

## THE FARLEY ISSUES OF 1935

DURING 1934, POSTMASTER JAMES FARLEY, A CLOSE FRIEND OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, ISSUED SEVERAL SOUVENIR TYPE STAMPS FOR THE BENEFIT OF STAMP COLLECTORS. AMONG THESE WERE SOUVENIR SHEETS OF 25 STAMPS FOR THE CHICAGO EXPOSITION, PANES OF 6 STAMPS FOR PHILATELIC EXPOSITIONS, AND A PANE OF 6 STAMPS FOR THE NEW YORK PHILATELIC EXPOSITION. THESE WERE ALL *SOUVENIR SHEETS* REPRODUCING STAMPS ISSUED PREVIOUSLY. ALSO ISSUED FOR *GENERAL USE* WAS A SET OF STAMPS DEPICTING TEN OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS.

POSTMASTER FARLEY THEN RELEASED FULL SHEETS OF THESE AND SEVERAL OTHER 1934 COMMEMORATIVES AS FAVORS FOR "CERTAIN FRIENDS." THESE RE-ISSUES WERE IDENTICAL TO THE STAMPS AND SOUVENIR PANES EXCEPT THEY WERE NOT CUT INTO INDIVIDUAL PANES AND HAD NO GUM SINCE THEY WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR POSTAGE.

AS COULD BE EXPECTED, THE PHILATELIC PUBLIC FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS AND THE OUTCRY CAUSED THE POSTOFFICE TO RE-ISSUE THE SHEETS FOR STAMP COLLECTORS. THESE WERE ALL RELEASED ON MARCH 15, 1935 AND WERE AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE 15.

MOST OF THESE SHEETS WERE THEN CUT INTO PANES AND SINGLES; LINE PAIRS AND GUTTER PAIRS; BLOCKS OF SEVERAL CONFIGURATIONS, INCLUDING CENTER LINE AND GUTTER BLOCKS; AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCKS; MANY OF WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THIS EXHIBIT.