

NEW STAMP ISSUE COMMEMORATES ROOSEVELT.

Outside the Post Office at Hyde Park, Mrs. Roosevelt attended by her son Elliot and his Movie^x star bride Faye Emerson received the first sheet of the new Roosevelt memorial stamps. A commemorative album was ^spresented to the great statesman's widow. All over the country ~~many~~ collectors rushed to ~~secure~~ ^{buy} stamps of ~~the~~ ^{the} first issue. [The likeness of Roosevelt was based on the portrait which was being painted at the Little White House at Warm Springs when the President died there. ~~With the~~ ^{By the desire} consent of the artist, Elizabeth Schoumatoff, the painting will remain unfinished, a reminder to posterity that the great man who led America to the brink of victory was not spared to enter the promised land of peace.

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- 2. At Hyde Park, friends, neighbors and family gather to honor Franklin Roosevelt. Elliot and his movie bride Faye Emerson watch as Mrs. Roosevelt receives the first sheet of the new one-cent Roosevelt Memorial stamps from Postmaster General Hannegan. The President's widow accepts the commemorative album on behalf of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Library.
- 9. All over the country, philatelists flock to buy this first stamp, which bears the late President's portrait set in a picture of his ancestral Hyde Park home.
- 12. And in New York City, a Roosevelt portrait is unveiled. It was while he was posing for this painting at the Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia, that the President was fatally stricken.
- 16. The artist, Madame Elizabeth Shoumatoff, is introduced by Dr. Frank Kingdon, left, and poses with the picture's exhibitor, Frederick Gimbel. Like the famous unfinished portrait of George Washington by Stuart, this painting remains just as it was at the fatal moment—a realistic reminder to all who see it of drama in history, the untimely death of a great American.