NEW ISSUES OF 30-CENT AND 50-CENT ORDINARY POSTAGE STAMPS

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL
Washington, November 25, 1938.

Postmasters are hereby advised that the 30-cent stamp, bearing the likeness of Theodore Roosevelt, and the 50-cent stamp, containing the portrait of William H. Taft, will be the next denominations to be made available in the new regular series.

The stamps will conform in general design to the preceding denominations of this series, with double line borders. The 30-cent stamp will be printed in blue and the 50-cent stamp in lavender. Both stamps will be printed by the rotary process and issued in sheets of 100.

The stamps will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on December 8, 1938, and at other post offices as soon thereafter as practicable.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations of the new stamps on December 8 may send a limited number of addressed covers, not in excess of 10 for each denomination, 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 30-cent and 50-cent stamps will be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency, Washington, D. C., on December 8, 1938. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency must be limited to the 30-cent and 50-cent stamps, excluding other varieties heretofore on sale.

Postmasters at direct- and central-accounting post offices may submit requisitions for a limited supply of the 30-cent and 50-cent stamps to conform to local mailing requirements, but such requisitions must exclude other denominations.

So far as required to meet specific requests from local patrons, postmasters at district-accounting offices may obtain needed stocks of the new 30-cent and 50-cent stamps by requisition on the central-accounting postmaster after December 8. In some cases shipments of the new 30-cent and 50-cent stamps may be received by postmasters prior to the close of business on December 8. In all such cases care must be exercised not to allow any of the stamps to be sold before December 9.

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