

# Canada Post issues special literacy stamp

OTTAWA - Canada Post Corporation will present on September 8, a stamp bearing Canada's literacy symbol to commemorate 1990 as International Literacy Year. Recognizing that eliminating illiteracy is essential to the development and well-being of people and nations around the globe, the United Nations General Assembly has designated 1990 as International Literacy Year, under the direction of UNESCO.

The stamps will be available on September 7 and, owing to the national profile of this cause, the First Day Cover will feature an Ottawa cancellation.

The event will be celebrated simultaneously in 13 centres across Canada to focus on the unity of action in the important fight against illiteracy. Stamp presentations will take place in: St. John's,

Charlottetown, Halifax, Newcastle, Quebec City, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Edmonton, Vancouver, Yellowknife and Whitehorse.

Canada Post Corporation is issuing the stamp to increase public awareness and understanding and to promote national and international action to combat illiteracy. Public awareness today is the key to a literate society tomorrow. The Corporation is supporting many literacy programs under the slogan - "Helping Canadians read and write." For every stamp sold, a one-cent donation will be made by Canada Post Corporation to Canadian literacy organizations.

The stamp design has been adopted by major Canadian literacy organizations as the symbol of literacy in Canada. It has been reproduced as 500 limited edi-



tion, numbered lithographs which have been donated to literacy organizations to be sold or auctioned off to raise funds for literacy.

To symbolize the freedom that literacy brings, Toronto graphic artist Debbie Adams created for the stamp design a stylized bird made up of symbols, numerals, and letters from numerous alphabets: Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Greek, Hieroglyphics, Phoenician and Latin, in three typefaces. Also included are numbers, musical notations, as well as monetary and mathematical symbols. In addition, the phrase "Literacy - a human right" appears in English and French.

A total of 15 million of these commemorative stamps have been printed using seven-colour lithography.

## Seniors for the Future

### Candidates approached

By LES MELLISH

Since we are in the midst of a Provincial election campaign the executive of the Georgetown and District Seniors' Association deemed it appropriate to approach all candidates of this riding requesting their support for a senior citizens' centre. The following is in essence a reproduction of the letter sent to each candidate.

"Our Association is now almost two years old and still growing with over 700 members. Enclosed for your information is a brochure outlining our aims, plus a copy of a proposal made last May to the Council of the Town of Halton Hills. We are happy to say that this was accepted in principle by the Town. Our main thrust therefore is to persuade the Town to act on the proposal and to achieve an early realization of our object to build a seniors' centre here in Georgetown.

To this end the Association will be mainly occupied in the future in raising funds in the Georgetown community. Some recourse will need to be made to Provincial funds however, and we respect-

ly ask for an indication of your support for our project."

The Board of Directors of the Association suggests that members of the community and particularly seniors may wish to ask their candidate for his views on this project and to tell the candidate of their expectations for his support.

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