

STAMPS IN THE NEWS

# 100-Year-Old SC Stamp Auctioned for \$11,000

▲ 100-year-old South Carolina

stamp brought \$11,000 recently at a New York stamp auction.

The two-cent carrier postage stamp of 1860 had been issued by Beckman's city post in Charleston. Carrier stamps were utilized by private concerns which conducted local post offices, often offering faster mail service than the United States mails.

The rare postage stamp was one



of thousands from the collection of a New York stockbroker, the late Alfred H. Caspary. The auction was held by Harmer Galleries, 6 West 46th Street.

## Charleston Stamp Shown In Capital

WASHINGTON — The 1930 postage stamp commemorating

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the 260th anniversary of the founding of the Province of Carolina and the 250th anniversary of the city of Charleston, S. C. is a prominent part of a new stamp display placed on permanent exhibit in the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee in Washington, Senator Olin D. Johnston reports.

The colorful exhibit was opened officially by the senator and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield this month, in the Committee Hearing Room of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee of which Senator Johnston is Chairman.

The display, which is the first ever placed in the Senate by the Post Office Department, includes 14 of the most interesting and colorful stamps issued by the Post Office Department in the last quarter century or so. These stamps, which include both the American Flag stamp of 1957 with 48 stars, and the American Flag stamp of 1959 with 49 Stars, will be changed from time to time, the Senator noted, to include many other interesting issues.

In addition to the stamps themselves, the Post Office Department exhibit contains many materials used in the preparation and design of stamps, including a sample master die.

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# SC Honored By Stamps

By The State's Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—South Carolina will be honored by a special valuable stamp display which will be presented to the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee for its Committee room, Senator Olin D. Johnston, Chairman, said.

The display honoring South Carolina is a 1930 stamp commemorating the 260th anniversary of the founding of the Province of Carolina and the 250th anniversary of the founding of Charleston.

The new permanent exhibit was to be officially received by Chairman Johnston from Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield Tuesday in the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee hearing room in the new Senate Office building.

This is believed to be the first permanent stamp exhibit ever placed on display for the Senate by the Post Office Department.

The display includes 14 stamps,

some of which honor the home states of various members of the Committee. South Carolina takes the place of honor in the center of the display because of Johnston's rank as Chairman of the Committee. Other states represented in the display include: Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Washington, and Kentucky.

The earliest stamp in the display is the South Carolina commemorative stamp. The latest to be displayed in the 1959 stamp commemorating the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

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This week it was my pleasure to give final approval to the design for the Fort Sumter commemorative stamp which will be issued April 12, marking the 100th anniversary of the battle of Fort Sumter and the beginning of the War Between the States. In a mood of compromise between the Blue and the Grey, the Post Office Department has decided to issue a green stamp. Traditionally, four-cent stamps are of a bluish color.

The principal design of the stamp will show a 30-pounder gun, used on both sides in the battle of Fort Sumter, manned by a Confederate soldier. From the upper left-hand corner to the lower right-hand corner in the background of the stamp will be a spray of palmetto leaves, symbolic of South Carolina and especially the Charleston area.

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Sincerely,

*Olin D. Johnston*



NEW STAMP EXHIBIT IN SENATE: Senator Olin D. Johnston, left, of South Carolina and Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield admire the stamp issued in 1930, to honor the 260th anniversary of the founding of the Province of Carolina and the 250th anniversary of the City of Charleston, S. C.