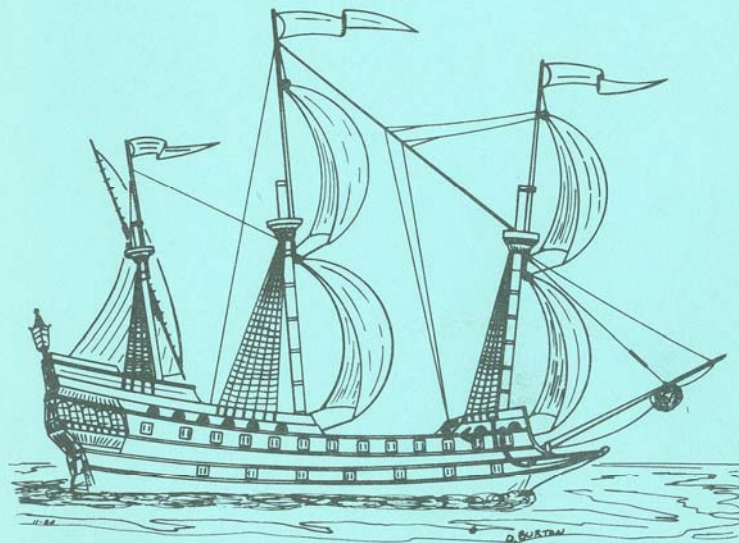


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FRAME #	EXHIBITOR	TITLE AND DESCRIPTION
1 - 9	Col. Donald L. Davis APS USPCS	The One Cent Franklin, 1861-67. Essays, proofs and various printings, including examples of domestic and cross-border use to Canada, cancellations, postal markings and fiscal use.
10 - 14	Charles F. Meroni APS USPH	Colonial and U.S. Mail. Evolution of posts in the 13 Colonies, British Occupation, Colonial mail from and to Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Southwest Territory and Maine.
15 - 24	Barbar Stever APS TPA	International Mails bearing the United States Three Cent Green of 1870-1887.
25 - 29	Russell S. Smith APS	Albercht Durer. A biography of the artist illustrated with philatelic material showing the wide range of his work.
30 - 34	Mr. Lynn A. Breece APS AAMS USCS	The Space Shuttle Transportation System. A display of covers noting the approach and landing test plus flights STS-1 through 41G of the Space Shuttle
35 - 46	William H. Farrell APS ASCGB WCC	The Classic Stamps of the Austrian Monarch, 1850-67.
47 - 51	Genarino J. Petracco APS ATA	Bohemia and Moravia, German Protectorate, 1939-45.
52 - 57	Reuben R. Thompson APS AAMS FCPS	France, War of 1870-71, Siege of Paris, primarily balloon posts and pigeon posts, attempted entries to include balloon and Boule-Moulins.
58 - 61	Anonymous HPS RSC AAMS	Allied Military Government. Venezia Giulia and Trieste, Zone A, 1945-1954, selected stamps and covers.
62 - 69	Anthony Herbert APS GPS	German Offices in China. Kiautschou, Boxer rebellion and Marine ship post.
70 - 79	Philip Ireland APS CSS RPSL	China, Large Dragons and their Forerunners. Early postal services, foreign and Chinese. Large Dragons, 1878-1885.
80 - 86	Bernard E. Stoloff APS APC CSS	China. An indepth study of its early postal issues and cancellations.
87 - 89	Norman W. Vachowiak APS	Transportation Issues Overprinted for Gold Yuan Currency. To identify the stamps, overprints, setting, plating, perforations and usage.
90 - 93	Norman W. Townsend APS CSS KSS	China. Forerunner issues of the Unified People's Republic of China.

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101 - 110	Alejandro Rendon APS	Columbia. 1868-1883, a confusing period.
111 - 118	Francisco Pereda, MD APS PHS CPSCA	Proofs, Samples, Errors and Essays from the Cuban Republic as a Spanish Colony to Liberated Republic.
119 - 124	John A. Young, Jr. APS CSS	A Selection of Tibet Stamps and Covers.
125 - 134	John A. Young, Jr. APS CSS	A Study of the Early Native Issues of Nepal and an Exhibit of the Stampless covers, mostly officials, and the Pashupati Issues.
135 - 141	Wes Dunaway APS CSS CZSC PHS	Selected Postal History of Shanghai. All Post Offices.
142 - 151	Frederick C.J. DeRidder APS CSS ATA	Postal History of Tibet from ca. 1860-1960.
152 - 161	Gaspar Roca APS GPS SFDPR	Puerto Rico Postal History. The use of Puerto Rico internal and external philatelic marks during that and the philatelic period.
162 - 166	Nazry Bendeck FFH	Honduras. Prefilatelio y siglo XIX. Cortas, Sobres, Torjetos, Todas Circuladas.
167 - 168	Ricardo Alvarez APS	Court of Honor. Study of SCADTA [C.R.] overprints, called "Consular".
169 - 178	Ellery Denison APS CSS UPSPH	China Postal Stationery 1873-1947, Shanghai Treaty Ports, Imperial and Republic of China and Foreign Offices.
179 - 180	Michael Rogers APS GPS CSS	Chinese First Flights, 1921-1932. Selected pages from an extensive collection of China domestic and related flight covers.
181- 190	Deborah Friedman APS	"Columbia Air Posts". Columbia air mail from Knox Martin to the pre-International mail system, including Consular overprints, showing development of SCADTA inside and outside of Columbia.
191 - 194	Mrs. Silvia Garcia-Frutos APS GPS CPS	Ecuador, Trial Flight. SCADTA issues, errors and varieties of the first issue.
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It is with great pleasure that I welcome each of you to the Florida Federation's Thirty Fifth annual fall convention. We are pleased to be able to host the China Society and the Interamerican Philatelic Federation. These fine organizations bring with them collectors from our countries West Coast and the Orient; also those from Central and South America. Specialists in these fields should find this Florex Convention most rewarding. The Florex Committee under the able direction of General Chairman Charley Brown deserve our thanks for another outstanding show. We hail Florex as the star of all National Shows in the Southeastern United States. Several unusual attractions await each and every one of you during this convention. Do not miss the Grand Banquet, as it will prove an evening of superb cuisine and philatelic fellowship. Your inspection of the many award winning exhibits will prove educational and informative.

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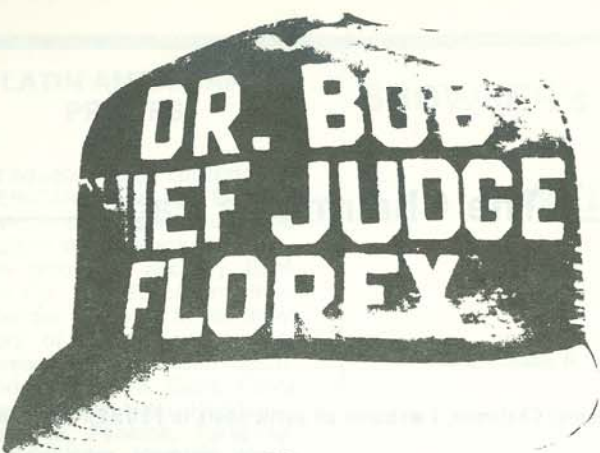
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The Chairman's Page

"As General Chairman, I welcome all participants to FLOREX '84. This year, we are indeed fortunate to host not only our Federation's Annual Convention, but also that of the Interamerican Federation of Philately [FIAF], as well as the China Stamp Society [CSS]. This gives FLOREX '84 a truly international flavor and it is an honor and a privilege to host these two prestigious philatelic organizations. In addition, we are also proud to welcome the Directorate of General Posts, Republic of China, which will assist our Postal Service in providing new issues for our attendees. I trust that every member of the Federation will do their utmost to make FLOREX '84 a premier and memorable occasion for our guests.

Again, to all, I extend my very special welcome."

CHARLEY BROWN



THE AURA OF A FLOREX

There are stamp shows, and then there are stamp shows. In Florida we feel that FLOREX is one that is a STAMP show. While preparations are under way for the 1984 version, let me tell you a few of the things we feel set FLOREX apart as an exceptional show.

First, we are very fortunate in our venue, and our geographical location is a prime factor. The St. Petersburg Skyway Inn has 160 rooms, and we reserve the entire hotel. This way any one you see or bump into in an elevator, for instance, is already a friend because every one is there for the same purpose, to attend the show. Florida is a delightful place to be in early November because the weather approaches perfection, low 80's during the day to enjoy the large pool, cool in the evenings and rarely any humidity. Add to these a lot of avid collectors, many living in retired heaven, who are very friendly, hospitable, and willing to help in any way possible, and most important, off-season rates are in effect and so many therefore include Disneyworld, Busch Gardens or Silver Springs in their overall plans.

I mentioned earlier a large pool area, and this is the perfect spot for the Saturday evening awards banquet under the stars, a rather philatelic banquet site. Each year the banquet theme changes. In 1982, for example, it was a luau complete with whole roast pig including apple-in-mouth. In 1983, it was a German Oktoberfest including an oom-pah band for after dinner dancing. This year, to honor our Latin American friends who will be attending the annual FIAF meeting being held at FLOREX '84, the theme will be a Fiesta.

This APS accredited show, which annually attracts well in excess of 2000 attendees owns 200 of the new very secure aluminum 16 page Phoenix type frames, demand for which is always high for competing in the World Series of Philately. Two former Grand winners (Ed Dormer for his Mexico and Lynne Warm-Griffiths with her U.S. Bureau Issues) have gone on to capture the Champion of Champions, and a third (George Hargest with his Ocean Mails) many agree would surely have been a shoo-in had his health permitted his participation. So as you can see, the quality of the exhibits is very high ---as well it should be since our Grand Award is a check for \$500 and the Reserve is \$250.

FLOREX also has what we believe to be a unique practice, we meet all our incoming VIP's at the Tampa Airport and escort them to the hotel. Included in this group would be officers of convening societies, key exhibitors, all the Judges, any honor guest(s) or speaker(s), plus any good friends of FLOREX. This we have done for a number of years, is typical of some of FLOREX'S UNIQUENESS AND SEEMS TO BE ONE OF OUR HOSPITALITIES GUESTS REMEMBER MOST FAVORABLY.

And, oh yes, those Judges --- always one of the most important aspects of any successful philatelic exhibition. We have full panel required for any accredited show, five qualified with varied expertises keyed to whatever large group of expected exhibits and two Apprentices. In '84, however, we will have seven Judges and two Apprentices, occasioned by the meeting of the FIAF and the China Stamp Society which are joining us for their annual meetings, and will include a bilingual Chief Judge (Dr. Roberto M. Rosende). All Judges receive honorariums in excess of the stipulated minimum to help cover their expenses involved, and even the Apprentices receive a courtesy stipend. All the Judges and Apprentices are recipients of a FLOREX philatelically oriented memento, such as a Panasonic Light Scope which was the '83 gift.

One more touch believed unique unto FLOREX is what has become a ritual at the banquet. Surely most of you are aware of the famous and now well established practice of giving the winner of the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club a bright green sport coat, symbolic of the Championship. Well, FLOREX has its own symbol ---in fact, two of them. Our Chief Judge receives a bright red cap with his name and "Chief Judge" emblazoned on it, the picture shows the '84 cap. This is to give him visibility for the exhibitors' "zingers"! Now, since many exhibitors seem to feel the Judges are a bunch of know-nothings, let's admit the Judges may have a similar exalted opinion of exhibitors in general. Therefore, the Chief Judge is also given an Izod alligator cardigan sweater in a bright red --- for the benefit of those exhibitors the Judges feel may be unable to read!

There are also frames for Junior exhibitors, plus a separate room manned at all times by an adult where help and advice are available and stamps are provided for the youngsters free of charge.

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8:00 AM	Judges Breakfast - Don Quixote Room
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11:00 AM	Show Opens
12 Noon	Cap Townsend Club Luncheon & Meeting - Ringling Room
1:00 PM	Judges Luncheon - Don Quixote Room
1:00 PM	How To Participate in a Stamp Auction - Ringling Room by Jacques Schiff
2:00 PM	Tour of Exhibits - Meet at Registration Table
3:00 PM	How to Protect Yourself Against Buying Doctored Stamps by Jacques Schiff Jr., - Ringling Room
4:00 PM	Fla Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc. Executive Committee Board Meeting - Hospitality Suite, Room 454
7:00 PM	Show Closes
7:30 PM	Auction held by David G. Phillips - Ringling Room
	US Postal History & Postal Covers

Saturday, November 3, 1984

9:00 AM	China Society Director & Officers Meeting - Ringling Room
10:00 AM	Show Opens
10:00 AM	Judges Seminar - Hospitality Suite, Room 454
11:00 AM	Meeting of Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs - Ringling Room
1:00 PM	FIAPF Meeting
2:00 PM	Tour of Exhibits - Meet at Registration Table
2:00 PM	Meeting of German Philatelic Chapters #23 & #7. Public Invited
	The Beginnings of Mail Boat Routes of Schleswig-Holstein by Herr Werner Haselbach - Ringling Room
2:00 PM	Judges Critique - Hospitality Suite, Room 454
3:30 PM	Colombia/Panama Philatelic Study Club. Public Invited
	Pioneer Air Post by Alex Rendon - Ringling Room
4:30 PM	China Society Annual Meeting - Ringling Room
6:00 PM	Show Closes
7:30 PM	Show and Awards Banquet - Pool Side

Sunday, November 4, 1984

8:45 AM	Dealers Breakfast - Ringling Room
10:00 AM	Show Opens
2:00 PM	Tour of Exhibits - Meet at Registration Table
3:00 PM	Exhibits Close
4:00 PM	Show Closes till next year, November 1, 1985



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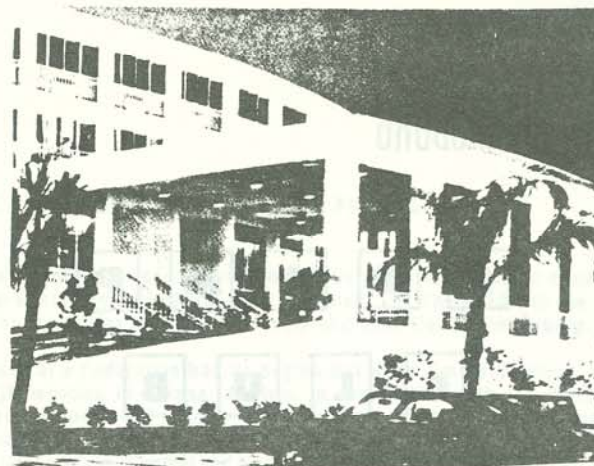
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Again the Interamerican Federation of Philately -FIAF- meets in conjunction with a Stamp Exhibition being held in our Continent. FLOREX '84 will see many friends from our countries meeting in friendly and beautiful St. Petersburg.

The idea of a Federation had its beginnings when Emilio Obregon, while visiting the FIP meeting in Vienna, Austria, in conjunction with the WIPA Exhibition, noticed the absence of representation from our continent. During the 1966 SIPEX International Exhibition in Washington, D.C., representatives from several countries in South, Central and North America held discussions. Out of them came the so-called "Declaration of Washington".

Philatelic representatives of all America were invited to meet in Mexico City during the 1968 International Exhibition. It was there that the FIAF was founded and representatives from both ends of the Continent, Argentina and Canada plus many countries in between, established the course to follow in the future.

Many distinguished philatelist from America have served as Presidents of this Organization. The first President was Emilio Obregon from Mexico. He was followed by Herbert Moll of Peru, Dr. Alvaro Bonilla Lara from Chile, Dr. Manuel Risueno of Argentina, Harry Sutherland of Canada, Dr. Romulo Lander from Venezuela, Jairo Londono of Colombia, Arq. Elio M. Sinich and Enrique Buttini from Argentina. General Euclides Pontes from Brasil is the actual President.

Over the years the FIAF has established Committees to work on Thematics, Postal History, Aerophilately, Information and Youth. Our yearly meetings have taken us to many different countries over the past 16 years. Back in 1976 we met at Philadelphia during the INTERPHIL International Exhibition. Now we are back in the United States of America whose representatives has always been at the vanguard in the efforts to unify philately in our continent.

We are very glad to be here in FLOREX and we wish this important, well-run and congenial Exhibition the success it so rightfully deserves.

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# THE CHINA STAMP SOCIETY

by Frederick C. J. deRidder, Society Secretary

"The China Stamp Society" had its origin in 1936 as Unit No. 10 of the American Philatelic Society. The charter membership consisted of 64 China collectors.

"The China Clipper", the Society's bimonthly publication, had its first issue in October 1936. At that time the membership dues, including a subscription to the journal, were \$1.00 per year. The name "China Clipper" was chosen after the famous Pan American Airways flying boat, which pioneered the Transpacific flights to the Far East in the 1930's. The internationally recognized and award-winning publication is in its 48th year of uninterrupted publication.

Through "The Clipper", members are kept informed about the business of the Society, exhibition results, new issues of both Chinas and of Korea, membership changes and dealers' offerings and auctions. As supplements to the regular issues, an updated yearly membership directory is published, and from time to time, an index of published articles and a catalogue of the Society's library. Complete sets of backissues of the "Clipper" as well as the supplements are available to new members. The wealth of material covered by the many articles published throughout the years is a veritable research library, and a list of contributors reads like a "Who's Who" in China philately.

In November 1945, the membership of more than 300 voted to become an independent international association, incorporated in the State of New York under the title "The China Stamp Society, Inc.". However, in 1978 it was deemed appropriate to affiliate again with the A.P.S. under its old Unit No. 10.

The word "China" in the Society's title was purposely adopted because of its broad connotation, which besides China itself included at that time such areas as Manchuria (Manchukuo), Mongolia, Formosa and Hong Kong. By 1949 Korea, Tibet, Macao, the Foreign Offices, the Occupation Issues and Shanghai and Treaty Ports were added, while the People's Republic Of China was established as a separate area of collecting interest.

The turbulent war years with the Japanese occupation of a large part of China and the post-war years with runaway inflation had created havoc with the Chinese postal issues, so a committee consisting of Lyons F. Livingston, Clarkson Stevens and the Society's President Emeritus Ellery Denison offered to revise the entire China section of the Scott Catalogue. Its recommendations were incorporated in the 1950 catalogue.

During the three year period of 1949-1951 the Society also published "The Flying Goose", a monthly newsletter containing news of the Society and information on new issues of China.

The Society maintains a library containing virtually every major publication dealing with the philately of China and related areas, as well as most specialized catalogues, catalogues of important China auctions and complete volumes of the past and present journals of foreign China stamp societies. All this material can be borrowed by members for study and research purposes at no cost except the postage expenses. The Society also maintains an active sales circuit and a system of regular mail auctions.

For the purpose of achieving closer and more personal contact between members, the Society encourages the formation of local chapters. Such chapters presently operate in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, PA, Chicago, ILL, Los Angeles, CA, San Francisco, CA, Columbus, OH and Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

To encourage collectors of China and its related areas to exhibit their material at national stamp exhibitions in the United States as well as at international exhibitions, the Society makes available its "Special Award" for the best exhibit of China and related areas. An Annual Cash Award is given for the best article of the year in "The China Clipper", whereas a "Certificate of Appreciation" is given to each Society member who participated in any philatelic exhibition.

For the purpose of defining members' collecting interests, the Society recognizes the following areas as "related" to China: Shanghai and Treaty Ports, Formosa, Tibet, Mongolia, Manchukuo, Korea, Hong Kong, Macao, the Foreign Offices in China, and the Japanese occupation issues, whereas China itself consists of the Imperial period, the Republic of China, both mainland and Taiwan, and the People's Republic of China (including regional forerunners).

Membership dues are \$10.00 per year, which includes a subscription to "The China Clipper". Application forms for membership and further details may be obtained from Frederick C. J. de Ridder, Society's Secretary, 100 Font Boulevard, Parkmerced, San Francisco, CA 94132.



## The Fascination of Collecting China

by Carl A. Kilgas

Collecting and gathering information on the stamps of Imperial and Republican China is a real challenge and an enjoyable one if there is a real interest in historical events and how they relate to an issue of stamps. Few Chinese stamps were inspired philatelically.

Years fraught with internal dissension—revolutions, uprisings, civil wars, Republicans against Imperialists, Nationalists vs Republicans and finally against Communist Chinese; years of domination of powerful war lords, unstable economic, political and military situations, currency reforms, experimentations, interference by foreign governments—the British, Japanese, American, French, Russian and Italians, etc. All these events make the collecting of Chinese stamps—any or all phases—a delightful, challenging and thoroughly satisfying project. You can begin with the earliest stampless covers of Canton, dating back to the early 19th century when trading with the Chinese was highly a personal affair. Or you can search for covers showing rates and usages during the early formative stages of the foreign post offices: the early British Packet Agency established in Shanghai in 1844; the early Treaty Port mail which began in 1843; the Russian trade beginning in 1859; the French competition with the British in handling the steamer mail to Europe and American beginning in 1860; the trade with Mongolia which started in 1863; the opening of the British Post Office in Hong Kong and the spread of its branches to the Treaty Ports, including the start of the Shanghai Local Post Office in 1865; the 1860 Russian Post Offices in Urga, Kalgan and Tientsin or the Japanese Postal Service established at Shanghai in 1876. So much for just a start in pre-stamp China.

Many questions of the postal issues of China remain unsolved. We have been handicapped because in the earlier years, Chinese stamps did not command the interest they command today. Coupled with the devastating civil and defensive wars which destroyed not only magnificent Chinese collections, but a good many vital post office and official records.

The 1st Issue has been studied extensively, yet information on the various settings is still incomplete. The 2nd, or "small dragon" issue is just as difficult to obtain on cover as the 1st issue. It needs a tremendous amount of research. For years it has been neglected in favor of the more publicized 1st Issue.

The 1894 Empress Dowager Birthday Commemorative Issue and its confusing Dollar and Cents surcharges, along with the similarly surcharged "Red Revenues", need a great deal more study. If anyone can find a fool proof method of telling the differences between the various printings, the contribution would be of inestimable value.

Many years ago Hart-Lovelace began a study of the "Waterlow Dragons" (1889-1910), but little has been done since. With the many printings, recuts, damaged clichés and perforation varieties abound. What a fertile field for study!

The bisects of the early 20th century also represent an area where more unrecorded items can be discovered. Only recently several previously unknown bisects of the later Waterlow Dragons have come to light.

The unofficial "Chung Hwa Min Kuo" Local Overprints produced when the Republic was founded and before any regular stamps could be prepared, present great research possibilities. Many legitimate ones are still unrecorded.

Revealing information is still coming to light on the Hall of Classics/Junk Issues (1913-1923). Recently it was discovered, thru a little known die proof, that the 1923 second Peking Issue had actually been designed and engraved in 1913, but rejected for the 1914 Issue.

The various printings of the 14 Dr. Sun Yat Sen Issues offers an area for extensive study. Issued during the period of Japanese occupation of greater parts of China, much remains to be discovered in printing varieties and printing differences, not to mention uncovered historical documentation which would tie in with the various issues, during these hectic times.

Much information on the issues of the war years (1937-1945) is lacking. Many provisionals must be still unknown or unrecorded. Some of China's rarest stamps were created during this period of confusion. There may be more!

The period after the war (1945-1949) is a real study in itself. Events and inflation moved so rapidly and with such devastating effects, that many interesting developments can be traced to postal issues prepared in emergencies to keep communications rolling. If the People's Republic of China ever opened their Postal archives to the public, the story could be unfolded more completely.

Chinese experimental Air Flights and the emergence of air mail stamps in 1921, also provides rewarding research. Although S.J. Mills and Major Starr published the monumental work on Chinese Air Post (1920-1935), a great deal more information has been developed and should be combined with and added to their contribution. An urgent need exists for such a project.

Another area of particular interest, is the Japanese Occupation overprints and surcharges on Chinese stamps. A study of used copies and their dates of cancellations would provide much needed information on the advances and retreats of both Japanese and Chinese forces during the many campaigns of the occupation, particularly since the stamps were used by both factions many times.

The above represents a very small part of the challenge of Chinese philately. We haven't touched Postage Dues, Express Deliveries, Registration, Plate Numbers, Revenues, Provincial Issues, not to mention all the China-related areas that comprise the many facets of collecting "China". As you progress into it, new avenues and approaches will come to you—never ending opportunities. It is fascinating, indeed, to collect the stamps of China.

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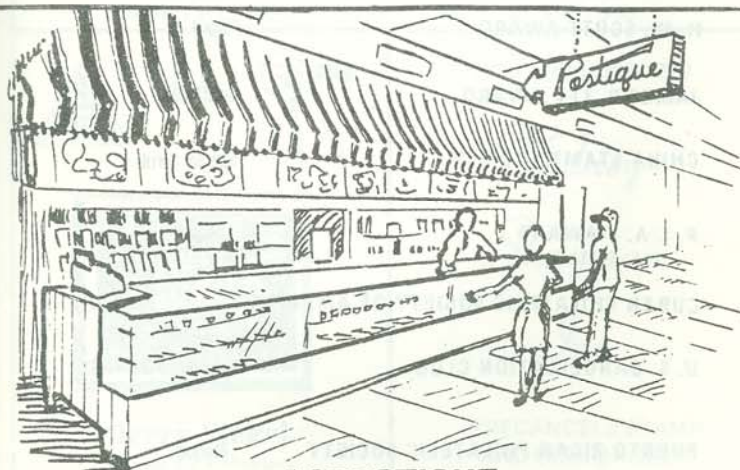


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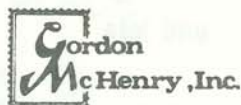
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The medals are 2 1/2" in diameter, are die cast, and will be made in five appropriate and distinct colors for the five categories of awards: Gold, Vermeil, Silver, Silver/Bronze and Bronze. They will show the outline of the State of Florida, including Lake Okeechobee and on the Gulf of Mexico side of the State will be a sailing ship, plus "Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs, Inc." and also "Organized 1949".

Designer of the medal is Earle Plyler of Edmond, Oklahoma and the producer is American Graphics Co. of the same city. Since FLOREX is an open show and attracts a full quota of excellent exhibits annually, a large initial quantity of each category has been ordered. Each medal is packaged in its own case which may also be used to display it.

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