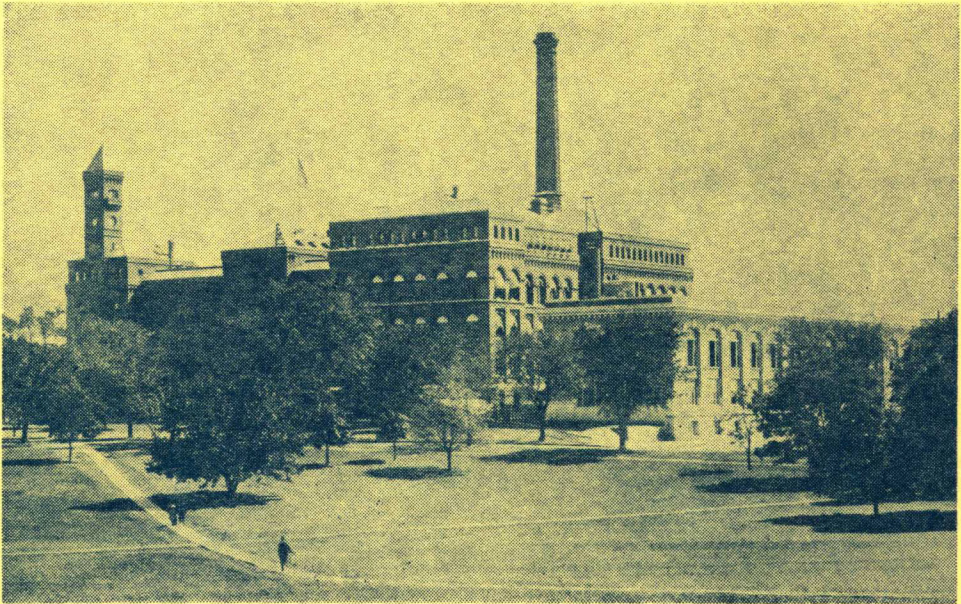


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The U. S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing occupied this Washington, D. C., building from 1880 to 1914. It was in this building that the Bureau commenced to print United States postage stamps on July 1, 1894. (*Read a continuation of Les Schriber Sr.'s interesting "Encyclopedia of Designs, Designers, Engravers and Artists of U. S. Postage Stamps" in this issue.*)

BLACK PHILATELIC BLOTS



The present-day deluge of unnecessary stamp issues is a major threat to our hobby. Do you want to protest? Be sure to read "Black Philatelic Blots," by President Fred B. Thomas, on Page 600 of this issue.

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Program will be issued later this year, probably Aug. 16—the silver anniversary for the U. S. Labor Department, created by the Fitzgerald Act in 1937.

Girl Scout Stamp July 24

A design by Ward Brackett, a Westport, Conn., artist, depicting a Senior Girl Scout in uniform with the U. S. flag in the background, is to be used for the 4-cent stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Girl Scout movement in America. The stamp is scheduled for release July 24, 1962, in connection with the Girl Scout Roundup to be held July 19-29 at Button Bay, located 25 miles south of Burlington, Vermont. The stamp will be printed in red.

The July issue will be the second U. S. commemorative stamp relating to the Girl Scouts. In 1948 the POD issued a 3-cent commemorative honoring Juliette Gordon Low, founder of the Girl Scouts of America.

Mrs. Low was a friend of Lord Robert Baden-Powell who began the world wide Scouting movement in England in 1908. Mrs. Low brought the idea to the United States and founded the first Girl Scout troop in Savannah, Georgia.

There are more than 3½ million Girl Scouts in the United States today, and the organization has units in all sections of the country. The 50th anniversary of the Girl Scouts has already been marked by use of slogan cancellations in a number of post offices throughout the country.

First-Day Sales Data

A total of 365,330 first-day cancellations were applied to the 4-cent New Mexico Statehood anniversary commemorative when the stamp was first released at Santa Fe Jan. 6. First-day receipts totaled \$18,490.16. A total of 42,254 stamps were sold at the Santa Fe post office on the first-day date.

When the 4-cent Arizona Statehood commemorative stamp was first placed on sale at Phoenix, Arizona, Feb. 14, 1962, a total of 508,216 first-day covers were cancelled. In all, 1,134,363 stamps were sold with a value of \$45,371.60.

Additional Nursing Stamps Printed

The POD last month authorized an additional printing of 25 million of the 4-cent Nursing commemorative

JAPAN Mint Sets & Sheets

Scott #	Description	Sets Issued	Price
177-178	Formosa Visit		\$1.75
202-205	Hirohito Enthronement	2,556,000	1.00
208-209	Second census	2,820,000	.70
210-211	Meiji Shrine	3,070,000	.55
212-213	Coil Stamps, pairs	50,000	4.50

214-217	Red Cross sets in full sheets of 20 rare, only 20,500 sheets issued	\$60.00
218-221	Tokyo Visit of Emperor of Manchukuo in full sheets of 20, rare only 48,876 sheets originally issued and many have since been torn up into sets	\$40.00

223-226	Fuji Hakone Park	250,000	3.00
230-233	Diet Building	391,000	1.50
257-275	Showa series		2.35
285-288	Daisen National Park	300,000	2.00
288a	Daisen Park sheet	200,000	1.95
299-302	Empire Anniv.	570,000	.85
378a	80th Postoffice anniv.	51,000	2.75
C3-7	Trimotor airmet	300,000	5.00
C26-38	y20-y160 Zero's omitted		7.50
C39-42	Dai Butsu airmet		2.00

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