FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD OF WYOMING COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL, Washington, May 24, 1940.

Postmasters and employees of the Postal Service are hereby notified of the issuance of a special postage stamp in the 3-cent denomination in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the admission of Wyoming to statehood. The stamp will be first placed on sale at the Cheyenne, Wyo., post office on July 10, 1940. It will be available at other post offices as soon after that date as stocks can be printed and distributed.

The new stamp is \( \frac{3}{10} \) by \( \frac{3}{4} \) inches in dimensions, arranged vertically. It is printed in purple by the rotary process and issued in sheets of 50.

The central design is a reproduction of the State Seal of Wyoming, extending the full width of the stamp. In a curved panel with dark ground forming an arch above the central design is the wording “State of Wyoming 50th Anniversary” in white roman arranged in two lines. In a horizontal panel with dark ground at the top of the stamp is the inscription “U. S. Postage” in white roman. In a similar panel, at the lower edge of the stamp in white roman lettering, are the words “Three” at the left and “Cents” at the right, separated by a large circular panel with dark ground containing the numeral “3” in white. In the space between the lower panel and the central design are the words “1890” at the left and “1940” at the right in large white numerals.

Stamp collectors desiring first-day cancelations of the new stamp on July 10 may send a limited number of addressed covers, not in excess of 10, to the postmaster at Cheyenne, Wyo., 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. At first-day sales in the past, many covers have been undelivered because the sender has failed to properly address the same. Each cover must be addressed and should bear a pencil endorsement in the upper right corner to show the number of stamps to be attached thereto. It is also necessary to allow sufficient space to affix the stamps and the postmark. Envelopes should not be smaller than 3 by 6 inches. The use of large and irregularly shaped envelopes should be avoided. All cover envelopes should either be sealed or sent with the flaps turned in. Better cancelations will be provided if the envelopes contain medium-weight enclosures.

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 stamp will also be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency on July 11, 1940. To insure prompt shipment, mail orders to the Agency must exclude other varieties of stamps.

Postmasters at direct and central-accounting post offices may submit requisition on Form 3201-A, endorsed “Wyoming Statehood,” for a limited supply only of the new stamp. All such requisitions should reach the Department not later than June 15 if shipment on the first order is desired. Postmasters at district-accounting post offices may obtain small quantities of the new postage stamp by requisition on the central-accounting postmasters.

Postmasters receiving advance shipments of the new stamp are hereby cautioned not to allow any of the stamps to be sold before July 11.

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