NEW ISSUE OF 16-CENT ORDINARY POSTAGE STAMPS

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, October 6, 1938.

Postmasters are hereby advised that the 16-cent stamp bearing the likeness of Abraham Lincoln will be the next denomination to be made available in the new regular series.

The stamp will conform in general design to the preceding denominations of this series having single-line borders. It will be printed in black by the rotary process and issued in sheets of 100.

The new 16-cent stamp will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1938, and at other post offices as soon thereafter as practicable.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations of the new stamp on October 20 may send a limited number of addressed covers, not in excess of 10, to the Postmaster, Washington, D. C., with a cash or postal money order remittance to cover only the cost of the stamps required for affixing. Postage stamps will positively not be accepted in payment. Each cover should bear a pencil endorsement in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be attached thereto. Envelopes for covers should not be smaller than 3 by 6 inches. Compliance cannot be made with unusual requests, such as for the affixing of plate number blocks, etc., and all covers must be fully addressed.

Requests for uncanceled stamps must not be included with orders for first-day covers to the postmaster at the above office.

For the benefit of collectors desiring stamps of selected quality for philatelic use, the new 16-cent stamp will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Washington, D. C., on October 20, 1938. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency must be limited to the 16-cent stamp, excluding other varieties of stamps heretofore on sale.

Postmasters at direct- and central-accounting post offices may submit separate requisitions for a limited supply of the new issue 16-cent stamps to conform to local mailing requirements, but such requisitions must exclude higher denominations not yet issued.

So far as manufacturing conditions will permit, all regular requisitions for 16-cent stamps after October 20 will be filled in whole or in part with stamps of the new issue.

So far as required to meet specific requests from local patrons, postmasters at district-accounting offices may obtain needed stocks of new design 16-cent stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster after October 20. In some cases shipments of the new 16-cent stamp may be received by postmasters prior to the close of business on October 20. In all such cases care must be exercised not to allow any of the stamps to be sold before October 21.

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