

February 28, 1965
PRESIDENTIAL CREDO III - ELPIDIO QUIRINO

PRESIDENT ELPIDIO QUIRINO STAMPS
(Lawyer, Statesman, Orator, Politician and Diplomat)
(Nov. 15, 1890 - Feb. 29, 1956)

The Bureau of Posts pays tribute today to the late President Quirino, who died on February 29, 1956.

The 29th of February coming as it does every four years only, the Postmaster General has fittingly set aside February 28 of this year to issue the third of the Presidential Gem Series with Pres. Quirino depicted on it.

This special issue was printed in two colors by intaglio steel plate, by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd., New Maldon, Surrey, England. Twenty-five million of the 6-centavos denomination and five million of the 30-centavos denomination were printed in sheets of 50. The stamps are 34x45 mm, perforation to perforation, horizontally composed.

Philatelic artist Nemesio Dimanlig, Jr., designed the stamps.

The late Pres. Quirino was born in Vigan, Ilocos Sur on November 15, 1890. In 1911, he graduated from the Manila High School and in 1915, he got an LL.B. in the University of the Philippines. He was awarded LL.D. "honoris causa" by the University of Manila on April 17, 1948; by the University of the Philippines on February 12, 1949; and by the Fordham University, New York, on August 12, 1949.

He was elected assemblyman, then senator and following the liberation of the Philippines, he was elected as Vice President of the Philippines. He assumed office on May 28, 1946.

Like the late Pres. Quezon, Pres. Quirino's main concern was the common man. He took steps to ease and enrich the life of the common man and the nation's economic rehabilitation was his chief project.

He was vice president and secretary of foreign affairs when the sudden death of Pres. Roxas in 1948 catapulted him to the Presidency. He was reelected for a four-year term in 1949.

He died on February 29, 1956, recognized as a leader for world peace on economic security.

