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BULLETIN BOARD

Sept. 10 "POSTAL FRACTIONAL CURRENCY. The true story behind the stamp." The RPA is pleased to be able to have Mr. A. Cohen, RPA member, speak and show us the post office's attempt at issuing money. Please plan to be at this meeting, 8:00pm.

Sept. 24 "First Auction" of the new philatelic year. Usually rules, five (5) lots per member plus a donation lot please. Auction lot form are available at the RPA meetings, 8:00pm. Auction start 8:30pm.

Oct. 8 "Why-How-When of Stamp Insurance." Mr. Frank Herzich will speak to the RPA on the subject of stamp insurance for your informational use and what you can do to minimize stamp losses or theft from a value point of view. Be there! 8:00pm.

Oct. 22 "Stamp Security." A quest speaker will talk about different ways to protect and safeguard your stamp collection. 8:00pm.

STAMPFEST CANADA
FRIDAY SEPT. 25 to SUNDAY SEPT. 27
Open: 10 AM each day
SHERIDAN CENTRE HOTEL
TORONTO, CANADA
The United States and Ireland will jointly issue commemorative stamps Sept. 29 in honor of James Hoban, the Irish-American architect who designed the White House.

Both stamps will feature identical designs except for the designated nation of issue and denomination.

The U.S. adhesive will be an 18-cent value while the Irish stamp will be 18 pence.

The shared design was produced by a pair of artists, one American, the other Irish, who pooled their talents briefly during the summer.

The cooperative efforts feature a profile of Hoban executed by Juan Mercer, the designer of other Irish issues and a view of the White House by Walter D. Richards, the U.S. stamp designer perhaps best known for developing the art for the current American Architecture series.

Richards’ rendering of the White House shows the presidential mansion as it appeared during Hoban’s lifetime, while Mercer’s portrait of the immigrant architect features a likeness of him as he appeared at about the time work on the White House was being carried out.

Credit for coming up with the layout for the stamps goes to Bradbury Thompson, Thompson, one of two design coordinators serving on the postmaster general’s Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, also arranged the lettering and numerals for both versions.

Appropriately, first day ceremonies for the U.S. stamp will take place at the White House with First Lady Nancy Reagan hosting the dedication ceremonies.

U.S. Postmaster General William F. Bolger and Ireland’s ambassador to the U.S. are expected to attend the White House ceremony.

Ireland will release its Hoban stamp at a first day ceremony in Dublin.

The U.S. tribute to Hoban will be a standard size commemorative stamp printed on the web-fed Andretti press at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

It will be printed in six colors — flesh, orange, brown, green, black tone and black line. The stamp will be issued in panes of 50 with one group of single-digit plate numbers appearing in the selvage.

For first day cover collectors, prepared envelopes with the 18p stamp already affixed should be forwarded to “Customer Affixed Envelopes, Postmaster, Washington, D.C. 20013.”

For those who would just as soon have the Postal Service personnel affix the Hoban stamp to covers, requests — and remittance (18p per stamp to be affixed) — should be addressed to “Hoban Stamp, Postmaster, Washington, D.C. 20013.”

In either case, orders for U.S. first day treatment must be postmarked by Oct. 14.

The following information about ordering first day cancellations for the Irish 18p stamp has been provided by the Irish postal administration:

“Orders for official pictorial first day covers (14p) may be sent to the Philatelic Bureau in Dublin. The orders should be accompanied by a remittance for the value of the stamps and covers required (one cover with the Hoban stamp will cost 32p).

“Covers will be serviced by the Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin and by the postmasters at head offices.

“Orders by post for servicing of unaddressed first day covers must be accompanied by a remittance for return postage.

“Orders for unaddressed first day covers handed in at the Philatelic Sales Office should be accompanied by a stamped, addressed envelope. Canceled covers will not be handed back to customers at the Bureau. Unaddressed covers will only be serviced by the Philatelic Bureau in Dublin.

“Covers should be forwarded to arrive not later than Sept. 29, 1981, and remittance may be made by bank draft, money order or postal money order, but stamps are not acceptable as payment.

“Covers handed over the counter on the first day of issue at all head offices or branch offices in Dublin (St. Andrews Street, Rathmines, Ballsbridge, Phibsborough, South Anne Street, James Street, and Tallaght) should be fully stamped and addressed.

“Covers will be also canceled at the Callan Post Office, County Kilkenny. Orders by post for this cancellation, however, must be forwarded to ‘Special Cancellation Section, Philatelic Bureau, GPO, Dublin 1, Ireland.’ Orders must arrive not later than Sept. 29.”

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service said yesterday that it is considering selling ads on postal vehicles, mailboxes and the covers of stamp booklets as a way of raising money.

The notice published in the Federal Register asked for public comment until Oct. 15.

The Postal Service had a deficit of $306 million in fiscal 1980 and is running in the red again. — AP

Postal pact ratified

Postal workers overwhelmingly ratified a new, three-year contract that maintains a strong cost-of-living adjustment.

The American Postal Workers Union and the National Association of Letter Carriers, who together represent 500,000 of the nation’s 600,000 postal workers, approved the contract. It boosts pay and benefits $2,100 and retains a cost-of-living formula that pays 58 percent of any yearly increase as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

The average postal worker earns nearly $23,000 a year in pay and benefits. — Chicago Sun-Times

DEMONCRAT AND CHRONICLE.
Rochester, N.Y. Wed., August 26, 1981
The President's Message

A new year starts for RFA

As your new president, I need your help.

The Board of Governors have innovated a new procedure for the announcement of meetings. The Hinges and Tongs will be sent out every other month and programs listed in same are for the coming two months. We need your presence at these meetings to make the programs work and to show your support for RFA and its doings. See the program listing elsewhere in this issue of H. & G.

A budget has been drawn up with a slight deficit on the income side. If it were not for a $728 income from ROLEX-81, we would have to dig deeply in the bank reserves. As it is, the interest on the bank certificates ($4200) helps to sustain the operation of the club.

The new dues structure $7.00 per year starts 7/1/82. However, due to 1) having your present dues paid until 12/31/81 and 2) a recent change making the business cycle of the club from July 1 to June 30, a half year's dues ($3.50) will be due by 1/1/82. To help the club, early payment of the $3.50 would be appreciated.

Thank you.

The Board of Governors will meet at 8 P.M. on the 3rd Monday of the month at various members' homes. As an RFA member you have a right to be at these meetings and at the appropriate time, bring up your concerns. However, you do not have a voting right. If you are interested in attending any of these meetings contact any one of the officers for the place of the next meeting.

All club meetings will start promptly at 8 P.M. with a summary on any business conducted at the B & G meeting and any information appropriate for announcement.

Remember, consideration is being given to a bus trip to ASDA in New York City in Nov. 1981 and/or a trip to Toronto in June 1982. At the 9/10/81 meeting, the trip to N.Y.C. will be discussed. Be prepared to indicate your preference for a trip down on Friday night & returning Saturday night (sleeping on the bus) or staying over night in a motel and returning Sunday. Also, be aware that the money for the trip must be in RFA's hands by the 10/8 meeting. Promises do not count.

For those members who never come to a meeting "try us once".

Larry Moriarty
Postal History of the Canadian Contingents in the Anglo-Boer War, 1899-1902, by Kenneth Rowe. Published by Vincent G. Greene Philatelic Research Foundation, P.O. Box 100, First Canadian Place, Toronto, Canada M5X 1B2. 104 pages, hardbound. $30 (Canadian), plus $2 postage and packing, Canada and U.S.; $3 elsewhere.


The History and Postal History of Tristan da Cunha, by George Crabbe. Published by the author, at Charlwood, Howard Avenue, Ewell, Epsom, Surrey, England KT 17Q J. 347 pages, spiralbound with plastic cover. 16 pounds, sterling check, postpaid.


Stamp Exhibitions

Sept. 12-13  Olean, N.Y. OLEPEX V Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. Holiday Inn, 223 W. State St., Olean, N.Y. Olean Area Stamp Club. Paul A. Hessney, 324 5th Ave., Olean, N.Y. 14760. Admission free. Hours Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Sept. 13  Schenectady, N.Y. Stamp, Postcard and Paper Collectibles Exhibition and Bourse. Shaugnessy Hall, 1 S. Church St., Schenectady, N.Y. Uptown New York Postcard Club. Alice Peck, Peck's Park, Gloversville, N.Y. 12078. Admission free. Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 18-20  New York, N.Y. Stamp Festival '81 Exhibition and Bourse. Madison Square Garden, Exposition Rotunda, New York, N.Y. American Stamp Dealers' Association. J. Savarese, ASDA, 340 Willis Ave., Albertson, N.Y. 11507. Admission $3. Hours Friday Noon to 8 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Sept. 18-25  Fulton, N.Y. Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. City Hall, Community Room, 5 1st St., Fulton, N.Y. Fulton Stamp Club. Ron Traino, Box 44, Fulton, N.Y. 13069. Admission free. Hours 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Sept. 20  Lockport, N.Y. Stamp, Coin Exhibition and Bourse. Sheraton-Lockport Inn, 515 S. Transit, Lockport, N.Y. Lockport Stamp and Coin Club, D.J. Nelson, Box 46, Lockport, N.Y. 14094. Admission free. Hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Sept. 26-27  Fredonia, N.Y. No-Chap '81 Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. Holiday Inn, Route 60, Fredonia, N.Y. Northern Chautauqua Philatelic Society. Richard Long, 419 Robin St., Dunkirk, N.Y. 14048. Admission free. Hours Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Sept. 26-27  Sidney, N.Y. CINCOPEX Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. Masonic Temple, Union and Delaware streets, Sidney, N.Y. Tri-County Stamp Club. Stephen Orzel, Sidney-Bainbridge Road, Bainbridge, N.Y. 13733. Admission free. Hours Saturday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Oct. 1-4  Buffalo, N.Y. AMPOLPEX-81 Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. St. Stanislaus Auditorium, 300 Peckham at Fillmore, Buffalo, N.Y. Polish Philatelic Society. Jerry Mazurek, 1350 Broadway, Buffalo, N.Y. 14212. Admission free. Hours 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Oct. 2-21  Big Flats, N.Y. Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. Arnot Mall, Exit 51 and Route 17, Big Flats, N.Y. Elmira Stamp Club. Ted Imhoff, 21 Cedar St., Corning, N.Y. 14830. Admission free. Hours Friday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Oct. 22-24  Lakewood, N.Y. FENTOPEX XV Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. Chautauqua Mall, Community Meeting Rooms, Lakewood, N.Y. E. E. Fenton Philatelic Society. Holger R. Nelson, 1924 Shadyside Road, Jamestown, N.Y. 14701. Admission free. Hours Friday Noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Special show cancel available.