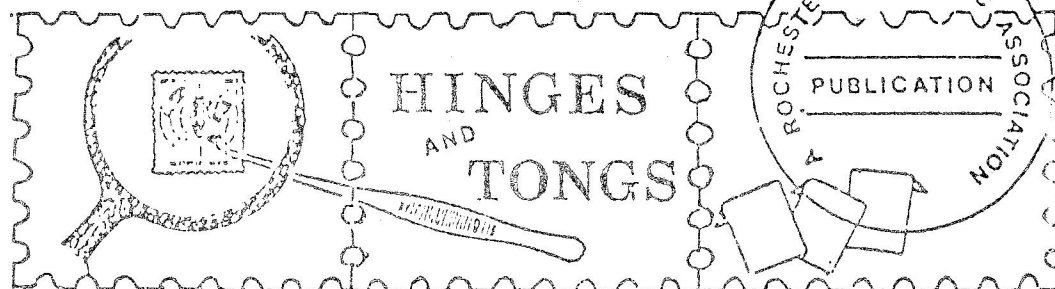


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Touch of first class

Cliff Smith Times-Union, October 28, 1981

When the new 20-cent postal rate goes into effect Sunday, you'll still be able to mail envelopes or small packages weighing up to four ounces first class for the same price as third class.

Equal rates for the first four ounces of either class were introduced when the first-class rate for the first ounce was increased to 18 cents.

But it wasn't widely publicized and most people didn't learn about it until they were told by a post office clerk, Postal Service officials in the Rochester area concede.

If you mark an envelope weighing four ounces or less "third class," don't expect a post office clerk to change the designation to "first class."

"It will be sent out the way you mark it," a post office spokesman says.

First-class mail, usually used for letters or other personal messages, is supposed to receive top priority. The delivery time could be two or three days faster than third-class mail, which generally is used for pamphlets and merchandise.

The Postal Service also is permitted to open third-class mail periodically for spot checks. (Second-class mail generally consists of newspapers and magazines.)

Starting Sunday, first-class (and third-class) rates will be 20 cents for the first ounce; 37 cents for just over an ounce to two ounces; 54 cents for just over two ounces to three ounces, and 71 cents for just over three ounces to four ounces.

Then begins the price divergence between first-class and third-class mail. For first class, you'll pay 88 cents for just over four ounces to five ounces; \$1.05 for just over five ounces to six ounces, etc. For third class, you'll pay 85 cents for just over four ounces to six ounces; 95 cents for just over six ounces to eight ounces, etc.

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BULLETIN BOARD

NOV. 12

Panel - Literature Members to bring several copies of papers, booklets, etc. put out by societies they belong to. Place name on items as they will be displayed on a table & returned to you. 8:00pm.

Bring your duplicates & other items for an old fashion trade night - no selling.

Dec. 10

Santa Claus is coming in the form of a Slide Presentation by Warren Stevens. 8:00pm.

Bring your \$1.- \$2. philatelic item for the grab bag for a gift exchange.

Canada Post reports proposed postage increases

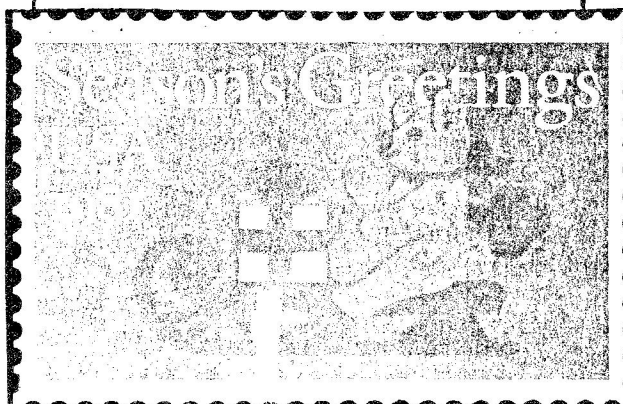
Canadian postage rates could nearly double as Canada's postal service works to become reasonably self-sufficient next year.

Under the proposed rate schedule announced by Canada Post and Postmaster General Andre Ouellet in late September, domestic first-class mail rates in Canada will jump from 17 cents to 30¢, the basic letter rate to the United States will go from 17¢ to 35¢, and other rates would experience similar increases.

The rate proposal coincides with the Oct. 16 change from Canada Post, a government operation, to Canada Post Corp., a predominantly independent postal authority mandated to pay its own expenses and effectively charge customers the full cost of the services provided.

By reducing or eliminating the government subsidy, Canada postal customers are likely to see costs rise to more realistic levels. The U.S. Postal Service was established in 1971 for similar reasons, but the reduction in federal subsidies has been gradual, with certain subsidies still in effect.

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ROPEX '82

Your show is on its way to becoming more special for us all. We are trying to make this show not only great philatelically for Rochester but also great personally for all RPA club members. If you have a suggestion, tell us. If you want to help, we have lots of ways for you to become involved. We need your participation and ideas!

To catch you up on what has already been prepared... ROPEX-82 will be held at the Americana on March 26, 27, and 28, 1982. Please see Audrey Pankratz to sign up for a time and a job at the set-up and take-down activities.

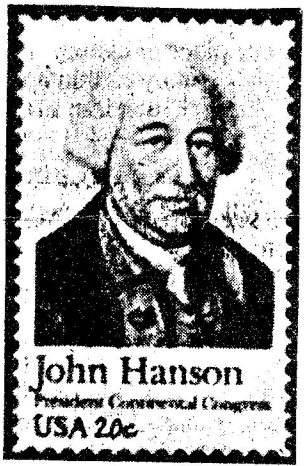
We will be honoring Robert Fulton's successful trips with the Clermont (175 years ago) and the Great Seal of the United States (approved 200 years ago).

The Empire State Postal History Society is sponsoring five levels of awards for ESPHS members. There will also be a WCS award for the best one frame exhibit, along with the JHK award for the most popular exhibit, and several other society sponsored awards. If you want to try your hand at exhibiting, or know of someone who does, please pick up a prospectus from Jim Trenton.

Like anything else, the more you add to this show, the more you will get from it. Please get all you can by giving all the time and effort you can to support your club's show and have a good time in the process!



The rust-brown "C" stamps and envelopes (inducium shown on top) will debut Oct. 11 in Memphis, Tenn., along with an unpreviewed and non-denominated Robert Morris postal card. The designs are graphic creations (from modified "B" items) and should be considered preliminary.



†Oct. 11, nondenominated items. "C" stamps (sheet and coil formats, and booklets with two panes of 10 stamps per pane), "C" embossed envelopes (both standard sizes, with and without windows) and "Domestic Rate" Robert Morris postal card (single and double reply formats). Memphis, Tenn. 38101. First day ordering deadline Nov. 25.

†Oct. 13, James Hoban. Commemorative 20¢ (and limited distribution 18¢) issue honoring the Irish-American architect of the White House. Joint issue with Ireland. Standard size, horizontal format, 50 per pane. Washington, D.C. 20013. First day ordering deadline Nov. 14.

†Oct. 16, Yorktown/Virginia Capes. Se-tenant pair of 18¢ stamps to mark the battles of Yorktown and Virginia Capes. Standard size, horizontal format, 50 per pane. Yorktown, Va. 23690.

Oct. 28, Christmas. Two separate nondenominated (20¢) Christmas stamp issues: contemporary Teddy Bear design (standard commemorative size, horizontal format, 50 per pane) Christmas Valley, Ore. 97638; Botticelli Madonna and Child Art Masterpiece design (standard definitive size, vertical format, 100 per pane) Chicago, Ill. 60607.

Nov. 5, John Hanson. Single 20¢ commemorative for the first president of the Continental Congress. Standard size, vertical format, 50 per pane. Frederick, Md. 21701†

Nov. 16, Christmas. Three different Christmas tree scenes in honor of the bicentennial of the first illuminated Christmas tree in Canada. Values may include 15¢, 17¢ and/or 35¢.

Nov. 24, Aircraft. Two additional se-tenant pairs in the Aircraft series, noting training and transport airplanes: two at domestic rate (DHC Tiger Moth and Canadair Tutor), and two at foreign rate (Dash-7 and Avro Canada Jetliner).

Dec. 7, Desert Plants. Block of four 20¢ stamps depicting: barrel cactus; beavertail cactus; agave plant; and saguaro cactus. Nonstandard size, horizontal and vertical formats (two each)

Dec. 10 — 20¢ coil stamp in Transportation series featuring a Fire Pumper, ordering deadline Jan. 9, Postmaster, Alexandria, Va. 22313;

Dec. 15 — 9.3¢ coil stamp in Transportation series featuring a Mail Wagon for bulk rate, ordering deadline Jan. 14, Postmaster, Shreveport, La. 71102 (customers affixing stamps must include sufficient postage for full rate; postal personnel will add 11¢ postage at a cost of 21¢ per cover);

Dec. 17 — 20¢ Flag Over Supreme Court stamps (same design for sheet, coil and booklet; booklet panes will include six stamps and only full panes will be affixed by postal personnel, and orders should specify formats desired), ordering deadline Jan. 16, Postmaster, Washington, D.C. 20013;

Jan. 6 — 20¢ Dr. Ralph Bunche definitive in Great Americans sheet format series (Dr. Bunche was a founding U.N. diplomat and became the first black man to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950), ordering deadline Feb. 5, Postmaster, New York, N.Y. 10001 (first day ceremony tentatively set for the United Nations);



The 13¢ Flag Over Independence Hall sheet-definitive has undergone a new printing for the post card rate, and may differ in both perforation gauge and marginal markings.

From The President



Since our last Newsletter, RPA has had four club meetings. While we have had three speakers and one auction, to say the least the attendance has been poor. The officers are trying to bring you topics that some - not all - have shown an interest. Specifics on the next four programs reaching to Jan. 28, 1982 are shown elsewhere. Please look over the subject matter and, if you can not attend all meetings, mark your calendars. We would like to see you take an interest in your club.

ROPEX-81 has ended and a fair amount of money (\$728) has been turned over to the club. ROPEX-82 is getting into gear. Nancy Zielinski is the Chairperson and she would appreciate your help. You can volunteer your services by calling her at 647-3391.

A one frame exhibit will be held at the Feb. 11, 1982 meeting. The subject matter concerns a theme related to postmarks on covers. Please be thinking about same and be ready to ask questions at the upcoming meetings on content and format. A plaque will be given to 1st, 2nd & 3rd winners. We hope this will be a lead in to future exhibits and your eventual entry into a ROPEX show.

The Board of Governors is working through an attorney to obtain a federal tax number. The papers have been sent to the concerned federal agency. Upon receipt of the agency's approval and the establishing of a banking account, a financial statement will be prepared and published in the H & T. Also, as soon as the agency's approval of the constitutional additions are made, further amendments will be proposed and sent to the membership for review and approval.

If you have items you would like to advertise in the H & T, you will find in this issue two blank spaces (which you may duplicate in size), you can fill in (TYPED) describing the item or items for sale or trade. Your name and phone number or contact at a club meeting could bring the desired results. Only two advertisements/year/member on first come, first served basis will be tired at this time.

In closing, your club can not prosper without your active participation. We like your dues but we would like to see and hear from you occasionally.

Larry Moriarty



The Crazy Horse definitive in the Great Americans series will be issued sometime in January at the 13¢ post card rate.

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Jan. 8 — 20¢ Bighorn Sheep stamp booklet (contains two panes of 10 stamps each, stamp design same as 18¢ version in Wildlife booklet but repeated 10 times per pane; postal personnel will affix only full panes), ordering deadline Feb. 7, Postmaster, Bighorn, Mont. 59010 (first day ceremony planned);

Jan. 12 — 37¢ (two-ounce first-class rate) Robert Millikan definitive in Great American series (Millikan was a noted atomic physicist who won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1923), ordering deadline Feb. 11, Postmaster, Pasadena, Calif. 91109 (first day ceremony planned);

Jan. ? (mid-month, exact date not set) — 13¢ (post card rate) Crazy Horse definitive in Great Americans series (customers must allow for additional 7¢ when used on an envelope), ordering deadline one month past issue date, Postmaster, Crazy Horse, S.D. 57730 (first day ceremony planned);

Date undecided — stamp and envelope items for the nonprofit rate will be issued next year, with details not yet available.

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TENTATIVE RPA PROGRAM FOR BALANCE OF YEAR

- Jan. 14 Auction - 5 lots per member- remember you have one bid per lot you enter. Also DONATION lots are welcomed.
- Jan. 28 1851-57 Covers - Talk and Slides by John Wyert
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- FEB. 11 Mini Exhibit - one frame topic to be announced
- FEB. 25 Match & Medicine stamps talk & slides - Bert Keiner
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- MARCH 10 Stamp Inventories - Chip Hamlin
- 25 ROPEX-82 - Set up night at the Americana
- 28 ROPEX-82 - Take down night at the Americana
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- APRIL 8 Panel - Gem Night Nominating Committee Report ROPEX-82 Critique
- 22 Flea Market/Silent Auction Floor Nominations
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- MAY 13 Postal History - Talk & Slides - Emma Kohberg
- 27 Dr. Peter Gleason - Talk & Slides on Estonia Election of Officers
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- JUNE 10 Slide Show from APS/SPA/ATA (Topic not selected) - Also information on joining National Society. Strawberry Night
- 24 Dinner/Auction Bd. of Governors and Treasurers Report

The above is subject to change depending on circumstances - 2/25/82 not confirmed.

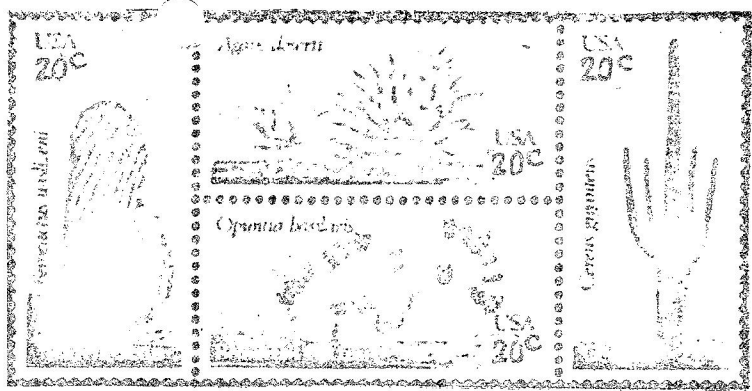
Rochester P.O.

The Philatelic Sales Unit in Rochester will be open during the evening hours from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on the fourth Wednesdays of each month. This is in addition to its regular day time hours. The location of the philatelic window is at the Main Rochester Post Office, General Mail Facility, 1335 Jefferson Road.....

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The new postal card rate will be 13 cents and the new embossed (first-class) envelope rate 24 cents (20 cents for the stamp, 4 cents for the envelope). All local postal facilities are supposed to be stocked with a sufficient supply of 2-cent stamps for anyone left with 18 stamps after the rate changes.



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The Canadian change may be more dramatic, as Canada Post Corp. appears headed toward economic self-sufficiency on a tighter schedule.

The increase in Canadian rates will also eliminate one of the major points of criticism leveled against "high" U.S. postal rates. Most critics pointing to Canada as a shining example of low rates, however, may not mention the huge government subsidies, which will soon become a thing of the past.

As postal rate experts predicted, the virtual elimination of Canadian government subsidies is expected to force Canada's rates beyond those of the United States, even when accounting for the monetary exchange rate.

At the exchange rates of early October, the upcoming U.S. 20¢ first-class rate would figure out to less than 24¢ Canadian. The proposed 30¢ Canadian rate would be over 25¢ in U.S. currency.

Thus, if the proposed rates are allowed to take effect as planned Jan. 1, 1982, in Canada, postal customers in that country will be paying more than 25¢ U.S. for domestic mail, and nearly 30¢ U.S. (35¢

Canadian) for mail destined for the United States.

This represents a change in recent policy for Canada, since mail bound for the United States was charged the same as domestic mail (at least in first-class mail). The higher rate to the United States would break that tradition, and may also create a convenient method for justifying the release of commemorative issues in more than one denomination.

No duplication of commemoratives at separate rates is expected, but those issues for which Canada used to include two values (domestic and foreign) could see the added choice of an additional rate to the United States. Under the proposed rates, domestic mail would be priced at 30¢, mail to the United States at 35¢, and other foreign mail (including aérograms) at 60¢ (up from 35¢).

Canada Post customers should bear in mind that these are merely proposed rates, and are subject to revision after two months of public comment (October and November) and legislative action and/or government decision expected in December.

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Stamp Exhibitions

Nov. 7-8 Pittsburgh, Pa.
PITPEX '81 Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. Allegheny County Community College, Physical Education Building, Ridge Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh. Ronald Carr, 60 Robinhood Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220. Admission free. Hours Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

Nov. 14-15 Buffalo, N.Y.
Stamp and Coin Bourse. Polish Cadet Hall, 927 Grant St., Buffalo, N.Y. Niagara Frontier Numismatic Association. Ralph Nolf, 72 Arthur St., Buffalo, N.Y. 14207. Admission free. Hours Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 14-15 Hamilton, Ont.
Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. McMaster University, 1280 Main St. W, Hamilton, Ont. Hamilton Philatelic Society. Elinor Smith, 591 Vanderburgh Drive, Burlington, Ont. L7T 3W3 Canada. Admission free. Hours Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nov. 19-22 New York, N.Y.
Stamp Exhibition and Bourse. New York Coliseum, Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. American Stamp Dealers' Association. J. Savarese, 840 Willis Ave., Albertson, N.Y. 11507. Admission \$3. Hours Thursday noon to 7 p.m.; Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Special show cancel available.

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