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WASHINGTON, D.C., July 1 --- Postmaster General Winton M. Blount presented an album of commemorative stamps to U.S. Sen. Bob Dole (R-Kans.) recently as a part of a special ceremonies marking the official inauguration of the new United States Postal Service.

July 1, 1971 was specified in the Postal Reorganization Act as the date for the Postal Service to take over functions of the old Post Office Department. The Postmaster General will no longer be a Cabinet official, but will be responsible to a Board of Governors whose job will be to oversee the Postal Service.

The stamp presented by Blount was specially designed to honor Postal Service Day, and shows the official insignia of the new Postal Service. It comes exactly 124 years after the first federal postage stamps were issued.

A complimentary souvenir seal bearing the new insignia as well as the old Post Office Department seal will be distributed one to a customer at all post offices today.

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