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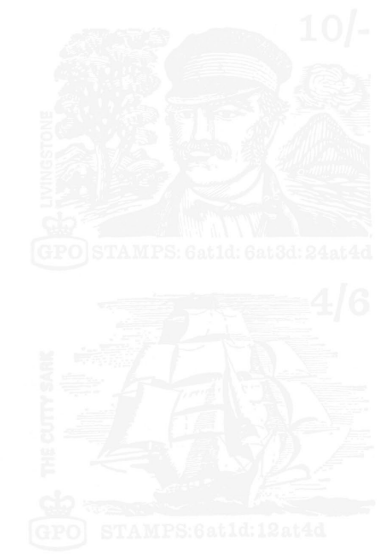
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Youth 6c May 1, Ford July 30



Same FD For Most Recent Czech Five

Czechoslovakia released on March 25 five different commemorations marking as many different events. A little more than a month later, the nation will issue a pair for radio and television on April 29, and exactly one day later, April 30, the Olympics set of six will appear.

Those issued on March 25 marked, in order, Liptovsky Mikulas; the 150th anniversary of the National Museum in Prague; the 100th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the National Theater in Prague; the 150th anniversary of the birth of Karl Marx; and the 20th anniversary of the World Health Organization.

The values of the first four different commemorations are all 30h, while the fifth is 1Kcs. The designs in order show; architecture of a town and a portrait of Janko Kral the writer; an allegorical figure of a woman; an allegory depicting a girl's head; a portrait of Karl Marx, and a microbiology motif.

The broadcasting values are also in 30h denominations and one notes the 45th anniversary of radio, while the second marks the 15th anniversary of Czechoslovak television.

The Olympic sextet features various Olympic events, Mexican art, Prague architecture, and the five linked rings, symbol of the games. Their denominations are 30, 40 and 60h, and 1, 1.60, and 2Kcs.

Flags Designers, Engravers Named

The 8c Historic Flag stamps, to be first placed on sale at Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 4, were designed by Leonard C. Buckley, Robert J. Jones and Howard C. Mildner of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

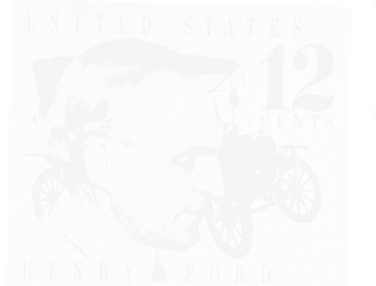
The Fort Moultrie stamp was engraved by Robert G. Culin and Howard F. Sharpless; the Fort McHenry by William R. Burnell and Howard F. Sharpless; Washington's Cruisers by Kenneth C. Wiram and Howard F. Sharpless; Bennington flag and Rhode Island by Edward Archer, Howard F. Sharpless and Robert G. Culin.

First Stars and Stripes, Edward R. Felver, Howard F. Sharpless, Robert G. Culin; Bunker Hill, Howard F. Sharpless; Grand Union, and Philadelphia Light Horse by Joseph S. Creamer, Jr., Howard F. Sharpless and Robert G. Culin; First Navy Jack by Edward Archer and Howard F. Sharpless.

Commem FD At Chicago; PA 12c At Greenfield Village On Inventor's Birth Anniversary

Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien has released the designs of the Support Our Youth 6c commemorative postage stamp and the 12c Henry Ford definitive. The youth commens will be issued with first day ceremonies May 1 at Chicago, during National Youth Week sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Ford regular July 30 at Greenfield Village, Mich.

In observance of its centennial this year, the BPOE is extending its youth service program. One activity will be a massive job hunt in some 2100 communities to uncover summertime and part-time employment opportunities for young people.



During the month of April, Elks lodges throughout the country are surveying potential employers of young people and will prepare job lists of positions available.

School principals and guidance counselors will be asked to supply the names of students who most need employment to augment family income.

This is in cooperation with President Johnson's Youth Opportunity program, which began in 1966 when more than a million jobs were found for 16-to-21-year-olds. When the President created the Council

on Youth Opportunity, which acts under the direction of Vice President Humphrey, he said:

"Many youths, particularly those who live in impoverished areas, need special help in improving their lives and finding a place in the mainstream of our society . . . the summer months provide an exceptional opportunity to enhance the sound growth and guidance of youth."

In addition to job opportunities for young people, there will be increased emphasis on educational and recreational programs for youth.

The stamp shows four young citizens — two girls and two boys — against a red, white and blue panel. Across the top of the design is "Support Our Youth", at the bottom is "United States Postage", both in blue. The denomination "6c" is red. At vertical left of the horizontal stamp, also in blue, is "Elks 1968-1969". The four figures will be printed in blue.

The stamp was designed by Edward Vebell, of Westport, Conn. It was modeled by Leonard E. Buckley and Robert J. Jones, and engraved by Robert G. Culin (lettering) and Edward P. Archer (vignette) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. (Continued on page 17)

Covers Of British Stamp Booklets To Be Illustrated

Stamp books with illustrated covers — part of the Post Office's campaign to brighten-up a literature — began to replace the old books on March 25, it was recently announced by Britain's Postmaster General Edward Short, when he opened Stampex in London.

First to be available to the public was a cerise 10/- book, showing a portrait of David Livingstone from a wood engraving by David Gentleman. It will be on sale from post offices and at the philatelic counter in the London Chief Office, at Stampex, Central Hall, Westminster, and by post or direct sale from the Philatelic Bureau in Edinburgh.

The new stamp books will show various aspects of Britain — her history, fauna and flora, her skills and crafts, and outstanding explorers, artists and inventors.

There will be three series of illustrations — depicting British explorers on the 10/- book, British birds on the 6/- (orange) book and British ships on the 4/6 (blue) book. Eminent artists have been commissioned for the illustrations and the layout and typography is the work of Stuart Rose, FSIA.

Designs for the 10/- book will change every six months; the Livingstone cover will be succeeded by pictures of Scott, Mary

Kingston, Shackleton and Cook. The 6/- covers will in turn show the be put on sale at the Chief Office and the Philatelic Bureau on June 4. Designer is Harry Tibcombe, whose first illustrated cover shows a Kingfisher.

Changing every two months, the 5/-covers will in turn show the Peregrine Falcon, Pied Woodpecker, Great Crested Grebe, Barn Owl and Jay.

Also changing every two months, the 4/6 book goes on sale on July 1, at the Chief Office and the Philatelic Bureau. Designed by Rowland Hilder, RISMA, it will depict in turn the Cutty Sark, Golden Hind, Discovery and Queen Elizabeth II.

The pictorial books will be on general sale in post offices shortly after these dates. The designs will not be repeated and could well become valuable as collector's pieces. Their contents will remain the same, the covers retaining the present basic hues but in brighter, more attractive shades.

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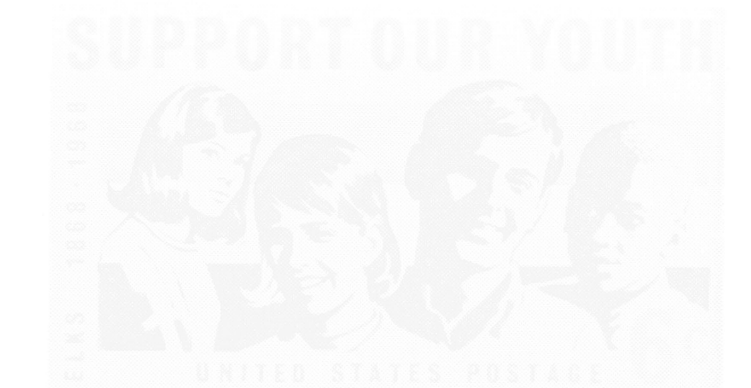
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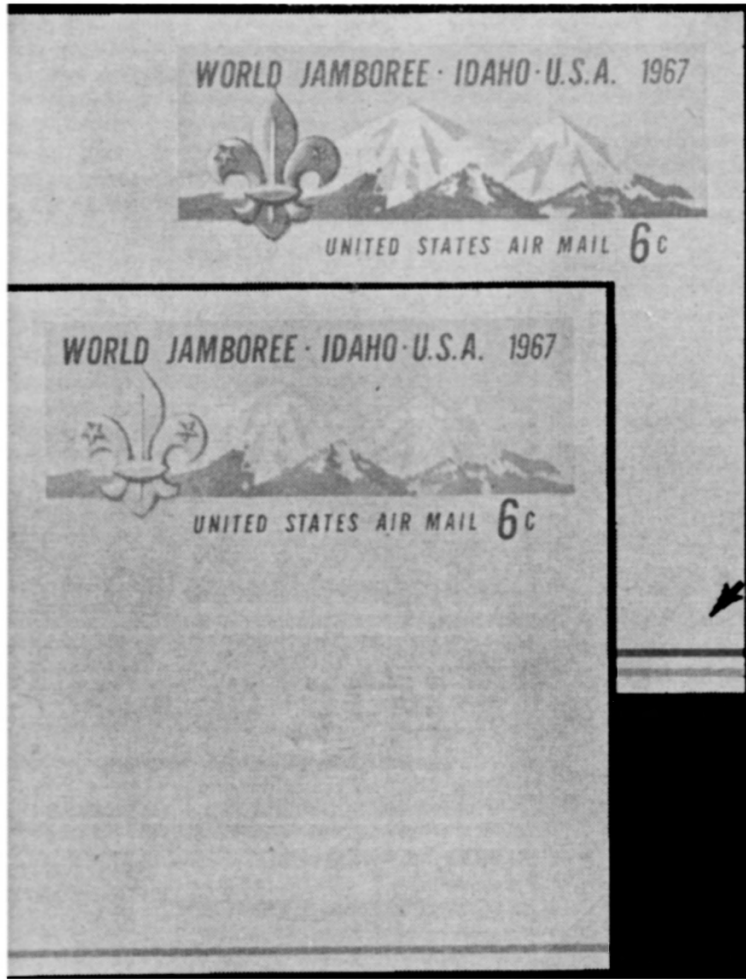
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A Major Stationery Error

A choice philatelic piece will be on view at FINPEX-68, the exhibition and bourse of the Fort Findlay Stamp Club, Findlay, Ohio, April 20 and 21. It is a copy of the Boy Scout World Jamboree commemorative postal card with the red color missing from the design.

In normal copies, the imprinted stamp has colors of blue, green, black and a yellow bronze. Across the bottom of the address side are a red line, and beneath it a blue one. Only the blue is present on the variety.

Mr. Pundt bought this desirable item from an Ohio dealer who found it in a lot of fifty he had purchased for retail sale to his customers. On its discovery, he again went to the place of his original source but found no more in stock.

Announcement of the find will inspire collectors and dealers to check their collections and stocks in the hope of finding a copy of their own. The cards were printed in sheets of 42 copies (6 wide x 7 deep) and then cut apart into single cards. The possibility thus exists that there are 41 more somewhere.

The error postal card will be a featured display at the exhibition. It will be staged at the Imperial House in Findlay at the junction of Interstate 75 and State Route 12. Hours on Saturday, April 20 are from 12 noon to 9 p.m.; on Sunday the 21st, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Mr. Pundt had no idea of the value of his prize piece. Until other copies are reported, he has every reason to believe he has something unique.

Norco Club Schedules Boston Library Display

The Norco Stamp Club, a group of inmates of the Norfolk Correctional Institution at Norfolk, Mass., will have its material on exhibition at the Boston, Mass. Public Library May 1-31.

Outside groups are welcome to its Thursday night meetings (except last Thursdays of each month) with permission from the Institution. Additional details may be obtained from the club, Box 43, Norfolk, Mass. 02056.

U. S. NOTES (Continued from page 6)

Using devices that do not ruin the appearance of the stamp, and the face of the envelope itself with its smeary blackness, is a benefit for all mailers. A piece of business mail loses some of its sharp appearance — provided by a snappy corner card, good paper, precise addressing — when an automatic cancelling machine in a post office ruins the presentation with ugly postmarking.

Six years ago the Fort Findlay Stamp Club had an exhibition and bourse. I was one of the judges, but this fact was not the reason other shows did not follow the initial one! Evidence of this is that the club has invited me back for the same job for their FINPEX-68,

Route 12. This is at the west edge of the city. The motel is new, with adequate facilities for the philatelic event. There is no admission fee. A bourse of twelve dealers will try to supply the stampic wants of visitors. Approximately 100 frames of displays of area collectors is planned.

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South Africa Issues Set For Inauguration

The Republic of South Africa released on April 10 a set of 2 1/2c and 12 1/2c stamps marking the inauguration of J. J. Fouché as the nation's second president.



The designs feature a profile portrait of the new president on the low value and a full face view of him on the other. The country name appears on the bottom of the stamp in initials only, with the date at the top. They will be on sale for approximately three months.

Piqua, Ohio Group To Stage Auction April 16

The general public is invited to attend the next meeting of the Upper Miami Valley Stamp Club and participate in its auction of both U. S. and general stamps and philatelic material.

Also on the program is preliminary planning for the PIQUA-TOMEX IV show and bourse October 26-27.

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