



F. BURTON SELLERS TO RECEIVE 1976 A. F. LICHTENSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD

recent recipient of the "President's Award."

"Bud" Sellers' services to philately are not limited to The Collectors Club, however. He is presently a Director-at-Large of the American Philatelic Society. A member of that organization since 1947, he organized the Speakers Bureau in 1972 and has continued since that date as its chairman. He is a trustee of the Philatelic Foundation and second vice president of the American Philatelic Congress. Mr. Sellers is a former president of the Pan American Philatelic Federation and a member of the Philatelic Advisory Panel of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

For F. Burton "Bud" Sellers, 1976 was a very good year. It was the year in which, as chairman, he was instrumental in guiding INTERPHIL to an outstanding success. That international exhibition in Philadelphia will long be remembered as one of the finest held in this country. 1976 was also the year in which the Board of Governors of The Collectors Club designated Mr. Sellers the 26th recipient of what is generally conceded to be the most prestigious philatelic honor in United States philately, the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award.

The medal, emblematic of that award for "distinguished service to philately," will be presented at the Annual Awards Dinner of The Collectors Club which will be held on May 11, 1977.

Mr. Sellers' services to The Collectors Club alone encompasses sixteen years on its Board of Governors. During that period, he served as secretary for three years, vice president for the same period of time and as president for the four-year period 1971-1974. In addition, he served the Club as chairman of a number of important committees. For services to the Collectors Club, he was a

His collecting specialty is the stamps of Haiti. That extensive collection has been shown at national and international exhibitions and has garnered many high awards; best-in-show at the national level and gold internationally have been its highest achievements.

Mr. Sellers, quite apart from his organizational services to philately, has not neglected other areas of activity. He has lectured and written extensively on Haitian philately. His articles have appeared in the "American Philatelist," "The Collectors Club Philatelist," the "Congress Books," the "Pan American Philatelist," "Scott's Monthly Journal" and "Western Stamp Collector," to name but a few publications. He is a consultant for the Haiti section for the Scott and Minkus catalogues. In addition, he prepared the Haiti section for the A.P.S. de Thuin Handbook, "The Yucutan Affair."

"Bud" is an accredited judge at the international level. He has served on national juries for Balpex, Nojex, Sepad and Sojex. His judging credits included international exhibitions in Miami, Florida and at ESPANA '75 in Madrid.

In addition to The Collectors Club, he holds memberships in the American Philatelic Society, the Society of Philatelic Americans, the Haitian Philatelic Society, the Postal History Society, The Philatelic Foundation, Essay Proof Society, American Philatelic Congress and the Maritime Postmark Society. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London.

Our Lichtenstein medalist, though a "New Yorker" for a short six-year period from 1943-1949, is really a transplanted "Mid-Westerner." Born in Kankakee, Illinois, in 1918, he lived in the "Prairie State" until his graduation in 1940 from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude. While in college, he was elected to several honorary fraternities, including Phi Eta Sigma, Omega Chi Epsilon, Phi Lambda Upsilon and Sigma Xi. He also received the prestigious University of Illinois Scholarship Key.

Shortly after his college graduation, he joined the Texas Company, now Texaco Inc., as a process engineer at its Tulsa, Oklahoma, refinery. This necessitated a move to that city where he resided until 1943.

In 1941, "Bud" married Mary Kay Grossman, the girl he met in college. Mary Kay had stayed on at school after "Bud" left to begin his professional career. In 1941, she graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Six days later they were married.

From that union, "Bud" and Mary Kay are the proud parents of daughter, Nancy Kay Sotos, married to a Chicago attorney, and son, John Scott Sellers, an accounting student at the University of Colorado. Nancy Kay and her husband George are graduates of Northwestern University.

"Bud's" professional career was continued in the executive office of Texaco in New York City when he was transferred there in 1943. In 1947, he joined Texaco Development Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Texaco, Inc. After a series of assignments and promotions, he became manager of the Technical Division of the

subsidiary firm, assisting in the development of a process for converting various undesirable petroleum hydrocarbons into fertilizer and petrochemicals. Metal ore reduction and the generation of electrical power were also by-products of that widely licensed Texaco Synthesis Gas Process he helped develop. "Bud" is the holder of nineteen United States and more than forty foreign patents. He is a long-time member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

After completion of a course at the Columbia School of Special Studies, "Bud" passed the United States Patent Office examination to become a Registered Patent Agent. His previous expertise, plus this additional area of knowledge, were instrumental in his transfer to licensing activities for his company. He is presently manager of the Process Division responsible for world-wide licensing activities of Texaco Development Corporation.

He is active in church and civic affairs in Tarrytown, New York, where he and Mary Kay have lived since 1949. He has been president of several PTA's and of the Tarrytown PTA Council and has served two 3-year terms on the Board of Education. During his second term, he was elected vice president.

"Bud's" stamp collecting began when he was eight years old. He recalls attending first day activities when the Chicago Worlds Fair souvenir sheets were issued in 1933. Inactive during his college days, he resumed collecting in 1947 when he became a founding member of the Texaco Stamp Club (APS Chapter Number 233). For service to that club as president and governor during its thirty year life, he was twice accorded its Merit Award for Distinguished Service.

His other philatelic awards are the "Diploma for Outstanding Service to Philately" of the APS Writers Unit No. 30 and the "American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Certificate of Appreciation for Contributions to the Bicentennial Commemoration."

The "Lichtenstein Medal" caps a long and fruitful career of service to philately. (Philip Silver)