



## PO Details S. C. Design

### Court Convicts Winnipeg Pair

Two Winnipeg, Manitoba area men each were given prison terms of three years following conviction of possession of stolen stamp collections valued at more than \$100,000 reports the "Winnipeg Tribune."

The report says that Charles Roitman, 49, of 490 Belmont Ave., West Kildonan, and Horace Mervin Lewis, 50, of 11 Erie Bay, St. Boniface, were convicted of stealing portions of collections owned by Samuel C. Nickle, Calgary, and Gerald Wellburn, Duncan, British Columbia.

Nickle testified that his Calgary home was ransacked during his absence and stamps — including rare ones — valued at more than \$100,000 taken, said the Tribune. The report added that Wellburn said stamps stolen from him were valued at approximately \$20,000.

The Winnipeg "Free Press" says that Roitman and Lewis pleaded not guilty to the charge and that Roitman, operator of Chuck's Coin Shop in the Mail Center, Winnipeg, purchased some Canadian stamps from a man a few days after burglary of Nickle's home October 25, 1969.

Roitman paid \$1,000 for some stamps and several days later paid \$2,000 for another group and subsequently sold a large quantity to Lewis for about \$5,000, says the Free Press account.

Trial testimony said that Lewis subsequently sold a quantity of the stamps to a St. Paul, Minn., dealer who became suspicious and a trap was set up in the St. Paul stamp shop by an agent of the FBI, a Calgary detective and Nickle.

On November 12 Lewis entered the shop to make a further sale and was confronted by Nickle who identified a number of the stamps in the possession of Lewis.

Lewis was detained by the FBI and released on bond and along with Roitman was later arrested in Winnipeg by city police.

The Tribune account adds that Roitman and Lewis were convicted by Judge C. I. Keith in county court who said he was satisfied from evidence

presented that the two were guilty and that as dealers they knew stamps.

Crown attorney Hersh Welch, according to the Tribune, stated that if the U. S. dealer had not become suspicious the stamps would have been lost to the owners.

During the trial special precautions were taken by authorities to protect the safety of the stamps used as trial exhibits, says the newspaper.



This is the commemorative stamp which the Post Office Department will release September 12 in Charleston S.C. to mark the 300th anniversary of the founding of what is now South Carolina. The stamp which features a melange of line drawings combines brown, yellow, red and black colors.

### Charleston Hosts FD Sept. 12

A melange of line drawings relative to the development of South Carolina feature the design of the six-cent stamp which the Post Office Department will release September 12 in Charleston to mark the 300th anniversary of what is now the state.

This is announced by Postmaster General Winton M. Blount who says the horizontal stamp's line drawing melange will be set against a background of brown and yellow pinewood printed by offset with the red and black legend printed by the Giori press.

The line drawings depicting the development of South Carolina include the spire of St. Phillip's Church in Charleston, the statehouse, the palmetto and crescent moon state flag, Carolina jessamine, cotton, tobacco, a ship, barrels, a Fort Sumter cannon and a man and woman garbed in 17th century dress.

Across the top of the horizontal stamp is "South Carolina" in

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### PMG Says Stamp To Hit Mounting U. S. Pollution

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount announces the United States will issue an anti-pollution stamp to focus attention "on the mounting problem of pollution of land, water and the air."

Design and date of issuance of the anti-pollution stamp will be made public later, said the PMG.

A Linn's staff columnist said (June 22) "that the Nixon Ad-

ministration may consider issuing of stamps to promote emphasis on ecology."

Garber Higginbotham made the report in his Unassorted Mixtures column and quoted a newspaper stamp editor concerning ecological stamps issued and proposed by nations of Western Europe.

The writer, Samuel A. Tower of "The New Haven (Conn.) Register, said that "an array of stamps from Western Europe reflects the rising concern over ecology and conservation across the Atlantic."

The stamps were issued relative to the 1970 emphasis on the subject by the 22-nation Council of Europe, said Tower. He added that the issues on the theme by Norway, Ireland, Belgium, Sweden and France would be augmented by others soon.

Blount, in his announcement of the anti-pollution issue said that the "ecological problem can be brought under control only through the uttermost efforts of

industry and government at all levels." The PMG added that "if we fail to repair this damage to our environment, America the beautiful is in peril of becoming America the hideous."

The anti-pollution stamp announcement follows the release of commemorative designed to promote wildlife conservation.

The United States issued July 20 with first day ceremonies at Custer State Park, S.C., a six-cent wildlife conservation stamp which depicts the American bison or buffalo.

Custer State Park is the site of the largest herd of buffalo in the United States and as such figured in the program which saved the American bison from extinction.

In announcing the Buffalo conservation issue earlier (Linn's July 6) the postmaster general said he hoped that issuance of the stamp would remind Americans of the continuing need to protect birds, beasts and fish from extinction.

### First Day Set August 6 For New Ike Issue

The Dwight D. Eisenhower six-cent regular stamp will be issued in Washington, D.C. with first day ceremonies August 6, says Postmaster General Winton M. Blount.

Details concerning the new stamp which will be available in sheet, coil, counter booklet, and vending machine versions were announced previously (Linn's July 13) by the postmaster general.

The postmaster general said that four options are available to collectors who send remittances and covers for first day cancellations. He added that sheet stamps will be used on covers unless specified.

The new definitive is based upon a photograph of the late President and World War II general in civilian attire.



### Wildlife Conservation FDC

"We are proud of our state . . . and especially the faces at Rushmore," writes Mr. and Mrs. Eugene I. Clifford of Castlewood

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Mrs. Mary Margaret Jamieson

### POD Names New Writer

Mrs. Mary Margaret Jamieson, Chevy Chase, Md., compiles the Post Office Department's recently instituted philatelic newsletter.

POD says Mrs. Jamieson, assistant to William Dunlap, head of Philatelic Affairs and Special Projects, came to the Department after five and one-half years with the press area of the White House.

Mrs. Jamieson, formerly wrote the column, "Texans In Washington" for a number of Washington newspapers and is a native of Fort Worth. She attended Highland Park (Mich.) Junior College and graduated from Bonstelle Playhouse School of Drama, Detroit.

Mrs. Jamieson is the widow of Ed Jamieson, Washington

