Try your luck at this auction, bring in any of your extra stamps or philatelic material and put them on the auction block!..... 8:00pm.



INAUGURATION DAY

Special Inauguration Day cancellations will be available in nine cities on January 20. In addition to Washington, D.C., inauguration cancellations will be used in:

Tampico, Illinois- President-elect Ronald Reagan's birthplace.

Dixon, Illinois- where Mr. Reagan grew up.

Pacific Palisades, Calif.- where the Reagan's reside.

Milton, Mass.- where Vice-President-elect George Bush was born.

Greenwich, Conn.- where Mr. Bush grew up.

Kennebunkport, Maine- where the Bushes maintain a summer residence.

Houston, Texas- where the Bushes have lived for 20 years.

Hastings, Nebraska- birthplace of Robert K. Gray, Co-chairman of the Presidential Inaugural Committee.

The handstamp cancellations to be applied in the nine cities will bear the words "Inauguration Day" in the killer bars. There will not be a machine cancellation variety. Also collectors are limited to 50 cancellations per city. All items submitted for cancellation must bear uncanceled postage amounting to at least the First Class Rate or the Postcard Rate for postal cards. Canceled items will not be returned through the mail under separate cover.

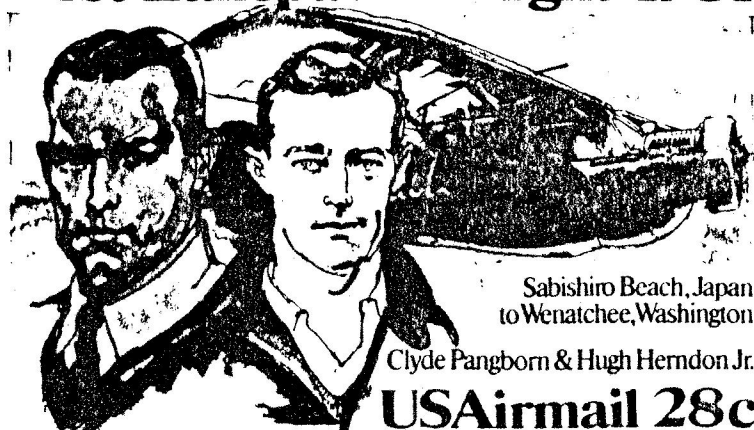
Mail orders must be received in the canceling offices before midnight on January 20. They should be addressed to "Inauguration Day Cancels", Postmaster, City and Zip Code. The cities and Zip Codes are as follows:

- Washington, D.C. 20013
- Tampico, IL 61283
- Dixon, IL 61021
- Milton, MA 02186
- Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
- Houston, TX 77201
- Kennebunkport, ME 04046
- Greenwich, CT 06830
- Hastings, NE 68901



- Jan. 2 U.S., Trans-Pacific Flight, one 28¢ postal card for new international rate.
- Jan. 4 U.S., Everett M. Dirksen, a 15¢ stamp.
- Jan. 17 U.S., Cowpens, single 10¢ postal card.
- Jan. 19 CANADA, Antique Instruments, single 17¢ stamp.
- Jan. 30 U.S., Whitney Moore Young Jr single 15¢ stamp

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NEWS

New Plate No. System

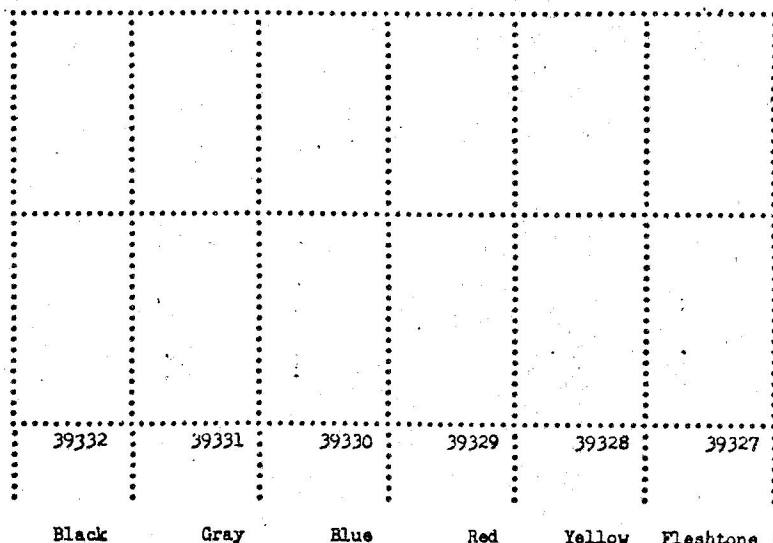
The U.S.P.S. has announced that a new plate numbering system for U.S. postage stamps will go into effect January 1. Except in cases where more than four designs appear on a pane of stamps, the new system will establish a plate block as consisting of four stamps regardless of the number of inks used or the press used to print the stamps. The new system also will permit offset plate numbers to remain on the selvage of panes instead of being trimmed off during production as in the past, and will make possible the printing of plate numbers on booklet panes and the printing, at intervals, of plate numbers on coil stamps.

The traditional five-digit numbering system used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to control printing plates and cylinders will be retained for accounting purposes. The five-digit numbers will not be printed on stamp selvage after January 1 except for issues committed to production before November 1, 1980. The record of five-digit numbers will be made available to philatelists and publishers for cross-referencing purposes. The goal of this new system is to make plate number collecting a less expensive pursuit based upon logic and consistency. The new system also permits the U.S.P.S. to retain as an option reducing the width of selvage in the face of rising paper costs. In the next few issues of the "H&T" a series of articles will help explain the U.S.P.S. new plate block numbering system. The following article will be the first of the series.....

THE NEW USPS PLATE NUMBER SYSTEM

In the past, plate numbers reflected an accounting-system sequence only. It was not possible, by looking at a pane of new stamps, to determine how that pane fitted into the manufacturing sequence for the issue. For example, the number "39329" printed in red ink on the selvage of a pane of this year's Stained Glass Window Christmas stamps tells the collector very little. It establishes the number of a cylinder used to apply red ink, and establishes that 39,328 numbers were assigned to previous cylinders or plates. The other five-digit numbers on the selvage of that pane establish that the red cylinder was one of a set of six whose numbers ranged from "39332" for black to "39327" for the fleshtone ink application. But it cannot be determined without research at a later date that this set of cylinders was one of two manufactured for production of the Stained Glass Window stamps or that the pane under con-

sideration was printed by the first set. This illustration represents a plate block from this pane:



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1981 DUES

RPA 1981 DUES are now payable. Please use the form and return/envelope enclosed. Send your '81 RPA DUES to the club as soon as possible. Members will be dropped from the rolls after February '81. DON'T DELAY.....



BOOKS

The Stoneham Catalogue of British Stamps 1840-1980, the 1981 Ed, published in England by Stoneham Publications Ltd. It covers all British issues plus Jersey, Guernsey, and the Isle of Man. Comprehensive with realistic prices, Stoneham number system. Available from Harry Edelman, 111-37 Lefferts Blvd., South Ozone Park, NY 11421, price \$14.95.

United States Match & Medicine Stamps, by Christopher West (Elliott Perry). Features 64 full page plates illustrating every Private Die stamp ever issue. Color essays are illustrated. From: Castenholz and Sons, 1055 Hartzell Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Cost \$24.95 + \$1.25 postage.

Atlantic Mails A History of the Mail Service Between Great Britain & Canada to 1889, by J. C. Arnell. xii + 412pp / 8 1/2 x 11, 58 ill. in color, 27 b&w ill. / 12 Maps. Available from: The National Postal Museum, 180 Wellington St., Ottawa, CANADA K1A 1C6. Regular Ed \$40 or Deluxe Ed \$60 canadian.

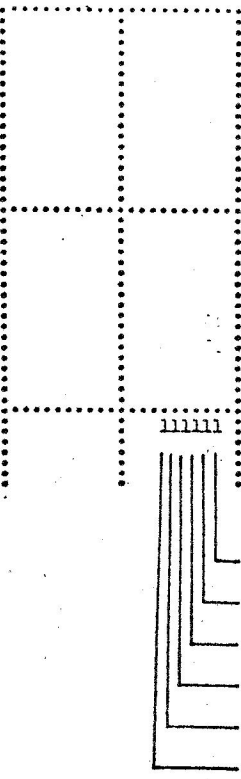
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Since this plate block was produced by the first set of cylinders, it can also be said that:

- Cylinder # 39332 is black cylinder #1 for the issue.
- Cylinder # 39331 is gray cylinder #1 for the issue.
- Cylinder # 39330 is blue cylinder #1 for the issue.
- Cylinder # 39329 is red cylinder #1 for the issue.
- Cylinder # 39328 is yellow cylinder #1 for the issue.
- Cylinder # 39327 is fleshtone cylinder #1 for the issue.

Each cylinder, therefore, can be numbered "1" and the six cylinder numbers grouped as "111111" in the selva adjacent to a single stamp. This produces a four-stamp plate block with this appearance:

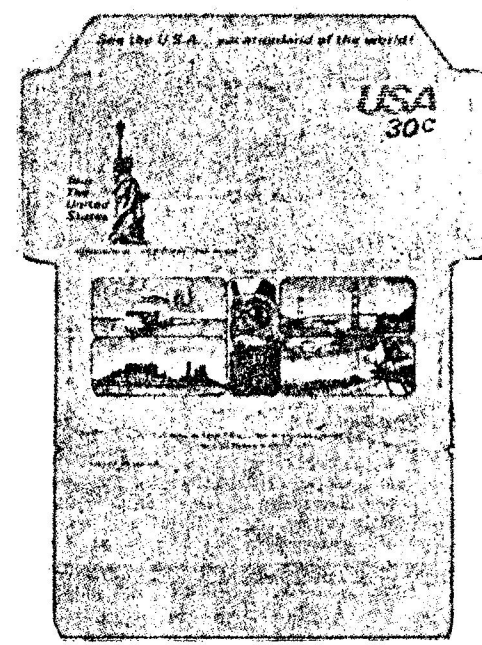


Rochester P.O.

The Philatelic Windows at the Rochester Post Office, GMF on Jefferson Road in Henrietta is open additional Hours every Second & Fourth Wednesdays from 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the evenings. This is a special time period for the stamp collector.....

more books

- Linn's World Stamp Almanac, 3rd Ed. Newly revised and expanded edition includes new chapters on Stamp polls, Listing of Stamp Columnist in the U.S. & Canada, and Fun & Profit- investment. 759 pp. ill. Available at your local stamp store or from: Linn's Stamp News, P.O. Box 29, Sidney, Ohio 45367. Cost \$15.00 pd.
- Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, Vol. 4. Was delayed due to paper shortage, but is available now from your local stamp store or from Scott Publishing Co., 3 E. 57th St., New York, NY 10022. Cost \$18.00.



DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS ?

NEW STAMP STORE

There's a new stamp and coin store in Rochester that opened to the public in early December. One of the RPA's members, Richard Hall, has started "Penfield Stamp Inc." located at 1832 Penfield Road, Penfield, NY (716-385-1378) The store is in the Penfield Four Corners area. All RPA members and guests are welcome to stop by and browse. The Hours are Tues. 11-6, Wed.-Fri. 11-8, and Sat. 10:30-4. The store is closed Mondays. The Penfield Stamp Inc. stocks all the major supply-brand names for both stamps and coins, books, catalogues, supplements, and equipment. The store features U.S. and Canadian stamps along with Great Britain, Australia, United Nations, and other foreign stamps.

Many collectors have noticed that in recent years most commemorative stamps printed via the gravure process have required the use of one set cylinders even when two were manufactured. This is the result of the bureau of Engraving & Printing having acquired the capability to refurbish cylinders during a production run. Two sets of cylinders are required for larger printings such as Christmas issues, however, and replacement may be done on a whole-set basis or an individual-cylinder basis. Replacement of the first set on a whole-set basis produced the following Stained Glass Window plate numbers:

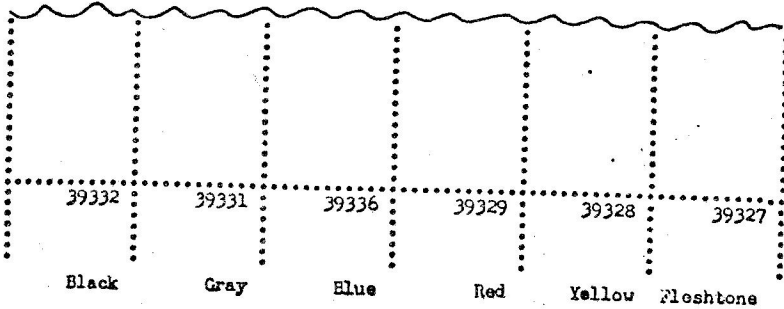
39338	39337	39336	39335	39334	39333
Black	Gray	Blue	Red	Yellow	Fleshtone

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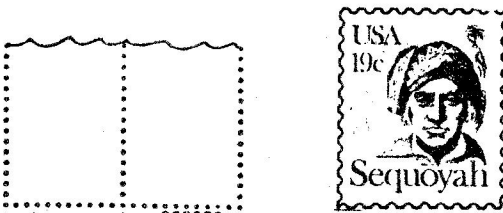


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Had one of the cylinders been damaged beyond repair (No. 39330 for example), it could have been replaced on an individual-cylinder basis with No. 39336 and this selvage arrangement would have resulted:

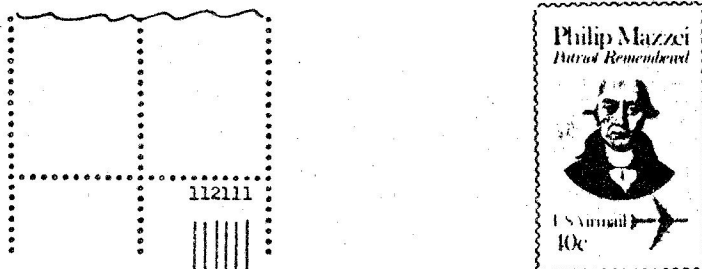


Under the new plate number system, whole-set replacement would produce this selvage arrangement, with the "11111" group giving way to a "22222" group:



- Numbers printed with:
- Fleshtone ink
 - Yellow ink
 - Red ink
 - Blue ink
 - Gray ink
 - Black ink

And replacement of the first blue cylinder on an individual-cylinder basis because of damage would produce this arrangement, with the blue "1" giving way to a blue "2" to produce a "112111" plate number:



- Numbers printed with:
- Fleshtone ink
 - Yellow ink
 - Red ink
 - Blue ink
 - Gray ink
 - Black ink



In the next installment in this series on "The New USPS Plate Number System" the discussion will deal with floating plate numbers and plate numbers for booklets and coils. The "H&T" wish to thank Jeri McAuliffe, our USPS Customer Service Rep. at the Rochester Post Office GMF for supplying the information for this series on the New USPS Plate Number System.....

notice

PLEASE RETURN ALL RPA LIBRARY BOOKS BY THE NEXT RPA MEETING. SEVERAL BOOKS ARE LONG OVER DUE. WHEN YOU DO BORROW A BOOK, PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIBRARY CARD FOUND IN THE BOOK ALONG WITH THE DATE. WHEN YOU RETURN THE BOOK, REPLACE THE LIBRARY CARD IN THE BOOK IF YOU HAVE QUESTION CONTACT JOE PAL, RPA LIBHARIAN, AT ANY OF THE RPA MEETINGS....



ROPEX

ROPEX'81 will be held at the American Americana Rochester Hotel over the weekend of March 13-15, 1981. The themes for the show will honor both the 100th Anniversary of the American Red Cross and the 200th Anniversary of the Yorktown Campaign. There will also be a special ROPEX cancellation, show cacheted covers, and a souvenir card. A jury of three fully accredited philatelists has been selected to judge at ROPEX'81: George T. Guzzio, Brooklyn, NY(ATA Director of Accreditation); Bernard A. Hennig, Chicago, IL(APS Director of Accreditation) will act as Chairman; and Walter J. Orten, Grand Island, NY (RPA member). Prospectus are ready and available at the RPA meetings from Larry Moriarty. The United States Possessions Philatelic Society, a national organization, will hold its first regional/recruiting Meeting east of the Mississippi River at ROPEX'81. Mr. Hennig will also present a "Judges' Seminar", a requirement for those who want to maintain or become an accredited APS judge..... Along with issue of the "H&T" you will find a ROPEX'81 notice. Please help the ROPEX Planning Committee by spreading the word about the RPA's March 13-15 ROPEX'81 show.....

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