

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, December 1, 1963 .....	1038
NEW MEMBERS, January 1, 1964 .....	8
	1046
RESIGNATIONS, January 1, 1964 .....	8
DROPPED FROM ROLLS, January 1, 1964 .....	35
	43
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP, January 1, 1964 .....	1003

## THE Editor's MAILBAG

Dear Sir,

Mr. Dodson's inquiry about dates on recent Canadian stamps sent me scurrying with glass in hand to the album. Like him I found no dates on the current regulars, and none on the Countrywomen stamp, BUT: the Highways and the 15c Goose are dated. See the lower wing of the goose far left for the date 1962, and the second shield from the left, bottom row, on the Highway stamp, for the date 1962. The goose date is particularly hard to decipher, possibly 1963 but it is there.

I might add that there appear to be no dates on the abominable new postal stationery either.

As for dates not matching dates of issue: the PO seems of late to have been a little confused about when a stamp will appear. First announcements and final issue dates for the \$1 stamp, for example, are amusing to say the least. Perhaps the Highway stamp was prepared for an expected opening of the road which did not occur on schedule. It seems to me I read of postponements due to failure to complete the highway.

Yours truly,

John P. Grace  
BNAPS 1732

Dear Sir:

I would like to bring to your attention one instance of how philately is being used as an advertising medium. One of our large drug firms in Canada has been sending out to physicians periodic mailings of product information enclosed in, of all things, first day covers! I am sending you one with this note so you may see for yourself the "well-done" cover with first-day cancelled stamp and the company's name on the back flap. I do not know whether the company went to the trouble of finding out which of the physicians on their mailing list were philatelists or whether they send these to all M.D.'s but in any event it seems a good way to catch the eye of the one opening the mail, as quite a few

of these mailings from drug firms quickly find their way to the waste-basket. Now when I receive one of these I put it away, even though I do not collect F.D.C.'s as it seemed almost a sacrilege to me to throw out anything philatelic in nature.

Sincerely  
Edward A. Mercantini M.D.  
BNAPS #1636

Sir:

The other day I came across the following postage stamps that I cannot seem to find listed in Holmes. Could you help me?

### Excise Stamps

FEX 9 40c light blue or slate blue in colour.

### War Tax

FWT 11 .04c light blue or slate blue in colour.

### Newfoundland

1938 Royal Family 246. .03c. The "A" in land is distinctly broken.

Sincerely Yours  
J. J. SCHLOSSER  
BNAPS 1902

Dear Mr. Young:

I thought that possibly the 2 enclosed covers might be of interest to the readers of BNA Topics, tho the Hawaii one only in a collateral way. I have quite a few Hawaii squared circle cancels and 2 covers which very possibly are the only ones so far known.

