

PROGRAM

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



NEW 3-CENT STAMP HONORING  
THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

9:30 A. M.      FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1947

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## The Everglades National Park



THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK is a gift to the nation from the State of Florida. It was established by an order of Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug on June 20, 1947, acting under authority vested in his office by Congress in 1934. It is administered by the National Park Service with headquarters at Homestead, Fla. The park consists of 454,000 acres of lands and waters in the extreme southwest tip of the Florida mainland.

As early as 1928, civic-minded Floridians such as Dr. David Fairchild, Ernest F. Coe, and Representative J. Mark Wilcox brought the project before the people of Florida. Before enabling legislation was enacted, the depression came. Then, World War II held the project in abeyance. After the war, Governor Millard F. Caldwell appointed an Everglades National Park Commission with August Burghard of Ft. Lauderdale as Chairman. The Commission and the Florida Congressional delegation led by Senator Spessard L. Holland waged an aggressive and determined campaign for the park which was spurred on by reports of post war despoilation of Everglades resources. The campaign culminated in the appropriation of \$2,000,000 by the State Legislature in response to overwhelming public support. This fund is to purchase private lands in the area and is expected to increase the boundaries to embrace at least 1,250,000 acres.

This new national park, the 28th in the system, will feature spectacular birds, animals, tropical vegetation, and underseas life unduplicated in types or abundance elsewhere in the United States. It also includes vast stretches of Everglades prairies dotted by jungle-like tree islands known as "hammocks," deep wilderness rivers, beaches, and a giant mangrove forest.

The Everglades National Park will be formally dedicated by the President of the United States and the Secretary of the Interior at Everglades, Florida, on December 6, 1947. The Post Office Department honors this new national park by issuance of the 3-cent stamp.

Formal Program  
FLORIDA CITY, FLORIDA



Presiding	- - - - -	Dan L. Meeker <i>President, Redlands District Chamber of Commerce</i>
Selections	- - -	Homestead High School Band
Invocation	- - -	Rev. Father Paul Manning <i>Sacred Heart Church of Homestead</i>
Welcome to Florida City	- - -	Herbert Hunter <i>Mayor of Florida City</i>
Introduction of Guests	- - -	Presiding Officer
Remarks	- - - - -	Thomas J. Allen <i>Regional Director, National Park Service</i>
Remarks	- - - - -	Millard F. Caldwell <i>Governor of Florida</i>
Introduction of Speaker	- - -	Hugh P. Emerson <i>Postmaster, Miami, Florida</i>
Address	- - - - -	The Postmaster General
Presentation of Stamp Albums to		
		Governor Millard Caldwell, Senator
		Claude Pepper, Senator Spessard L.
		Holland, and Mr. Paul R. Scott, Mr.
		Will N. Preston, and Mr. John D.
		Pennekamp - - - - - Joseph J. Lawler
		<i>Third Assistant Postmaster General</i>
Response	- - - - -	Paul R. Scott
Presentations	- - - - -	Presiding Officer
Star Spangled Banner	- - -	Homestead High School Band
Benediction	- - -	Rev. Robert B. Chapman, Jr. <i>Florida City Community Church</i>

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