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SALES IN '77 EXCEED \$4,000

Sales Manager Ivan Ley reports that during the last half of 1977, the Sales Department sold Perfins to the value of \$2082.16.

Of this total, \$1221.60 was from A, B, and C rated Perfins mounted in books, \$363.38 was from E and D rated Perfins and \$497.17 was from foreign Perfins.

Commission on the sales was \$487.75; expenses were \$182.66; turned over to the treasurer, J. A. Gooding, \$305.09.

85 different members received Perfins from the Sales Department.

For the entire year of 1977, sales amounted to \$4063.74, including \$2854.01 in U.S. and \$1209.73 in foreign. Net commission to the Club for the year was \$505.66.

Ley reports that he has sent Auction Chairman Gooding over 900 items from the Bartleson collection to be entered in special auctions, and that he has mounted many C-rated Perfins in books to be sent out to customers of the Sales Department. D and E rated Perfins will be sent out to customers in envelopes.

SPECIAL AUCTIONS PLANNED

Auction Chairman Jack Gooding announces that there probably will be three separate auctions to dispose of the Perfins collection left to the Club by the late Al Bartleson. The first auction is expected to be held very shortly, and lively bidding competition is expected for the many A and B rated U.S. Perfins which will be included.

'POKO' CATALOG AVAILABLE

Laurence Rehm (#808) advises that the revised edition of Burt Bauder's "POKO Perfins of the Netherlands" is now out of print; all copies of this printing having been sold.

Rehm states, however, that due to the fact that this book has become the standard reference work on these issues, and that orders are still being received, a quantity of the original edition has been assembled, to which has been added a four-page appendix which effectively brings it up equal in every respect to the revised edition.

These updated original editions are available at \$3.50 postpaid from:

Julius Mansbach
6323 N. Francisco
Chicago, IL 60659

Rehm also mentions that the POKO Perfin exhibit which was awarded a Bronze at AM-PHILEX '77 last spring in Amsterdam, was entered by J. J. Schretlen of Holland.

BULLETIN

The Hallock Card Award for 1977 has been won by a long-time Perfins Club member, R. J. Woolley, (#241) of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The honor has been bestowed upon Mr. Woolley in recognition of his service to Perfins collecting in producing and revising the BNA handbook on "Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials." Further details will appear in the February issue of the Bulletin.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

The Perfins Club is constantly faced with increased costs of virtually everything.... postage, office supplies, printing, and so on. That's why we try to cut down on expenses whenever and wherever we can.

Last May, we eliminated annual membership cards and substituted permanent membership certificates in their place. Every member received such a certificate last May, and new members receive a certificate when they join. The certificates are suitable for framing or they can be mounted on a page in your album if you prefer.

We also hope to eliminate the expense of sending dues reminder notices to as many members as possible. We know that some of you have trouble remembering such things, so we will send notices to members who have not paid their dues by July 1.

But we hope you'll help the Club save the cost of the notice by sending in your dues in advance. All dues are due on July 1 of each year and you may of course pay as many years in advance as you wish. Dues are only \$4 per year.

If you aren't sure when your membership expires, drop me a note, enclose a return postal card, and I'll tell you when your membership expires.

Do take the time now to make a note of when your membership dues expire, and, especially if you plan to travel this summer, get your dues check in the mail ahead of schedule. It will save you time and it will save the Club considerable expense.

While we're talking about membership, here's some information you might find interesting:

As of December 31, 1977, our membership stood at 613, a net increase of 25 over the same time a year ago. The growth is perfectly in line with our desire to expand the Club slowly....only so fast as we can expand our services. We have a small membership dedicated to Perfins philately and we think qual-

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RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Editor, Perfins Bulletin:

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who contributed to the Linn's feature on Perfins on the occasion of the Club's THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY. While the by-lines name all the authors, to whom I am very grateful, I would like to mention and thank John Burns, Club Photographer, for his photo work, and Secretary Floyd Walker for the advice and support he provided throughout the project, from inception to fruition. I enjoyed it very much, though the road to Perfins publicity is not without its 'holes.'

"I would also like to propose that I can make available to the members a copy of the featured articles if there is enough interest. This was done after the 1968 Linn's feature, and offers a more permanent way of retaining excellent articles about Perfins and the Perfins Club. I would have to do this at cost, which I estimate at about 10 cents per article published. If there is interest in this, then drop me a card or letter stating so, and I will provide everyone wanting one a copy. Write to me at: Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. Postage to help mailing costs would be appreciated.

"As Publicity Chairman, I send out releases on every issue of the Bulletin and at other times as events occur. I send to Linn's, Stamp Collector, Canadian Stamp News, Stamps, APS, and National Stamp News. If you, the reader, know of others, drop me a line so I can get Perfins into their publications, too. I do not subscribe to all of the above, so if you see something in Stamps, CSN, or NSN on the Club, I'd appreciate a card or note telling me where you saw news of the Perfins Club. Thank you.
RUDY ROY"

(Editor's note: the special Perfins edition of Linn's is scheduled to run in the February 6 issue. Rudy Roy's above letter is being run ahead of that date in order that it may call members' attention to the upcoming Linn's special.)

"Gentlemen:

"My latest issue of 'The Perfins Bulletin' shows that the Savage gal is at it again. She has sponsored eleven new members. This means that she will send each one of them a packet of Perfins just as she sent to me when I joined the Club. Can't she relax. Does she always have to keep making this outfit a going concern, getting better all of the time. Not only have we been stuck with her as Vice-President for the past ten years but now I find that we have nailed her down for another three years.

"Can't we find a less dedicated person who will not go out of their way just to make the 'Perfins Club' better. Can't we find someone who will not give twenty-three hours every day to this Club? What nerve she has...I guess she spends the other hour with her family. I'm sure that we can find

a less dedicated VP who will let the Club wither and die...oh, me...why do people have to be so active....and then there's that Stump guy and some fellow named Walker.

"Bless them all, and the others that I did not mention. I'm proud to be a member of 'The Perfins Club' because of them.

"Cordially, Edouard W. Hayes"

(Editor's note: while the above letter from Member Edouard Hayes is put in an unusual manner that leaves one wondering until the last moment, the editor reads it as a clever and sincere compliment and expression of gratitude for the work done by our officers - especially Dot Savage. Undoubtedly, there are many other members who are equally appreciative of the work done by our officers - even though they may not write letters expressing their sentiments. The officers of the Club DO devote a great deal of their personal time working in our interest - and this has to be due to their unselfish devotion to the Club and Perfins collecting. They certainly don't make any money at it. May the New Year bring even more success to our officers and the good members who support them!)

WANT ADS

WANTED: Perfins used by the Salvation Army, any country, on cover if possible, but will take off-cover Perfins. Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar Street, Batley, West Yorkshire WF17 7HA, England.

WANTED FOR EXHIBITION. Canal Zone stamps perforated "P" or U.S. stamps perforated "RPR." Covers and multiples also wanted. Send description (including orientation of the perfin) and selling price to Dr. Gary B. Weiss, P. O. Box 155, Sub Sta. 1, UTMB, Galveston, TX 77550.

WOULD LIKE TO TRADE for Perfins the following Perfin envelopes: C-339, C-394, D-91, E-23, M-278, R-74, W-91. R. L. Foley, #9 Haig Place, Apt. 604, Dunedin, FL 33528.

WANTED: to exchange want list for trading better US Perfins. S. Guarini, Box 1502, San Mateo, CA 94401.

WANTED - Perfin covers of foreign banks, especially those addressed to banks in other countries. Also want Perfins of Mexico. Ray B. Crow, 3171 Glengarry Cove, Memphis, TN 38128.

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FAROESE PERFINS: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION — by James H. Baker

Earliest reported usage of a Perfin in the Faroe Islands is that of D.D.P.A. used at Thorshavn from 1928 to 1935 (Bergman, 1977). The Perfin represents Det Danske Petroleum A/S (The Danish Petroleum Co., Ltd.) and was used by their agent, Valdemar Lützen A/S. After 1935 the V.L. Perfin of the agent was used instead of D.D.P.A.

The V.L. Perfin appears to be the same as that illustrated by Bergman (n.d.) and recently reported by Baker (1976). However, perforations shown by Bergman (n.d.) measure 0.5 mm and those illustrated by Baker measure 0.75 mm. The Danish stamps on which the Perfins D.D.P.A. and V.L. (perforation 0.5 mm) occurred were not listed (Bergman, n.d.; 1977).

Bergman (1977) also mentioned that he had seen the V.L. (no information on perforation diameter) Perfin used in 1944 on the first issue Barnahjalpin (children's welfare) seal on cover.

Danam Stamp Co. (1976a,b) offered for auction two Faroese Perfin lots (Nos. 818 and 819) accompanied by photos. Lot No. 818 consisted of Denmark Scott No. 274 (two copies), No. 224 (two copies), and No. 192 (one copy). Lot No. 819 consisted of No. 274 (seven copies) and No. 224 (one copy). Both lots were on piece with stamps tied by Thorshavn postmarks 12.12.40 and 4.11.40 respectively. Danam (1976) again offered for auction one Faroese Perfin lot (No. 599) with accompanying photo. Lot No. 599 consisted of three copies of Denmark Scott No. 274 tied to piece by a Thorshavn postmark 11.12.40.

All stamps in each lot had the V.L. Perfin which is identical to that reported by Baker (1976), even to the diameter of the perforations. Since only part of the covers were present, it can be assumed that these Perfins were used by Valdemar Lützen A/S with the date of usage corresponding closely to those reported by Bergman (1977).

This does extend the documented usage of the V.L. perforation back to 4 November 1940 and its use on three Danish stamps. Scott No. 274 was surcharged for use only in the Faroe Islands and Van Lint, Van Lint, and Enschede (1956) does not list the Perfin. Therefore, a catalog listing of Faroese Perfins is presented in Figure 1.

Literature Cited

- Baker, J.H. 1976. Faroese Perfins. The Perfin Bulletin 29(3): 5.
 Bergman, L. n.d. Skyddsperforeringar. Privately printed. 25 pp.




	1 D.D.P.A. H	xx Det Danske Petroleum A/S (Agent in Faroes: Valdemar Lützen A/S) Thorshavn Use: 1928 to 1935
	2 V.L. H 6½-½-4½-½	xx Valdemar Lützen A/S (Agent for Det Dabske Petroleum A/S) Thorshavn Use: 1935 to ?
	3 V.L. H 6½-½-4½-½	xx P.F. Valdemar Lützen Post Box 20 3800 Torshavn Tórshavn Use: ? to Present

FIGURE 1.

- Bergman, L. 1977. Response to articles. The Perfin Bulletin (30(5): 4.
 Danam Stamp Company. 1976a. A public auction: Monday and Tuesday, May 31 and June 1, 1976. Danam Stamp Co., Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. 88 pp.
 Danam Stamp Company. 1976b. May 31 - June 1, 1976, Auction: Photo plate supplement. Danam Stamp Co., Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania.
 Danam Stamp Company. 1976c. At public auction, Saturday, November 13, 1976. Danam Stamp Co., Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. 98 pp.
 Van Lint, M., V.J. Van Lint, and E.J. Enschede. 1956 List of Danish Perfins. Privately printed. 17 pp.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY (continued)

ity rather than quantity is what makes an organization such as ours a good one.

We call ourselves "the friendly group" and we work hard to maintain that friendliness.

A reminder to any of you who may have a copy of the U. S. Illustrated Perfins Catalog that you aren't using: there are members who would like to buy it from you.

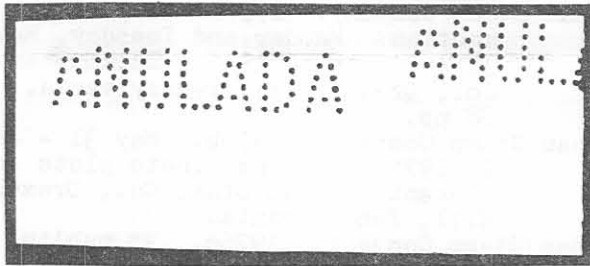
I've been able to match up a couple of members with catalogs for sale with new members who want to buy, and I have a list of several more members who want catalogs. If you have a copy, new or used, as long as it is complete and in reasonably good shape, drop me a note and I'll tell you who might be interested in buying it. It is up to you to make your own deal on these catalogs.

ARGENTINE AND COLOMBIAN FOLLOW-UP ————— by Rudy Roy

As any philatelic writer should know, what he puts in print at one point in time may come back to haunt him later. Dr. Walter B. L. Bose, in the November-December issue of the Bulletin, set the record straight on the INUTILIZADO Perfin of Argentina - more correctly, that it was not a Perfin in the accepted sense, but a cancellation. As a researcher and cataloguer, I am very grateful for the correction, and only wish that my Spanish was good enough to have translated a reference more correctly. To Dr. Bose - GRACIAS.

Since the article on Colombia Perfins appeared (October 1977), further information has been surfaced. Our Cover Sales Manager, Edwin Stuntzner, was kind enough to send me some Latin America covers, and one provided the positive identity of the CRT pattern as having been used by CAMACHO, ROLDAN AND TAMAYO of Bogota. Many thanks, Ed.

The ANULADA pattern described but not illustrated, the one with 9mm letters, is shown in the accompanying illustration. This was provided by Dr. Harvey Tilles. The item appears to be on revenue paper, but I have quite a few partials on stamps in my collection. I still believe the ANULADA was a cancel of some sort, and also that the complete word on one stamp is unlikely.



Members who are doing research into any area of Perfins--or who are just looking for some basic information--should start first with the Library List. If you're a new member, you received a copy of the list from me when you joined. If you were a member in December 1976, you received a copy of the list with the November/December 1976 Bulletin.

The Library is stuffed with all sorts of good information, but it sometimes takes a little looking to ferret out what you need. Start with the list and select files or books that are of interest to you. Sometimes the material you start with will give you some clues about where to look for more information.

Finally, the BAYER pattern listed as having been seen in the Van Lint collection in the Smithsonian, but with no other amplifying data, is now known to measure 8.75 - 9.0 mm in height and not 12 mm. Dr. Tilles again provided this writer with a partial photo of the word. I would like to ask that if anyone has partials of this Perfin, I would appreciate a photo or loan of a copy to photograph so that a complete illustration can be made. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Write to me at Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

While on the subject of asking for assistance, if you have any information on any of the countries of Latin and South American Perfins, such as identos or new patterns, then let me hear from you. There exists now almost enough information to consider seriously producing a catalog of L&SA, and every additional amount of information would be most welcome.

EDITOR'S CORNER

In connection with the census of Perfins on the 1902-03 issue, one member inquires as to what are the earliest and latest U.S. stamps on which Perfins are known. The editor thinks it is safe to say the answer to the latest is that current U. S. issues are being Perfinned as they come out. Who can provide information as to the earliest?

Another member, responding to the census, suggests that we conduct a similar census on the Kansas and Nebraska overprints. If the editor receives enough response from other members in support of a Kansas-Nebraska census, it will be undertaken.

The editor has on hand several articles of some length that he simply has not found time to re-type and prepare for publication. If one of them is yours, please be patient. It probably will appear in the Bulletin in the near future.

In the meantime, additional articles for the stockpile will be most welcome.

Perfin covers for possible use as Perfin Cover of the Month also will be welcome, but please keep in mind that the cover needs to have some unusual, distinguishing or especially attractive feature about it. Just plain run-of-the-mill Perfin covers don't hold much appeal for our readers in this respect. If they did, the editor has enough in his own collection to furnish a Perfin Cover of the Month for many years to come.

The only cost for using the Library is your agreement to pay all postage costs. Complete details are to be found in the introduction to the Library List. Floyd A. Walker, Librarian.

RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFINS ON 1902-03 ISSUE — by Ray Crow

Listed below are the results of the recent census of Perfins on the U. S. issues of 1902-03. The bulk of the credit for this census must go to William Corliss, who conducted the original census published in the January, February and March 1973 issues of the Bulletin. When your editor suggested a census in the Bulletin last year, several members were quick to write and point out that Mr. Corliss had conducted such a census just four years earlier - a fact which your editor had overlooked. However, response to the new census was good and substantial new listings have been added to the data published in 1973 - making the new census worth while.

To set the stage for the census findings given below, it may be well to repeat some of the comments with which Mr. Corliss prefaced his 1973 findings:

"The Bureau Issue of 1902 (Scott 300-320) has always been of great interest to Perfin collectors. Called the 'ornamental series' in bygone days, it was in heavy use from 1902 through roughly 1909. Because Perfins were first authorized in 1908, the 1902 issue represents an excellent time marker indicating the earliest possible use of a Perfin type."

"Finding Perfins on the 1902 issue is difficult. One finds perhaps one 1902 Perfin for every 10,000 Perfins examined. I figure that any 1902 Perfin is worth a quarter, even if it is a common pattern. Perfins such as GE and TRAV, which are abundant on later issues, are scarce on the 1902 issue. Once I went through 25,000 copies of #319, the 2¢ shield design. I broke open the original bundles of 100 packaged by a worker in a Baltimore bank when the stamp was current. I found but 30 Perfins, mostly from railroads. I did the same for 15,000 copies of #301, the short-lived 2¢ flag design, and uncovered nary a Perfin! One has to face the fact that the great bulk of the Perfins on the 1902 issue long ago were thrown into the wastebasket by accumulators and dealers who thought them defective. The best present-day sources of 1902 Perfins are old-time Perfin collections, Perfins Club auctions and dealers stocks, where one occasionally finds some of the tough high values retained as space fillers."

"Roughly 10 percent of all known Perfins (patterns) occur on the 1902 issue. These Perfins were generated by companies that succumbed to the blandishments of the first perforator salesman. Not surprisingly there are many railroads, banks, and large concerns represented, which needed their perforators for two reasons: their employees handled a great deal of high-value postage, or many employees at far-flung, relatively unsupervised stations had to be supplied with postage."

While some of the replies in the 1977 census did not indicate which 2-cent value they were reporting (the 1902 flag type or



the 1903 shield type), it must be assumed that the great majority, if not all, of the unidentified 2-cent values are of the shield type. It is interesting to note, however, that five different patterns were reported on the 2-cent flag type (Scott #301), in contrast to the one pattern reported in 1973. These patterns are B235.5, C152, C152-C3, G141, and U91. Four of the five are in the collection of Joe Balough.

It may be of interest at this point to mention that the 2-cent shield type of 1903 was issued to replace the 2-cent flag type of 1902 after much public complaint that the 2-cent flag type gave Washington a toper's nose and was otherwise "inartistic and clumsy." There also was some contention that the portrait was not that of Washington, but of a certain Mr. Dooley.

Following is a comparison of the 1973 and 1977 censuses:

DENOMINATION	1973 CENSUS	1977 CENSUS	GAIN
1¢	184	257	73
2¢ (#301)	1	5	4
2¢ (#319)	512	660	148
3¢	48	69	21
4¢	76	111	35

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RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON U. S. 1902-03 ISSUE (continued)

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
C1	C	1,2	B	C349	CTT/CO	2	B
C11	C(rail)	1,10	C	C351	CTY/CO.	2	C
C12	CA	2	E	C354	CUA/CO	1,2	C
C15	CAA/&C	2	D	C355	CUA/CO.	2	C
C22.3		2	-	C356(M)	CUD/AHY	2,4,50	C
C24	CAO	1,2,3,4,6,8	E	C358	CUT/CO	2	E
C24A	CAO	3,6,8	E	C360	C(W)	2	E
C24B	CAO	4,6,8,10	E	C362	C-W/CO	2	E
C26	CAS	2	B	C364	C(WJ)O	1,2	C
C36	CBC	1	C	C382	C(Y)C	1,2,3	C
C38	CBC(O)	2	B	C385	C&B	2,5	C
C43	CBQ	1,2,3,4	E	C386	C&C	2,5,6	C
C46	C(BR)	2,6	C	C390	C(&)C	1,2	C
C47	CBR/&CO	1,3	B	C405.5	C&R(diag.)	2	C
C54	CB/&CO	1,2,8	C	C407	C&S	3	A
C63	CC	1,2,10	E	C409	C&S	13	D
C65	CCC	1,2	C	C411	C/&S	2	B
C71	CCC	1	C	C416	C(2)	2	B
C76	C(C)H	2	D	C417	C(3)	\$2,\$5	E
C80	C(C(L))	4	C	C418	C(3)	2	E
C91	CC/&CC	2	C	C420	C(6)	2	E
C102	CDG/CO	1,2	C	C424	C(10)	2	C
C105	C(Delta L)	1,2,3	C	C425	C(11)	2	D
C111	CE/CO	2	E				
C118	CE/NB	1,2,6	C	D7	DA/CO	1	C
C122	CF	1,2	C	D16	DBC/CO	2	C
C123	CF	2	C	D19	DB/MC	2	B
C125	CF/CA	1,2,4,10	C	D21	D(C)	1,2	E
C130	CFI/CO	1	C	D27.5	DCH/&CO	2	-
C135	CFS/CO	4	C	D28	DCM/CO	2	D
C143	CG/&C	2	B	D29	D/CO	2	A
C145	C-H	1,2	C	D30	D/CO	2	B
C152(04)	CHI	2(301)	-	D36	(DE)diag.	2	B
C152(C3)	CHI	1,2	-	D51	DIB	1	B
C160	CHT(diag.)	1	C	D59	DLW	1	B
C161.5	CH&ESG	2	B	D61	D&L/W	1	C
C169	CIS	2	C	D73	D/MW	2	C
C182	CL	2	C	D79	D(O)	2	C
C198	CMC/CO	3,5,10	E	D80	DOLD	1	C
C204.3	CMO	2	A	D86	DPC	1	B
C207	CMT/CO	1,2,3,10	C	D94	DR/CO	2	D
C216	CNB	1	E	D95	DR/CO	3,10	C
C220	CNB(diag.)	2,4	-	D96	DR/CO	2	B
C221	C(N)B	2	C	D112	D(T)	2	E
C228	C/NB	6,10	E	D119	DUN	2	E
C230	CNB(diag.)	6,10	C	D124	DUN	10	E
C238	C(O(A))	8	E	D129	DU/PONT	2,10	E
C248.5	C(OL)E	2,4	B	D136	DW	1,2,6,10	C
C250	C(O)L(O)/			D137	D-W	2	C
	NIAL	4	B	D138	DW/LW	2	C
C264	CPA	4,6	E	D141	DXN	1,2,6	C
C267	CP/BC	2	C	D155	D/18	2,10	E
C278	CPR	2	E				
C283	C(R)	1,2	C	E1	E	2,10	B
C284	C(R)	1,2,4,15	E	E5	EA/AMS	1	C
C288	CR/CO	1,2,3,4,5,10	D	E6	EAC(diag.)	2	B
C290	CR/CO	2,6	E	E7	EAC(O)	2	C
C293	C(RO)	1	A	E8	EA/GLE	2	B
C300	C(S)	2	C	E13	EAS	2	B
C310	CS/CO	2	C	E13.9	E-B	2	A
C317	CS/K	2	C	E19	ECG	2	B
C319	CSN/O&P	2,4	C	E22	EC/&M	1,2	C
C320	CSO	6	A	E26	ED.P	2	C
C322	C(SR)B	2,3	B	E32	EEP	2	B
C339	CTC	2	C	E33	EF	1	C
C344	CTC(O)	1,2	C	E34	E(F)	2	D
C347	CT/CO	2,3,4,8,10	E				

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RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON U. S. 1902-03 ISSUE (continued)

DENOMINATION	1973 CENSUS	1977 CENSUS	GAIN	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	GAIN RATING
5¢	35	56	21	A270(13)	ATF/CO	2	C
6¢	40	64	24	A270(17.5)	ATF/. 60	2	A
8¢	36	54	18	A276	AWB	2	D
10¢	55	102	47	A278	AW/CO	2	C
13¢	12	20	8	A280	AWP	2,10	E
15¢	12	24	12	A284	AXB/NY	2,4,10	C
50¢	9	18	9	A288	A&/CO	2	C
\$1	6	10	4	A304	A&S	2	C
\$2	3	6	3	A306	A&W/CO	2	C
\$5	0	3	3				
Total	1029	1456	427				

The census of Perfin types follows:

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	GAIN RATING	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	GAIN RATING
A10	(A) triangle	2	C	B4	B	1,2	B
A11	AAA	1,5,13	C	B19	BA	2	C
A13	AAC	2	B	B20	BAI/LEY	2	B
A32	ABC	1,4,6,10	D	B26	BAT	2	C
A35	AB/C	2	C	B27	BAU/ER	2	C
A37	AB/CO	1,2,4	C	B29	BA/&CO	1,2,50	D
A39	AB/CO	1	D	B40	BB	2,3,5	D
A40	AB/CO	1,2,4,5	D	B48	BB/CC(O)	1,2,8	C
A42	ABD	2,4,5	C	B49	BB/CO	2	D
A46	ABL	1	D	B53	BBH	2,15	D
A48	AB/NY	4	C	B55	BBH/CO	2	A
A51	AB/&A	4	D	B58	BB/LTD	1,2,6	C
A53	AB/&CO	2,50	C	B60	BBT/CO	2	C
A60	ACB/LD	5,8,\$2	E	B78	BC(O)	8	E
A64	AC/C(O)	2,8,15	D	B81	B/CO	5	D
A76	ACL	1,2,4,6	E	B86.5	BD/C	2	C
A94	AE	2,4,8	E	B87.5	BD/CO	1	B
A97	A bar E	2	C	B88	BD/CO	2	B
A102A	AEL/CO	2	E	B92	BEA/VER	1	C
A104	AE/N	2	B	B94	BECK	2	B
A109	A(EX)	2	A	B104	BFC	1	C
A132	AG/PC	2	C	B110	BFC/CO	2,5	C
A148	AI/CO	2	C	B113	BF/CO	2,4	B
A149	AI/CO	2,4	D	B115	B-F/CO	1	C
A157	AIW	2	C	B118	BFG/CO	1,2,3,4,6	C
A162	AK/C	2,10	C	B126	BFU	2	D
A167.3	AL/CO.	2	A	B127	BFU	8	C
A173.7	ALP(diag.)	2	-	B135	BIA	3	A
A174	ALS	2	B	B138	BIG/4	2,5	E
A179	AMC	2,5	C	B139	BIG/4	2	E
A182	A/MC	2	C	B142	BIS/BIS	1	A
A182.5	A/MC	2	B	B145	BK/CAL	3	E
A197	ANC/HOR	2	C	B151	B bar L	2,8,10	B
A210	AP/CO	2,5	C	B152	BLA	2,6	C
A214	APP/CO	2	C	B167	BMP/CO	1,2,10	C
A218	APW/CO	1	C	B169	BMV	2	B
A221(1)	AR	1,3,4,6,10	E	B171	B-N/PCO	2	C
A221(26)	AR	1	E	B185	BOP/NA	2,5,6,8	B
A228	AR/CO	2	A	B187	BOS/TON	2	C
A243	ASB	2	D	B194	BPC(O)	1,2,5	C
A252.5	ASE/CO	2	A	B196	BP/&CO	1	D
A255	ASI	2	B	B202	BRC	1,2,4	C
A262	ASR/CO	2	D	B229	BS/&CO	1,6	D
A264	AS/&B	1	C	B235,5	BT/CO	2	C
A267	ATC	1,2,6,8,10	E	B241	B-V	1	E
A267a	ATC	2	E	B250	BY/CO	2	C
A267b	ATC	2	D	B256	B&B	1,2	C
A268	ATC(O)	1,2,3,4,6,10	E	B258	B&B	2	E
A270(1)	ATF/CO	1.3.10	E	B266	B&D	2	C
A270(2)	ATF/CO	2	E	B267	B&F	1,2	A
A270(4)	ATF/CO	2	A	B268	B&F	2	B
				B270	B&H	2,4	C
				B277	B&O	1,2,4	E
				B287	B&S	2	B
				B290	B&S	2	C

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1535 Delmer Kaptj, 9731 162nd St., Edmondton, Alberta, T5P 3L1 CANADA (Beginner) by Al Pearson
 1536 Paul A. Thibault, 3490 Torino Court, Concord, CA 94518 (WW) by Dorothy Savage
 1537 Henry V. Betz, 294 Briar Lane, Chambersburg, PA 17201 by Dorothy Savage
 (PA companies, watch & clock companies)
 1538 William L. Turney, 1306 Cottonwood Crescent, North Vancouver, British Columbia V7P 1K9 CANADA (US before 1950, CA, GB, FR, Australia) by Dorothy Savage
 1539 Tom E. Goodwin, 1315 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95816 (WW) by Dorothy Savage

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1242 Dean P. Hatfield, Box 623, Central Valley, CA 98407 (Paid to 1979)

Resigned

1106 Evelyn B. Parady

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NEW REVENUE RESEARCH

Revenue Perfins research has taken a major leap forward--thanksto Bill Richerson (#1295).

Richerson has undertaken a project to compile a catalog of Revenue Perfins of the United States, and he has the basic information on computer so it can be expanded and revised easily.

As many members will recall, the late L. R. Murray and Robert Kenneth compiled a basic list of Revenue Perfins several years ago. However, neither followed up on their work and although there has been growing interest in the subject, there has been no one to carry on the work started by Murray and Kenneth.

Now Richerson has come along with some new information, coupled it with the listing compiled by Murray and Kenneth, and triggered new interest in a fascinating field.

A better knowledge of Revenue Perfins will pay dividends in our understanding of Perfins on postage stamps.

Perforators were used in most brokerage houses to cancel the revenue stamps affixed to stock certificates and other paperwork originated to show the payment of various types of taxes. Many of these brokerage houses also maintained perforators for use on postage stamps.

Sometimes the clerks responsible for handling the perforators got things confused..and perforated postage stamps with the machine made for revenue stamps...and punched some revenue stamps with the machine meant for postage stamps.

Philatelists have long contended that the accidental perforation of postage stamps with a perforator designed for revenue usage is responsible for the creation of some of the rarest of the "A-rated" U.S. Perfins.

On the other hand, the perforation of revenue stamps with the design intended for postage stamps has led to some interesting possibilities for research...and it is into this area that Richerson is plunging. At the same time, he is listing those Perfins known only on revenue stamps in an effort to make the listing complete.

Richerson's work is just beginning and he needs additional information---especially from any other members who have done any research into Revenue Perfins. He also needs to purchase or borrow any Revenue Perfins anyone will allow him to work with. Most members have at least a few such items tucked away somewhere and the information they carry could be important to the work Richerson is doing. He would very much appreciate hear-

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WOOLLEY WINS CARD AWARD



Robert J. Woolley

As mentioned briefly in the January Bulletin, Robert J. Woolley (#241), the world's foremost expert on Canadian Perfins, has received the Perfins Club's 1977 Hallock Card Award.

The Award is given annually to a member of the Club who has made outstanding contributions to the Club and to Perfins philately.

Woolley, who will be 80 on April 2, is the author of the Canadian Perfins Catalog published by the British North American Philatelic Society and has been responsible for dozens of articles on Canadian Perfins in philatelic journals worldwide.

In paying tribute to Woolley, Perfins Club President David Stump said, "Bob Woolley's name is synonymous with Canadian Perfins research and it is long past time when the Perfins Club and the Perfins fraternity pay tribute to this learned and generous philatelist."

Woolley got his start in Perfins in 1949 when he bought two million common stamps to sort...and became intrigued by those with perforations in them. With the help of other early Perfins collectors, Woolley classified the Canadian Perfins and turned his research into the first Canadian Perfins Catalog.

In a note to Secretary Floyd Walker, Woolley said he knows the Canadian Catalog needs revision, but added that he is unable to do the work.

Woolley has learned since that the Perfins Club's Canadian representative, Al Pearson, has undertaken the task of revising and updating the Canadian Perfins Catalog.

An active stamp collector since 1909, Woolley is a veteran of both world wars and is a retired valuator and negotiator for the Dominion Department of Transport in Canada. He lives in Toronto.

The Hallock Card Award, named for the founder of the Perfins Club, has gone to only 10 members since it was first awarded to the late K. F. Lougee, author of the U. S. Perfins Catalog. Other recipients of the award

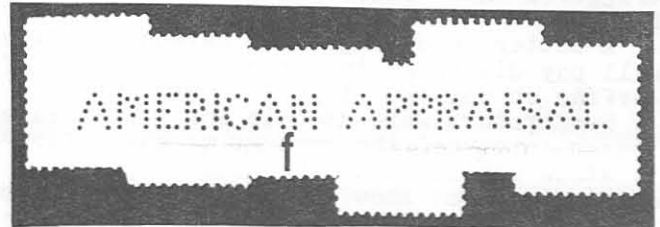
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Perfin Cover of the Month

The Perfin Cover of the Month is a very unusual and interesting one submitted by Charles Schoeps (#1315) of Saugerties, N.Y. It is unusual because the two 4-cent Taft stamps, between them, bear the "AMERICA" portion of the Perfin "AMERICAN APPRAISAL" sometimes used on the American Appraisal Company's stamps, perhaps through error. This Milwaukee firm normally perforated its stamps with a conventional postal Perfin "AA/Co" (A-18) as shown in the inset.



The long "AMERICAN APPRAISAL" perforation would appear to be one generally used on checks or other documents. It is interesting to note that although the stamps are precancels, they are tied to the cover by a superfluous machine cancellation - which luckily in this instance gives positive proof of their actual postal use on cover. Shown at right is an interesting reconstruction of the long Perfin, made a few years ago and preserved in the Murray-Lougee Perfin Photo Collection. Other members who have unusual Perfin covers are invited to submit them to the editor for possible use as Perfin Cover of the Month.



NEW REVENUE RESEARCH (continued)

ing from anyone with any information to share. Write him at 1047 Forest Knoll Drive, San Jose, CA 95129.

And if you'd like to see the work Richerson already has done, you may borrow a copy from the Library. The listing is, as noted earlier, on computer, and a copy of the printout is available on request from Librarian Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

If you'd like your own copy of the list, you may Xerox the copy in the Library--or, if you have access to a computer, Richerson says he can supply you with punched papertape or DECtape so you can make your own reproduction on a line printer.

But you don't need a computer or a Xerox machine to help Richerson with his research. Dig out those Revenue perfins you have tucked away in the back of the cabinet and send them along to Richerson so he can check the information hidden on (and in) them and add it to his listing.

The result of Richerson's work--if you help--will be a major addition to our knowledge of United States Perfins.

Special Auction in March

The first special auction from the collection of Perfins left to the Club by the late Al Bartleson will be included in the March Bulletin. This will be an excellent opportunity for members to obtain some of the more elusive U. S. Perfins.

WOOLLEY WINS CARD AWARD (continued)

have been David Stump, currently Perfins Club president, Leonard Paul, current Vice President Dorothy Savage, former president Jim Harris, the late L. R. Murray, former secretary Richard Mewhinney, Czechoslovakian Perfins expert Vojtech Maxa, Sales Manager Ivan Ley, and current Secretary/Librarian Floyd Walker.

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FOREIGN CENSUS RESULTS by Robert J. Schwerdt

Since the foreign census forms were published in the July/August Bulletin, 53 members have responded. In this census count an attempt was made to list only the number of different private (commercial) patterns and to avoid counting official, cancel and specimen Perfins. Because members do not always separate official and private Perfins in their country collections, and because it is not always easy to distinguish between the two types, the count that follows undoubtedly includes some official stamps---particularly in the counts of Canada, Great Britain, Sudan, Russia, Venezuela, and perhaps a few other countries. Papua and Northwest Pacific Islands were intentionally omitted from this list because only official Perfins have been reported from those places. A few countries on the census show no reported Perfins. Generally this means that none of the members reported owned Perfins from these places, NOT that Perfins don't exist from these countries. This writer knows from other sources (Bulletin reports, worksheets, articles) that Perfins do exist on the stamps of Cyprus, Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Lithuania, Memel, and Rouad Island, though none were reported here.

Some observations can be made from these census results. A division of the 53 reporters according to the number of countries collected:

Countries	Members
1-20	19
21-40	13
41-60	4
61-80	6
81-100	5
101-120	0
121-140	5
141-160	1
Total	53

A few members are one country collectors, while others have a limited number of Perfins from many countries. This fact lowers the median count, which is the count that falls approximately midway between the extremes. The median was included in order to provide a realistic figure for the novice and for the average collector.

It can be seen from the tally that Perfins of more than 30 countries may be exceedingly rare, since they have each been reported by a single member only.

The reporting members whose foreign Perfin collections of separate patterns have reached five figures are listed as follows:

LM-14 J. Brandt	19,109
#235 E. Enschede	18,385
#586 J. Prins	16,113
#1220 S. Guarini	16,067
#233 H. Smit	14,909
#459 A. Pankratz	14,390
#705 I. Ley	12,379

The maximum Perfin count according to this

census reaches 26,681. Some of the collectors who reported in the 1972 census have added over 6,000 new patterns in intervening years, which fact suggests that Perfin collecting is far from a dormant branch of philately. Members can enjoy a nostalgic look at the past census reports by consulting the Perfins Bulletin of February 1973.

Several members reported the same top total for many countries, but only one collector's number is listed for space and simplification. Those who wish to inquire about specific countries or other matters relevant to this report should remember to enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

In summary, 198 countries (or subdivisions) have been reported on the 1978 census. The report includes 24 countries that have not been previously reported.

Verification of Perfins from the unreported countries or from any unlisted countries will be appreciated. Reports will be welcome from members who have totals greater than the top counts listed here. Please address all correspondence to the writer at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

COUNTRY	NO. OF MEMBERS REPORTING	APPROX. MEDIAN COUNT	TOP COUNT	MEMBER WITH TOP COUNT
<u>BRITISH EMPIRE</u>				
Australia	39	23	282	LM-14
Aust. Antarctic Ty.	4	2	5	LM-14
New South Wales	22	8	36	#1220
Queensland	19	5	11	#1220
S. Australia	23	4	22	#1220
Tasmania	14	2	16	LM-14
Victoria	22	5	135	#1220
W. Australia	14	7	8	#1220
Bahamas	-	-	-	-
Barbados	3	1	2	#524
Br. E. Africa	-	-	-	-
E. Africa & Uganda Prot.	3	-	1	#586
British Guiana	14	1	2	#459
Burma	7	2	4	#505
Canada	34	58	284	#1399
Newfoundland	30	2	5	LM-14
Cape of Good Hope	16	3	18	LM-14
Ceylon	34	8	60	#705
Sri Lanka	2	-	2	#1220
Cyprus	-	-	-	-
Gibraltar	2	-	1	LM-14
Gold Coast	8	1	2	LM-62
Hong Kong	30	6	36	#235
Ireland	34	16	98	#705
India	33	34	368	LM-14
Chamba	1	-	1	#586
Faridkot	1	-	1	#586
Cochin	12	2	12	LM-14
Hyderabad	5	1	4	#235
Travancore	3	2	2	#505
Travancore-Cochin	-	-	-	-
Bussahir	-	-	-	-
Nowanuggur	-	-	-	-

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<u>BR. EMPIRE (contd.)</u>					<u>GERMANY (contd.)</u>				
West Bengal	-	-	-	-	Ofs. in Morocco	-	-	-	-
Jamaica	20	1	4	#1220	Ofs. in Turk. Emp.	8	4	6	#459
Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika	13	2	3	#1220	Locals	1	-	1	LM-14
Kenya	1	-	2	#524	Ger. Dem. Rep.	5	1	2	#459
Uganda	-	-	-	-	<u>STAMPS POSTMARKED OUTSIDE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</u>				
Tanganyika	-	-	-	-	Gr. Brit. in Akassa	1	-	2	LM-14
Leeward Islands	2	-	2	#505	Germany in Austria (WWII)	2	-	11	#233
Malaya	12	2	10	#705	France in Algeria	1	-	1	#233
Malacca	3	1	9	#233	Austria in Germany	1	-	1	#233
Penang	7	1	3	#586	Austria (Swiss Co) in Liechtenstein	1	-	1	Non-Member
Perak	2	-	1	LM-14	<u>FRANCE</u>				
Selangor	2	-	3	LM-14	France	42	82	184	#586
Singapore	16	2	4	#1220	Als. & Lorraine	3	-	1	#586
Malaysia	-	-	-	-	Lorraine	3	-	1	LM-14
Malta	11	1	1	#505	AMG	2	-	1	#586
Mauritius	23	3	5	#233	Ofs. in China	2	-	1	#505
Montserrat	-	-	-	-	Canton	2	-	1	#505
Natal	20	2	17	LM-14	Kwangchowan	2	-	1	#505
New Zealand	19	3	33	LM-14	Pakhoi	1	-	1	#505
Nigeria	19	1	3	#1220	Ofs. in Alexandria	8	1	3	#233
Orange River Col.	8	4	4	#1359	Ofs. in Port Said	1	-	1	#586
Pakistan	10	2	3	#233	Ofs. in Turk. Empire	11	3	7	#586
Palestine	16	-	1	#505	<u>REST OF THE WORLD</u>				
St. Kitts & Nevis	-	-	-	-	Algeria	19	4	27	#586
Rhodesia (Br. SA Co)	16	2	3	LM-14	Angola	20	1	2	#1220
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	3	1	2	#524	Argentina	36	17	115	#1220
Sou. Rhodesia	8	2	4	LM-14	Austria	35	30	1756	#861
Sierra Leone	-	-	-	-	Aust. Ofs. in Crete	1	-	1	#861
South Africa	22	8	44	LM-14	Aust. Ofs. in Turk.	10	4	12	#861
Straits Settlements	27	12	47	#233	Azores	5	1	3	#586
Sudan	13	1	5	LM-14	Bavaria	35	19	209	#586
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	Belgium	37	37	746	LM-14
Trinidad & Tobago	5	1	4	#1220	Belgium, Ger. Oc.	10	6	33	#235
Transvaal	18	3	10	LM-14	Bosnia & Herz.	17	3	9	#586
Zanzibar	2	-	2	LM-14	Brazil	21	3	8	#235
Zululand	-	-	-	-	Bulgaria	21	4	10	#705
<u>GREAT BRITAIN</u>					Canal Zone	14	2	3	#1220
Great Britain	42	281	7680	LM-14	Chile	25	4	13	#705
Guernsey	1	-	1	#720	China	28	7	26	#1220
Jersey	1	-	1	LM-14	Taiwan (Rep. China)	-	-	-	-
N. Ireland	7	1	3	LM-14	Colombia	18	3	7	#586
Scotland	11	3	17	LM-14	Colombia Scadta	-	-	-	-
Wales & Monmouth	8	4	9	LM-14	Air (France)	3	-	1	#505
Guernsey (ind.)	2	-	1	#505	Crete	5	-	1	#505
Jersey (ind.)	3	-	1	#505	Croatia	-	-	-	-
British Offices	-	-	-	-	Cuba	27	8	21	#1220
in China	6	1	3	LM-62	Czechoslovakia	27	20	377	#586
in Morocco	5	1	3	#233	Czech. (Boh. & Mor.)	9	9	22	#235
in Turkish Emp.	7	1	3	#720	Czech. (Slovakia)	3	2	2	LM-14
in Tangier	2	-	1	#1220	Danzig	12	2	8	#235
<u>GERMANY</u>					Denmark	38	38	619	#235
Germany	40	68	8361	#459	Dominican Repub.	1	-	1	#1220
US & Brit. Zone	4	4	8	LM-14	E. Silesia	-	-	-	-
Federal Republic	7	4	19	LM-14	Upper Silesia	4	3	4	LM-14
Malmedy	-	-	-	-	Ecuador	13	-	1	#505
AMG	2	-	2	#233	Egypt	28	7	23	#1220
French Occup.	3	-	1	#586	Egypt (UAR)	4	1	3	#235
Baden	1	-	1	#505	Faroe Islands	3	-	1	#505
Wurttemberg	3	-	1	#505	Finland	14	1	6	#235
Berlin (US, Br., Fr)	5	2	40	#459	(continued next page)				
Berlin (Russian)	1	-	2	#505					
Offices in China	4	1	2	#1220					

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<u>REST OF THE WORLD (contd.)</u>				
Finland(Russ.Emp)	3	1	2	#233
Fiume	6	1	2	#1155
Fr. E. Africa	-	-	-	-
French Morocco	20	3	14	#233
French W. Africa	4	-	1	#233
Funchal	12	-	1	#505
Greece	28	3	8	#670
Guatemala	-	-	-	-
Haiti	4	-	1	#1220
Hungary	33	50	251	#586
Iceland	-	-	-	-
Indo China	12	4	8	#586
Iran	5	-	1	#705
Italy	37	21	357	#1220
Italy, AMG	6	1	2	LM-62
Italy,Ofs.inTurk.	3	1	3	#235
Italy, Trieste	4	1	4	#1220
Japan	36	19	267	#1152
Japan,Ofs.inChina	2	-	3	#1152
Jugoslavia	25	6	30	#586
Jug.,Croatia-Slav.	1	-	1	#1220
Jug., Slovenia	2	-	4	LM-14
Kiauchau	9	1	1	#505
Latvia	9	1	2	LM-14
Lebanon	9	1	2	#505
Lithuania	-	-	-	-
Lourenco Marques	3	1	2	#505
Luxembourg	25	4	22	#586
Madagascar	12	1	2	#505
Memel	-	-	-	-
Mexico	18	5	16	#1220
Monaco	17	1	10	#586
Netherlands	41	76	749	#233
Neths. Antilles	24	1	6	LM-62
Neths. Indies	17	2	27	#235
Indonesia	-	-	-	-
Nicaragua	2	-	1	#1220
Norway	24	7	31	#1220
Peru	18	3	8	#1220
Philippines	15	2	5	#1188
Poland	23	5	23	#235
Poland(PortGdansk)	3	-	1	#505
Portugal	31	19	124	LM-14
Portguese Guinea	1	-	1	#233
Reunion	1	-	2	#586
Romania	35	10	184	#586
Romania(Ger.Occup)	1	-	1	#505
Roud Island	-	-	-	-
Russia	9	1	10	LM-14
Russia,Ofs.inTurk.	2	-	1	#888
Saar	17	2	12	#586
St.Thomas&Prince	1	-	1	#505
Salvador	4	1	5	LM-14
Serbia	-	-	-	-
Spain	37	16	212	LM-14
Spain, Valencia	1	-	1	LM-14
Spain, Barcelona	5	6	8	#586
Spain,Ofs.inMorocco	5	2	3	#235
Spain,Ofs.inTangier	2	-	1	#235
Sweden	30	10	85	#586
*Switzerland	27	75	350	#235
Syria (UAR)	1	-	1	#233
Thailand	12	3	5	LM-14

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Tunisia	21	3	12	#586
Turkey	16	4	8	#235
Uruguay	13	1	5	#1220
Venezuela	7	1	2	#1220
Wurttemberg	13	6	20	#235
<u>ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES REPORTED</u>				
Bechuanaland Prot.	1	-	1	LM-14
Isle Man- Reg.	1	-	1	#720
Jersey, Ger.Occup.	1	-	1	LM-14
Malaya-Kelantan	1	-	1	#1155
Trinidad	1	-	1	#1220
Eupen	2	-	1	#235
Ger. S.W. Africa	1	-	1	#586
Colombia Scadta	1	-	1	LM-14
Eritrea (Italian)	1	-	1	LM-14
Fr.Ofs. in China	-	-	-	-
Mongtseu	1	-	1	#586
Tchongking	1	-	1	#586
West Hungary	2	-	1	LM-14
Indochina used in	-	-	-	-
Cambodia	1	-	1	LM-14
Israel	1	-	1	#705
Schleswig	1	-	1	#809
Turkey in Asia	2	-	1	#233
<u>Total Foreign Types Reported</u>				26,681

*A non-member has 600 different Swiss types

WANT ADS

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FOREIGN AND U.S. Perfins on cover to trade for German and Asian Perfins on cover. Will also buy covers. SASE for list. Larry Degenhart, Box 7097, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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CONTACT IVAN LEY, ARENA, WI 53503

MORE ON THE STATE OF TEXAS PERFIN ————— by Floyd Walker

The saga of the "C in Star" pattern of the State of Texas continues....

When I last reported on this subject (November/December 1977 Bulletin), I told members that correspondence from Tom Treadway, financial division director for the Texas state legislature in Austin, Texas, indicated that the old "C in Star" pattern (C-10) was being revived for use on state postage.

Now we have a new element to the story.

Shortly after my article appeared, I received a letter from a Texas member of the Perfins Club reporting that he had acquired a full mint sheet of 13¢ definitives perforated with the C-10 pattern. He said he had paid face value for the stamps at a local stamp club meeting.

The seller reportedly had acquired the stamps in Austin and had traded a full sheet of regular (unPerfined) stamps for them.

I wrote our Texas member that I planned to inform Treadway that a full sheet of Texas Perfins had wandered. Since Perfins are designed to protect postage from "unauthorized use," the fact that somebody had traded a sheet of Perfined stamps for a sheet of unPerfined ones struck me as being perhaps just a little on the questionable side.

At the same time, the trade may have been perfectly innocent--perhaps designed to help out a stamp collector.

However, considering the fact that the whole subject of reviving the Texas Perfin came up because some Texas legislators had stolen enough state-owned postage to buy, among other things, a pick-up truck, I thought Treadway should know about the stamps.

I wrote Treadway late in December. I did not reveal the name of the Perfins Club member involved, but I did trace the story much as I have traced it here.

In mid-January, I received a telephone call from a Captain Hugh Poage of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Captain Poage explained that he had been asked to look into the matter of the Perfins and that although there was not at that time any indication of wrongdoing, he did want to trace the stamps to their original source.

After chatting for a few moments to confirm the identity of the caller (I'm from Texas and still have many friends there, including some Poages, none related to the Captain), I told Poage the name of our member in Texas.

I've learned since that the Texas member was contacted within the hour and, after assuring himself that Poage was who he said he was, revealed the name of his source.

That source in turn was contacted and apparently named his source. Beyond that I have no information at the moment.

I've asked both Treadway and Poage to in-

form me if any action is taken regarding the Perfins. I'm very curious to learn if the original trade was innocent or was an attempt to rip off the state.

If it was the latter, it obviously did not succeed.

Perhaps we will find out that Perfins can still do what Joseph Sloper designed them to do--stop the unauthorized use of postage stamps.

Incidentally, Captain Poage assured both our Texas member and myself that it is perfectly all right to use the stamps with the C-10 pattern on personal mail. The crime, if there was one, obviously lies in the original diversion of the stamps in Austin, not in the use of them on mail.

So, there will be some C-10s floating around soon on current mail. I'm sure our Texas member will make good use of the stamps.

And I'll keep members informed if I hear anything further about the saga of the Texas Perfins.

EDITOR'S CORNER

If the new "small size" U. S. stamps catch on, it's going to be rough on Perfiners.

Floyd Walker reports that he has a tough time getting his personal Perfin into one of the new stamps.

Walker's Perfin is 1/2 by 1/2 inch, which is what the Postal Service specifies as the maximum. But the new stamps are only about 5/8 by 3/4, and that doesn't leave much room for movement without the Perfin cutting into the edge of the stamp.

You can see the comparison between the new size stamp and the regular size definitive in the illustration below.



James Milne (#809) an American who moved from Germany to Singapore a year or so ago, reports that he has had Perfins on exhibit in two local stamp shows in Singapore. He says no prizes are awarded at these shows, the primary purpose being to put on public interest exhibits. The exhibitors are asked to "hang around" as much as possible in order to answer questions from the public. Jim says that when you answer the question "why save holes" with the remark "it's fun," the viewers just shake their heads sadly -- the tropical heat has gotten to one more European. He says all Caucasians are regarded as Europeans first, then maybe they will break it down into Australians, Europeans and Americans.

RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON 1902-03 ISSUE — PART 2

The following is a continuation of the results of the recent census of Perfin types on the U. S. issues of 1902-03 (the listing began in the January 1978 Bulletin):

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
E44	EG/CO	2	B
E48	EH/CO	2	C
E50	EHF	1	E
E55	EJG/&CO	2	B
E57	EK/C	2	C
E70	ELIAS	2	E
E77	EM/CO	4	C
E85	EMT	2	B
E87.5	EN/CO	2	A
E90xx	(EO)Heart	2	B
E110	ES	1	C
E117	E(SL)	4	E
E121	ES/&CO	2	C
F1	F	2	E
F8	(F)diamond	1,2	E
F16	FAB	2	B
F19	FAC	1,2	C
F22	FAH	2	D
F25A	FAIR	2	C
F39	FBH/CO	1	C
F42	FB/&C	2,4	D
F43	FB/&CO	2	E
F46	FB/&CO	1,2	C
F49.5	FB/&CO	1,2	A
F50	FB/&K	2	C
F54	FC/EX	2	B
F58	FCT	2	C
F71	FERRY	2,3	E
F72	FE/&CO	1,2,10	D
F73	FF	2,6	E
F90	FIRST	15	E
F92	FJM(diag.)	4	C
F95	FL	2	E
F96	FL	1,2,3,4	E
F102	FMC/shld	2	B
F103	FMC	2	C
F109	F/MCK/C(O)	2	C
F110	FML(diag.)	2	D
F114.5	FM/&CO	10	C
F118	FNB	2	E
F127	F/NB	2,4,5,6,8,10,\$2	E
F129	FNB(diag.)	4,6	C
F135	FN/BK	4	C
F136	FN/BK.	6	C
F142	FOK	2	D
F145	FORD	1,2	D
F147	FOX	1,2	D
F151	FPC	2	B
F166	FRB/NY	\$2,\$5	E
F170	FRB/SF	\$2	E
F183	FR/9	\$5	E
F186	FSB(diag.)	2	D
F194	FSM	1,2	A
F197	FS/NB	2,4,6,8,10,50	E
F199	FTC	1	C
F204	FTT/CO	2,4,8,10	D
F206	FVS/MCC	1,2,5,10	C
F207	FW/C	2	C
F211	FWH	2	C
F219	F&C	2	E
F223	F&/CO	2	C

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
F224	F&F/C(O)	1,2	C
F228	F&M	1	C
F231	F&M/INS	2	C
F234	F&W/CO	1,2,10,13	E
G1	G	2	B
G7	(G) dia.	2	B
G19	G/AA	3,10	C
G23	GAI/CO	2,10	C
G29	GAS	1	B
G32	GA/&CO	1,2,3,5,8,10,15	D
G40	GB	2	C
G41	GBC	2	B
G47	GB/&M	1,2,3,4,5,10	D
G49	GCB	1,2,3,13	C
G53	GC/CO	2	B
G53.5	GC/CO	2	A
G58	GCM/CO	2	B
G62	G(C(O))	1,2,8	D
G64	GC/&T	2	B
G67	GDB	1	D
G68	G(D(C))	1,2,50	C
G72(1)	GE	1,2,3,5,6,10,13,15,50,\$1	E
G72(2)	GE	15,50	E
G72(7)	GE	2,3,\$1	E
G72(8)	GE	\$1	E
G72(9)	GE	13	E
G72(10)	GE	1,2,3,6,8	E
G72(18)	GE	2,50	E
G72(21)	GE	2,13,50	E
G72(24)	GE	2	A
G72(26)	GE	10,15,\$1	E
G72(29)	GE	1,2,3,4,5,6,10,13,15,\$1	E
G72(32)	GE	1,15	E
G72(34)	GE	4	A
G72(36)	GE	8,10,50,\$1	D
G82	GFI/CO	2	B
G84.5	GG/G	1	A
G85	GGR	2	B
G91	GH	2	E
G97.5	GHS(diag.)	2	A
G101	G(IN)N	13	E
G105	GIR/ARD	2	B
G137	GN/RY	1,2	C
G141	GOR/HAM	1,2,10	B
G146	G bar P	1	C
G151	G(R)AY	1	C
G161	GS/CO	1,2	C
G164	GS/FOE	1,2	C
G166	GS/NY	1,4,6,10	D
G169	GS/SA	1	B
G170	GST	4	C
G179	GTH	1,2	C
G189	GV	6	D
G193	GWC	1	B
G206	G(&)C(O)	1	C
G209	G&E/CO	2	E
G212	G(&)M	2	C
H9	(H) dia	2,3	C
H14	HA/CO	1,2,10	D
H15	HAC/&CO	2	E
H18	HAL	1,2,3,4,6,15	D

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52 NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED

The secretary's report this month is one of the biggest--in terms of new members--in the history of the Club. We're welcoming 52 new members - and two reinstatements - to our midst.

Nearly all the new members come to us as a direct result of the special publicity we received in Linn's early in February. The large number of new members testifies both to the popularity and wide circulation of Linn's and to the number of collectors who are searching for "something new" in philately.

Your secretary and vice president have already welcomed each new member. But we hope each of our members will take a moment to make at least one of the newcomers feel welcome.

It would only take a minute for you to pick out one or two of the new members and drop him or her a note of welcome-- and enclose a few duplicate Perfins. You'll note that most of our new members are beginners at Perfins, so your duplicates will be most welcome.

And our newcomers may wish to get acquainted with each other by dropping a note to another newcomer--perhaps the person who has the membership number next below you-- and just saying hello.

We all pride ourselves on having the friendliest bunch of philatelists in the entire hobby.

Now's our chance to prove it.

CLUB TABLE AT TWO SHOWS

The Perfins Club will have a table at two upcoming stamp shows in the East, according to word from Irvin Holloway, the Club's representative in that area. The two shows are SOJEX at Atlantic City, N. J., April 14-16, and SEPAD at Philadelphia, October 6-8.

President David Stump will be present at SEPAD, as will Bulletin Editor Ray Crow, who has been invited to serve on the judging panel.

Anyone wishing to exhibit at either show, or who would like to help man the table, should write to Irvin Holloway at 5922 Osage Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

Members who attend either of these shows are invited to drop by the Perfins table and get acquainted with Irvin and other members.

New members of the Perfins Club will find that using the Club's Sales Department is a great way to add to one's collection. Just write to Sales Manager Ivan H. Ley at Arena, WI 53503, and ask for Perfins, U. S. and/or foreign, on approval.

1978 MEETING SET FOR VAPEX

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NOVEMBER 10-11-12, 1978
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

The Annual Meeting and Exhibit of the Perfins Club will be held November 10-12, 1978, at Virginia Beach, VA, in conjunction with VAPEX 78, the annual exhibition of the Virginia Philatelic Federation. Rudy Roy, our publicity chairman and a resident of Virginia Beach, will serve as Club chairman for the show.

President David Stump, Catalog Chairman Joe Balough and Bulletin Editor Ray Crow have been named as members of the judging panel at VAPEX and will be on hand to greet fellow members of the Perfins Club. Crow will also be the speaker at the Awards Breakfast.

The Club's participation at VAPEX will mark the first time since these annual meetings and exhibits have been held that Perfins will be on display in the East, and presents an excellent opportunity for our Club to show that Perfins philately is a major aspect of the hobby.

The planned activities for the Club include a meeting on Saturday, November 11, and a seminar on Perfins. Sunday will see another Perfins seminar.

Of special interest, Saturday, November 11, has been designated "Perfins Club Day" at VAPEX, and there will be a special cacheted cover noting the Club's 35th Anniversary in 1978. There will also be a special cancellation in honor of the Club, and possibly a special Perfin for the show.

There is a 50-frame section of the 200-frame exhibit reserved for Perfins exhibits. All members are encouraged to enter and exhibit. Frames hold 16 8 1/2 x 11 pages, and the frame fee is \$4, with a minimum of 2 frames being reserved per exhibitor, though an entry may be only one frame. The Club will again sponsor awards for best in show, best U. S.

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EARLY PERFINS WRITER JOINS CLUB

There's a name on the list of new members this month that should have a familiar ring to some of our old-timers--and the youngsters among us who are really alert to the history of Perfins philately.

New member #1604 is listed as George H. Harnden of Schenectady, New York.

Does the name sound familiar?

George H. Harnden wrote a major article on "Perforated Initials" for the old Weekly Philatelic Gossip--in 1936.

The Harnden article, which has been basic reading material for Perfins collectors for more than 40 years, was the first significant piece of literature on Perfins published in the United States.

Nearly a decade before the Perfins Club was founded, George Harnden worked out a classification system for Perfins based on the arrangement of the letters. The Harnden system served as the basis for the system now used in the U. S. Catalog. Indeed, a reading of the Harnden article of 1936 shows how well the author did his research. The article reads as factually today as it did then--and we've had 40 years to uncover material since then.

Despite his early interest in Perfins, George Harnden did not help found the Perfins Club, and never joined the Club until now. But all through the years he has maintained his interest in Perfins as he has pursued a career as a mechanical engineer.

When I received the application with the very familiar name, I located George Harnden by telephone to give him a personal welcome to the Perfins Club.

I learned that he is now 79 years old, retired, and living with his daughter in Schenectady. His wife is in a nursing home and Harnden himself has been ill. But when I talked to him he was alert and appreciative of the call.

He still has his original Perfins collection and his daughter is helping him once again get seriously involved in Perfins philately. And he's finally joining the organization that his early philatelic work helped trigger into reality.

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to welcome George H. Harnden to the Perfins Club. Floyd A. Walker, Secretary

LESLIE C. PORTER

We have belatedly learned of the death, on Christmas Day, of Leslie C. Porter (#877) of Waco, Texas.

Mr. Porter, who was 84, joined the Club in 1969 and had been quite active as a U.S. collector.

The Club extends its sympathies to Mr. Porter's widow.

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WORKSHEETS AVAILABLE

Foreign Perfins continue to receive considerable attention from our members, and much of that attention centers around the worksheets of foreign Perfins in the Club Library.

New worksheets are being added to the Library all the time and existing worksheets are being updated and changed.

A listing of the worksheets currently on file is set forth below. They are available for loan to any member who agrees to pay the postage both ways. If you want to borrow any of these worksheets, just drop a note to Librarian Floyd Walker (Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030) and he'll put your name on his waiting list. Most of the worksheets stay out on loan most of the time, but Walker will make sure you get to see the sheets you want as soon as they become available.

WS-1	Angola	WS-26	Pakistan
WS-2	Australia and States	WS-27	Greece
WS-3	Barbados	WS-28	Romania
WS-4	Bavaria	WS-29	Belgium
WS-5	British Guiana	WS-30	Polish Offices in Danzig
WS-6	Ceylon	WS-31	Norway
WS-7	Chile	WS-32	Straits Settlements
WS-8	Costa Rica	WS-33	Hungary
WS-9	Crete	WS-34	Wurtemberg
WS-10	Curacao	WS-35	Palestine
WS-11	Danzig	WS-36	Lithuania
WS-12	Eastern Silesia	WS-37	Malta
WS-13	Fiume	WS-38	Papua
WS-14	Funchal	WS-39	Sierra Leone
WS-15	Gibraltar	WS-40	Zanzibar
WS-16	Gold Coast	WS-41	India
WS-17	Haiti	WS-42	Sweden
WS-18	Italy	WS-43	Denmark
WS-19	Kiautschou	WS-44	Cuba
WS-20	Latvia	WS-45	Germany
WS-21	Lebanon	WS-46	Argentina
WS-22	Lourenco Marquez	WS-47	Luxembourg
WS-23	Madagascar	WS-48	Colombia
WS-24	Mexico	WS-49	Ireland
WS-25	Orange River Colony	WS-50	France

If you didn't find worksheets of your favorite country, it's probably because nobody has done any work in that area. We'd appreciate any help you can offer.

The idea behind worksheets is to make it possible to gather enough information from a variety of sources to permit us to eventually publish definitive catalogs of foreign Perfins. That means you need to add to the worksheets as well as just copy them for your own use. If you have any information not recorded on any one of the worksheets--report it to Foreign Catalog Chairman Robert Schwerdt (9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) or to the member whose name is listed on the worksheet as being in charge of the work on that particular country.

Only if everyone helps will we ever be able to turn these worksheets into catalogs.

Incidentally, the Library does contain several foreign catalogs which members may (continued on page 5)

Perfins Auction 22

CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS: MAY 15, 1978

MAIL ALL BIDS TO:

J. A. GOODING, 923 N. ANITA AVE, GONZALES, LA 70737

Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances: (Under \$1, a 5¢ advance; over \$1, a 10¢ advance; over \$2, a 25¢ advance; over \$5, a 50¢ advance; over \$10, a \$1.00 advance; over \$15, a 10% advance). NO UNLIMITED BIDS ACCEPTED. Please make bids in multiples of 5¢. In case of tie bids, the first bid received will be accepted. All single Perfins are complete and in good condition unless otherwise specified. Straight edges are not considered damaged stamps. In the larger lots incomplete Perfins and Splits may be expected. Bid by lot number, not by catalog number. Regular issues between Scott 331 and 546 are listed "as is" and are not RETURNABLE if the Scott number was incorrectly listed for a lot. Lots are returnable if the Perfin Catalog number described for a lot is incorrect; however, the lot must be returned within three days of receipt of the lot.

Abbreviations used: blk = block; cov = cover; cr = creased stamp; dam = slightly damaged stamp, i.e. (small tear, corner off, etc.); for = foreign; inc = incomplete Perfin; mix = mixture (not all different); pc = precancel; pmk = postmark date; pr = pair; rev = revenue; sp = split; stp = strip; * = mint; CA = Canadian Catalog; CZ = Czechoslovakian Catalog; JAP = Japanese Catalog; SC = Scott Catalog; and SW = Switzerland Catalog.

LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT
1	A7	406	42	A269	Q2	83	B163.5	501	124	C66	562
2	A13	332	43	A283	406	84	B166	406	125	C68	501
3	A30	406	44	A283.5	416	85	B167	319	126	C73.5	1062
4	A46x	554	45	A286	406	86	B169	319	127	C89	406
5	A49	331	46	A289.5	552	87	B170.5	720	128	C97	406
6	A53	332	47	A302	331	88	B185	336	129	C98	405
7	A74.5	333	48	B1	332	89	B202	319	130	C98	416
8	A79	406	49	B9	332	90	B206	406	131	C104	331
9	A81	332	50	B12.7	332	91	B209	332	132	C121	815
10	A104	332	51	B16	331	92	B222.5 dam	807	133	C127	332
11	A105	334	52	B20	332	93	B237.5	720	134	C128	332
12	A118	557	53	B24	405	94	B237.7	554	135	C138.5	332
13	A121	331	54	B25	406	95	B247.5 cr	415	136	C143	332
14	A124.5	554	55	B32	405	96	B249.5	406	137	C144	406
15	A130	406	56	B35	406	97	B258.5	405	138	C161.5	332
16	A146.5	331	57	B55	319	98	B267	319	139	C164.7	1283
17	A148	319	58	B58	305	99	B268	319	140	C169	319
18	A156	406	59	B63	406	100	B274	332	141	C171	332
19	A165	406	60	B64	332	101	B282	501	142	C175	900
20	A167.3	332	61	B65	406	102	B285	332	143	C177.5	503
21	A173.5	406	62	B66	406	103	B287	405	144	C178	416
22	A174	332	63	B76.5	406	104	B288	332	145	C185.5	554
23	A182.5	406	64	B88	332	105	B291	562	146	C187	332
24	A191	406	65	B94	331	106	B293	332	147	C188.5	406
25	A198	416	66	B100	331	107	B116-27.5	807	148	C191	332
26	A202	558	67	B102	406	108	B116-35	707	149	C198.5	708
27	A206	815	68	B107	Q1	109	B116-36	C39	150	C199	332
28	A213.5 pc	561	69	B108	406	110	B116-41	554	151	C204.3	332
29	A216	405	70	B109	332	111	C11.7	557	152	C204.5	554
30	A219	406	71	B111	332	112	C12.5	406	153	C205	406
31	A221-25.5	333	72	B113	319	113	C22.7	416	154	C207	319
32	A221-30	406	73	B115	300	114	C25	702	155	C210	331
33	A221-42	416	74	B118	300	115	C25.5	406	156	C240	406
34	A227	332	75	B118	319	116	C26	331	157	C242.7	554
35	A228	332	76	B125	331	117	C31	406	158	C247	557
36	A233	406	77	B129	406	118	C37	332	159	C250	332
37	A234.5	E13	78	B131	406	119	C38	332	160	C251.5	405
38	A236.5	406	79	B133	905	120	C47	332	161	C261.5 pc	504
39	A253	335	80	B149	332	121	C48	406	162	C268	332
40	A255	332	81	B151	306	122	C53	332	163	C274	804
41	A257	406	82	B157	406	123	C60	429		(cont'd. next page)	

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164	C275	332	233	E75	332	301	G48	332	370	H139	332
165	C287	332	234	E82	406	302	G53	332	371	H143	332
166	C293	331	235	E85	332	303	G53.5	406	372	H144	332
167	C296	405	236	E87.5	332	304	G60	332	373	H145	334
168	C303	319	237	E89	554	305	G64	319	374	H149	300
169	C320	557	238	E90	332	306	G64	332	375	H151	405
170	C322	332	239	E90xx	504	307	G65	406	376	H155	319
171	C337	334	240	E92	405	308	G68	319	377	H156	405
172	C349	332	241	E95	405	309	G82	332	378	H157	308
173	C350	554	242	E121	319	310	G84.5	300	379	H159	406
174	C351	319	243	E123.5	732	311	G85.5	406	380	H166	554
175	C352	406	244	E128	332	312	G92	406	381	H168	331
176	C356B	552	245	E131.5	562	313	G94	332	382	H171	331
177	C356F	562	246	F3	406	314	G95	332	383	H175	406
178	C364	319	247	F5	406	315	G97	554	384	H182	319
179	C370	332	248	F6	406	316	G97.5	332	385	H193	552
180	C371	406	249	F13	405	317	G105	332	386	H200	406
181	C380.5	554	250	F16	406	318	G110	406	387	H203	332
182	C382xx	416	251	F20	332	319	G111	332	388	H206	685
183	C386	319	252	F26	406	320	G113	406	389	H210.5	554
184	C398	610	253	F30	406	321	G119.5	416	390	H214.5 dam	503
185	C400	405	254	F34.5	420	322	G126	406	391	H215.5 inc	554
186	C406	405	255	F37.5	406	323	G127	558	392	H224	406
187	C411	331	256	F40	558	324	G136	405	393	H226	332
188	C414.5	331	257	F44	405	325	G137	300	394	H230	300
189	DO.5	554	258	F49.5	300	326	G140	332	395	H231	334
190	D5	504	259	F53.5	E12	327	G141	332	396	I4	332
191	D10	405	260	F54	332	328	G146	300	397	I8	406
192	D14	332	261	F57	406	329	G158	406	398	I10	406
193	D19	332	262	F63	332	330	G180	501	399	I12	332
194	D25	554	263	F75	405	331	G186	406	400	I24	319
195	D32	406	264	F80	562	332	G193	332	401	I25	406
196	D37	331	265	F83	501	333	G200	554	402	I27	405
197	D40	564	266	F89	405	334	G205	554	403	I30	331
198	D48	332	267	F92	303	335	G206	300	404	I33	332
199	D51	331	268	F93	504	336	G207A	720	405	I37	332
200	D64	332	269	F99	406	337	G72-50	901	406	I49	332
201	D65	405	270	F100	405	338	H2	465	407	I56	506
202	D78	406	271	F101	720	339	H9	319	408	I59	564
203	D86	332	272	F102	504	340	H10.5	554	409	I64	331
204	D87.5	501	273	F104	501	341	H16	901	410	I66	556
205	D95	302	274	F131	414	342	H17	406	411	I76.5	416
206	D102	720	275	F139	331	343	H30	331	412	I81	406
207	D102.5	558	276	F143	331	344	H38	465	413	I93	405
208	D109	406	277	F151	332	345	H40	554	414	I85	332
209	D112	331	278	F151/5	557	346	H43	503	415	I95	553
210	D122	332	279	F152	406	347	H43	319	416	I96	570
211	D136	300	280	F173	429	348	H46	552	417	I96.5	501
212	D141	300	281	F182	406	349	H52	406	418	I98	554
213	D141	305	282	F189	557	350	H57	331	419	I111.5	332
214	D144.3	556	283	F190	406	351	H64	406	420	I113	406
215	D144.5	552	284	F191	720	352	H71 pc	558	421	I119.7	416
216	D147	406	285	F194	332	353	H76.5	406	422	I120	332
217	E6	331	286	F196	554	354	H77	406	423	I92G	554
218	E8	331	287	F206	319	355	H81	558	424	J3	332
219	E12	406	288	F213	405	356	H85	406	425	J10	332
220	E19	332	289	F214	405	357	H86	406	426	J11	331
221	E26	319	289	F214	332	358	H88	331	427	J25.5	406
222	E27 inc	406	290	F218	554	359	H93	331	428	J48	319
223	E32	332	291	F220	406	360	H94	406	429	J52	331
224	E40	332	292	F224	319	361	H96.5	414	430	J53	504
225	E41	501	293	F229	332	362	H98	334	431	J57	406
226	E44	332	294	G1	406	363	H100	405	432	J66	707
227	E45	555	295	G6	332	364	H104	406	433	J72 pc	416
228	E48	319	296	G7	331	365	H107	907	434	J73	465
229	E52	566	297	G21	406	366	H109	376	435	J75	332
230	E53	331	298	G29	332	367	H113	331	436	J76	566
231	E55	406	299	G41	332	368	H116	303	437	J77	332
232	E64	332	300	G44	405	369	H126	406	(cont'd.next page)		

1978 MEETING SET FOR VAPEX (continued)

LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT
438	J82	303	482	Germany III (G)	396
439	J87	332	483	Germany 24-hole 6pt star	340
440	J96.5.2	720	484	Germany swan	368
441	J106a	908		<u>Great Britain</u>	
442	J112	332	485	Des. 11	234
443	J125	319	486	Des. 14	237
444	J125.5	319	487	Des 17.2	232
445	J127	332	488	Des 30	230
446	J128	319	489	Des 30	232
447	J129	331	490	Des 56	297
448	J136	406	491	Des 57	230
449	J140	304	492	Des 74	234
450	J145	465	493	Netherlands Windmill	173
451	J146	331		<u>France</u>	
452	J146	300	494	collection of 1660 stamps.	
453	J147	406		May be few dups, USNC 11 issues. Includes cow, cock or weather vane, leaf, 4 diff. triangles, star, 2-line cross, 1 ofs. in Egypt, 1 Ofs in China, 11 ofs in Monaco, 2 ofs in Turkey, 1 Alsace Ger. Occ., 1 Lorraine Ger. Occ., 3 A.M.G., 1 W. Africa.	
454	J151	556		Est. Cat. Value over \$130.00. Reserve \$85.00	
455	J153	405	495	France C6b mint w/perf initials E.I.P.A. 30, hinged, Cat. Val. \$200.00, Reserve \$80.00	
456	J154	332	496	Same as Lot 495, but with selvage at left, perf. inverted reverse in stamp and sel	
457	J157	332		vage. Cat. Value \$200.00. Reserve \$100.00	
458	J162	406	497	Same as Lot 496. Cat. Value \$200. Reserve \$100.00 (end of sale)	
459	J163	332			
460	J167.5	332			
461	J173	558			
462	J178A	414			
463	W199.21 pr Pl.#21134	728			
Schermacks					
464	13				
465	17				
466	19				
467	25				
468	28				
(end of U.S. lots)					
469	Denmark Ace of Spades	265			
470	Denmark Ace of Spades	282			
471	Denmark Chevrons in Circle	387			
472	Denmark Fleur de lis	192			
473	France cow	267			
474	Germany 11-hole anchor	69			
475	Germany 14-hole anchor	186			
476	Germany 25-hole anchor	374			
477	Germany 60-hole anchor	66			
478	Germany castle	49			
479	Germany shamrock	511B			
480	Germany crossed tools	353			
481	Germany elephant	100			

The above auction is largely made up of lots from the collection left to the Club by the late Al Bartleson, and contains many choice items.

and best foreign. All exhibits will be eligible for the general show awards, which include a grand award, plus gold, silver, and bronze in each category. The exhibit is open to all entrants, and all judges will be APS accredited, as VAPEX intends to become qualified for the APS "Champion of Champions" competition. The prospectus is not available yet, but you are encouraged to write to Rudy Roy for further information. His address is Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. If you plan to exhibit, an early letter would be advisable, as space is at a premium.

As indicated above, several officers of the Club will be present, and members are urged to put the date on their calendar. This show represents a challenge to our members in the East to put on as good a meeting as our Western members enjoyed at SESCOAL in Los Angeles last fall.

Virginia Beach is a large resort area, located in the far southeastern corner of the state. The show will be held in the Original Cavalier Hotel, one of the local landmarks. Virginia Beach is adjacent to Norfolk, home of the Atlantic Fleet of the Navy. The area is served by four airlines and is easily reached by highway. There is much of historical interest in the area, as Jamestown and Colonial Williamsburg are within easy driving distance, as is Yorktown, site of the end of the Revolutionary War. Much of the area is also involved in modern history, especially the nearby NASA site at Langley Air Force Base, site of the Mercury Project stamp to be released this summer.

Club members are urged to make plans to participate in this show. If you do not wish to take part as an exhibitor, you will be most welcome to come as a participant in the Perfins meeting and other functions. Further details will be published in future issues of the Bulletin, but this notice is going out well in advance so that members will have plenty of time to make plans to join Rudy Roy and other Club members in Virginia Beach in November. Y'all come!

WORKSHEETS AVAILABLE (continued)

also borrow. These are a step beyond the worksheets, but sometimes they lack information which members can and should supply to the editors of the respective catalogs.

Here are the catalogs currently available for loan: Great Britain (GB-29); Hong Kong (BE-23); Japan (JA-4); China (FE-5); Czechoslovakia (CS-1); Middle East (ME-1); Netherlands (NE-4); Netherlands POKO Issues (Ne-3); and Switzerland (SW-2).

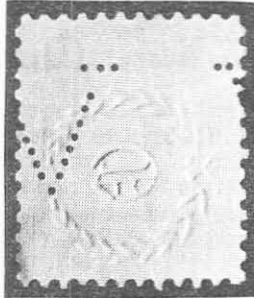
The catalogs are all fully illustrated. The British catalog is quite large and is loaned in several different volumes.

All requests should be addressed to Walker and should include the code numbers of the items the member wishes to borrow.

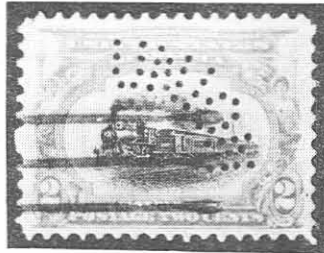
PERFINS ON "EARLY" U. S. ISSUES

U. S. Catalog Chairman Joe Balough has submitted the interesting array of Perfin photos shown below.

Photo 1 shows a copy of Scott #635 which not only bears a Perfin, but a curious embossed design of a wreath and monogram. The Perfin appears to be a split of the V pattern (V-1) of the Vitaphone Corporation. Can anyone provide enlightenment on the embossed design?



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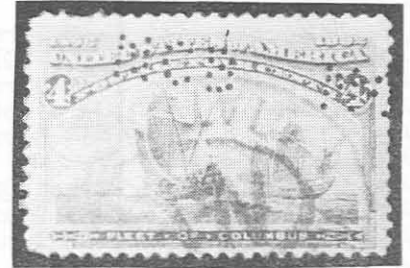
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Photo 2 shows the 2-cent Pan-American issue bearing the UNION Perfin (U-47.5) of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd., of San Francisco. Balough comments that the UNION pattern is common, but not on this issue. He says he also has seen the pattern on the 4-cent Pan-American value, so it apparently was used postally.

Photo 3 shows a copy of Scott #252, issued in 1894, bearing a curious #0 Perfin. Balough theorizes that the stamp may not have been used as a Perfin, but that the perforation may have been added to a used stamp. Anyone care to comment?



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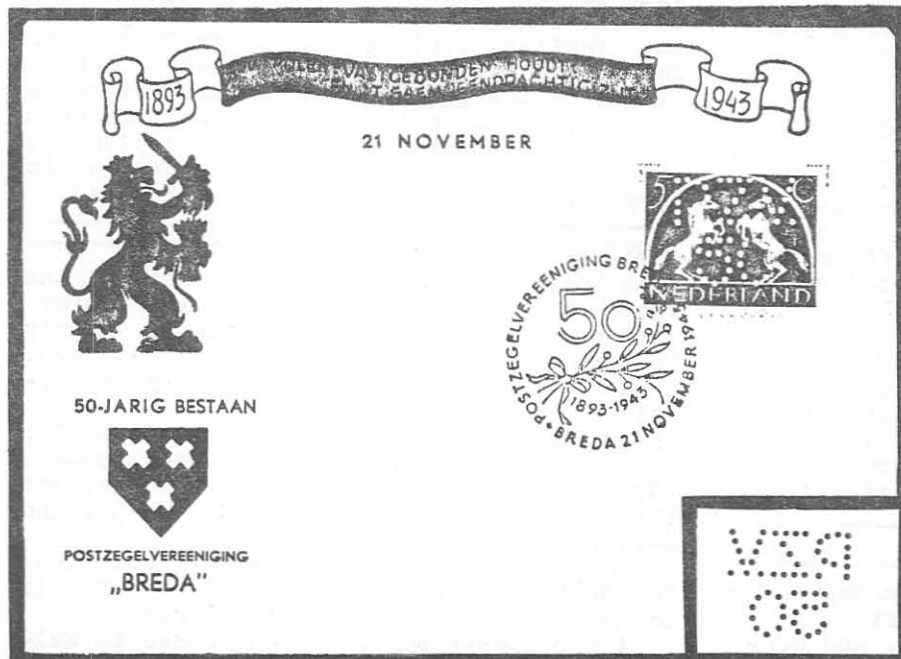
Photo 4 shows a 4-cent Columbian in Balough's collection which bears the NCB Perfin (N-41) of National City Bank of New York. Photos 5 and 6 show 2-cent Columbians bearing Perfin patterns not listed in the catalog. One appears to be an II pattern, and the other is open to conjecture. The only thing clearly perforated is a number symbol (#) similar to the one shown in Photo 3. It appears to the editor that the remaining perforations to the right may have been struck from two different Perfin dies.



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Ivan Pflaser (#765) of Caney Kansas, submitted the photo at left, showing a postcard issued in 1943 by the Breda (Netherlands) Stamp Club for their stamp show. The Perfin "P.Z. v. /50" (shown in the inset) is perforated through both stamp and card. It stands for "POSTZEGEL VEREENIGING," which ties in with the commemorative cancellation. The theme of the show was to commemorate the unity of the Netherlands against the rule of Spain.

Do you have a Perfin cover you think would be of interest for other members to see in the Bulletin? If so, please submit it to the editor. It should be a cover with some unusual feature, not just a run-of-the-mill one.

MORE ON TEXAS PERFIN

Here's the latest on the "C in star" pattern of the State of Texas.

As we've reported previously (November/December 1977 and February 1978 Bulletins), the "C-in-star" pattern (C-10) has been resurrected by the State of Texas for use on postage purchased for use by state officials. We also reported that a sheet of mint 13¢ regulars with the pattern had been traded on the philatelic market and had triggered an investigation by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Now I've learned that Texas may soon add a new Perfin to the world of philately.

Alan Miskimin (LM-8) visited with Tom Treadway of the Texas legislature and learned that there are plans to come up with a new Perfin which can be used in all state agencies. The state has apparently arranged with Cummins to manufacture the perforator which would presumably be a multi-head electrically operated type capable of perforating several sheets of stamps at one time.

During their visit, Treadway showed Miskimin the proposed new design... a "T-in-star." The T would, of course, stand for Texas. It should be noted that the "C-in-star" stood for Comptroller, which is the agency which originally used the Perfin.

Miskimin pointed out that the "T-in-star" is not a new design... that it bears a striking resemblance to the Texaco "T-in-star" pattern already listed in the U.S. Catalog.

Instead, Miskimin suggested, why not replace the star with an outline map of Texas, thus creating a brand new easily identifiable pattern... the T inside the Texas map. Treadway seemed impressed with the suggestion and indicated to Miskimin that the state very likely would use the outline map instead of the star.

Now, the same mail has brought word that the Texas Department of Public Safety investigation has turned up no wrongdoing of any sort. Apparently, the mint sheet of the "C-in-star" was acquired quite legally.

That information comes from Tom Stich of Amarillo who is the member who ultimately wound up with the mint sheet and first alerted me to the potential problem. Stich says he received a phone call from the Texas Department of Public Safety recently informing him that there was nothing illegal in the handling of the mint sheet.

Incidentally, Stich is using the "C-in-star" Perfins on his personal mail and if any member would like a copy, they can drop him a note at 2514 Lawndale Drive, Amarillo, TX 79103 and he'll be glad to oblige as long as his supply lasts. A stamped envelope and an extra 13¢ stamp to pay for the Texas pattern would be appropriate.

So... that's the story of the Texas Perfin thus far. Now we can wait and see if we have a new "T-in-Texas" pattern.

Floyd A. Walker

A "CONTROL" PERFIN

The stamp pictured below surely represents about as much "control" as could be applied in the use of postage stamps. To begin with, it bears the Kansas overprint, which was designed to prevent losses from post office burglaries. Secondly, it bears a Wichita, Kansas, precancel, and although the primary purpose of precancels is to facilitate the handling of bulk mail, it nevertheless represents a control of sorts, since only permit holders are supposed to use precancels. Thirdly, it bears the Perfin of Standard Oil Company's Wichita branch (S195-15).

This unusual Perfin was reported by Bob Schwerdt in response to the editor's recent query as to whether or not members would like a census of Perfin patterns on the Kansas and Nebraska overprints. Two or three members have responded with some lists of such Perfins in their collections. If you would like to see such a census, let the editor hear from you.



ATTENTION: NEW MEMBERS

For the benefit of our many new members, the following is a list of Club services:

PERFIN REFERENCES - The Perfins Club Library has a wide range of reference materials on Perfins which members may borrow. Write to Librarian Floyd Walker, P.O. Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

PERFIN PUBLICATIONS - The Librarian also has available for purchase certain publications on U.S. and foreign Perfins.

PERFINS ON APPROVAL - The Sales Department offers approval selections of U.S. and/or foreign Perfins. Write to Sales Manager Ivan Ley, Arena, WI 53503. For Perfin covers, write to Assistant Sales Manager Edwin Stuntzner, 1003 Exchange St., Emporia, KS 66801.

EXCHANGE OF PERFINS - The Club maintains an Exchange Department for those who wish to swap Perfins. Write to Roy Hannan, 1328 Sunset Ave., Aliquippa, PA 15001.

BULLETIN SERVICES - The Perfins Bulletin will run your ad to buy, sell or swap Perfins; will publish your questions on Perfins (within certain limitations); and is glad to receive news items, articles, etc. from members. Write to Editor Ray Crow, 3171 Glengarry Cove, Memphis, TN 38128.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Vice President Dorothy Savage reports that, due to the February 6th Perfins Special Issue of Linn's, she sent out 130 Perfin Primers in February. Dorothy adds, "Rudy Roy did a great job as publicity there. Most of the inquiries wanted the U. S. Perfins Catalog, so hope Joe gets the new format out as soon as he can."

Dorothy Savage's thought expressed above concerning the upcoming new edition of the U. S. Illustrated Catalog points up the fact that if Chairman Joe Balough is to get out this eagerly awaited revision anytime soon, he needs the cooperation of any and all members who can contribute to it. No matter how much time and effort Joe may devote to it, he cannot do the job alone.

If you have covers or other items identifying any of the U.S. patterns not identified in the current catalog, please let Chairman Balough know about them.

The great job done by Publicity Chairman Rudy Roy in putting together articles for the special Perfins issue of Linn's (February 6 issue) has given the Club a flying start on publicity for 1978, so keep your typewriter ready, Dorothy.

Incidentally, Dorothy Savage also reports that she sent out 190 Perfin Primers in 1977 - 76 more than in 1976. The increase is attributable to added publicity achieved in 1977 through articles by members in philatelic publications and the success of Perfins at the SESCAL show.

Dorothy states that she has sent out a total of 3,086 Primers during her 10-year tenure as vice president. She adds that she has met so many members through her typewriter that she has decided to call herself a "typewriter traveler."

Keep up the good work, Dorothy.

Several months ago, the editor ran an inquiry in the Bulletin as to whether any members had Perfins on the stamps of Belgium which were surcharged "-10%" in 1946. H. Smit (#233) of Zevenaar, Netherlands, submitted the following list: BDC (Banque de Commerce, Antwerp and Brussels); C.L. (Credit Lyonnais, Brussels); T.M. (Forges et Acieres Thy-le-Chateau at Marcinelle, S.A., Charleroi and Brussels); and V.G. (Ver-tongen-Goens, S.A., Brussels).

If you wondered what the mysterious letter "f" represented on the "AMERICAN APPRAISAL" Perfin illustration in the February Bulletin, it was simply a stray letter from the art-type letter sheets used by the editor to make up headings. Occasionally, these letters come off the sheet and stick wherever they touch. The editor didn't notice that this one had gone astray until the Bulletin was printed.

The editor always welcomes news items, articles, photos and other material for the Bulletin.

Charles Schoeps (#1315) has submitted the Perfin shown below, which appears to be a State of Michigan Perfin, but does not match any of the patterns shown in the Illustrated Catalog. It may have been listed in one of the Additions and Corrections Supplements, which the editor does not have at hand. Who can supply further information?

Charles points out that when this particular example is turned over, it becomes an EFO (Error, Freak or Oddity), because of the stamp's off-center perforation. He inquires as to whether there are any other members who collect Perfins on EFOs, as such. Step forward, you EFO Perfins collectors!



WANT ADS

FOR SALE - One Illustrated Catalog of U. S. Perfins available in good condition (now out of print) to the highest bidder. Sent postpaid. B. Thompson, P. O. Box 427, Sunnyvale, CA 94088.

EXCHANGE back issues of The Perfins Bulletin for any U. S. or foreign covers in good condition with matching corner card. Write for details, SASE please. B. Thompson, P. O. Box 427, Sunnyvale, CA 94088.

"RAILROADERS" - I have 2 MNHRR plate blocks and a few singles to sell or trade. Also, anyone for Schermacks? Have 3 duplicate copies to trade or sell. C. Schoeps, 7318 Osnas Lane, Saugerties, NY 12477.

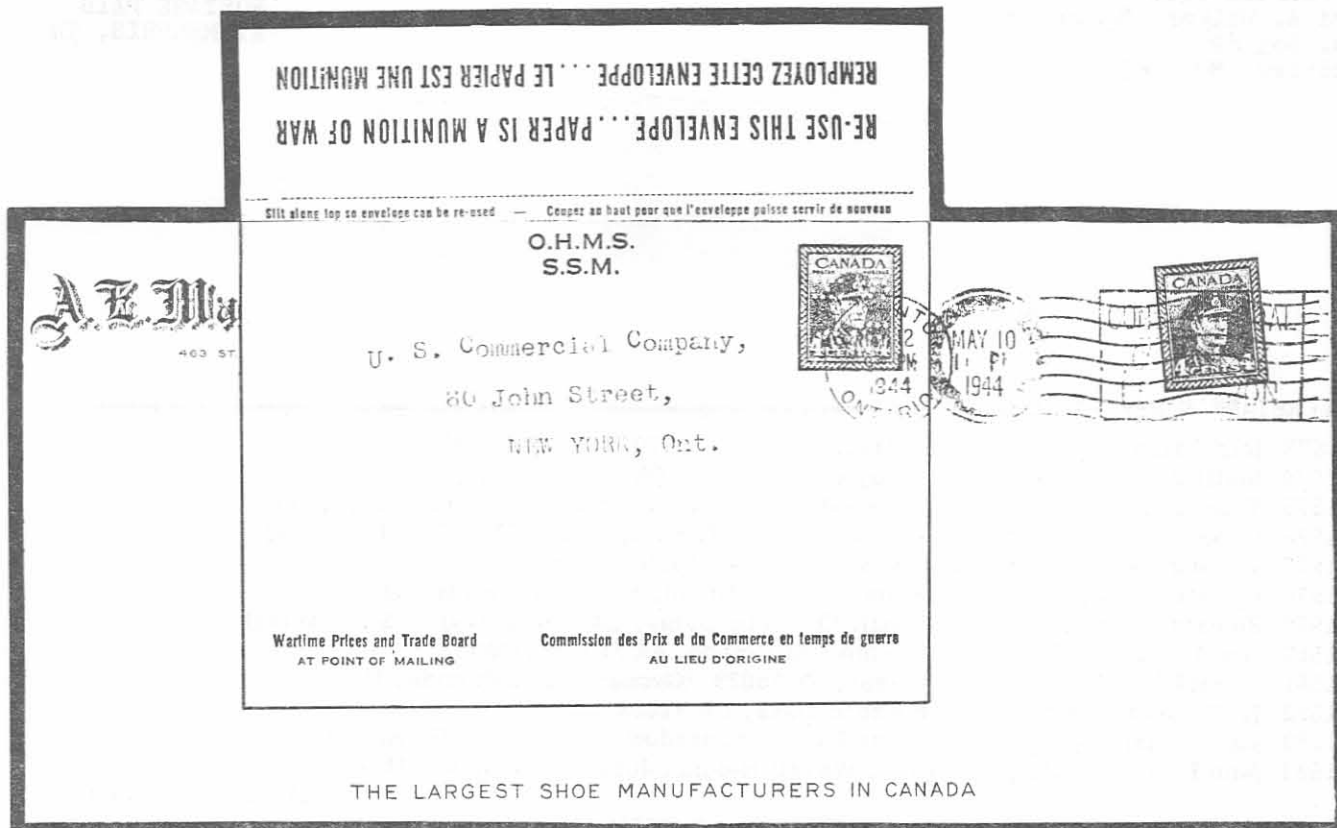
WANTED - Perfins on U. S. and Canadian pre-cancels. Also Perfins on airmail stamps, worldwide. R. B. Crow, 3171 Glengarry Cove, Memphis, TN 38128.

FOREIGN AND U.S. PERFINS on cover to trade for German and Asian Perfins on cover. Will also buy covers. SASE for list. Larry Degenhart, Box 7097, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

WANTED: New York State Tax Stamps for a REVENUE Perfin collection. Willing to pay 1¢/stamp until I get swamped with them. Also interested in old Stock Certificates with Perfinned Tax Stamps at about 5¢ each. Contact Bill Richerson, 1047 Forest Knoll, San Jose, CA 95129.

WILL TRADE the following Perfin covers for the best offer in U.S. Perfins (all are on "advertising envelopes" with firm and trade-mark in large black and/or red type): S138 on Scott #319; S138, DE2, E122 on Scott #332. John Gulick, 2610 Cedar Heights Drive, Cedar Falls, IA 50613.

PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH



This Canadian WWII item is an envelope which was re-used, due to the paper shortage, by pasting over it a sealing label prepared for that purpose. The label in this case happens to be franked with a stamp Perfinned with the OHMS of the Canadian Government. The portion of the label normally folded over to the backside is shown unfolded to display its printed message. (from the collection of Rudy Roy)

SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members

- 1555 Henry C. Yanez, 1306 Arkansas Ave., Killeen, TX 76541 (WW)
 1556 Robert L. Larzalere, 1207 San Juan, Trinidad, CO 81082 (Beginner)
 1557 Clayton Huff, Room 914, 1605 Main St., Sarasota, FL 33577 (Beginner)
 1558 John N. Welch, Box 604, Nantucket, MA 02554 (Germany and Austria)
 1559 William Kinrade, 14 Ostrander Blvd., Georgetown, Ontario, L7G 1Z3 CANADA (Canada)
 by Al Pearson
- 1560 Erma M. Scott, Box 513, Oakley, KS 67748 (Beginner)
 1561 Howard W. Fountain, Rt. 4, Warwick Way, Rome, GA 30161 (RR, Asia)
 1562 Robert L. Chayer, 801 Prince Phillip Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23452 (Railroads)
 1563 Leon H. Stalker, Box 4, General Delivery, APO New York 09034 (Beginner)
 1564 Harold J. Hessenthaler, 52 Ridge Park Ave., Buffalo, NY 14211 (Beginner)
 1565 Dr. James G. Martin, 231 Center St., Old Town, ME 04468 (Switzerland)
 1566 Abraham J. DeLyzer, 379 Lake St. #209, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario P6B 3K9 CANADA
 (Canada, US) by Al Pearson
- 1567 James R. Baker, 32 West Monaville Rd., Lake Villa, IL 60046 (Denmark, Germany, Iceland)
 1568 Sheridan H. Loudon, 2312 Robbie Ave., Bellevue, NB 68005 (Beginner)
 1569 Donald I. Berman, Box 65, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (Scott 319 and 320) by Rudy Roy
 1570 Robert A. Smith, 2649 Corlington Dr., Dayton, OH 45440 (Beginner)
 1571 George E. White, Sr., R #8, Box 117-A, Elizabethton, TN 37643 (Beginner)
 1572 Jon K. H. Christiansen, P.O. Box 120, Fremantle, Western Australia 6160 AUSTRALIA
 (Canada, US, RR)

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- 1573 John Rafael McGee, Box 98, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (GB Officials)
1574 Matilda C. Crandall, 2303 Cheyenne, Lawton, OK 73505 (Beginner)
1575 Thomas J. Wottreng, Rt. 1, Box 170-A, Amherst Junction, WI 54407 (Beginner)
1576 Robert Emmett Scherb II, 2600 Haley St., #7, Bakersfield, CA 93305 (Beginner)
1577 W. Murray Stark, 5538 Hunter St., Ventura, CA 93003 (WW)
1578 Everett F. Linekin, 2025 Denver St., San Diego, CA 92110 (Beginner)
1579 Richard R. Hansen, 547 Newville Dr., Los Gatos, CA 95030 (Types & Revenues)
1580 Don J. Brown, 1310 West Faulkner, El Dorado, AR 71730 (WW)
1581 Donald E. Siler, Box 268, Euless, TX 76039 (Germany, Scandinavia, US)
1582 J. C. Lawton, Box 4133, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359 (WW)
1583 Joel I. Sisitsky, 48 Cobblestone Rd., Longmeadow, MA 01106 (Beginner)
1584 John L. Amiet, c/o Post Office, Wavell Heights 4012, Queensland AUSTRALIA
(Australian States)
- 1585 Joe Slattery, 820 Chatham Road, Glenview, IL 60025 (US, Ireland)
1586 Forrest E. (Gene) Sloan, 306 Woods Road, Fontana Dam, NC 28733 (WW)
1587 Shannon D. Lientz, Jr., 621 Horsepen Road, Richmond, VA 23229 (US, CA)
1588 Richard R. Poitras, 21 Nedwied Road, Tolland, West Willington, CT 06279 (Beginner)
1589 Edward H. Ekman, 2204 West Carlisle Ave., Spokane, WA 99205 (Railroads)
1590 Helen Watson, 120 Highland Ave., Emerson, NJ 07630 (Railroads)
1591 Carr Beebe, 3545 Villa Terrace, San Diego, CA 92104 (Beginner)
1592 William H. Shafer, 25 West Boscawen St., Winchester, VA 22601 (Beginner)
1593 Francine W. Dyson, 1633 Silverwood Drive, Richmond, VA 23225 (Beginner)
1594 Clark J. Billig, Lynnport, PA 16801 (Beginner)
1595 George A. Reiser, 629-1C Meadows, Addison, IL 60101 (Beginner)
1596 Marie E. Walters, 1355 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR 97005 (Beginner)
1597 Paul L. Candido, RD #1, Box 78, Shelburne, VT 05482 (Germany)
1598 Robert L. Sielken, 1811 Hondo Drive, College Station, TX 77840 (US, Railroads)
1599 Bernard L. Muehlbauer, 17 Mill Creek Terrace, Hampton, VA 23663 (Japan)
1600 Douglas M. Remington, 812 East 55th St., Tacoma, WA 98404 (Austria, Canada, Great Britain)
1601 Thomas D. Pomeroy, 243 NW 23rd, Newport, OR 97365 (WW)
1602 Woody H. Frey, 3666 Lawnwood Court, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401 (Railroads)
1603 George B. Baker, Box 1361, Long Island City, NY 11101 (China)
1604 George H. Harnden, 1970 Village Road, Schnectady, NY 12309 (WW)
1605 Lawrence E. Nalley, 5207 Lotus Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 (Railroads)
1606 Douglas Treadway Robinson, 210 Lake Shore Dr., Cary, IL 60013 (WW) by Rudy Roy

Reinstatements

- 1215 Bernard A. Ross, 7272 Bircklan Dr., Canton, MI 48170 (WW) by Floyd Walker
796 Agnes M. Mehall, 589 Adelaide Ave. SE, Warren, OH 44483 (WW)

(Unless otherwise noted, all new members and reinstatements are sponsored by Dorothy Savage.)

Other Action

There were no address changes, resignations, or closed albums during February.

Membership Summary

Members as of January 31, 1978	632
New Members	52
Reinstatements	2
Members as of February 28, 1978	686

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LIBRARY OFFERS ITEMS

What the media call "the situation in the Middle East" continues to make headlines and serves as a reminder that there are two Perfins known on the stamps of Palestine.

Both of them are discussed in detail in a single-page article that appeared some years ago in the Perfins Bulletin.

Thanks to Dave Stump, we're able to offer a copy of this article without charge to any member who'll send along a 13¢ stamp (or a #10 SASE) to Secretary Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

Floyd also notes that John Burns has provided him with a few copies of the program issued at last year's Perfins Club Convention at SESCAL. Floyd will send a copy to any member who sends along 35¢ in postage.. or a 6x9-inch SASE.

If you are interested in the Perfins of Portugal, the secretary has some extra copies of a three-page illustrated listing of Portugal Perfins which he will send along to member who supplies either 13¢ postage or a #10 stamped return envelope.

The listing was prepared in 1963 by the late Al Bartleson in cooperation with W. J. Pieterse. Although the list is old and possibly very out of date, it still contains a wealth of information useful to anyone interested in the Perfins of Portugal.

The list also illustrates a few Perfins from Angola, Azores, Funchal, and the Philippines.

And while you're writing Floyd, you might help make his life easier this summer by sending along your check for your 1978-79 dues. They're not due until July but early payment will help the bookkeeping. Dues are just \$4 a year and you may pay as many years in advance as you wish.

NEW U.S. PERFIN

There's another new U. S. Perfin pattern, and Secretary Floyd Walker will supply you with a copy if you'll drop him a note.

The pattern is the SEP/•/S of the Security Endorsement and Perfins Society of Great Britain. The SEPS pattern has been used for sometime on British and Swedish stamps, but this is the first time it has been used on U. S. stamps. Walker has a supply of the new 1¢ definitives perforated by SEPS and will supply the Perfin to members on request.

Just drop Walker a note and send along an envelope stamped with either 13¢ return postage (if you want a mint SEPS Perfin) or 12¢ return postage if you want Walker to affix the Perfin to the letter so you will have a used copy.

Walker's address is given above.



MEMBER GETS APS NO. 100,000

Perfins Club Member Bart Mass, 67, of Burbank, California, submitted his membership application to the American Philatelic Society on March 12 and came up lucky. When the final results of the month were tallied during the first few days of April, Mass had drawn membership number 100,000--and a free life membership to the APS.

For proposing him for membership, Richard S. Barnett of Santa Monica, California, will receive three free nights lodging at Toronto's Shearton Centre Hotel to enable him to attend the APS Spring Meeting in conjunction with CAPEX '78.

Mass (#1350) is the retired owner of the coffee shop at Los Angeles' Hotel Rosslyn. He is a native of Cuba who emigrated to New York in 1929 and to California in 1960. A veteran of World War II, he served in North Africa and Italy.

His "retirement" includes being owner-manager of an apartment complex in Burbank.

Mass has been a collector since boyhood, with "breaks." He only collects used stamps, as well as Perfins. He draws his own frames and makes his own albums.

Coincidentally, APS members with numbers 50,000 and 75,000 also live in California. Mack Levin, Member No. 50,000, lives in Sepulveda. He joined in October 1966.

Mrs. Ruth C. deKlerk, Member No. 75,000, lives in San Diego. She joined the APS in January 1974.

SEPAD DATES CHANGED

In the March Bulletin, it was announced that the Perfins Club will have a table at SEPAD, scheduled to be held in Philadelphia on October 6-8. Word has been received that the show dates now have been moved up to September 29-October 1. As mentioned in the March announcement, Irvin Holloway will be in charge of the Club's table at this show, President David Stump will be present as a member of the sponsoring club, and Bulletin Editor Ray Crow will be on hand as a judge.

MOUND CITY SHOW

The Mound City Stamp Club of St. Louis is hosting an Open House, Exhibition and Bourse on September 29-October 1, 1978. The Club has indicated it would welcome entries from Perfins collectors.

The show will be held at the Colony Hotel in Clayton, a St. Louis suburb. The frame fee is \$3.00 per frame. For a copy of the prospectus, write to Don L. Ferris, Jr., P.O. Box 3186, Fairview Heights, IL 62208.

PATRONIZE THE CLUB'S SALES DEPARTMENT

TREASURER'S REPORT

OPERATING STATEMENT, JANUARY-MARCH 1978

LOOKING BEYOND THE HOLES by Jack Brandt

INCOME

U.S. Catalog Sponsors	\$112.00
Dues	226.00
Publication Sales	39.96
Sales Books	305.09
Auction	86.90
Cover Sales and Misc.	3.00
Total Income	\$772.95

EXPENSE

Bulletin	\$569.30
Secretary's Expense	37.95
Membership Expense	87.64
Publication Expense	9.80
Foreign Catalog Expense	32.65
Officers Expense	20.00
Membership Pin Expense	35.00
Treasurer's Expense	14.66
Total Expense	807.00

Expense in Excess of Income \$34.05

Funds on Hand Last Report \$6,216.07
Less Excess Expense above 34.05

Funds to account for \$6,182.02

Cash not deposited \$ 10.00
Checking Acct. Bal. 78.00
Savings Accounts
& Bonds
Operating Funds 4,148.14
Life Membership 645.88
Long-term Bonds 1,300.00

Total Funds on Hand \$6,182.02

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Gooding, Treasurer

CACHETS OFFERED

While non-Perfin items are not generally run in the Bulletin, the following announcement is included because it is for a worthy cause:

An official First Day Cover Cachet is being released by the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute in Miami, as part of the First Day Ceremonies of the new 13¢ Papanicolaou stamp being issued May 18 at the White House. Dr. Julius Schultz, president of the Institute, has announced.

These cachets, printed in blue and brown, are available serviced or unserviced. Those serviced, with a single stamp, will be sent to collectors for a \$2.00 donation. Cachets with plate blocks will be available in limited quantity at \$3.00 each. Collectors wishing any of these cachets should send checks, together with a return self-addressed envelope to the Papanicolaou Cancer Research Institute, 1155 N.W. 14th St., P. O. Box 236188, Miami, FL 33123.

Looking beyond the holes in Perfin collecting is one point that I am always emphasizing, and I recently ran across an example that shows just how far one can go. The Perfin is Canada D2, the DG/CO used by the Dominion Glass Co. of Montreal, Quebec. Now this was a nice Perfin having a rarity factor of 25, and I was pleased enough.

Next I looked at the stamp and saw a 5¢ violet Admiral issue. Again, a nice stamp to find a Perfin on, first since they are not all that common, and next since I didn't have it. But then, I looked a little closer at the back and found it was the thin paper variety, Scott #112a, which I consider a real find, having only two or three Perfins on this issue. Next, I looked at the front again, to see what the cancel was, and was very pleased to find it "CAPETOWN/PAQUEBOT!"

One wonders what the Dominion Glass Company was doing sending a last-minute letter to South Africa. So, don't stop at the holes. There is more enjoyment one can get.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE

Have you thought about LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the Perfins Club?

It's a good investment if you're serious about your Perfins.

Life membership is just \$60. At the current rate of dues, that figures out to just 15 years dues. If you've stayed with the Club for three or four years, chances are you're permanently hooked on Perfins. And if you're under 70, you stand a super chance of being around more than another 15 years.

From the Club's point of view, your \$60 is a help. We put it in a savings account which yields about \$4 a year---to cover the cost of handling your membership. And the \$60 remains there as a sound financial base for the Club. You're helping your Club as well as yourself with a life membership.

And you're freeing yourself of annual dues checks in the process.

We hate to mention it, but there is always the matter of inflation and the chance that we're going to have to raise dues eventually...although we'll hold the line as long as we can! Needless to say, life members are protected against any increase in dues - ever!

Life membership? Could turn out to be your best investment ever in your hobby.

Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030, will be glad to sign you up.

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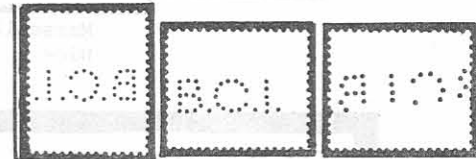
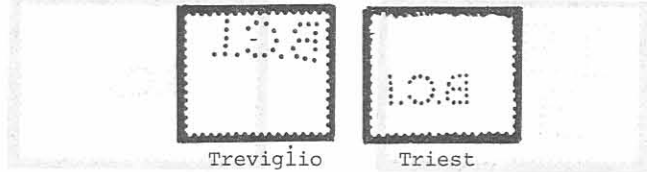
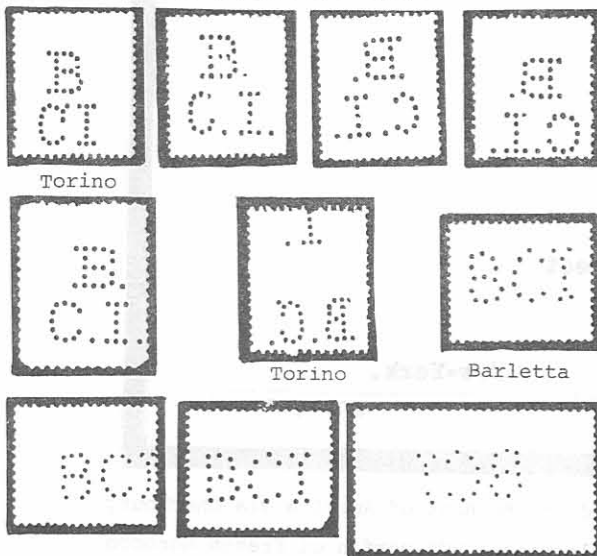
THE PERFINS OF BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA — by Jan Prins

The Banca Commerciale Italiana (BCI) was founded in 1894 with headquarters at Milan. Before World War II this bank had many branches all around the Mediterranean, but today most of these offices have been closed down. The only ones left are in Turkey (Istanbul and Izmir (Smyrna)).

In Italy there are 285 branches today, and here is a list of the most important ones:

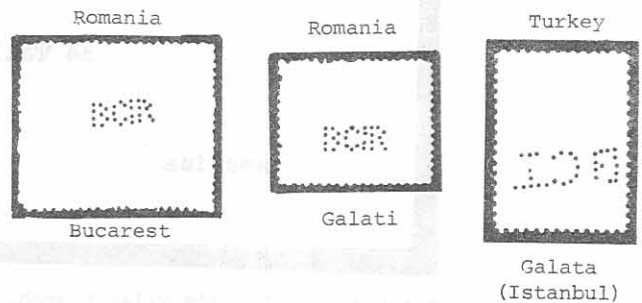
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Shown below are various types of Perfins used by the BCI bank in Italy:



The two-line Perfins B/CI and BC/I were used on stamps of Scott Nos. 67/93. Since then the various single-line BCI Perfins have been used.

Following are BCI Perfins used in foreign countries:



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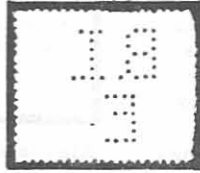
THE PERFINS OF BANCA COMMERCIALE ITALIANA (CONTINUED)

French Levant



Constantinople

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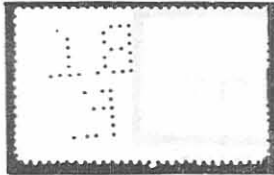
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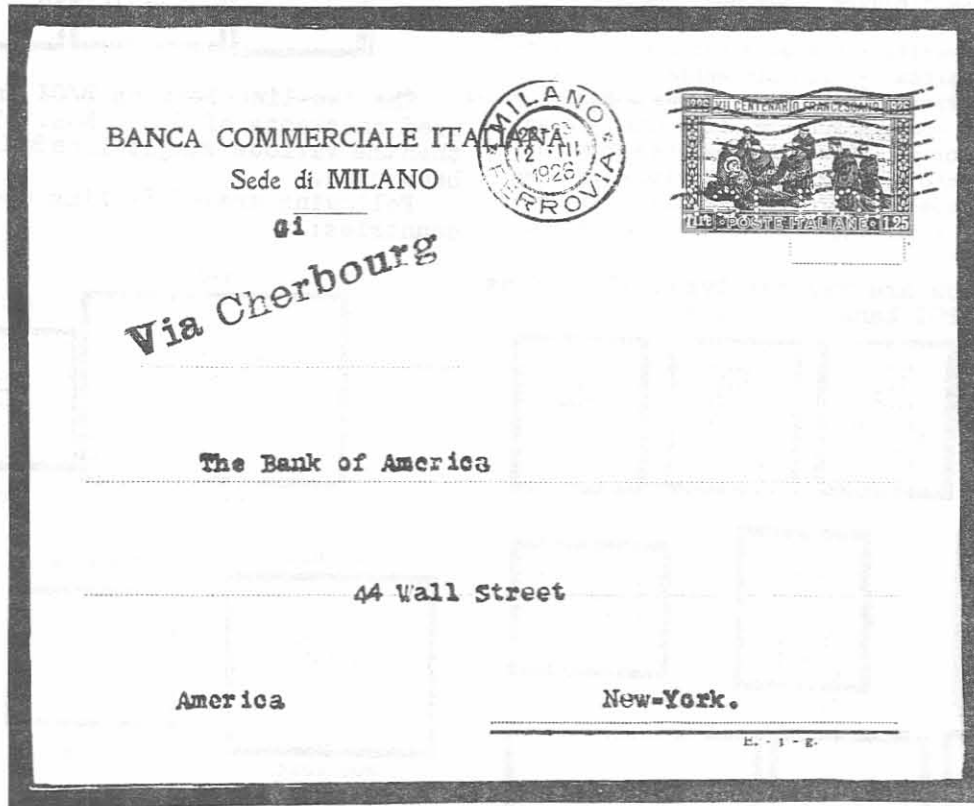


Marseille
Nice

Great Britain



London



Perfin cover of BCI's Milan branch, mailed to the Bank of America via Cherbourg

Editor's note: the editor has in his collection a BCI Perfin of French Morocco which appears to be different from either of the two listed above. Do other members have additional BCI Perfin types to report?

RESULTS OF AUCTION #21

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$0.40	68	.30	136	.40	204	1.90	271	.75	339	.95
2	1.30	69	.05	137	-	205	.50	272	.75	340	2.00
3	.65	70	.40	138	.75	206	1.85	273	3.50	341	.25
4	.25	71	1.50	139	.70	207	.50	274	3.00	342	.40
5	.35	72	.30	140	.80	208	.05	275	2.25	343	1.25
6	.55	73	.40	141	.20	209	2.25	276	1.90	344	.30
7	.25	74	.30	142	.30	210	.40	277	3.50	345	.20
8	.25	75	1.30	143	1.10	211	.40	278	.60	346	.30
9	.05	76	.55	144	.70	212	.60	279	.75	347	.20
10	.15	77	.40	145	1.90	213	.45	280	.75	348	7.00
11	.25	78	.15	146	2.65	214	1.85	281	5.75	349	.20
12	.30	79	1.00	147	.80	215	1.85	282	7.00	350	.30
13	.50	80	.05	148	.90	216	.70	283	7.00	351	.15
14	.25	81	-	149	.75	217	1.90	284	4.35	352	.80
15	.45	82	.50	150	.10	218	1.30	285	4.00	353	.30
16	.45	83	.50	151	-	219	.80	286	.50	354	.15
17	.40	84	-	152	.25	220	1.80	287	-	355	2.75
18	.05	85	.35	153	.20	221	.50	288	3.30	356	.50
19	-	86	.70	154	.85	222	1.45	289	-	357	2.25
20	.50	87	.70	155	2.25	223	2.25	290	5.00	358	2.50
21	.75	88	.35	156	.20	224	3.00	291	4.50	359	.90
22	1.10	89	.05	157	.80	225	.30	292	3.25	360	.15
23	.60	90	.55	158	1.90	226	1.90	293	4.00	361	.55
24	1.25	91	1.10	159	.25	227	.75	294	.50	362	.10
25	1.10	92	.40	160	1.85	228	.40	295	.50	363	.20
26	.70	93	.05	161	.65	229	.25	296	7.35	364	.80
27	.70	94	.30	162	.65	230	1.00	297	3.80	365	2.35
28	2.75	95	1.25	163	1.90	231	1.85	298	.50	366	.30
29	.65	96	.25	164	.70	232	2.75	299	.50	367	.85
30	.25	97	1.85	165	.30	233	2.50	300	.50	368	.20
31	.20	98	.25	166	.20	234	2.50	301	.50	369	.45
32	.05	99	.35	167	.50	235	2.50	302	3.00	370	.20
33	1.90	100	.65	168	1.10	236	2.75	303	3.00	371	.35
34	.40	101	.40	169	.05	237	.40	304	4.25	372	4.75
35	.35	102	-	170	2.25	238	.20	305	6.50	373	2.10
36	.70	103	.60	171	.50	239	.60	306	6.50	374	.40
37	.35	104	.15	172	.45	240	.55	307	5.70	375	.25
38	.65	105	.25	173	1.85	241	.30	308	18.10	376	5.00
39	.30	106	.25	174	.25	242	.40	309	7.00	377	.55
40	.70	107	.05	175	1.10	242A	.85	310	5.00	378	2.25
41	2.25	108	.50	176	.35	243	.65	311	8.50	379	.70
42	.70	109	.05	177	1.85	244	2.50	312	21.00	380	.15
43	.45	110	.15	178	.25	245	2.40	313	6.50	381	1.10
44	.40	111	.45	179	1.90	246	1.90	314	.60	382	.70
45	.65	112	.60	180	2.00	247	4.25	315	.25	383	.25
46	.65	113	1.85	181	.25	248	2.25	316	.25	384	.95
47	.65	114	.35	182	.25	249	-	317	1.50	385	1.95
48	.65	115	.50	183	.15	250	.80	318	3.50	386	.80
49	1.35	116	.55	184	1.90	251	.50	319	1.00	387	.60
50	.50	117	.65	185	1.90	252	3.00	320	3.50	388	.35
51	.75	118	.15	186	.50	253	.85	321	4.35	389	1.35
52	.15	119	.20	187	.70	254	.75	322	6.00	390	3.50
53	.25	120	.75	188	.45	255	1.80	323	.85	391	3.00
54	.80	121	.25	189	1.90	256	2.35	324	1.00	392	.55
55	.50	122	-	190	.40	257	1.85	325	.80	393	.80
56	.75	123	8.00	191	1.85	258	1.90	326	5.75	394	.25
57	.30	124	.30	192	1.85	259	1.90	327	3.75	395	.95
58	3.00	125	1.20	193	1.90	260	2.25	328	.55	396	.05
59	.30	126	.60	194	1.80	261	.45	329	3.50	397	.70
60	.65	127	-	195	1.90	262	1.90	330	.15	398	2.00
60A	1.35	128	-	196	1.85	263	1.90	331	.15	399	.15
61	1.35	129	1.20	197	.40	264	.05	332	1.10	400	.55
62	.30	130	.05	198	1.85	265	4.50	333	2.00	401	.95
63	.45	131	.50	199	1.90	266	2.30	334	4.50	402	.15
64	.50	132	.45	200	.20	267	.50	335	7.00	403	.10
65	.55	133	1.85	201	1.35	268	.60	336	.90	404	.35
66	1.20	134	.05	202	.30	269	1.90	337	2.60		
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405	\$1.00	448	2.00	491	2.75	534	.05	577	5.25	620	.65
406	.85	449	1.10	492	.20	535	-	578	11.00	621	.25
407	2.25	450	.50	493	.40	536	.85	579	11.00	622	.25
408	.10	451	.45	494	.80	537	1.10	580	11.00	623	.25
409	1.50	452	1.30	495	3.80	538	1.25	581	-	624	5.00
410	.80	453	.70	496	1.50	539	1.20	582	-	625	3.35
411	.50	454	.40	497	.50	540	.05	583	.05	626	1.65
412	.90	455	1.85	498	.80	541	.35	584	-	627	1.35
413	.80	456	.80	499	.60	542	.40	585	-	628	1.45
414	.15	457	.30	500	3.75	543	.35	586	-	629	7.00
415	.10	458	1.30	501	.35	544	.05	587	-	630	.05
416	.40	459	4.25	502	.35	545	-	588	-	631	.30
417	.35	460	.45	503	.35	546	.30	589	-	632	.40
418	.60	461	.80	504	.15	547	.50	590	-	633	.40
419	.70	462	.70	505	1.30	548	.35	591	.05	634	.45
420	.75	463	2.50	506	.50	549	.05	592	-	635	.25
421	1.40	464	.70	507	.60	550	1.25	593	-	636	2.75
422	.30	465	.35	508	1.00	551	.35	594	-	637	.90
423	.50	466	.10	509	.75	552	5.50	595	-	638	1.85
424	5.00	467	.35	510	.65	553	.55	596	.05	639	3.30
425	.40	468	7.00	511	.10	554	8.50	597	-	640	2.35
426	.50	469	.05	512	.60	555	8.00	598	-	641	.30
427	.55	470	1.10	513	.70	556	9.00	599	-	642	.40
428	.55	471	.55	514	.50	557	.40	600	-	643	.40
429	.35	472	.50	515	.75	558	.05	601	.05	644	3.50
430	.30	473	.10	516	.20	559	.05	602	-	645	5.00
431	3.00	474	.70	517	.20	560	.05	603	-	646	4.75
432	5.50	475	.45	518	.20	561	1.60	604	.05	647	.05
433	.45	476	.55	519	.45	562	1.20	605	.05	648	.35
434	1.10	477	.25	520	7.50	563	1.35	606	.05	649	.20
435	.30	478	.30	521	11.00	564	2.00	607	7.50	650	.55
436	.15	479	.65	522	5.50	565	2.50	608	7.00	651	.35
437	.15	480	.60	523	7.50	566	2.00	609	7.50	652	.40
438	2.10	481	.35	524	.65	567	1.10	610	9.25	653	.40
439	.35	482	.45	525	.70	568	1.20	611	10.25	654	.40
440	1.15	483	.60	526	1.10	569	1.20	612	.05	655	.40
441	.20	484	.30	527	.65	570	1.35	613	.05	656	1.80
442	.35	485	.25	528	.60	571	1.65	614	.55	657	2.25
443	3.25	486	.55	529	.65	572	2.35	615	1.00	658	.55
444	.45	487	.55	530	.70	573	4.00	616	.60	end of sale	
445	.55	488	.65	531	.30	574	.05	617	5.50		
446	.70	489	.30	532	.05	575	2.75	618	.60		
447	2.00	490	.15	533	.05	576	6.00	619	2.15		

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The editor has two announcements to make, both of which may have some effect upon the Perfins Bulletin. The first is that, as of April 15, your editor took early retirement from his job at the newspapers in Memphis, and will work as an independent arbitrator of labor disputes. Hopefully, this will let him set his own schedule and have more time for the Bulletin and other philatelic pursuits. On the other hand, it could cause some conflicts, as the necessity of making a living may involve considerable travel.

The second announcement is that, thanks to the generosity of his employer, the editor was given a new IBM Selectric II, self-correcting typewriter as a retirement present. Therefore, as soon as the editor becomes sufficiently familiar with this machine, the Perfins Bulletin will get a facelifting. Several type faces will be available in place of the old Remington manual now being used.

If the editor may indulge a further personal note, he was given a roast, a la Dean Martin, at his retirement party - and, of course, was allowed to roast his roasters in return. It was a lot of fun and the editor was flattered by the large number of fellow employees who turned out for the party.

Vice President Dorothy Savage reports that she sent out 53 Perfin Primers during March, so response continues to come in from the editor's article in the October American Philatelist and the recent special Perfins edition of Linn's.

One of our new members attracted to the Club through the special Perfins edition of Linn's, was so impressed that he wrote his request for a Perfin Primer in verse. Dot Savage thought the membership might be interested in reading it. The poem was submitted by Tony Stanovich (#1610). Following is the text, slightly edited:

As I arise this morning,
My daily life begins.
I make a cup of coffee,
Re-read the things in Linn's.
The article I'm reading
Sounds great for it begins
A holey hobby challenging -
That is, of course, Perfins.
My son and I are new to this,
I'm fifty-six, he's ten.
An album for his Christmas
Brought forth that old stamp yen.
The paper says that you will send
Info about Perfins,
Which would be great, for it would
change
Our frowns of doubt to GRINS.

In looking through Billig's Philatelic Handbook No. VI, the editor recently saw a note to the effect that, in 1887, Italian stamps of 1865-79 were perforated with new values (C.1 on 2c red brown, C.4 on 5c green, C.8 on 10c carmine, and C.18 on 20c

yellow orange) for the purpose of being used only on advertising matters by a firm in Livorno. And, in 1890, the 20c yellow orange of 1879 was perforated with the initials "C C" (Cartolina Commerciale - Commercial Postcard). Does any member have examples of these Perfins?

New member Ron Hunter (#1548) carries an address that is bound to raise an eyebrow. Ron is with the Hudson's Bay Company and is stationed in Cambridge Bay, Northwest Territories, Canada. Cambridge Bay is located on the southern tip of Victoria Island well north of the Arctic Circle. Ron says he enjoys his work--and the location is fine with him, although it isn't much for summer sports! Ron is originally from Glasgow, Scotland, and is mainly interested in British Perfins. His address is c/o Hudson's Bay Company, Cambridge Bay, Northwest Territories, X03 OCO CANADA, if you'd like to drop him a note.

And, speaking of Canada, the editor is planning to attend CAPEX at Toronto, June 15-18, and would be pleased to meet any of our Canadian or U. S. members who attend. Contact can be made through the APS booth at the show.

The editor has acquired a British postal stationery envelope, used in 1897, which has the Perfin A&N/CSL perforated through the embossed stamp, but not through the back of the envelope. This would indicate that the perforation was done before the envelope was folded and glued together. Either that or a most peculiar Perfin device was in use. Who can shed further light on this?

WANT ADS

WILL TRADE the following foreign covers for U. S. covers: Italian B.C.I on Banca Commerciale Italiana (1927); VC/CO on Socony-Vacuum (1941) with Egyptian censor slip. Send SASE for Xerox of covers available. Bob Thompson, P.O. Box 60427, Sunnyvale, CA 94088.

WANTED: US types - A221.28, B70, B116.8, B116.10, J55, K59, L55.7, L161, N113A1, N113D3. Jack Brandt, 1006 727 6th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 0V1.

FOREIGN AND U.S. PERFINS on cover to trade for German and Asian Perfins on cover. Will also buy covers. SASE for list. Larry Degenhart, Box 7097, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

CLAUDE NEET

We have received word of the death, on January 15, 1978, of our long-time member Claude Neet, #103-L.

Mr. Neet, of St. Petersburg, Florida, had been a member of the Club since 1946 and was, before his retirement, the assistant postmaster of St. Petersburg.

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(Unless otherwise noted, all new members and reinstatements are sponsored by Dorothy Savage)

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Members as of February 28, 1978	686
New Members	41
Reinstatements	1
Closed Albums	-1
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MORE ON THE TEXAS PERFIN

by Floyd Walker

When our story was last brought up to date (March 1978 Bulletin), indications were that the State of Texas would use a new Perfin in the form of an outline map of the State of Texas. However, subsequent events have changed that.

The latest word from Alan R. Miskimin, who has been offering guidance and counseling to the Texas officials involved in the new Perfin pattern selection, is that the Texas outline idea won't be acted upon. It seems that when the time came to order the new perforator, the manufacturer said the outline map of Texas would be too complicated and costly.

Why Texas is more complicated and costly as a Perfin than Illinois (see I-5) is perhaps best left to speculation and those with a ready wit...and no relatives in Texas!

At any rate, the latest idea seems to be to use a star outline similar to the one in the original (C-10) (C in star), but to replace the C with a single hole---presumably to represent the location of Austin, the state capital, which is roughly in the center of the state. It also helps keep the new Texas star from looking like any of the other stars already existing as Perfin patterns.

Miskimin goes on to report that the new perforator will be a Cummins-Allison desk model with a foot switch (he says it actually is nothing but a check perforator with a different die set-up). The unit is designated as a Model 390, it weighs 50 pounds, is 8 inches wide, 13 inches deep, and 11 inches high. It will perforate five stamps at one time, and can take up to 20 sheets at one time...making the total one-time perforation capacity 100 stamps. The throat of the unit will take two rows of stamps at one time. Thus stamps will have to be either cut or folded into strips five stamps wide by four stamps deep. The top two rows can be perforated and then the bottom two rows perforated when the stamps are turned around.

Cost of the unit is \$4,000. The estimated hourly output of perforated stamps is, in Treadway's words, "mindboggling."

Presumably the new unit is, or soon will be, on order. Just when it will be ready, I don't venture to guess. Nor will I suggest that there might not be another change of design in the pattern.

But, thanks to Alan Miskimin, we'll be pretty sure to have a continuing report on this subject. And perhaps one day we will have a new Perfin from the State of Texas.

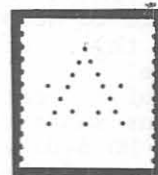
We'll keep you posted.

PUBLICITY BRINGS NEW PERFINS

The February special issue of Linn's focused a lot of attention on the Perfins Club. We gained more than 100 new members as a result of the publicity.

And we've also gained a couple of new Perfins!

My article on "personal Perfins" has brought forth a KIS/NER pattern from Jacob Kisner of New York and a "square and compass logo" from Masonic philatelist Edward Walsh of Lexington, Massachusetts. Both new patterns are shown here.



These two new Perfins may bring an outcry from the purists, who will insist that they are hardly necessary to protect Messrs. Kisner's and Walsh's postage from "unauthorized usage." And that is quite true. Both patterns are clearly philatelic. Kisner is a dealer in stamps, autographs, and related material. He also operates the purely philatelic Park Avenue Local Post. Walsh is a dealer in Masonic philatelic material and the new perfin is obviously a nod to his business interests.

But the two Perfins do exist, they are readily available, and they are as much a part of Perfins philately as my own WAL/KER pattern, or the Club's PF patterns from last fall's convention.

Kisner will provide his pattern without charge to members who send him "up to three current mint U. S. stamps." An SASE must be enclosed, of course. We suspect that Mr. Kisner will perforate a block of four if you ask. And be sure to tell him if you want the stamps perforated from the reverse; otherwise you'll get them perforated from the front. Kisner's address is Jacob Kisner, 750 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

Walsh prepared first day covers of the square and compass logo and he'll provide a cover plus a mint copy of the Perfin for a \$1.00 postpaid. Walsh should be written at 28 Maple Street, Lexington, MA 02173.

In both cases, you should mention that you're a perfin collector, and that you read about the new patterns in the Bulletin.

--Floyd Walker

Camera-ready copy for this issue of the Bulletin has been typed on the editor's new IBM Selectric II self-correcting typewriter. Hopefully, it will give the Bulletin better appearance and readability.

FROM THE LIBRARIAN

The Perfins of Hungary, a catalog compiled by Vojtech Maxa (#933) of Prague and published by David Malyon (#1104) of London, is the newest addition to the Perfins literature.

And it is a welcome one.

The 48-page volume is printed on a small (6 by 8 inch) format and illustrates, to exact size and with Maxa's usual superb craftsmanship, the more than 500 known Perfins of Hungary. The printing quality is excellent; the paper is high-grade white bond; and the volume is bound in bright yellow covers.

In his introduction, Maxa notes that the volume contains "about 85 to 90 percent" of all the Perfin patterns ever used on Hungarian stamps. Many of the patterns illustrated in the catalog have not been identified, so there is still much work to be done. Perhaps one of you reading this will be able to help with new information. That's the thrill of Perfins: all the work is not done!

Copies of the catalog are available from publications manager Floyd Walker (Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030) for \$3.00 per copy.

A shipment of the catalogs is en route by surface mail from London and should have arrived by the time you read this note. However, there may be a slight delay in filling your order if the ship slows down.

The \$3.00 price per copy is premised on surface shipment to the U. S. from England and includes postage to you. If you are anxious, we can arrange for a direct airmail shipment to you from London, but the price will be double--to \$6.00 per copy. That's what the airmail cost is: roughly equal to the cost of the catalog itself!

Incidentally, a copy of the catalog is in the Library (courtesy of the publisher) and may be borrowed by any member.

Ralph L. Sloat (#942) has a favorite stamp. It's Scott CE-2, the bicolor airmail special delivery stamp. And Ralph has written an intriguing handbook on his favorite stamp: The Airmail Special Delivery Stamps of the United States.

The 86-page study is published by the Bureau Issues Association and is a superb piece of philatelic workmanship in every way--from editorial quality to printing quality.

Sloat does not devote enough attention (in this writer's somewhat biased opinion) to Perfins on the two issues. But perhaps that leaves us some room to correspond with him--to tell him what patterns we have that he doesn't list. It should be noted that Sloat does discuss CE-1 as a means of providing a foundation for his study of CE-2, but it is clearly CE-2 which is the subject of his study.

If your interest is strictly in Perfins, then this volume isn't worth the price. But if you are a U. S. specialist, or if you share Ralph's fascination with CE-2, then

by all means invest \$7.50 in this volume. Copies are available from the BIA's executive secretary, Esther H. Sullivan, 19 Maple Street, Arlington, VA 02174.

Incidentally, Ralph has kindly donated a copy of the handbook to the Library and you may borrow it on request. There may be a waiting list, so please be patient.

WANT ADS

NEEDED: US types K19.5, 044, R53. Foreign lyres, harps, posthorns. Also all Perfins on MUSIC advertising covers. A. Spencer, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

WANTED: Province of Saskatchewan Perfins, P10 or P10a; will buy or trade. Dick Eager, 46 Weir Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada S7H 3A9.

WANTED: Foreign Perfins depicting windmills, elephants, and birds. M. W. Martin, P. O. Box 15518, Columbus, OH 43215.

WANTED: Perfins on US Scott #C11, 5¢ Beacon airmail. On or off cover. Send with price. Kent Kobersteen, 4440 Colfax Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

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THE PERFINS OF PALESTINE

by Ray Crow

During the period of British mandate in Palestine (1923-1948), there were two users of Perfins on stamps issued under the mandate. The more prolific user was the Anglo-Palestine Company (now known as the Bank Leumi Le-Israel). The other user was the Keren Kayemet l'Israel (Jewish National Fund).

The Anglo-Palestine Company used the Perfin A.P.C. (Figure 1) at its offices in Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jaffa. It was also used (on Lebanese stamps) at the firm's office in Beyrouth. The Keren Kayemet used the pattern KKL (perforated in Hebraic characters (Figure 2), only at its office in Jerusalem.



← Figure 1



Figure 2 →

The A.P.C. Perfin generally was perforated at an angle. Due to variation in the way the stamps were inserted into the Perfin device, they may be found with the Perfin in any one of eight different positions. In his article of 1975 (see bibliography below), Dr. Werner Hoexter worked up a detailed classification of the A.P.C. Perfin positions by stamp issue and city of use. Hoexter's table was expanded slightly in a follow-up article by Marvin Siegel (see bibliography). The expanded table is reproduced in Figure 3. The position designations in the table are as follows (viewing the stamps from the front): A - normal, down; B - normal, up; C - normal, up (stamp inverted); D - normal, down (stamp inverted); E - reversed, down; F - reversed, up; G - reversed, down (stamp inverted); H - reversed, up (stamp inverted).

The KKL Perfin of Keren Kayemet l'Israel is generally found in a perpendicular position. Dr. Hoexter lists the positions of this Perfin as follows (viewing the stamp from the front): A - normal, down; B - normal, up; C - reversed, up; D - reversed, down. A table prepared by Siegel, showing the number of stamps reported in each Hoexter position, is reproduced in Figure 4.

Siegel states that the information in his article is based on an accumulation of

Perfined pictorial stamps of Palestine bought by him, which had been formed by a collector, now deceased, who had been employed for over 20 years by a Jewish organization in New York which received a great deal of mail from the Jerusalem office of Keren Kayemet l'Israel. Siegel's research in this material indicates that the Jerusalem KKL office Perfined "at least some if not all of their stamps during the period 25 August 1927 until 6 December 1927."

Siegel adds that "as far as relative rarity is concerned, I would have to consider 3 & 4 mil which do not appear in (Hoexter's) listing and only ONCE each in mine, as being the rarest."

Issue and Values	POSITIONS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Somerset House								
2pi	JR			+	JR		+	
Waterlow								
Issues								
Plate A								
1m	JR				+			
3m	+				+	+		
4m						+		
5m	JA			+			+	
6m							+	
7m	JA				JR	JAJR		+
8m	JAJR				JR			+
13m	+	+	+	JR		JR	+	
2pi	+		+	JR	+		+	
2pi ochre				JR				
Plate B								
1m	JR	HA			JAJR			
2m	JR	HA	HA				+	+
3m	HA	+	HA	JR		JA	+	HA
4m	+	JR						
5m	JRJA	HA	+	JRJA	+	HA	+	HA
7m				TA	JR			
13m	JA	+	+	JR		+	JR	+
2pi	+	JR						
Pictorials								
Thin paper								
2m	TA				JR			JR
3m	JRTAJA			TA	JRJA	+	TA	
4m rose					JR			
5m	JR		+		JRTA			JRTA
7m scarlet	JA			TA	+	+		TAJA
8m brown				JRTA	JATA			
10m				JRTA	JR			
13m ultra.	+				JATA			TA
20m	JR			JR				
Ribbed paper								
2m	TA				JR			JRTA
3m	TA			TA	TA			
4m rose	TA							
5m	JR			JRTA	JR			JRTA
6m	JRTAJA							+
7m scarlet	JRTA	JRTA		JRTA	JR			JATA
7m violet	JRTA							
13m ultra.	JATA	HA		TA	TA			JATA
15m ultra.	JR							
20m	JR				+			+

(JR=Jerusalem, JA=Jaffa, TA=Tel Aviv, HA=Haifa)
 (+ indicates position known, but postmark indistinct)

Figure 3
 (continued next page)

THE PERFINS OF PALESTINE (CONTINUED)

The Hoexter and Siegel articles make it clear that the KKL Perfin is very scarce. In fact, Siegel states, "in all the years I have collected, seen, discussed, bought and sold Mandate stamps, I had seen only 2 or 3 of these Perfins. I happened to have been extremely lucky in purchasing this very large assemblage; which I can safely say is the largest group of these in existence ANYWHERE and I must confirm Zodiac's (catalog) valuation of 'from \$30 (each).'"

Any member of the Perfins Club who can add to the information given in this article is urged to submit such data to the editor.

This article does not represent original research by the writer, but is a compilation of data from two 1975 articles appearing in the Israel Philatelist and one by David Stump in an earlier issue of the Perfins Bulletin.

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Figure 4 →

KKL PERFINS: SHOWING NUMBER OF STAMPS IN EACH HOEXTER POSITION. ALL DATES 1927.				
Value	A.	B.	C.	D.
3 mil		1	21 Oct.	
4 mil	1	X		
5 mil	4	Aug-December		2
7 mil	19	7-17 Nov.	25	27 Nov.
8 mil	1	23 Nov.	3	3 Nov.
10 mil	7	25 Aug.-27 Nov.	31	17-25 Nov.
20 mil	1	17 Nov.	2	X
50 mil	7	23 Sept.-29 Nov.	2	21 Oct.
100 mil	8	25 Aug.-6 Dec.	5	17 Nov.
			4	1-11 Nov.
				8
				15
				24
				34
				6
				9
				15

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PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH

This month's choice is a catapult cover from the North German Lloyd Steamship Company's "S.S. Bremen," which is franked with two U.S. 10-cent values (Scott #642) bearing the Perfin of the steamship company (N89), shown in the inset. Catapult mail was an experiment of the late 1920's in which airplanes were launched by catapult from ships several hundred miles from their destination port as a means of speeding the mail. The first catapult mails were from the French liner "Ile de France," but the best known ones were from the North German Lloyd's "Bremen" and "Europa." (cover from collection of Edwin C. Haack)



Results of New Census: Perfins on U.S. 1902-03 Issue ——— Part 2

For basic information on this census, see Part 1 in the January 1978 Bulletin. The census results are continued here:

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
E44	EG/CO	2	B	F231	F&M/INS	2	C
E48	EH/CO	2	C	F234	F&W/CO	1,2,10,13	E
E50	EHF	1	E	G1	G	2	B
E55	EJG/&CO	2	B	G7	(G) dia	2	B
E57	EK/C	2	C	G19	G/AA	3,10	C
E70	ELIAS	2	E	G23	GAI/CO	2,10	C
E77	EM/CO	4	C	G29	GAS	1	B
E85	EMT	2	B	G32	GA/&CO	1,2,3,5,8,10,15	D
E87.5	EN/CO	2	A	G40	GB	2	C
E90xx	(EO)heart	2	-	G41	GBC	2	B
E110	ES	1	C	G47	GB/&M	1,2,3,4,5,10	D
E117	E(SL)	4	E	G49	GCB	1,2,3,13	C
E121	ES/&CO	2	C	G53	GC/CO	2	B
F1	F	2	E	G53.5	GC/CO	2	A
F8	(F)(diag.)	1,2	E	G58	GCM/CO	2	B
F16	FAB	2	B	G62	G(C(O))	1,2,8	D
F19	FAC	1,2	C	G64	GC/&T	2	B
F22	FAH	2	D	G67	GDB	1	D
F25A	FAIR	2	C	G68	G(D(C))	1,2,50	C
F39	FBH/CO	1	C	G72(1)	GE	1,2,3,5,6,10,13,15,50,\$1	E
F42	FB/&C	2,4	D	G72(7)	GE	2,3,\$1	E
F43	FB/&CO	2	E	G72(8)	GE	\$1	E
F46	FB/&CO	1,2	C	G72(9)	GE	13	E
F49.5	FB/&CO	1,2	A	G72(10)	GE	1,2,3,6,8	E
F50	FB/&K	2	C	G72(18)	GE	2,50	E
F54	FC/EX	2	B	G72(21)	GE	2,13,50	E
F58	FCT	2	C	G72(24)	GE	2	A
F71	FERRY	2,3	E	G72(26)	GE	10,15,\$1	E
F72	FE/&CO	1,2,10	D	G72(29)	GE	1,2,3,4,5,6,10,13,15,\$1	E
F73	FF	2,6	E	G72(32)	GE	1,15	E
F90	FIRST	15	E	G72(34)	GE	4	A
F92	FJM(diag.)	4	C	G72(36)	GE	8,10,50,\$1	D
F95	FL	2	E	G82	GFI/CO	2	B
F96	FL	1,2,3,4	E	G84.5	GG/G	1	A
F102	FMC/shld	2	B	G85	GGR	2	B
F103	FMC	2	C	G91	GH	2	E
F109	F/MCK/C(O)	2	C	G97.5	GHS(diag.)	2	A
F114.5	FM/&CO	10	C	G101	G(IN)N	13	E
F118	FNB	2	E	G105	GIR/ARD	2	B
F127	F/NB	2,4,5,6,8,10,\$2	E	G137	GN/RY	1,2	C
F129	FNB(diag.)	4,6	C	G141	GOR/HAM	1,2,10	B
F135	FN/BK	4	C	G146	G bar P	1	C
F136	FN/BK.	6	C	G151	G(R)AY	1	C
F142	FOK	2	D	G161	GS/CO	1,2	C
F145	FORD	1,2	D	G164	GS/FOE	1,2	C
F147	FOX	1,2	D	G166	GS/NY	1,4,6,10	D
F151	FPC	2	B	G169	GS/SA	1	B
F161	F/RB	\$2(479)	E	G170	GST	4	C
F166	FRB/NY	\$2,\$5	E	G179	GTH	1,2	C
F170	FRB/SF	\$2	E	G189	GV	6	D
F183	FR/9	\$5	E	G193	GWC	1	B
F186	FSB(diag.)	2	D	G206	G(&)C(O)	1	C
F194	FSM	1,2	A	G209	G&E/CO	2	E
F197	FS/NB	2,4,6,8,10,50	E	G212	G(&)M	2	C
F199	FTC	1	C	H9	(H) dia	2,3	C
F204	FTT/CO	2,4,8,10	D	H14	HA/CO	1.2.10	D
F206	FVS/MCC	1,2,5,10	C	H15	HAC/&CO	2	E
F207	FW/C	2	C	H18	HAL	1,2,3,4,6,15	D
F211	FWH	2	C	H21	HAP	2,3	C
F219	F&C	2	E	H23	H-B	2	C
F223	F&CO	2	C				
F224	F&F/C(O)	1,2	C				
F228	F&M	1	C				

RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON U. S. 1902-03 ISSUE (CONTINUED)

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
H29	HBC/CO	1,2,3,10	D	I120	I&G	2	B
H30	HB/CO	2	B	I123	I&T	10	D
H36	H/B&T	2,4,5	D	J3	JAC	2	B
H43	HC/CO	2	A	J4	JAH	2	C
H52	H/CO	2	B	J5	JAR	3	E
H54	H(CO)	2	C	J6	JB	2,15	C
H73	HFI	2	E	J8	JBE	2	E
H83	HH/CO	2,3,4,5,6,8,15	D	J13	JBS	2	D
H85.5	HH/W	1	A	J41	JEL/CO	4	D
H89	HI/CO	2,3,4	E	J45	JFC	2	C
H91	HILL	1,2,3,4,6,10	D	J48	JF/D	2	C
H96.5	HKW	1,2	A	J56	JH	6	E
H97	HKW	2	D	J64	JHF/CO	2	C
H101	HLH	2	C	J77	J-K	1	B
H109	HM	10	B	J82	JK/&CO	2.4	C
H113	HM	3	B	J90.5	?	2	-
H116	HMC	1,4	C	J93	JL/&/CO	2	C
H127	HNB	2,4,10	E	J110	JMH	2	B
H132	HNB (diag.)	2	A	J113	J/OF/C	2	C
H138	HO/AST	3	C	J119	JP/C	2	C
H139	HOH/CO	2	B	J125	JPH/CO	2	C
H140	HOH/CO	2	B	J125.5	JPM/&CO	2	B
H143	HOLT	2	A	J127	JPS(diag.)	2	B
H144	HOLT	2	B	J128	JQH	2	B
H144.5	?	2	-	J141	JSB/&CO	1,2	D
H145	HOM/CO	2	A	J146	JS/CO	1	B
H148	HOW	2	C	J157	JSS(diag.)		B
H149	HOYT	1,2	C	J158	JS/&C(O)	2	C
H155	HPB/CO	2	B	J166.5	JWJ	2	C
H157	HPC	2,13	C	J167	JWJ	2,8	E
H172	HSB/&CO	1,2	D	J179	J&L	2,4	E
H173	HS/C	10	C	K4	K	1,2	E
H182	HSP	1,2	C	K6	star K	2	B
H185	HS/&CO	10	E	K7	KABO	1,2,3,8	B
H192	HUB(diag.)	2	C	K14	KB/C	1,2	A
H207	HWP	2,5	D	K19	KCJ	2	D
H211	H&B	1,2,4,5,10	D	K47	KNK	1,2,3,5,10,13	C
H213	H&C	2	D	K54.5	K-R	2	C
H216	H/&CO	2	D	K58	K-S/CO	13	D
H229	H&P	2	-	K69	K&E/CO	1,2,3,6,15	D
H230	H&S	1	B	K70	K&F	2	B
I4	I	2	B	L8	(L) cir	2	D
I9	IAC	2	B	L9	L(star)	2	A
I16	IB	2	D	L47	L-BL	13	C
I21	IC	1,2,4,10	E	L48	LBP	2	B
I24	IC/MA	2	A	L56.5	L/CO	2	C
I25	IC/NA	2	B	L57	L/CO	13	E
I31	ID/KP	2	D	L61	L(C)P/CO	2,10	D
I41	IHC	1,6,8,10	C	L63	L(CO)	2	C
I42	IHC	2,10	E	L65.5	L(DE/LAVAL)	1,2	B
I47	IHS	2	C	L66	LDS	2	C
I49	ILL	2	B	L76	LEW/CO	1,2,4,6,10,13	E
I51	IM/CO	2	C	L90	LH	2	B
I64	IO	1,3	B	L100	L(INZ)	2	D
I73	IP/CO	2	C	L128	LOF/TIS	1,2,3	D
I77	IR	8	D	L134	L(S)	2	D
I85	(IS) bell	2	B	L135	L bar S	2	D
I91	ISC(O)	1,2,6,8	E	L138.5	LSC	2	A
I93	IS/CO	2	B	L140	LS/CO	2	B
I94	IS/CO	1	C	L146	LS/&/MS	1,2,4	D
I97	ISF/CO	2	C	L150	LTI/&TC	2	C
I99	ISP	2,6,10	D	L156	LV	1,2,4,5	E
I105	ITC	2	C	L163	LW/&S	2	D
I107	ITC(O)	1,2	C	L173	L&D	1,2,3	A
I111	ITF	2	C				
I116	I/WILL	10	C				

(to be continued)

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

It is encouraging to see that more members recently have been using the want ad column of the Bulletin to publicize their wants or their offers for sale or trade. For the benefit of our many new members, it should be pointed out that there is no charge for running such an ad in the Bulletin. The ads are run as space permits and, of course, are limited to members of the Club. We do not run paid ads of dealers or others, and the want ad column is not open to ads of dealers selling on a continuous basis. However, any member is entitled to run an ad to sell a particular collection or lot of Perfins.

In his handbook on the airmail special delivery stamps of the U.S. (which is reviewed in the Librarian's column in this issue), Member Ralph Sloat asks why it is that the USVA (Veterans Administration) used Perfins instead of penalty envelopes. Can any member provide enlightenment on this subject?

In response to Charles Schoeps' inquiry in the March Bulletin concerning an apparent State of Michigan Perfin which did not match any shown in the catalog, Vice President Dorothy Savage says she understands that this Perfin came about when every other pin was removed from the original perforator, and the feet were removed also, thus creating a new State of Michigan Perfin type.

Dorothy also states that she has been sending Stamp Collector subscription blanks in correspondence to members; that for each new or renewal subscription thus obtained the Perfins Club gets \$1.00. Dorothy states that any member who wants one of these subscription forms in order to help the Club, should send a small SASE to her.

Your editor can wholeheartedly recommend Stamp Collector as a greatly improved and very informative stamp publication - and not because he happens to have a column and a philatelic crossword puzzle in it each month.

To give equal space, your editor also recommends Linn's (which gave us the nice special edition in February) and Stamps. The editor has no knowledge as to whether or not the latter two publications would also give us the \$1.00 subscription commission. But he does know that many serious collectors find it worthwhile to subscribe to all three of these major U.S. weekly stamp publications.

Member Al Spencer has a want ad in this issue seeking certain Perfins on and off cover that he needs for his exhibit of MUSICAL Perfins. Al has put together a great exhibit of Perfins on this theme. In fact, he won a gold award with it at SESCO last year. Al did not ask for this pitch by the editor, but the editor believes that any

member who has done such a good job on his exhibit and has brought Perfins such good publicity, deserves the cooperation of his fellow members in making his exhibit even better. Therefore, it is hoped that any of you who can help Al with his wants will get in touch with him.

And speaking of Perfins exhibits, there is still time for you to work up an exhibit and enter it at VAPEX, where the Club's convention will be held November 10-12. For details, write to Rudy J. Roy, Jr., at Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

New members desirous of obtaining reference works on Perfins should write to Librarian Floyd Walker and request a copy of the list of works available from the Club Library.

CANADIAN NOTE

In a recent article in the BNAPS Journal, Perfins Club Member Michael Dicketts (#1440) points out that Perfins on the Small Queens of Canada are very elusive and eagerly sought after.

Dicketts' article notes that the first recorded Canadian Perfin user was W. J. Gage Co., Ltd., of Toronto. He states that the Gage Perfin (Figure 1) is known on seven values of the Small Queens. In ascending order of scarcity, he names these as the 3¢, 1¢, 2¢, 10¢, 5¢, 6¢ and 8¢. He adds, "fortunate is the collector who has more than the first three."



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

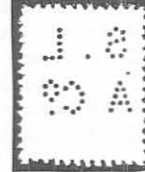


Fig. 4

According to the article, the next confirmed user to perforate the Small Queen issue was the Intercolonial Railway of Montreal and Moncton, whose two-line design IC/R (Figure 2) is reported on the 3¢ value.

Figure 3 illustrates a J.H.S. pattern which Dicketts says is known on the 1¢ Small Queen bearing Montreal cancellations. He adds that some collectors think this Perfin may have been used by J. H. Semple of Montreal, but no cover has come to light to positively identify its user.

Dicketts states that many years ago a report was received that the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Montreal used its S.L/AC⁹ Perfin (Figure 4) on the Small Queens, but that he has not seen anything to confirm this. He points out that the Sun Life Perfin is known on the 15¢ Large Queen and the two higher value Widow's Weeds.

Any member who can add further information on Perfins on the Small Queens should write to Dicketts at 61 Alwington Avenue, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4R4.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members

Through the editor's oversight, a list of new members #1526 through #1534 was not included as it should have been in the November-December 1977 issue of the Bulletin. This omission has been called to the editor's attention by Secretary Floyd Walker, and the list is included below. The editor apologizes to the affected members for this oversight.

- 1526 Wallace A. Craig, Box 3391, Fullerton, CA 92631 (Beginner) by Sadie Burns
- 1527 Frederick Arthur (Art) Atkinson, 5109 A Street, Linclon, NB 68510 (Beginner)
- 1528 Robert L. McLaughlin, 1122 Montour Drive, Houston, TX 77062 (Great Britain)
- 1529 John E. Hector, 1830 First Avenue, New York, NY 10028 (Beginner)
- 1530 Herbert S. Holland, Jr., RR@, Box 112, Duncan, OK 73533 (Worldwide)
- 1531 James R. D. Yeaw, Box 5295, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 (Worldwide)
- 1532 David T. Sorensen, 36 Lake Shore Drive, Sherwood Shores, St. Cloud, MN 56301 (Worldwide)
- 1533 Billy M. Adams, 1822 Oehrle Drive, Louisville, KY 40216 (Beginner)
- 1534 Don L. Ferris, Jr., Box 1861, Fairview Heights, IL 62208 (Beginner)

Current list resumes:

- 1648 J. Douglas Riendeau, 3537 Gallager Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5C 2N2 CANADA (Canada only)
by Al Pearson
- 1649 Merrill F. Whiting, 686 Alligator Drive, Venice, FL 33595 (US)
- 1650 Richard Dupuis, Box 396, Madison, NJ 07940 (US)
- 1651 Alma G. Wilson, 160 Dogwood Avenue, Orange City, FL 32763 (Beginner)
- 1652 Robert W. Fifield, Sr., 127 Elm Street, Valley Stream, NY 11580 (Worldwide)
- 1653 William L. Helling, 2020 Morrow Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12309 (Types)
- 1654 John O. Eldridge, Box 2774, Dartmouth, NS B2W 4R4 CANADA (Types)
- 1655 Ernest E. Parker, Box 74, Mishawaka, IN 46544 (Worldwide)
- 1656 Jack Davis, Box 1541, Petersborough, Ontario K9J 7H7 CANADA (Canada)
- 1657 William W. Morrison, 374 Westgate Street, Apt. 11, Iowa City, IA 52240 (Worldwide)
- 1658 Donald A. Young, 24 Weston Street, 3rd floor, Brockton, MA 02401 (Worldwide)
- 1659 Rodney J. Lukas, 570 Seventh Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215 (Worldwide)
- 1660 James E. Lukes, 931 South 8th Street, Manitowoc, WI 54220 (Beginner)
- 1661 Samuel S. Cobb, Jr., 1316 Sheppard Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23518 (Types)
- 1662 Robert G. Bergstrom, 1 N 457 Indian Knoll Road, West Chicago, IL 60185 (Brazil)
- 1663 C. Allan Burger, 303-49 Cuffley Crescent South, Downsview, Ontario M3K 1X4 CANADA (Canada.BNA)
by Al Pearson
- 1664 James E. Miller, Box 160, Kamloops, BC V2C 5K6 CANADA (Canada) by Al Pearson
- 1665 W. L. Wright, 2724 Doris Court, Carmichael, CA 95608 (Canada) by Al Pearson
- 1666 Nora L. Dwyer, P. O. Drawer N, Destrehan, LA 70047
- 1667 Vincent Leo, 158 Long Hill Road, Oakland, NJ 07436 (Singer Co. Perfins)
- 1668 Irvin E. Kennedy, 820 Greenway Court, Wichita, KS 67213 (Railroad Perfins)
- 1669 Kenneth R. Lewis, Star Route 1, Box 38, Bassett, NB 68714 (Beginner)
- 1670 Sally S. Barnett, 1415 Conway Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653 (Worldwide) by Ray Crow
- 1671 Carol P. Hacker, 5 Shagbark Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 (Beginner)
- 1672 Robert S. Balitewicz, 4419 Homerlee Avenue, East Chicago, IN 46312 (Worldwide)
- 1673 Boyd L. Shannon, 25770 Hartwick Road, Sun City, CA 92381 (Worldwide)
- 1674 Alberto R. Garate, 1021 NW 33 Avenue, Miami, FL 33125 (US, Cuba, Spain)

New Life Member

LM-33 Lawrence Degenhart, Box 7097, Jacksonville, FL 32210 (formerly #1458)

Resigned

1404 Michael C. Bergman

Deceased

653 R. N. Saxton, 103-L Claude Neet

Reinstatements

- 278 John Lyle Steele, Jr., 845 Flamevine Lane, Apartment 5, Vero Beach, FL 32960
- 911 Richard W. Rees, Box 443, Logan, OH 43138
- 1178 Stephen G. Shredowitz, 188 Quinlan Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10314
- 969 Iris Woodbury, 1800 New London Turnpike, Apartment 5, West Warwick, RI 02893

Address Changes

- 1086 R. Romeyn Higgins, 1901 Taylor Road, J-1031, Columbus, IN 47201
- 1316 Richard J. Levasseur, Sr., 18 Belmont Avenue, Brattleboro, VT 05301

Note: all new members in this list sponsored by Dorothy Savage unless otherwise noted.

Total Membership as
of April 30: 752

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AUCTION NETS CLUB \$1,900

The Perfins Club has netted some \$1,900 from the first sale of material from the collection left to the Club by the late Al Bartleson. The material was offered in Auction #22, results of which are published in this issue. Additional material will be offered in future auctions.

The majority of the lots offered in Auction #22 consisted of B-rated or better Perfins. The fact that members recognized this as an excellent opportunity to add rarities to their collections is reflected in the high amount netted by the Club.

Among the 468 U. S. lots offered, 79 brought \$5.00 or more each. The highest bid on any U. S. lot was \$11.60, which was the bid on Lot 57 (B55 on Scott #319) and on Lot 168 (C303 on Scott #319). Both of these are A-rated Perfins.

Two of the mint copies of France C6b (the EIPA 30 Perfin) brought \$120 each and the third copy brought \$110. The collection of 1660 France and colonies Perfins brought \$176. Lot 481, the Germany elephant design, brought \$28.60, the highest price for any single stamp bearing a commercial Perfin.

Many members no doubt will be looking forward to the next auction of Bartleson material, which should be coming up within the next two or three months. The bidding promises to be very spirited.

CANADIAN ACTIVITY

Thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Al Pearson, our Canadian representative, the Perfins interest among Canadian collectors seems to be picking up by leaps and bounds.

In a newsletter to Canadian collectors on March 25, Pearson stated that he had received over 80 requests for information on the Perfins Club and the Canadian Study Group.

The newsletter lists five collectors who have volunteered to serve as group chairmen for the study of Canadian Perfins, as follows:

1. Jean-Guy Dalpe, 684 LeLaboureur, Boucherville, Quebec J4B 3S2 (Bell Telephone B10 and B10a).
 2. Michael Dicketts, 61 Alwington Ave., Kingston, Ontario K7L 4R4 (Specialty: all Perfins on the Admirals Issue. General: all types of all issues).
 3. Jon Johnson, Box 263, Cassiar, B. C. VOC 1E0 (Types: P10m P10a & P10b Provinces of Saskatchewan)
 4. Al Pearson, 179 Deerwood Drive, Thompson, Manitoba R8N 1E4 (Specialty: Type C12, International Harvester.
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DUES DUE JULY 1ST

Dues notices go into the mail July 1 to those members who have not yet paid their 1978-79 membership fees. When your notice arrives, please respond promptly.

Secretary Floyd Walker says a number of members have sent their checks well in advance of the July 1 due date--and that many of them are paying two or more years in advance. That helps cut down both on book-keeping and on postage, says the grateful secretary.

Dues are \$4 per year and members are invited to pay as many years in advance as they wish. Of course the best buy remains the \$60 life membership--which frees the member forever from the burden of annual dues.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to The Perfins Club and mailed to Walker at Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

.....on the subject of dues.....

There are no plans at this time to raise the dues of the Perfins Club.

But, says Secretary Floyd Walker, he and Treasurer Jack Gooding are keeping careful watch of the situation in the light of postage increases and some steady increases in the price of everything from printing to drawing ink and paper clips.

Walker says it is important that the Club not get in the position of spending more than \$4 a year on member services or the long-term consequences could be quite severe.

"Right now, says Walker, "we are in superb financial shape. The Bartleson collection is bringing us in some money that will make our financial statement look great."

"But," adds the secretary, "let us not forget that we have a U. S. Catalog to print sometime this year, and that will take a large chunk of money."

"We must remain aware of the importance of balancing our expenses against our predictable dues income; otherwise, we will find ourselves with a deficit one of these days and have to do some fast shuffling to keep from going under. That's happened to a number of groups and we must make sure it doesn't happen to us."

The treasurer issues regular reports on the finances of the Club and these reports are printed for all to see. It is worth looking at the reports to get a feel yourself for the financial position of the Club.

In the meantime, Walker, Gooding and the other Club officers will continue to watch expenses, and income, and all the other factors that help ensure a healthy organization.

Response to Franking Inquiry

In the Editor's Corner of the May Bulletin the question was posed as to why the Veterans Administration did not use penalty envelopes, like some other government agencies, instead of Perfins. George Fisher, Jr. (#1152) offers the following comment:

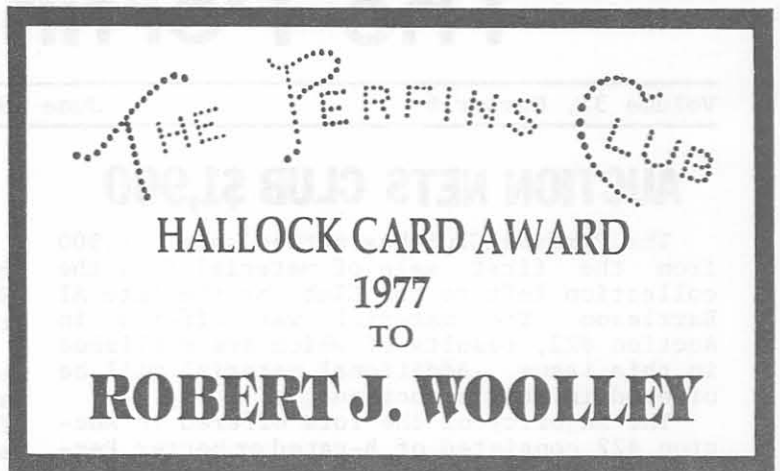
"It is my understanding that only those government agencies that were specifically permitted by Congress to use franked mail (penalty envelopes) did so. Other agencies pay postage. The present Government agency for which I work (the National Park Service, Department of the Interior) does not have the franking privilege, so we pay for our mailings, as does the whole Interior Department. Postage is paid to the Postal Service every year based on samples of mailings taken periodically through the year -- some years ago it was quarterly, and I suspect it still is, but I haven't checked on this activity for a while. Agencies which pay for their postage use envelopes that usually say something like 'Postage and Fees Paid,' followed by the name of the department, in the upper right corner of their envelopes. The eagle symbol is also usually imprinted alongside this indicia to provide a sufficiently solid inked area for automatic sorters to face government mail just like the machines face your mail bearing stamps.

"This printed indicia is a relatively new phenomenon insofar as the Department of the Interior is concerned. Until 1963, the National Park Service used ordinary stamps for its mail, which created untold accounting absurdities, like spending tens of dollars every month in clerks' salaries to keep track of a few cents' worth of stamps. And then the safeguarding--they had to be kept in strongboxes or safes so that nobody could filch a nickel stamp now and then. Which, of course, is what we wanted, but was the cost worth it? And just think -- any theft of U.S. Government property is a federal offense, so technically a Government employee was obliged to call in the F.B.I. if a five-cent stamp was discovered missing.

"Anyway, back in the sixties, the Department (or at least the Park Service part of it) got permission to use the 'Postage and Fees Paid' indicia -- not the 'Penalty for Private Use to Avoid Payment of Postage, \$300' one -- which meant what it said: the Department of the Interior pays in cash for its postal services.

"But it hasn't always been thus. I have a few old Interior Department envelopes from the period 1899 to 1919 with the oval-framed eagle indicia which bear the words 'OFFICIAL BUSINESS PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300' within the design. Somebody with the time and inclination to research this subject could

Plaque Awarded



Illustrated above is a metal plaque, mounted on a block of polished wood, which was presented by President David Stump to Robert J. Woolley, winner of the Hallock Card Award for 1977.

The award, named in honor of the founder of the Perfins Club, is presented each year to a member who has, in the judgment of the committee, performed outstanding service to the Perfins Club and to Perfins philately. The awards committee each year is composed of previous winners of the award. Details concerning the award to the 1977 winner are contained in the February 1978 issue of the Perfins Bulletin.

CANADIAN ACTIVITY (continued from page 1)

General: all types, by issues and position.

5. Ken Rose, Box 7086, Calgary, Alberta T3C 3L8 (Specialty: all types of Perfins on any tagged stamp issue).

Pearson urges participation in the Study Group by all those interested in Canadian Perfins, especially the furnishing of data to the five chairmen named above. He also suggests that, if a collector does not see any article covering his particular interest, he should write an article and/or publish a list. This, in turn, should prompt response from other collectors to make the list complete and correct.

The editor of the Perfins Bulletin will be glad to receive any article or data on Canadian Perfins for use in the Bulletin.

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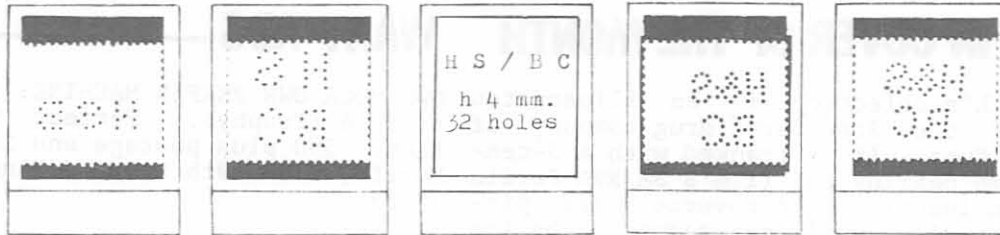
probably come up with an interesting tale of franking privileges granted and withdrawn back and forth through the years."

PERFINS OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK — by Jan Prins

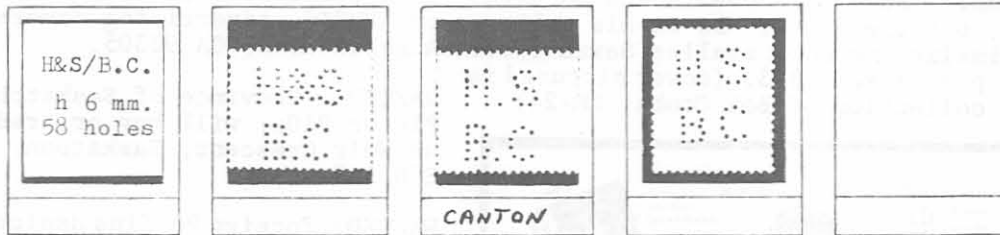
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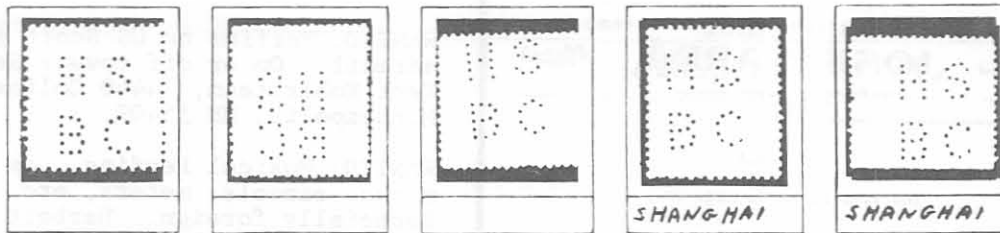
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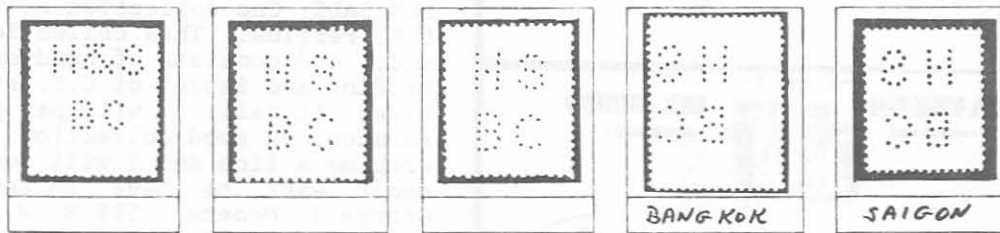
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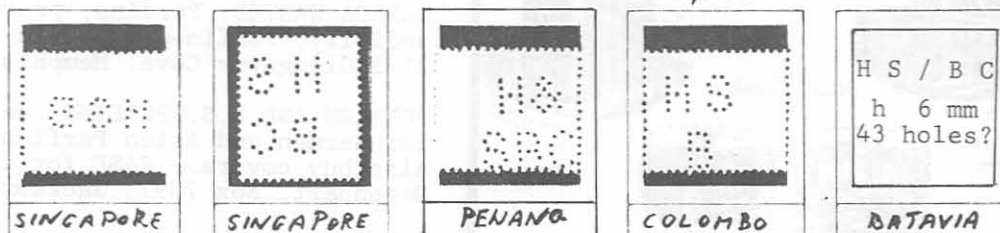
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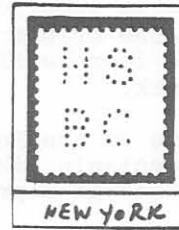
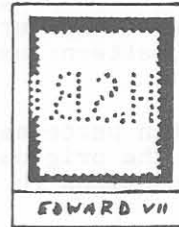
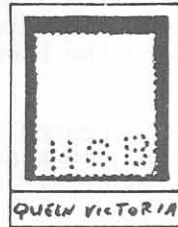
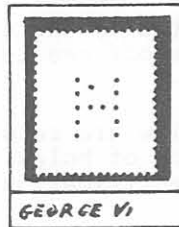
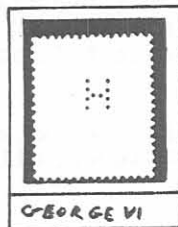


STRAITS SETTLEMENTS



GREAT BRITAIN

U.S.A



PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH WANT ADS

This month's selection is an illustrated cover of the José Sarrá drug company of Havana, Cuba. It is franked with a 3-centavo stamp bearing the firm's SA/RRA Perfin (shown in inset). The reverse bears pictures of various buildings occupied by the firm (photo of cover is reduced one-third from actual size). The cover bears no dated postmark, but the editor has in his collection a similar, somewhat smaller Sarrá cover which is postmarked 1943. (cover pictured is from the collection of Bob Combs, LM-24)

OWN YOUR OWN PERFIN MACHINE: Pattern # Design 46 (Trophy). Perfect working condition. \$90 plus postage and insurance. Bob Murrin, 7500 49th St., N. Pinellas Park, FL 33565.

NEEDED: US types K19.5, 044, R53. Foreign lyres, harps, posthorns. Also all Perfins on MUSIC advertising covers. A. Spencer, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

WANTED: Province of Saskatchewan Perfins, P10 or P10a; will buy or trade. Dick Eager, 46 Weir Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada S7H 3A9.

WANTED: Foreign Perfins depicting windmills, elephants, and birds. M. W. Martin, P. O. Box 15518, Columbus, OH 43215.

WANTED: Perfins on US Scott #C11, 5c Beacon airmail. On or off cover. Send with price. Kent Kobersteen, 4440 Colfax Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

WANTED: Musical Perfins, as well as postmarks, cancels, meters, etc. No posthorns. Especially foreign. Herbert Moore, 6 Everett Road, Carmel, NY 19512.

FOR SALE: One collection of 9,000 different U.S. Perfins. This collection is not mounted, and consists of hundreds of different Perfins and issues of U.S. stamps. \$75.00 takes it all. I will pay postage and insurance. A good collection. If interested drop me a line and I will contact you, as I don't want to have to contact back checks. George T. Mooers, 518 N. W. 22nd Street, Ocala, FL 32670.

CANADA WANTED: Perfins, precancels and, especially, Perfin-precancels. Ray B. Crow, 3171 Glengarry Cove, Memphis, TN 38128.

FOREIGN AND U.S. PERFINS on cover to trade for German and Asian Perfins on cover. Will also buy covers. SASE for list. Larry Degenhart, Box 7097, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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M-10
 TELEFONOS (A-1108)
 CENTRO (A-1109)
 PRIVADO (A-2026)
 PRECIOS (A-8543)
 DIRECTOS (A-8068)
 ESCRITORIO (A-8718)

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 DIRECCION POSTAL APARTADO CABLE "SARRA" CODIGOS ET TODOS

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RESULTS OF AUCTION #22

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$2.50	67	\$2.00	133	\$6.00	199	\$2.25	265	\$2.25	331	\$2.85
2	3.20	68	2.25	134	4.65	200	5.65	266	2.00	332	1.25
3	2.85	69	3.50	135	2.35	201	3.30	267	2.75	333	1.40
4	2.25	70	3.75	136	2.25	202	1.50	268	2.50	334	.50
5	3.50	71	2.25	137	5.05	203	1.70	269	1.90	335	1.35
6	.55	72	3.30	138	3.30	204	1.10	270	2.25	336	2.25
7	1.85	73	.75	139	3.50	205	2.75	271	2.25	337	2.75
8	2.25	74	2.25	140	3.30	206	no bid	272	2.85	338	2.25
9	2.25	75	.40	141	1.60	207	1.70	273	2.25	339	2.25
10	2.25	76	2.25	142	2.60	208	2.25	274	2.25	340	6.00
11	2.25	77	3.30	143	2.85	209	2.85	275	2.25	341	2.25
12	3.30	78	1.85	144	3.25	210	4.30	276	2.35	342	2.50
13	1.85	79	.75	145	3.75	211	1.60	277	1.80	343	2.00
14	2.25	80	6.00	146	4.25	212	1.25	278	3.30	344	6.00
15	3.30	81	3.25	147	6.00	213	1.25	279	6.50	345	1.80
16	6.00	82	3.30	148	3.30	214	2.50	280	3.00	346	4.50
17	1.70	83	1.85	149	1.85	215	2.25	281	1.70	347	6.50
18	1.85	84	3.30	150	1.90	216	3.25	282	3.00	348	1.70
19	2.00	85	.55	151	6.00	217	1.35	283	2.25	349	3.30
20	6.00	86	5.50	152	2.75	218	2.25	284	2.25	350	6.00
21	6.00	87	4.00	153	1.50	219	4.50	285	6.00	351	2.25
22	2.75	88	1.60	154	1.25	220	1.35	286	1.70	352	3.40
23	3.30	89	.45	155	3.30	221	1.70	287	.45	353	6.00
24	no bid	90	6.50	156	2.25	222	.80	288	2.25	354	2.25
25	2.25	91	1.85	157	6.00	223	1.55	289	2.00	355	2.25
26	2.25	92	no bid	158	2.00	224	3.30	290	6.00	356	1.10
27	3.30	93	6.50	159	2.25	225	3.50	291	3.50	357	3.40
28	3.30	94	6.50	160	2.25	226	2.25	292	1.20	358	2.00
29	2.25	95	2.25	161	6.00	227	3.30	293	2.25	359	2.30
30	1.85	96	4.75	162	6.00	228	1.10	294	4.75	360	2.25
31	2.25	97	2.35	163	1.85	229	1.90	295	2.30	361	6.00
32	5.00	98	6.00	164	5.00	230	6.00	296	2.50	362	1.35
33	1.35	99	5.75	165	3.00	231	1.50	297	2.75	363	3.45
34	3.30	100	2.25	166	5.00	232	2.25	298	2.25	364	6.00
35	6.00	101	6.00	167	6.00	233	2.25	299	2.50	365	.70
36	3.30	102	2.25	168	11.60	234	1.70	300	5.05	366	1.50
37	2.25	103	1.85	169	6.00	235	2.00	301	3.40	367	3.40
38	6.00	104	3.25	170	1.70	236	6.00	302	1.50	368	3.10
39	1.85	105	1.50	171	6.00	237	3.20	303	5.15	369	2.25
40	2.25	106	1.85	172	1.85	238	3.75	304	2.25	370	3.40
41	2.00	107	2.00	173	2.25	239	3.75	305	2.00	371	6.00
42	1.85	108	2.00	174	.60	240	2.50	306	2.00	372	1.60
43	1.85	109	3.30	175	2.25	241	1.50	307	1.50	373	6.00
44	3.30	110	2.25	176	3.50	242	1.70	308	1.60	374	.80
45	3.30	111	1.90	177	4.45	243	2.25	309	1.90	375	3.40
46	4.25	112	6.00	178	.75	244	6.00	310	6.00	376	5.75
47	2.25	113	3.50	179	2.25	245	2.25	311	6.00	377	1.20
48	3.30	114	2.25	180	2.25	246	2.25	312	2.50	378	4.50
49	3.50	115	2.85	181	3.30	247	2.50	313	2.25	379	2.00
50	2.75	116	1.85	182	3.00	248	6.50	314	2.25	380	6.00
51	2.85	117	3.50	183	.45	249	3.30	315	2.75	381	2.00
52	2.25	118	1.85	184	3.30	250	3.30	316	6.00	382	2.25
53	6.00	119	1.85	185	4.25	251	6.00	317	2.50	383	2.50
54	6.00	120	3.30	186	.75	252	2.25	318	3.75	384	.45
55	3.75	121	1.90	187	2.25	253	1.30	319	2.75	385	1.10
56	1.90	122	3.50	188	6.00	254	3.30	320	1.90	386	1.50
57	11.60	123	2.25	189	2.25	255	1.70	321	2.75	387	2.25
58	4.25	124	1.90	190	2.25	256	1.35	322	1.50	388	2.00
59	2.25	125	5.50	191	2.85	257	1.25	323	1.90	389	1.60
60	2.25	126	4.75	192	2.25	258	6.00	324	2.25	390	.25
61	2.25	127	2.25	193	3.30	259	6.00	325	1.10	391	3.40
62	6.00	128	4.25	194	2.60	260	1.50	326	2.25	392	3.40
63	6.00	129	2.00	195	3.30	261	2.25	327	2.50	393	6.00
64	2.00	130	2.25	196	2.25	262	3.25	328	1.25	394	2.25
65	2.25	131	2.35	197	1.75	263	2.75	329	3.40	395	2.25
66	3.30	132	1.85	198	2.00	264	1.70	330	6.00	396	2.25

FOUR NEW CANADIAN PATTERNS

Michael Dicketts of the Canadian Study Group and also of the BNAPS Handbook Committee has added three pattern numbers to the Woolley BNAPS Handbook of Canadian Perfins. These are:

H2 HEV/CO
N13 NS/Co
C41 CS/L/SA

Another recent pattern to be turned up on the recent "caricature" definitive issue of 1972-76 has been reported by Ken Rose. The pattern is a J.R. in circle. Ken has no further information as to the origin. He would appreciate receiving any available help. If you have any information, contact Ken Rose at Box 7089, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA T3C 3L8. Ken is a well-known specialist on the tagged stamps of Canada and has written a study which includes a listing of all known Perfins on tagged issues. This listing is now available for loan from the Perfins Club Library.

More information on Canadian Perfins will appear in the July-August Bulletin.

RESULTS OF AUCTION #22 (CONTINUED)

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397	\$3.40	432	\$3.35	467	\$5.00
398	2.25	433	3.75	468	6.00
399	3.40	434	6.00	469	1.45
400	6.00	435	2.25	470	1.45
401	2.25	436	3.35	471	.25
402	2.50	437	3.35	472 ^{ms}	2.75
403	3.25	438	2.75	473	7.00
404	1.50	439	2.35	474	3.25
405	2.25	440	2.05	475	3.25
406	3.75	441	5.35	476	3.25
407	6.00	442	3.40	477	3.50
408	2.00	443	.55	478 ^{ms}	5.50
409	1.50	444	5.75	479	3.50
410	2.25	445	2.25	480	2.25
411	1.90	446	5.75	481 ^{ms}	28.60
412	4.00	447	2.35	482	3.50
413	2.00	448	2.25	483	2.75
414	2.85	449	.90	484 ^{ms}	6.50
415	3.75	450	2.25	485	1.35
416	2.00	451	2.00	486	1.35
417	2.30	452	1.75	487	1.35
418	1.35	453	6.00	488	1.35
419	6.00	454	1.90	489	1.35
420	3.40	455	3.40	490	1.35
421	6.00	456	2.25	491	1.35
422	2.00	457	3.40	492	1.35
423	3.75	458	5.45	493	25.30
424	1.60	459	3.40	494	176.00
425	2.25	460	3.40	495	110.00
426	3.35	461	6.00	496	120.00
427	3.45	462	1.40	497	120.00
428	.75	463	1.25		end of sale
429	3.35	464	5.00		(see page 1
430	2.25	465	6.00		for story)
431	2.25	466	5.00		

LIBRARIAN FLOYD WALKER HAS PERFINS PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE, PLUS MANY THAT YOU MAY BORROW FROM THE CLUB LIBRARY. WRITE TO WALKER AT P.O. BOX 82, GRANDVIEW, MO 64030.

CONVENTION PLANS

Plans for the Club's annual Meeting and Exhibit, to be held in conjunction with VAPEX 78, Virginia Beach, VA, November 10-12, are moving along very nicely.

The Club has been allotted 50 16-page frames in the exhibit, so you who are planning to exhibit should be assembling your pages now. The prospectus will be available for mailing by the end of June. Write to Rudy Roy as soon as possible so that you will be assured of an entry.

There will be a special Perfin for the show - a Perfin in the design of a lighthouse, which is in keeping with the general theme of VAPEX begun in 1977. Additionally, there will be a special cancellation noting the Club's 35th Anniversary and participation in the show, along with special cancellations for other days of the show. Three different cachets will be used for each day of the show, although their themes are not known at this time.

Club President David Stump will be a member of the jury, as Bulletin Editor Ray Crow and US Chairman Joe Balough. Ray has agreed to be speaker at the VPF Breakfast on Sunday morning, and Joe will give a seminar for junior collectors on Friday. Other Club members will assist in Perfins seminars and at the hospitality table. If you are planning on attending VAPEX and the Perfins Club get-together, then drop me a line and I will ask you to help with Club functions at the show.

A special VAPEX rate will be in effect at the Cavalier Hotel for show attendees, and it is only necessary to mention that you are attending VAPEX to receive the rate. I personally am looking forward to meeting as many of you at the show as possible. Let's make this, our 5th Annual Meeting, in our 35th year, the best yet. SEE YOU AT VAPEX IN NOVEMBER!

More on Michigan

In response to the inquiry in the March Bulletin on the Perfin which appeared to be a State of Michigan pattern (as confirmed by Dot Savage in the May Bulletin), the following information has been received from Bernard Ross (#1215) of Canton, Mich.:

"I can confirm (the Perfin as a State of Michigan Perfin) as I have an accumulation of Michigan Perfins which were removed from State mail delivered to my office.

"I have three varieties as follows:

1. This is a block M in a circle of 18 holes. I have found this on Scott's 806, 810, 813, 1008, 1035, 1036, 1039, 1044, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1208, 1213, 1209, 1338, 1289, 1286A, 1290 and 1284.

2. This is a block M in a circle of 9 holes as illustrated in the Bulletin. I have found this on 1280, 1287, 1398, 1289, 1394, 1509, 1500 and the Bicentennial Eagle.

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

A member has suggested that the editor's name and address should appear in every issue of the Bulletin for the convenience of members who may wish to write to him.

Actually, during the 45 months that the current editor has handled the Bulletin, there probably have been fewer than half a dozen issues in which the names and addresses of all the Club's officers have not appeared. The list is left out only on occasions when the Bulletin is pressed for space. Three of those occasions fell in recent months due to the long lists of new members that had to be published.

However, the member makes a good point, and anytime in the future when the whole list of officers can't be included, the editor will list his name and address under that of the secretary on the back page.

And speaking of the editor's address, he urgently needs to receive some Perfin articles from members for upcoming issues of the Bulletin. The cupboard is almost bare. If you have the data for an article, but don't want to write it yourself, send the data to the editor and he will attempt to put it in publication form. Also, the editor is always glad to receive items of interest for the Bulletin, be they Perfin or personal.

Vice President Dorothy Savage reports that she sent out only 15 Perfin Primers in May. The pace is slackening a bit, it seems, after the flood of new members we've had over the past few months.

Member C. Schoeps (#1315) reports the finding of Schermack Type III Perfin #37 on Scott #345 (5¢ blue). Information from other Club members who have other Perfin numbers on this issue would be greatly appreciated by Mr. Schoeps.

Your editor has just returned from a very enjoyable 4-day visit to CAPEX, during which he and his wife took a side trip to see Niagara Falls for the first time. The view from the Canadian side of the falls would certainly appear to be far superior to that from the U.S. side. The editor did not run into any of our Canadian members at the show, although several U.S. members were on hand while he was there. Two Perfin Club members - Barbara de Violini and your editor - were on the program at the APS Writers

MICHIGAN (CONTINUED)

3. This is a block M in a circle of 9 holes. I have this on 1042A, and 1208.

"Note the difference in the block M's. I hope this information will be of interest to those holding Michigan Perfins. However, none of my stamps are EFO's."

Unit breakfast on Sunday morning, June 18, along with Joe Frye, who prints the Bulletin for us.

The collecting of revenue Perfins can be as fascinating, and provide as much or more research potential, as the collecting of Perfins on postage stamps. Perhaps the few sample revenue Perfins shown below will be of interest to those who may want to consider this field, although the editor is not sure that all the stamps will reproduce well in the Bulletin.



SALES DEPARTMENT

IF YOU WISH TO BUY OR SELL PERFINS, THE SALES DEPARTMENT OF THE PERFINS CLUB CAN BE OF SERVICE. WRITE TO IVAN H. LEY, ARENA, WI 53503. FOR PERFIN COVERS, WRITE TO EDWIN L. STUNTZNER, 1003 EXCHANGE STREET, EMPORIA, KS 66801.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members (Note: all new members sponsored by Dorothy Savage unless otherwise noted)

- 1675 Lillian D. Watts, 100 North Union Street, Garrett, IN 46738 (Beginner) by John Needham
- 1676 James M. Johnson, 74 Choctaw Trail, Ringwood, NJ 07456 (Worldwide)
- 1677 Gladdis R. Peplinski, 82 Woodside, Essexville, MI 48732 (Worldwide)
- 1678 Lawrence J. Ahern, 814 Cliffside Drive, Akron, OH 44313 (Worldwide; mostly U.S.)
- 1679 Norm W. Stapleton, Box 847, Pleasantville, NJ 08232 (Worldwide) by I. Holloway
- 1680 Marvin D. Hunewell, 6831 Ardale Drive, St. Louis, MO 63123 (Denmark & Faroe Islands)

Life Members

by Jon Wilson

The following members have chosen to take advantage of the \$60 Life Membership in the Perfins Club--and to forever free themselves of the burden of annual dues:

- LM-34 Mrs. Ellen Weisz (formerly #581), Box 430, Arlington Heights, IL 60006
- LM-35 Betty W. McNabb (formerly #1171), 4701 Thomas #228, Panama City, FL 32407
- LM-36 George P. Stelzer (formerly #1243) 540 Wedge Lane, Longboat Key, FL 33548

The following members have been granted Life Membership in the Perfins Club by virtue of having reached age 65--and having been members in good standing for 25 years or more:

- 218-L Charles W. McLellan, Champlain, NY 12919
- 212-L Francis J. Miller, 31 Strawberry Circle, Mill Valley, CA 94941
- 203-L Thomas O. Phippen, 209 West 12th Street, Hutchinson, KS 67501
- 33-L Irving Swalwell, 8826 Fairbanks NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
- 194-L George T. Turner, 408 A Street, Washington, DC 20003

Resignations

- 1348 Doris Y. Rutledge
- 396 Everett R. Liebrich

Address Changes

- 977 Price Bradshaw, Jr., 2308 Foresteress Drive, Plano, TX 75074
- 449 John A. Doering, Box 17011, Tucson, AZ 85730
- 805 Helen L. Hulse, RFD #5, Laconia, NH 03246
- LM-28 Jonathan C. Johnson, Box 799, Terrace, BC V8G 4R1 CANADA
- 1499 John J. Kamaka, Box 11665, Santa Ana, CA 92711
- 1488 Andrew Kiss, 223 St. Claire Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario M4V 1R3 CANADA
- 1471 Jack Koch, Box 784, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003
- 1463 Glenn R. Norman, #11 715 Vancouver Street, Victoria, BC V8V 3V2 CANADA
- 1624 Oliver G. Pectal, Box 53, Otis, MA 01253
- 904 Mrs. Isabel B. Wolfe, 33590 Clarita, Livonia, MI 48152

Membership Summary

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VAPEX JUDGES NAMED

by Rudy Roy

The judges for VAPEX 78, the host for the Club's annual meeting and exhibit, have been announced.

Our president, Dave Stump, our former president, Joe Balough, and the Bulletin editor, Ray Crow, will all be on the panel. The chairman of the panel is William Maisel of Maryland, and former SPA president Milton Mitchell will complete the panel. All are APS accredited judges. With all this noted experience, especially such eminent Perfins collectors, Perfins will really be in the spotlight.

Dr. Harvey Tilles has also agreed to assist by presenting a slide program on Perfins and security endorsements at the show.

Former Club president and incoming SPA president Jim Harris has indicated that he will attend the show.

I wish to extend an invitation to all Club members to come to the show if at all possible, and to enter your exhibit. Word from the exhibit chairman is that entries are already arriving and space is filling up quickly. I am more than glad to assist in any way that I can, just drop me a line at Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

If you are planning on coming to VAPEX 78, the show will be at the original Cavalier Hotel at Virginia Beach. A special VAPEX rate will be available - \$15 single, \$22 double, and you need but mention that you are with VAPEX to receive the rate. Reservations will probably not be required, but I will be glad to make them for you, and reservations are recommended.

See page 2 for Schedule of Events at VAPEX.

SALES REPORT

The value of Perfins sold by the Sales Department for the first half of 1978 was \$4,460.24. This is 83% greater than was sold during the preceding six months. The large increase was due to the Perfins from the Bartleson collection.

Book sales were \$2,033.95, E and D envelopes \$741.65, and foreign \$1,684.44, for a total of \$4,460.24.

Sales from the Bartleson collection accounted for \$2,383.87 of the total, and there are many Perfins still to be sold from the Bartleson holdings.

Commission on the sales was \$892.04, and expenses \$304.03, leaving a net of \$588.01 turned over to J. A. Gooding, Club treasurer.

CLUB PIN AVAILABLE

Club members can now let others know about Perfins with a new Perfins Club lapel pin.



The new pin, pictured above, incorporates the Perfins Club logo that is used on letterheads and membership certificates. The pin is arranged to represent a Perfin on a stamp. The above illustration has been substantially enlarged and retouched to get a clear photo for the Bulletin. The actual size of the pin is 15x18 mm, and the border is not black, as pictured, but of a silver metallic color. The face of the pin is white.

Each pin has a lapel pin backing with a clasp...making it ideal for wearing to club meetings and stamp shows.

Cost of the pins to the members is \$2.00 each postpaid in the United States and Canada. The price to our overseas members is \$3.00 each by prepaid airmail.

Orders should be sent to Secretary Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

Checks and money orders should be made payable to The Perfins Club.

CLUB NOMINATIONS OPEN

Richard L. Mewhinney has been appointed chairman of the nominating committee to seek candidates for two Club offices which will become vacant at the end of this year.

The terms of both President David Stump and Secretary Floyd Walker will expire on December 31. Both have announced that they will seek re-election.

Under the terms of the bylaws, members who wish to offer themselves as candidates for either office must file a nominating petition carrying the signatures of two nominating members--as well as a statement that the nominated member will serve if elected.

In both cases, the terms of office are for three years--from January 1, 1979, to December 31, 1982.

Members wishing to file for office should submit petitions to Mewhinney (at 4 John Glenn Road, Morristown, NJ 07960) by September 1.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

We're delighted to pass on a quotation from a letter to the secretary from Jacob Kisner, one of the people mentioned in the May Bulletin as having a new Perfin device.

Kisner writes:

"We had a nice response from members of The Perfins Club. I was pleased to note that members of your club are a notch ahead of members of most other philatelic organizations in friendliness and good manners. Most requests came with a paragraph or two about their pleasure in collecting Perfins, and well wishes for our small effort in making our pattern available."

We think that speaks well for the Club and its members. We've always called ourselves "the friendliest group in philately" and it is obvious that our members are living up to the motto.

Incidentally, if you haven't written for one of the Kisner Perfins, check the May issue for details. If you have mislaid your May issue, the secretary can supply one for 15¢ postage.

We should note that the other Perfin mentioned in the May issue, the Masonic pattern prepared by Edward Walsh, is no longer available.

Mr. Walsh died in late May and his business has been suspended. We have word from his widow that the stock is being appraised by the APS and that the business likely will be continued. We'll let members know when the pattern is once again available.

ANOTHER NEW PERFIN



And another new Perfin appears on the scene.

Our member Albert Spencer, who took the top award in last year's Perfins Club Exhibit at SESCAL with his display of musical Perfins, has come up with a personal Perfin that leaves no doubt

about his interests.

The design combines Spencer's initials arranged vertically alongside a treble clef which bears a striking resemblance to a script S when viewed from the reverse.

The design is altogether pleasing and the only question now is whether it will be cataloged as an A or under the Designs portion of the catalog.

Incidentally, Al says he will provide copies of the Perfin to any members who send him up to 6 stamps (current issues only) to be Perfinned. You must, of course, send along an SASE. All Perfins will read from the front unless you request otherwise.

Al's address is Al Spencer, Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

PERFIN VALUES RISING

Sales Manager Ivan Ley reports some interesting statistics from the last auction.

Ivan got out his pencil and figured out that the average A-rated U. S. Perfin brought \$5.55. The average B-rated one brought \$2.55, and the average C-rated item brought \$1.46.

Those are average figures...there were, of course, some in each group which brought more and some which brought less.

But a quick check of the files reveals this comparison:

The average A-rated Perfin in Auction ;4 (spring, 1973) brought \$2.00. The average B-rated item in that auction brought \$1.10; and the average C-rated Perfin brought only 47¢.

Not a bad increase over five years for items that were long considered nothing but junk.

NEW U. OF MISSOURI TYPE



Norman Touchette (#1035) of St. Louis has submitted for the editor's inspection a cover bearing a new Perfin type from the University of Missouri, as illustrated at left. The illustration is not the actual Perfin, but a hand drawing to show its general character.

Norman also submitted a copy of a letter he has written to the University, seeking details concerning the new Perfin device. As soon as further information is developed, it will be published in the Bulletin.

CLUB NOMINATIONS OPEN (CONTINUED)

Mewhinney and two other committee members, Ray Crow and Dorothy Savage, will survey the nominating petitions and report the results to the membership through the Bulletin.

If there is a contest for either office, members will vote for the candidates of their choice.

If there is only one candidate for each office, the secretary will cast the ballot for the entire membership in accordance with the bylaws.

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WANTED - To buy or exchange US Perfins, especially for early 2¢ reds. Larry Owen, 3887 Antigua Circle, Dallas, TX 75234.

OLD PICTURE POSTCARDS WANTED - Offer the following Perfins in exchange: regular US; precancelled US; foreign. Randall Gabrielson, 71 Fish Hawk Drive, Middletown, NJ 07748.



Continuing the theme that postmarks identify owners (see Bulletin April 1975), as always there are those that are exceptions to the rule.

In the instance of the Perfinned adhesives shown on postcards in the above illustration, the cancellation is of no help whatsoever. Or is it?

Throughout the membership of the U.P.U. there was a service known as reply-paid postcards. Any reply-paid postcard, whether officially used or privately produced, had to have on the front half the printed heading "CARTE POSTALE AVEC REPOSE PAYEE," and on the second half "CARTE POSTALE REPOSE." The cards were made up so that the fold formed the upper edge. The address side for the reply half fell inside of the fold. Nothing could be enclosed, but the sender could address the reply half to themselves, and on the back of this half, they could add a questionnaire to be filled in by the addressee.

As can be seen, this service lent itself very nicely to the operation of reservations in connection with running a travel business.

Illustrated are examples of the system so used. All the Danish adhesives are Perfinned DSB and show postmarks of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Italy, respectively. The Italians apparently were a bit unsure of the system, as all of the reply cards I have seen mailed by them have an additional Italian adhesive affixed.

The last day that reply cards could be bought in the British Isles was October 2nd

1970 (the first British card was sold in 1882). The cards were abolished internationally following a decision of the U.P.C. in Tokyo in October, 1969. The British service ended on July 1st 1971, but the date when the service ended internationally seems to have been neglected in the philatelic press. Perhaps someone can fill in this blank in my knowledge?

Historical note on the D.S.B.: by 1885 all the Danish railways then built came under one management, thereby creating the Danish State Railways. Probably the ferry system that evolved is the best known monument to the early pioneers.

When the D.S.B. first used Perfins, I am not aware. In 1956, *Van Lint listed:

48 DSB 30 H 8½ Kbh Danske Staats Bahn

In the corrections and additions issued later appears:

47a DSB 33 H 6 Kbh

This is the same as that found on the reply-paid postcards. To put the description into today's standards, it reads:

47.5 DSB H 11,10,12 6mm Danske Statsbaners Rejsbureau

*List of Danish Perfins, compiled by Margaret and Victor J. Van Lint and E. J. Enschede. Published by the Perfins Club.

FOR SALE - 200 Perfins \$1.00. This is a good mixture for a new collector. Not many duplicates. George T. Mooers, 518 N. W. 22nd Street, Ocala, FL 32670.

WANTED - Booklet by Wooley on Canadian stamps with perforated initials. Name your price. Daniel Eberhardt, 3101 Jackson, Wichita, KS 67204.

Perfins Auction 23

CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS: OCTOBER 15, 1978

MAIL ALL BIDS TO:

J. A. GOODING, 923 N. ANITA AVE., GONZALES, LA 70737

Lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the following advances: (Under \$1, a 5¢ advance; over \$1, a 10¢ advance; over \$2, a 25¢ advance; over \$5, a 50¢ advance; over \$10, a \$1.00 advance; over \$15, a 10% advance). NO UNLIMITED BIDS ACCEPTED. Please make bids in multiples of 5¢. In case of tie bids, the first bid received will be accepted. All single Perfins are complete and in good condition unless otherwise specified. Straight edges are not considered damaged stamps. In the larger lots, incomplete Perfins and splits may be expected. Bid by lot number, not by catalog number. Regular issues between Scott 331 and 546 are listed "as is" and are NOT RETURNABLE if the Scott number was incorrectly listed for a lot. Lots are returnable if the Perfin Catalog number described for a lot is incorrect; however, the lot must be returned within three days of receipt of the lot.

Abbreviations used: blk = block; cov = cover; cr = creased stamp; dam = slightly damaged stamp, i.e. (small tear, corner off, etc.); for = foreign; inc = incomplete Perfin; mix = mixture (not all different); pc = precancel; pmk = postmark date; pr = pair; rev = revenue; sp = split; stp = strip; cd = card; dp = double punch; * = mint; CA = Canadian Catalog; CZ = Czechoslovakian Catalog; JAP = Japanese Catalog; SC = Scott Catalog; and SW = Switzerland Catalog.

LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT	LOT #	CAT #	SCOTT
1	A5	705	40	B14	724	79	C234	C29	119	D92	556
2	A10	378	41	B15.5	dam 558	80	C244	618	120	D98	685
3	A11	375	42	B56	501	81	C249	499	121	D141	506
4	A17	470	43	B82	634	82	C250	504	122	E4	583
5	A34	627	44	B116.3	635	83	C261	825	123	E9	377
6	A48	inc 375	45	B116.21	pc 563	84	C274	839	124	E51	337
7	A61	530	46	B116.26	C23	85	C299	720	125	E62	510
8	A69	556	47	B116.32	817	86	C306	561	126	E70.5	cov1453M
9	A75	463	48	B116.36	815	87	C306	899	127	E70.5	cov1285M
10	A76	cov 810	49	B116.37	1286	88	C306	808	128	E70.5	cov1456M
11	A84	549	50	B137	499	89	C322	375	129	E70.5	cov1432M
12	A99x	507	51	B152	374	90	C322	378	130	E97	720
13	A117	375	52	B202	dam 319	91	C350	554	131	E113	558
14	A117	375	53	B227	375	92	C350	562	132	E122	375
15	A135	689	54	B227	549	93	C356C	C39	133	F2	pc 377
16	A138	807	55	B260	inc 808	94	C364	406	134	F40	562
17	A158	375	56	B265	571	95	C365	pc 582	135	F51	585
18	A161	794	57	B265	C11	96	C372	804	136	F63.5	pr 558
19	A162	375	58	B273	C53	97	C377	pc 510	137	F66	692
20	A163	pc 642	59	C5	428	98	C381	405	138	F74	549
21	A184	inc 424	60	C9	692	99	C415	558	139	F136	inc 591
22	A184.5	634	61	C10	1031	100	C420	622	140	F148	591
23	A190	inc 507	62	C30	463	101	C420	558	141	F153	C9
24	A192	707	63	C37	332	102	C421	375	142	F156	572
25	A194	708	63A	C38	332	103	C421	591	143	F163	512
26	A197	375	64	C86	553	104	C421	591	144	F213	405
27	A207	pc 591	65	C110	908	105	C427	inc 708	145	F222	562
28	A212	807	66	C110	inc 640	106	C427	640	146	F222	556
29	A223	spl 715	67	C118	377	107	C428	634	147	F223	530
30	A224	dam 510	68	C127	332	108	C428	591	148	G23	463
31	A228	406	69	C134	501	109	C429	637	149	G27	377
32	A230.5	640	70	C145	375	110	C430	591	150	G28	707
33	A231	501	71	C161	558	111	C430	570	151	G28	C72
34	A240	507	72	C168	406	112	D9	pc 633	152	G68	319
35	A267A	319	73	C195	562	113	D35	375	153	G72.13	inc 638
36	A281	506	74	C196	719	114	D43	406	154	G72.15	
37	A298	591	75	C205	406	115	D54	498		mirror	pr 805
38	A298	3 issues	76	C213	1035	116	D73.5	1213	155	G72.33	807
		2 inc	77	C215	709	117	D73.5	1036	156	G75	501
39	B2	528	78	C230	338	118	D73.5	1031		(cont'd on page 5)	

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157	G80 inc	512	223	M297	498	287	S82	501	352	Des. 39	379
158	G82	332	224	M301	375	288	S86	743		Schermacks	
159	G123	627	225	M311 spl	558	289	S107	332	353	149	384
160	G144 dam	810	226	N32	530	290	S149	506	354	25 dam	383
161	G153	852	227	N34	424	291	S171	405	355	13467	344
162	G153	853	228	N39 pc	684	292	S180	379	356	24568	344
163	G155F	634	229	N41	300	293	S195.34	632	357	24679	344
164	G164inc pc	560	230	N69	1035	294	S195.45	556	358	25789	344
165	G166.5	807	231	N69	571	295	S196	634	359	34678	384
166	G171.5	414	232	N69	685	296	S225	376	360	110dif.all pc	
167	G194	331	233	N76	375	297	S247	1035	361	100 TH on C3	
168	G211	425	234	N76	332	298	S255	501	362	62dif on comms.	
169	H11	591	235	N80 pc	515	299	S265	627	363	9dif on SpDel	
170	H13	905	236	N104.10	641	300	S268	406	363A	mix 2100 by weight	
171	H54	529	237	N104.10	714	301	S272A	378			
172	H123inc pc	556	238	N113Aa15	463	302	S274	811	364	mix 1 lb by weight on ppr.	
173	H138	379	239	N113Aa16	562	303	S287.5 cov	720		END OF U. S.	
174	H144	332	240	N113AB12	811	304	S336	793	365	Aden speci-	
175	H153	510	241	N113ABb13	825	305	T10	879		men 3	
176	H159.5	499	242	N113Bb10		306	T15 dam	585	366	Angola B.A	373
177	H173	905		1 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm	807	307	T17	795		Australia	
178	H207	406	243	N113ABb14	814	308	T41.7	417	367	VG	600
179	H222	510	244	N113C14	811	309	T43	558	368	VG	554
180	I10	506	245	N113C7	817	310	T43.5	377	369	VG	555
181	I11	633	246	N113C7inc	807	311	T49	515	370	VG	556
182	I20.5	1269	247	N113C10pr	C19	312	T64	564		Austria	
183	I25	378	248	N113Cc15		313	T78	1011	371	ABADIE	119
184	I62 inc	807		5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	820	314	T80	332	372	ALDER	168
185	I67 cd dp	554	249	N141	634	315	T80	549	373	A.R.E.	119
186	I67 cd dp	405	250	N143	808	316	T87	367	374	ETERNIT	150
187	I67 cd inc	405	251	N149	556	317	T96	585	375	HAG/WIEN	111
188	I91B	510	252	O5 dam	734	318	T100 inc	632	376	MAY	148
189	I100	525	253	O6	529	319	T108.5	307	377	PERLES	267
190	J19	582	254	O63	501	320	T108.5	304	378	RICO/A.G.	
191	J42 pc	582	255	O93	406	321	U16	1155		diagonal	146
192	J45	508	256	O93	425	322	U38	556	379	S.A.T.	118
193	J114	501	257	O100 inc	558	323	U60	Q5	380	St.E.W.	91
194	J124	501	258	P22	512	324	U64	416	381	UNION	268
195	J165	502	259	P77	842	325	U82.2	642	382	WALLACE	117
196	J171	642	260	P88	472	326	U82.5	856	383	Bavaria BASF102	
197	J171	637	261	P90	374	327	U82.5	427		Belgium Worksheet	
198	K50	405	262	P141	551	328	U82.9	503		Numbers	
199	L81	617	263	P154	811	329	U82.9	506	384	D3	564
200	L162	406	264	P182	567	330	V1	614	385	W3	Q20
201	L171	406	265	P195	499	331	V8	553	386	W5	Q118
202	L180	406	266	P248	433	332	V29.5 inc	463	387	mix 65	
203	L181 spl	698	267	Q1	610	333	W7.i	C11	388	Bulgaria mix 13	
204	M7	424	268	Q9	331	334	W19	563		Canada	
205	M9	616	269	Q9	332	335	W20	807	389	C12f	107
206	M9 cd spl	406	270	Q10	332	336	W25	878	390	C12m	233
207	M13 inc	807	271	Q10	332	337	W72.9	512	391	C17	111
208	M36	406	272	R9	337	338	W72.76		392	C20	C6
209	M41	1035	273	R10	634		mirror pr	515	393	C28	111
210	M51	499	274	R41	708	339	W77	372	394	P2a	257
211	M124	685	275	R77	565	340	W119 spl	811	395	P2c	117
212	M124	708	276	R93	501	341	W156 inc	585	396	P11	106
213	M124 spl	C19	277	R102	501	342	W160	Q3	397	R2	197
214	M181	570	278	R103	406	343	W185 inc	567	398	S11	200
215	M183 inc	610	279	R104	405	344	W199.7	736	399	mix 195	
216	M224 pc pr	569	280	R113	558	345	W199.19dam	501	400	Canal Zone	
217	M238 inc	424	281	R142	375	346	W203.3 dam	429		P	C17
218	M242 dam	1065	282	R154	565	347	W219	475	401	Cape of Good Hope D.S.	67
219	M249	909	283	R163	426	348	Num. 29	375			
220	M273	502	284	R164	610	349	Des. 4	Q1			
221	M288	634	285	S15	715	350	Des. 9	508			
222	M292	375	286	S53	379	351	Des. 36	837			

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Ceylon			Greece			Japan			Japan		
402	Cave	204	452	EO.T..inO	228	511	G36	268	573	W4 inc	119
403	M&Co/LD	275	453	I.B./L	221	512	G37	142	574	W14 cr	124
404	T/of/C	237	454	Hungary P19	22A	513	G42	176	575	W25	138
405	T/of/C	207	455	Ireland		514	G43	266	576	W50	261
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411	RV/&/CoInc	264	462	D8	257	523	G74	175	585	X1	171
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420	ELIN	405	475	E37	119	536	H38	122	595	K8	308
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425	MACK	Bav41	480	E56	119	541	H45 dam	187		cribed in Mar.	
426	RODER	69	481	E57	118	542	H47	105		'78 Bulletin	
427	Posthorn	332	482	E59	266	543	H48	196	598	Newfoundland	
428	60-hole		483	E62	118	544	H55	93		A8	132
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431	Shamrock	370	488	E73	196	549	K25 inc	119	601	T.6.	268
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433	Trefoil	183	490	E75	122	551	L10	121	602	CBI	122
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437	Heart	81	496	F6	435	557	Q14	121	607	F14	148
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443	G421.1	113	502	G9	171	564	R2	117	613	R.W	104
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445	P16	239	504	G14 inc	196	566	R44	121		G.N	268
446	Des 11	230	505	G15	172a	567	R53 inc	261	END OF AUCTION		
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447	Des 14	230	507	G17	118	569	T1 inc	119	CAREFULLY		
448	Des 42	133	508	G18	103	570	T14 inc	119			
449	Des 56	297	509	G21	C17	571	W2	103			
450	mix 50		510	G33	122	572	W4	194			
451	mix 400										

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

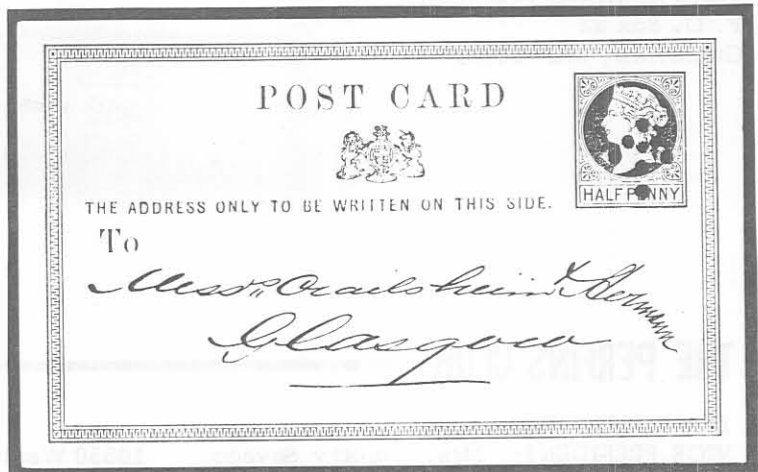
Dr. Gary Weiss (LM15) of Galveston, Texas, reports that he won a large silver at Capex for his exhibit of Canal Zone officials. The bulk of his exhibit consisted of Canal Zone stamps perforated P for official use.

Gary also sent along a clipping from Linn's (September 26, 1977 issue) showing a misperfed copy of the \$1.00 Wilson stamp (Scott #832).

According to the item, the stamp, shown below, is certified by the American Philatelic Expertizing Service as "Scott No. 832, used with perf(orated) initials, genuine, horizontal perfs misplaced, stamp cut apart."



Also submitted by Gary was the recent auction list of a midwestern firm in which there is listed and pictured a Perfinned \$5.00 Marshall stamp, described as "#312, fine, Perfin." However, it appears to the editor that this stamp is #480, perf 10, and that the auction firm has misdescribed it. Shown above, top right, is the auction photo, below which is a photo of a #480 from the editor's collection, for comparison. The Perfin pattern on the auction item cannot be determined from the photo, but the one on the editor's copy is FNB/NY.



The editor recently acquired the Victoria postal card of Great Britain pictured above, posted in 1874, which bears what was described by the seller as an experimental punched "arrow" cancellation, used at Liverpool. The bottom hole of the design is missing on the actual card, but has been added to the above photo to show the full cancellation. Perhaps one of our members in Great Britain can shed further light on this interesting item.

Larry Owen (#606) of Dallas, Texas, suggests that it would be helpful to the membership if all defective D and E rated Perfins were discarded. Probably some members will agree with Larry's suggestion, while others will not. The editor would be glad to hear from members with arguments pro and con.

Larry will have a letter in the September Bulletin on another interesting subject.

The editor would like to compliment Mike Burrows, who has an article in this issue, on the excellent quality of his illustrations. Mike has written several articles for the Bulletin and his illustrations are always first rate - requiring absolutely no touch-up by the editor, which is unusual.

WANTED - Venezuelan "G.N." Perfins ON COVER ONLY. George H. Wettach, P. O. Box 261, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

WANTED - A listing of your Canadian International Harvester Perfins by branch office, issue, and position. Each member from whom a list is received will receive a copy of reported information. Al Pearson, 179 Deerwood Drive., Thompson, Manitoba, CANADA R8N 1E4.

WANTED - Perfins on US Olympics, Scott 716, 718, 719, off and on cover. Send with price. Also want foreign Olympic stamps Perfinned, off cover only. Send with price. Joe Schirmer, 193 N.W. Alpine Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.

WANTED - to BUY Canadian International Harvester Perfins for a research collection. Any issue, all positions, and all branch offices wanted. Al Pearson, 179 Deerwood Drive, Thompson, Manitoba, CANADA R8N 1E4.

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New Members (all new members sponsored by Dorothy Savage unless otherwise noted)

- 1681 Joseph E. Schirmer, 193 NW Alpine Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33952 (US Olympics - Scott 716-718-719) by Ray Crow
- 1682 Bruce Boles, 326 North Valerie, Santa Maria, CA 93454 (Railroads)
- 1683 Craig Pinchen, 194 King Street East, Kingston, Ontario, CANADA L3M 4B7 (Canada) by Al Pearson
- 1684 Albert B. DeLisle, Van Putlei 40, B-2000 Antwerp, BELGIUM (19th century Belgium, Scott 108-115) by Floyd Walker
- 1685 Bruce R. Cary, 1864 Clark Street, Aurora, CO 80011 (Germany and Austria) by Joe Balough

New Life Members

- LM-37 Roy C. Ware, Jr., 9160 Canterbury Riding, Laurel, MD 20810 (formerly 1020)
- LM-38 Charles F. Tomala, 175 Travis Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 (formerly 1506)
- LM-39 John A. Doering, Box 17011, Tucson, AZ 85730 (formerly 449)
- LM-40 Robert A. Hartig, Apt #1 West, 7701 South Roberts Road, Bridgeview, IL 64055 (formerly 947)
- LM-41 John L. Needham, 9801 Dewey Drive, Garden Grove, CA 92641 (formerly 1406)
- LM-42 Neilen W. Boatwright, Box 421, Red Oak, GA 30272 (formerly 1057)

Deceased

- 954 Lloyd Simon, on June 16

Resigned

- 1522 Kröll, E. J.; 792 Nicholson, Drew; 1326 Schmitt, James B.; 862 Smith, Edna I.
302 Stitzel, Mrs. F. W.; 562 Yost, Harold E.

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CORRESPONDENCE is always invited. The Library exists for the use of the members. Additions to the Library appreciated. Please address all correspondence concerning the Library to Floyd A. Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

ABBREVIATIONS

To conserve space in some of the listings, we have made use of a number of abbreviations. Some of them may not be familiar to all our members, so here is a list that may help.

AP--The American Philatelist, official journal of the American Philatelic Society
 art--article
 bklet--booklet
 CCP--Collectors Club Philatelist, official journal of the Collectors Club of New York
 comp--compiled or compiler
 ed--editor or edited
 JP--Japanese Philately, official journal of the International Society of Japanese Philately
 mimeo--mimeographed
 ndg--no date given, meaning we don't know when the work was published
 p or pp--page or pages, the number of pages in the work cited
 PB--The Perfins Bulletin
 pub--published by or publisher
 SEPS--The Security Endorsement and Perfins Society of Great Britain
 snk--source not known, meaning we don't know who published the work
 SPA--The Society of Philatelic Americans

CLUB FILES

CF-1 Auction Lists and Prices Realized. From Auction 1 to the present. Super helpful to those interested in price trends.

CF-2 Membership Rosters. Incomplete files from 1945 to present.

CF-3 A History of the Perfins Club, by Richard L. Mewhinney. Pub as part of PB in 1970; covers Club to that year; 15 pp

CF-4 The Family Album. Snapshot collection of members of the Club, exhibits, and the like.

CF-5 Publicity Clips. Mostly recent years, but some older.

CF-6 Index to the Contents of the Bulletin. Work in progress; far from complete.

THE PERFINS BULLETIN

The following file of past issues of the Bulletin is almost complete. We still need a few pages from some issues of the 50s, and donations will be appreciated.

PB-1 Pin Perf Collector's Bulletin. Single 1937 issue of the predecessor of Perfins.

PB-2 Perfins, 1945-1950.

PB-3 Perfins Bulletin, 1951-1952

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- PB-4 1953
- PB-5 1954
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- PB-24 1973
- PB-25 1974
- PB-26 1975
- PB-27✓ 1976
- PB-28✓ 1977
- PB-29✓ 1978

OFFICIALS

- OF-1 Album for Official Perfins, by V. J. Van Lint. Pub by the author in 1958; illus only.
- OF-2 Clip File
- OF-3 Catalog of Official Perfins of Great Britain, by Mary E. Thornton, Same as GB-18.
- OF-4 Catalog of Official Perfins (Part 1: GB and Europe through Hungary), by Mary E. Thornton. Mimeo by SEPS, ndg.
- OF-5 Catalog of Official Perfins (Part 2: Europe from Luxembourg and Balance of World), by Mary E. Thornton. Mimeo by SEPS, ndg.

MISCELLANEOUS

- MI-1✓ Miscellaneous Clip File
- MI-2✓ Perfins Machinery. Articles, patent copies, and so on, all relating to Perfins machines.
- MI-3 Covers of the Month. Clips from PB of covers which show unusual use of Perfins
- MI-4 "What's a FREP?" Xerox of humorous exhibit of Freps. From ELPEX-73.
- MI-5 The Perfins Writings of Victor J. Van Lint
- MI-6 "Collecting Perfins," by Claude Cain. Art, 8 pp, in booklet of philatelic workshop conducted by CC of San Francisco.
- MI-7 "Worldwide Perfins of the Eastman Kodak Company," (PB, Oct 71), 1 p.
- MI-8 "International Harvester Company Perfins Used on Foreign Stamps," (PB, ndg), 1 p.
- MI-9 "The Birthright of Perfins," by Charles Jennings (Stamp Collecting, Sept 66), 4 pp.
- MI-10 "Designs on Perfins," by Victor J. Van Lint (Weekly Philatelic Gossip, Oct and Nov 54), 5 pp.
- MI-11 Revenue Clip File

- MI-12 Cancellations Identify Perfins Users. Clips on using cancels to isolate users of Perfins.
- MI-13 "World Perfins Checklist," (PB, Feb 73) List of 215 countries which have used Perfins
- MI-14 Auction Notes. Clips and notes about Perfins sold at auction--other than Perfins Club auctions.
- MI-15 Mounting and Exhibiting Perfins. Arts and notes relating to this subject.
- MI-16 Perfins: A Collecting Philosophy. Clips of arts by Maxa and others on what Perfins are, what came before them, and how they should be collected.
- MI-17. Copying Perfins. Articles from PB about making copies by drawing, using blue-print paper, and about copying Perfins on cover.
- MI-18 Perfins Abstracts. Comp by Brian Birch, SEPS Librarian, and pub in installments in the SEPS Bulletin.
- MI-19 SEPS Library List. Prepared by Brian Birch of SEPS.
- MI-20 "The Specimen Frauds," by B. Reilander, (Pitcairn Log, Mar 77).
- MI-21 SEPS Translations. A series of monographs translating works on foreign Perfins into English. Most are included in Clip Files elsewhere in the Library but are kept here as cross-reference
- MI-22 Revenue Perfins Catalog. Computerized listing prepared by Bill Richerson. In progress; members with information are urged to help.
- MI-23 Revenue Perfins Checklist. Condensed version of MI-22.

UNITED STATES

- US-1 through US-11 are sections of the Illustrated Catalog of United States Perfins published in 1966.
- US-1✓ Pages for Letter A
 - US-2✓ Pages for Letter B
 - US-3✓ Pages for Letter C
 - US-4✓ Pages for International Harvester (CHI) through Letter E
 - US-5✓ Pages for Letters F & G
 - US-6✓ Pages for Letters H through J
 - US-7✓ Pages for Letters K through M
 - US-8✓ Pages for Letters N through New York Life Insurance Company
 - US-9✓ Pages for Letters O through Q
 - US-10✓ Pages for Letters R & S
 - US-11✓ Pages for Letters T through designs and numerals
 - US-12✓ A&C pages for the Illustrated Catalog of United States Perfins
 - US-13✓ Relative Ratings of U. S. Perfins, compiled by Claude Cain. Gives relative ratings (A, B, etc) of all Perfins listed in the Illustrated Catalog
 - US-14 Railroad Perfins of the United States and Canada, ed by James P. Harris, 1966
 - US-15 Illustrations of U. S. Perfins, comp by V. J. and M. Van Lint, 1958.
 - US-16 Catalog of Perforate Initial Stamps of the U. S., comp by Hallock Card. Perfins catalog put together by our founder in 1945. Goes only through M.

UNITED STATES, cont'd.

- US-17 ✓ "The Perfins of Hawaii," by E. M. Pickop (PB, May 61), 2 pp.
- US-18 "Perfins on the Bureau Issue of 1902." (PB, Jan-Mar 73 and Mar 74)
- US-19 United States Clip File
- US-20 "Puerto Rico Official Perforations," by V. LeYoung Ardiff (PB, Nov 70) 1 p.
- US-21 "A Checklist of Perfins on the U. S. Parcel Post Stamps (Q1-Q10)," by Robert Sperring. Mimeo, 5 pp, by Perfins Club 1973.
- US-22 "A Checklist of Perfins Used by Banks, Trust Companies, and Related Institutions," by John A. Gooding. Mimeo, 5 pp, by Perfins Club, 1973.
- US-23 ✓ "Punched Control Markings on Schermack Type III Coils," by K. F. Lougee (PB, June 75) 8 pp, fully illustrated
- US-24 Schermack Perfins Clip File
- US-25 Topical Approaches to U. S. Perfins Collecting. Various checklists prepared by Swenson, Murray, and others of U. S. Perfins arranged by user's business.
- US-26 Additions and Corrections to the U. S. Mimeographed Perfins Catalog
- US-27 Perfins of Railroads and Railroad Non-Operatives, Joint Associations, Bureaus and Agencies. Mimeo, 15 pp, 1957, by the Perfins Club.
- US-28 Topical Perfin Listing, by C. M. Swenson. Checklists of banks, schools, and insurance companies. Mimeo by Perfins Club, 1964, 15 pp.
- US-29 ✓ Precancel Perfins Clip File
- US-30 ✓ State Perfins and Perfins by States Clip File. Clips relating to Perfins used by state agencies as well as lists of Perfins users arranged by state.
- US-31 ✓ "Perfin Words Make Perfin Poetry; or, a Treatise on Perfin Words," by Floyd A. Walker (PB, Dec 71), 9 pp.
- US-32 "S. Swan and Embossed 3¢ 1851 Stamps, Postal History Detective Story," by Henry A. Meyer (PB, 1968) 3 pp.
- US-33 ✓ "Perfins on the U. S. Offset Printing Issue," by Dr. David Bennett, (PB, continuing series). *5/75, 7-8/75, 11-12/75, 2-76*
- US-34 ✓ "Perfins of U. S. Companies Abroad," by Jan Prins (PB, continuing series). *2/76*
- US-35 The Airmail Special Delivery Stamps of the United States, by Ralph L. Sloat (contains chapter on Perfins). *3/76, 5/76, 11-12/76, 10/77*

ANGOLA

WS-1 Worksheets

ARGENTINA

WS-46 Worksheets

LA-4 ✓ Argentine Perforated Stamps, by Walter B. L. Bose. Handbook and checklist privately published by the author in 1953.

AUSTRALIA AND STATES

WS-2 Worksheets

BE-1 ✓ Clip File

- BE-18 • "The G/NSW Perf Heads," by Jim Heron (The Australasian Informer, Sept 74) 4 pp, illus.
- BE-19 • The Tasman Australian States Catalog. Christchurch: Laurie Franks, 1971. Includes small section on officials.
- BE-20 • "Australia's Federal OS Perfins, 1913-1931," by Charles T. Ball and Thomas K. Belknap, (SPA Journal, May 75) 5 pp.

BARBADOS

WS-3 Worksheet

BAVARIA

WS-4 Worksheet

GR-6 ✓ "The Semi-Official Perfins of Bavaria," by Jan Prins (PB, May 75), 1 p; and "Perforated Officials from Bavaria," by Patrick Hamilton (Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Feb 52), 1 p.

BELGIUM

WS-29 Worksheet

BG-1 ✓ Illustrated Catalog of Belgian Perfins by V. J. & M. Van Lint. Pub by the authors, 1958.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

BH-1 ✓ "The Perfins of Bosnia & Herzegovina," by J. Prins (PB, Sept 75) and "Additional Patterns from Bosnia and Herzegovina Reported by Maxa," by V. Maxa (PB, Jan 76).

BRAZIL

LA-2 ✓ "Checklist of Brazil," by D. C. Stump (PB, ndg), 3 pp.

BRITISH COLONIES

BE-7 • Clip File

BRITISH GUIANA

WS-5 Worksheets

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY

WS-59 Worksheets (Rhodesia)

BULGARIA

BU-1 ✓ "A Catalog of the Perfins of Bulgaria," by Vojtech Maxa (PB, Oct 74), 4 pp, illus.

CANADA

CA-1 Canada Clip File

CA-2 "The Story Behind the Perfin (ARI)," by R. J. Woolley (PB, Dec 69), 1 p.

CA-3 ✓ "Checklist of Identical Designs on Stamps of United States and Canada," (PB, ndg), 3 pp.

CA-4 "Perforated Initials Found on Canadian Stamps," by C. M. Jephcott (CCP, Sept 51), 16 pp.

CANADA, cont'd.

- CA-5 Checklist and Catalog of Canadian Postage Stamps Overprinted and Perforated OHMS and G, by Roy Wrigley, 1964 edition.
- CA-6 Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials, 2nd ed. Pub by BNAPS, 1961
- CA-7 ✓ Canadian Stamps With Perforated Initials, 3rd ed. Pub by BNAPS, 1967; includes 1973 supplement.
- CA-8 ✓ The Catalog and Guidebook of Canadian Official Stamps, by Roy Wrigley and Brian Moir. 6th ed., 1974, 32 pp.
- CA-9 ✓ Textbook and Guide to the Canadian Official OHMS and G Stamps 1923-1963. First ed., 1975, 72 pp.
- CA-10 "Canadian Tagged Errors and Canadian Tagged Perfins," by Kenneth G. Rose, 14 pp, Xerox, from author.
- CA-11 "Perfins of the Province of Saskatchewan, Wrigley Types P-10, 10a, and 10b," by Jon Johnson, illus, Xerox, from author.
- CA-12 "Forgeries of Canada's OHMS Perfins," by Kenneth W. Pugh. Xerox, from author.

CANAL ZONE

- LA-1 ✓ "Canal Zone Official Perfins," by D. C. Stump (PB, ndg), 3 pp.
- LA-3 ✓ "Official Stamps Perforated 'P'," by Wes Dunaway and H. W. Cassibry (Canal Zone Philatelist, 1970/71), Series of articles and notes.
- LA-6 ✓ "Punch Perforations of the Canal Zone," by Wes Dunaway (AP, Sept 67), 4 pp.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

- WS-52 Worksheets
- BE-8 ✓ Clip File

CEYLON

- WS-6 Worksheets
- BE-9 ✓ "CAVE Overprints on the Stamps of Ceylon," by Francis Kiddle (The Cinderella Philatelist, July 74) 3 pp.

CHILE

- WS-7 Worksheets

CHINA

- FE-2 ✓ "Chinese Anti-Bandit Control Marks," by Kann and Dickie, et al (China Clipper, Mar 59), 6 pp.
- FE-3 ✓ "The Anti-Bandit Control Marks of Manchuria," by H. Herbert Johnson, (China Clipper, Aug 41), 3 pp.
- FE-4 ✓ The Sinkiang Official Perfins. A file of articles by Crow and Colby on these Chinese Perfins. The first article is dated 1935.
- FE-5 ✓ The Perfins of China, A Catalog Album, comp and ed by Harvey Tilles. Pub 1976 by the author, illus, supp will be issued.
- FE-6 ✓ "Chinese Offices in Turkestan," by James Starr (AP, Nov 1922), 3 pp.

COLOMBIA 10/77

- WS-48 worksheets

COSTA RICA

- WS-8 Worksheets

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- WS-9 Worksheets

CROATIA-SLAVONIA

- WS-63 Worksheets

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- WS-44 Worksheets

CURACAO

- WS-10 worksheets

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

- CS-1 ✓ Perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia, by Vojtech Maxa. Pub by the Perfins Club, 1972.
- CS-2 German Language Edition of the Czech Catalog (CS-1)
- CS-3 Czechoslovak Language Edition of the Catalog (CS-1)
- CS-4 Zpravodaj Perfiny, ed by Vojtech Maxa. Bulletin of the Czech Perfins Club; in Czech, but with partial translations provided by Maxa.
- CS-5 "The Last Czech Perfin," by Vojtech Maxa (PB, Feb 71), 1 p.
- CS-6 Catalog Perfinu, by Vojtech Maxa. Pub in 1976, in Czech, most up-to-date catalog of Czech Perfins in print

DANZIG

- WS-11 Worksheets

DENMARK

- WS-43 Worksheets
- DA-1 ✓ Clip File

EASTERN SILESIA

- WS-12 Worksheets

EGYPT

- ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East--Egypt, Palestine, Sudan, Lebanon, Persia, and Turkey. Illus catalog/album pub by Dr. Harvey Tilles in 1976, with supp as needed.
- BE-10 ✓ "Perfins on Egyptian Stamps," by Dr. A. Winter. (Egyptian Topics, 3 parts, from 1970 to 71), 7 pp.

FAROE ISLANDS

- FI-1 ✓ "Faroese Perfins," by James H. Baker (PB, Mar 76), 1 p.

FINLAND

- FN-1 ✓ Clip File

FIUME

WS-13 Worksheet

FRANCE

- WS-50 Worksheets (copies of Bartleson collection), illus only, no idents
- FR-1 • Clip File
- FR-2 • Les Timbres Francais Perfores (1st list) by Lebland. Printed checklist pub by LeMonde, Paris.
- FR-3 • Continuation (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Lists)
- FR-4 • Continuation (5th and 6th Lists)
- FR-5 • Additions to checklist started in FR-2; Xerox from LeMonde
- FR-6 ✓ "Perfins of the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris," by Jan Prins (PB, July/Aug 76), 4 pp.
- FR-7 ✓ "The Perfins of France's Societe Generale," by Jan Prins (PB, Jun 76), 1 p, illus.

FUNCHAL

WS-14 Worksheets

GERMANY

- WS-45 ✓ Worksheets. These worksheets are draft copies of a catalog of German Perfins being prepared by Stuntzner, Needham, and others, and include Germany proper, offices abroad, occupation issues, and so on. Currently about one third complete. New sections are added often.
- GR-1 ✓ Clip File
- GR-2 ✓ POL Perfins of Germany Clip File
- GR-3 ✓ "Use of Perfins in Offices and Colonies of the German Empire," by Paul H. Gault. Collection of notes with checklist.
- GR-4 No longer available. See WS-45.
- GR-5 ✓ "Private German Perfins," by Peter Theuss (German Postal Specialist, Aug 76), 6 pp.

GIBRALTAR

WS-15 Worksheets

GOLD COAST

WS-16 Worksheets

GREAT BRITAIN

- GB-1 ✓ Catalog of Identified Perfins of Great Britain (Volume 1: A through F), comp by Basil Tomkins, SEPS, 1965.
- GB-2 ✓ Same as GB-1, Volume 2, G through O
- GB-3 ✓ Same as GB-1, Volume 3, P to end
- GB-4 Simplified Catalog of the Perfins of Great Britain (A through I) comp by Basil Tomkins, SEPS, 1965.
- GB-5 Same as GB-4, J through end.
- GB-6 Catalog of Illustrations of British Perfins. Pub by V. J. and M. Van Lint, 1959.
- GB-7 "The Introduction of Punctured Endorsements," by Charles Jennings. Mimeo by SEPS, ndg.
- GB-8 The Handbook of British Perfins, by John S. Nelson. Pub by the author, 1967.

- GB-9 "The Official Stamps of Great Britain," by I. J. Bernstein. Art, 19 pp, ndg.
- GB-10 "The College Stamps of Oxford and Cambridge." Arts, snk, 1893-1904.
- GB-11 "The Perfins of Great Britain," by Ronald Bowman. Mimeo (PB, ndg), 4 pp.
- GB-12 ✓ "Private Underprints," by R. M. and R. W. Willcocks, (GB Journal, ndg), 8 pp.
- GB-13 "Experimental Cancellations on the First Post Card Issue of Great Britain, by Abbot Lutz (CCP, Mar 74), 8 pp.
- GB-14 "Perforated Officials of Great Britain and Colonies to 1939," by Horace Gunthorpe, (AP, Oct 44), 7 pp.
- GB-15 "The Board of Trade Perforated Official Stamps of Great Britain," by Captain H. T. Jackson, snk, ndg, 6 pp.
- GB-16 "Prevention of Stamp Thefts by Employees," by H. J. Howard (The British Philatelist, Sept/Dec 50), 14 pp.
- GB-17 Clip File
- GB-18 ✓ Catalog of Official Perfins of Great Britain, by Mary E. Thornton. London: 1967, 16 pp, (See OF-3).
- GB-19 ✓ Perfins Used by Local Government Offices (Part 1: Municipal Arms and Aberdare to Darwen), by Ronald Bowman. Mimeo, SEPS, issued as part of their Bulletin.
- GB-20 ✓ Same as GB-19: Part 2, Ealing to Middleton.
- GB-21 ✓ Same as GB-19: Part 3: Macclesfield to York.
- GB-22 Miscellaneous articles from SEPS Bulletin (1)
- GB-23 Miscellaneous articles from SEPS Bulletin (2)
- GB-24 SEPS Bulletin News Pages, 1959 to 1962
- GB-25 SEPS Bulletin News Pages, 1963 to 1965
- GB-26 SEPS Bulletin News Pages, 1966 to 1967
- GB-27 SEPS Bulletin News Pages, 1968 to 1969
- GB-28 SEPS Bulletin News Pages, 1970 to 1971
- Note: GB-22 through GB-28 along with GB-1 through 5 and 19 through 21 form a complete set of the SEPS Bulletin from 1959 through July 1971. The SEPS Bulletin from 1971 to date is listed beginning with GB-100.
- GB-29 • The Perfins of Great Britain. This is the British catalog. Ed by Tomkins and McKee and published by Dr. Harvey Tilles. Introduction by Walker. A&C pages will be issued as necessary to keep it up to date. The catalog has been broken into sections to make it easier to mail.
- GB-29-1 Introduction and Letter O
- GB-29-2 Letters D, E, F, K, Q, U, V, X, Y, and Z
- GB-29-3 Letters A and B
- GB-29-4 Letters, G, I, and J
- GB-29-5 Letters L, M, N, and P
- GB-29-6 Letters R, T, Numerals, and Designs
- GB-29-7 Letters C and H
- GB-29-8 Letters S and W
- GB-30 ✓ "The Perfins of Thomas Cook & Son," by Jan Prins (PB, July/Aug 76), 1 p.
- GB-31 ✓ "Fiscal Perfins of Ireland and Great Britain," by Michael Burrows and Chris Tennant (PB, Sept 76), 3 pp.
- GB-32 ✓ "Perforated Insignia: The Story of Joseph Sloper and British Perfins," by Floyd A. Walker (CCP, Nov '75), 9 pp.

GREAT BRITAIN, cont'd.

- GB-33 ✓ British Stamps Perforated With Firms' Initials (S.P.I.F.S.), by F. Hugh Vallancey. Pub by the author, 1948.
 GB-34 The History of British Security Stamps by Charles Jennings. Mimeo, SEPS, 1968, 379 pp.
 GB-35 Railway Perfins of Great Britain, by R. Bowman, SEPS, 1976. The standard guide to the Perfins of British railways

GB-100 1971 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-101 1972 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-102 1973 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-103 1974 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-104 1975 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-105 1976 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-106 1977 SEPS Bulletin
 GB-107 1978 SEPS Bulletin

GREECE

- WS-27 Worksheets
 GC-1 ✓ Clip File

HAITI

- WS-17 Worksheets

HONG KONG

- BE-11 ✓ Clip File
 BE-23 ✓ The Perfins of Hong Kong, ed and pub by Dr. Harvey Tilles. Catalog/album, 1976, illus, idents, supp as needed.

HUNGARY

- WS-33 Worksheets
 HY-1 ✓ "Hungarian Stamps With Official Punching," by L. S. Ettre (PB, Mar & May 71), 11 pp; "Regarding the Hungarian Stamps With Three-Hole Punching," by D. C. Stump (PB, Jun 71), 1 p; and "Hungarian Stamps With Official Punching--Some Corrected Data," by L. S. Ettre (PB, Sept 74), 2 pp.
 HY-2 ✓ Perfins of Hungary by Vojtech Maxa, with Malyon and Grof. Preliminary catalog (see HY-4).
 HY-3 "The Perfins of Hungary," by Vojtech Maxa (PB, Nov/Dec 75), 4 pp.
 HY-4 The Perfins of Hungary by Vojtech Maxa. Published 1978 by David Malyon. Fully illustrated. Latest catalog on this subject.

HYDERABAD

- BE-12 Clip File

INDIA

- WS-41 Worksheets
 BE-6 ✓ "Perfins," by A. K. Bayanwala (Stamp Digest Annual, India, 1975), 4 pp.
 BE-21 "Perfin Stamps of Cochin," by Abimalek David (India's Stamp Journal, Jan 76), Checklist, no illus, 1 p.
 BE-22 ✓ "Perfins of India," by A. K. Bayanwala (India's Stamp Journal, June 76), good, some illus, and checklist, 7 pp.

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IRAN

- ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East (see listing under Egypt)

IRELAND

- WS-49 Worksheets
 BE-2 ✓ Clip File

ITALY

- WS-18 Worksheets
 IT-1 ✓ Clip File

JAMAICA

- BE-13 ✓ Clip File

JAPAN

- JA-1 Indispensable Possession Pierced Stamps by Tadashi Adachi. Tokyo: 1950. In Japanese; typed forerunner of modern Japanese Perfins catalog.
 JA-2 Japan Perfins Catalog, ed by Sunao Adachi. Tokyo: 1972. In Japanese, but well illustrated; see JA-4 for later edition.
 JA-3 Partial Translation of the 1972 Edition of the Adachi Catalog, by J. George Wright. Permits better use of JA-2.
 JA-4 ✓ Japan Perfins Catalog, ed by Sunao Adachi. Tokyo: 1974. Updated edition of JA-2.
 JA-5 ✓ Clip File
 JA-6 ✓ "Japanese Perfins," by R. P. Alexander (JP, IX, 2, 1954), 4 pp, illus, idents.
 JA-7 ✓ "Japanese Perfins," by R. P. Alexander (JP, IX, 9, 1954), 9 pp, some illus.
 JA-8 ✓ "Cancellation by Perforation," by George A. Fisher Jr. (JP, XIV, 6, 1959 and XV, 4, 1960), 4 pp total. Use of Perfin cancel on Taiwan postal savings stamps.
 JA-9 ✓ "Private Control Overprints," (JP, XXI, 4, 1966) 3 pp, illus.
 JA-10 ✓ "The Sasebo Anchor Perfin," (JP, XXV, 5, 1970) 1 p.
 JA-11 ✓ "Using the Adachi Japanese Perfins Catalog," by George A. Fisher Jr. (PB, Nov/Dec 75), 1 p.

KIAUTSCHOU

- WS-19 Worksheets

LATIN AMERICA

- LA-5 ✓ Clip File

LATVIA

- WS-10 Worksheets
 LV-1 ✓ Clip File

LEBANON

- WS-21 Worksheets
 ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East (see listing under Egypt)

LEEWARD ISLANDS

BE-14 ✓ Clip File

LITHUANIA

WS-36 Worksheets

LOURENCO MARQUEZ

WS-22 Worksheets

LUXEMBOURG

WS-47 Worksheets

MADAGASCAR

WS-23 Worksheets

MALAYA

FE-8 ✓ "Perforated Initials on the Stamps of the Straits Settlements and Malaya," by James E. Dewey (Malayan Philatelist, Oct 71), 2 pp.

MALTA

WS-37 Worksheets

MANCHURIA

FE-3 ✓ "The Anti-Bandit Control Marks of Manchuria," by H. Herbert Johnson (China Clipper, Aug 41), 3 pp.

MAURITIUS

WS-51 Worksheets

MEXICO

WS-24 Worksheets

NATAL

WS-53 Worksheets

NETHERLANDS

NE-1 ✓ Clip File

NE-2 POKO Issues of the Netherlands, by Burton E. Bauder. Chicago: Netherlands Philatelic Society, 1974.

NE-3 ✓ POKO Issues of the Netherlands, by Bauder. Updated (1975) edition of the catalog listed as NE-2

NE-4 • List of the Perfins of the Netherlands, Curacao, the Netherlands Antilles, and the Netherlands Indies, by E. J. Enschede. Utrecht, published by the author, 1976. Fully illustrated.

NEW ZEALAND

BE-3 ✓ Clip File

BE-4 ✓ New Zealand Stamps With Perforated Initials, by R. D. Samuel. Auckland: Postal History Society of NZ, 1968.

BE-5 ✓ The Tasman Catalog of New Zealand Perfins. Christchurch: Laurie Franks, 1970.

NIGERIA

WS-60 Worksheets

NORWAY

WS-31 Worksheets

NO-1 ✓ Clip File

ORANGE RIVER COLONY

WS-25 Worksheets

PAKISTAN

WS-26 Worksheets

PALESTINE

WS-35 Worksheets

ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East (see listing under Egypt)

BE-15 ✓ Clip File

PAPAU

WS-38 Worksheets

PERSIA

ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East (see listing under Egypt)

PHILIPPINES

FE-1 "Philippine Commercial Postage Stamps," by Arnold Warren (AP, ndg), 10 pp, illus.

FE-9 ✓ "Perfins of the Philippines," (Stamp Show News, Apr 76), 4 pp, and "Philippine Perfins, Some Questions and Answers," (PB, May 76), 1 p. General; two versions of the same material; illus.

POLAND

PO-1 ✓ "Perfins of Poland," Article, in Polish, includes illus checklist, 11 pp, snk, ndg.

POLISH OFFICES IN DANZIG

WS-30 Worksheets

RHODESIA

WS-59 Worksheets

RHODESIA & NYASALAND

WS-61 Worksheets

ROMANIA

WS-28 Worksheets

RO-1 ✓ The Perfins of Romania, by Jan Prins. Perfins Club, 1970, illus, prelim. catalog, 10 pp.

RO-2 ✓ "Notes on Romanian Perfins," by Vojtech Maxa (PB, Mar 74), 4 pp.

RUSSIA

- RU-1 ✓ Clip File
RU-2 ✓ "The Perfins of Russia," and "Additional Notes on Russian Perfins," by Vojtech Maxa (PB, June 73 and Jan 76), Comprehensive coverage; 9 pp total.

SAAR

WS-58 Worksheets

SIAM (THAILAND)

- WS-57 Worksheets
FE-7 ✓ "Perfins of Thailand," (PB, Sept 61), 1 p.

SIERRE LEONE

WS-39 Worksheets

SLOVENIA

WS-63 Worksheets

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

WS-62 Worksheets

SPAIN

- SP-1 ✓ Clip File

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

- WS-32 Worksheets
FE-8 ✓ "Perforated Initials on the Stamps of the Straits Settlements and Malaya," by James E. Dewey (Malayan Philatelist, Oct 71), 1 pp.

SUDAN

- ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East (see listing under Egypt)

SWEDEN

- WS-42 Worksheet
SV-1 ✓ Clip File

SWITZERLAND

- SW-1 ✓ Clip File
SW-2 ✓ The Perfins of Switzerland, An Album-Catalog, Perfins Club, 1972. Illus. 72 pp.

THAILAND: See entries under SIAM

TRANSVAAL

- WS-55 worksheets
BE-16. Clip File

TURKESTAN

- FE-6 ✓ "Chinese Offices in Turkestan," by James Starr (AP, Nov 1922), 3 pp.

TURKEY

- ME-1 ✓ The Perfins of the Middle East (see listing under Egypt)

UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

- WS-54 Worksheets
BE-17. Clip File

UPPER SILESIA

WS-56 Worksheets

WURTEMBERG

WS-34 Worksheets

ZANZIBAR

WS-40 Worksheets

P A T R O N I Z E Y O U R S A L E S D E P A R T M E N T

IF YOU WISH TO BUY OR SELL PERFINS, THE SALES DEPARTMENT OF THE PERFINS CLUB CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU. FOR PERFINS OFF COVER, WRITE TO IVAN H. LEY, ARENA, WI 53503. FOR PERFIN COVERSM WRITE TO EDWIN L. STUNTZNER, 1003 EXCHANGE ST., EMPORIA, KS 66801.

And here's an important tip: when you receive a registered or insured parcel from the Sales Department - or from any other stamp source - check to be sure that it seems to contain merchandise before you open it. If it feels empty, refuse to accept it from the post office. One member did this recently and, if he had not refused delivery before opening the parcel, the Club might have had difficulty in collecting from the post office for the stolen contents.

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NOTE TO CANADIAN MEMBERS

Canadian members please help us. When you send payment to the Club--to the secretary, or the sales department or the auctioneer--please make sure your remittances are in U. S. funds.

The costs of processing checks and money orders in Canadian funds is increasing. One check for \$4 in Canadian funds recently netted the Club \$2.82 in U. S. funds by the time all the "conversion" charges were taken out.

Obviously, we can't afford a bite like that out of the funds we receive.

Your assistance will be appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE PERFINS CLUB, OPERATING STATEMENT
APRIL - JUNE 1978

Receipts

U.S. Catalog Sponsors	\$ 30.00
Dues	1,890.48
Publications & Library	170.13
Sales Books	2,495.11
Auctions	1,942.85
Cover Sales & Misc.	30.23
Interest on Savings	101.24
Total Receipts	\$6,660.04

Expense

Bulletin Expense	\$ 432.77
Secretary's Expense	239.81
Membership Expense	38.46
Publications & Library Expense	40.53
Foreign Catalog Expense	53.20
Treasurer's Expense	11.23
Publicity Expense	7.33
Auction Expense	64.42
Sales Book Expense	35.72
Awards Expense	18.37
Stamp Show Expense	20.00
Total Expense	\$ 961.84

Receipts in excess of Expense \$5,698.20

Total Cash on Hand, Last Report	\$6,182.02
Receipts in excess of Exp. above	5,698.20
Total Cash to account for	\$11,880.22

Cash in Checking Account	\$ 586.20
Saving Acct. Operating Funds	8,478.14
Savings Acct. Life Memberships	1,245.88
Long Term Savings Cert. Life Memb.	1,300.00
Total Funds in Bank	\$11,880.22

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Gooding, Treasurer

LAST CHANCE FOR DUES

If you haven't paid your 1978-1979 dues, this is the last Bulletin you will be receiving.

Secretary Floyd Walker reports that a few members have managed to overlook two reminder notices and thus must be dropped from the membership roster at the end of September.

The increasing cost of everything--from printing to postage to paper clips--prevents us from carrying non-paying members on the Club rolls beyond the 90-day grace period specified in the Bylaws.

A check for \$4 to Walker will keep you on the roster, though, and keep the Bulletin coming. And you'll also be involved continuously in Perfins activities.

Perhaps this little speech belongs on the editorial page. However, the editor feels it is a matter of vital importance to the Club and needs all the emphasis it can be given.

A look at the Treasurer's Report on this page will show you that the Club is in very good shape financially. But a substantial portion of our cash on hand will be needed to finance the upcoming new catalog of U.S. Perfins - a project of great interest to us all. And Catalog Chairman Joe Balough needs all the help he can get in working up data for the new catalog. More members need to participate.

The editor has on hand enough articles, etc., for another issue or two of the Bulletin. But additional articles, items, reports, oddities, etc. are urgently needed for future issues. More members need to participate.

Our publicity chairman, Rudy Roy, and Vice President Dorothy Savage are doing a great job of publicizing the Club and getting new members. But publicity is a function in which any member can take a hand, just by touting the pleasure of Perfin collecting to his fellow local club members. More members need to participate.

To sum it up, the Perfins Club is alive and healthy as a philatelic organization - thanks to the dedicated efforts of a comparative handful of its members. But one element is needed to make it even greater: More members need to participate!

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Dear Ray:

"I have a few thoughts about Perfins that I would like to share with the Club membership.

"1. Since Perfins are not available for purchase at dealers, collecting becomes almost impossible without auctions or the circuit or membership exchange. I have rarely received requests for exchange and have had MANY letters unanswered when suggesting exchange to members. I have hundreds of C and better Perfins that I have saved for years hoping for individual exchange. Where are others who wish to extend their collections?

"2. Some members are interested in issues, yet there has been no general information on the issues found for each Perfin. I'm not sure how to go about it, but would entertain suggestions and do the work if interest is expressed.

"Hope the above will bear some fruit in terms of letters from members. Am especially interested in Perfins on 332, 375, and 406. Also other 2¢ reds."

Sincerely,
Larry Owen
3887 Antigua Circle
Dallas, TX 75234

MINNESOTA NOTES

The following is from Dr. Jon M. Wilson:

"In trying to identify pattern M-183 (MN/B), which had been found postmarked ST. PAUL, MINN., I was in touch with the Minnesota Bankers Association and learned that there was only one bank in St. Paul in the 1920's with the initials MNB--the Merchants National Bank of that city.

"In the course of this correspondence, I also learned that there were three banks in Minneapolis with the initials MNB during the same period. Since patterns M-181 (M/NB), M-182 (M/NB), M-183.5 (MNB) and M-186 (M(NB)) are unidentified, possibly one or more of these patterns are from one or more of these Minneapolis banks.

"But I need help. Does anyone have a copy of M-181, M-182, M183.5 or M-186 postmarked or precancelled? Eliminating or confirming the use of these patterns by Minnesota users would help in tracking the identifications.

"Please send a card to me at Box 96A, RD #1, Bound Brook, NJ 08805. Many thanks."

MORE ON U. OF MISSOURI PERFIN

Following up his report on the new University of Missouri Perfin type (July-August Bulletin), Norman Touchette of St. Louis has sent the editor a copy of the response he received from his inquiry to the university. The pertinent paragraphs read as follows:

"Our first stamp perforator was purchased June 1, 1922, from the B. F. Cummins Co. Model #877, operated by hand and punched only

SCHEDULE FOR VAPEX

Following is the schedule of events for VAPEX, to be held at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 10-12:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 10 AM - GRAND OPENING
- 2 PM - SEMINAR: JUNIOR COLLECTING,
HOST: JOE BALOUGH
- 8 PM - SHOW CLOSES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 10 AM - SHOW OPENS
- 11 AM - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PERFINS CLUB
- 1:30 PM - PERFINS CLUB SEMINAR
- 3 PM - U.S. PHILATELIC CLASSICS SOCIETY SEMINAR
- 4 PM - BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY REGIONAL MEETING
- 6 PM - SHOW CLOSES
- 7 PM - COCKTAIL HOUR
- 8 PM - AWARDS BANQUET, GUEST SPEAKER:
JACQUES C. SCHIFF

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 8:30 AM - VPF BREAKFAST, GUEST SPEAKER:
RAY CROW
- 10 AM - SHOW OPENS
- 10 AM - VIRGINIA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING
- 11 AM - PERFINS CLUB SEMINAR
- 12 NOON - JUDGES CRITIQUE IN EXHIBIT ROOM
- 1 PM - VIRGINIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION MEETING
- 2 PM - LECTURE: HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN A STAMP AUCTION. JACQUES SCHIFF
- 3 PM - U.S.P.C.S. SEMINAR
- 6 PM - SHOW CLOSES.

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10 stamps at a time. This machine was used till Jan. 1977, and is still in our possession.

"Our second perforator was purchased from Cummins Allison Corp. Maryland Heights, MO, Model #386, Wide head, electric, with foot trip switch, it punches 25 stamps at a time or 100 if you fold the sheet."

Our thanks to Norm for developing this information.

MORE ON PERFINS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM – by Mike J. Burrows

N. IRELAND

ESSE ESSE	GA GA	LA	NES	OA BS	BRC ^o LP	BHC
444	9.1	2.1	123.1	6	619.1	329

REGIONALS

Northern Ireland Regionals

The first regional definitive issued for the area designated Northern Ireland made its appearance on 18th August 1958. Since that time several different values and varieties have been issued.

However, these emissions do not seem to have a very prolific use as Perfins. In the recent census the highest count was three. These being in the Jack Brandt collection.

Although intended for use in the appropriate area, the regional issues can be used anywhere within the United Kingdom. So it follows that any G.B. Perfin could be used on the N. Ireland regionals. An appropriate example of this usage is the publicity Perfin used by the Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of Great Britain:

263 SEP./S 10,10,10/1/11 17½mm

This SEPS Perfin is also known used on the regionals of Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Scotland and Wales.

Checking through my own Irish section, I find examples, all on the 3d. value, on cover, legitimately used in N. Ireland of:

444	ESSO	9,9,9,8	4½mm	The Esso Petroleum Co., Ltd.
9.1	GA/CO	9,8/7,4	4½mm	Guardian Assurance Co., Ltd.
2.1	LA	6,8	4½mm	The London Assurance
123.1	NES	11,9,9	4½mm	Nestle's Food Products(N.I.) Ltd. Co. Tyrone
6	OA/BG	8,8/11,9	4½mm	Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corp. British General Insurance Co.

Same value, off cover:

329	BHC	13,12,8	4½mm	user unknown
619.1	BRC ^o /LD	13,12,8,6/7,7	4½mm	Belfast Ropework Co., Ltd.

Fig. e 2 August 1889 - 12 August 1889

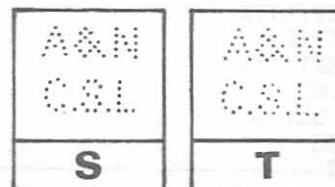
This does seem to indicate a temporary measure, possibly a different supplier, while the first die was being repaired.

Further Notes on A&N/C.S.L. Postal Stationery

All the postal stationery envelopes that I have seen emanating from the A&N/CSL have been perforated before make-up. Over the years I have seen two different Perfins on the envelope; dates are:

Fig. S 17 September 1894 to November 1903

Fig. T 22 July 1910 (various minor differences. Pins form straight bar to A.)



The Victorian wrappers are worth a second look. As they were used, the single-die Perfin shows distinct signs of wear or damage.

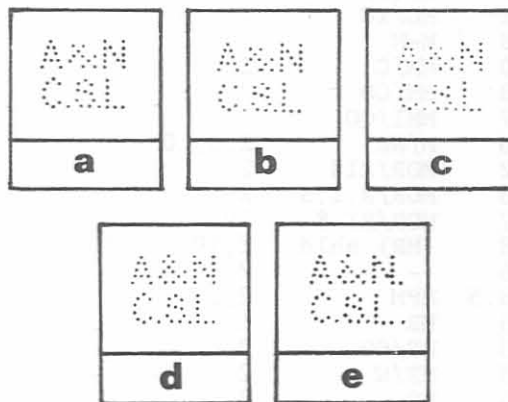


Fig. a 20 June 1888 pins in & missing

Fig. b 26 November 1888 pins in & and C

Fig. c 22 March 1889 pins in &, C and S

Fig. d 23 July 1891 missing

no damage

Between Figures c and d, another die, this time with additional periods, was in use:
(continued at bottom left)

RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON 1902-03 ISSUE — PART 4

The following is a continuation of the results of the recent census of Perfin types on the U. S. issues of 1902-03 (see January, February and May 1978 Bulletins for prior installments - there is some duplication in the February and May installments, due to the editor's oversight):

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
L174	L&F	2,5	D
L177	L&H/CO	1	C
L184	L(&)M	1	D
L187	L&N/RR	1,2	E
New	LT/CO	6	-
M4	M	2	B
M5	M	2	B
M9	(M) Cir	13	E
M24	MA/D	2	A
M25	MAN/DEL	1	A
M26	MA/NY	2	B
M51	MCC	10	C
M55	MCC	1,2	C
M89	MCP	2	C
M90	MC/RR	1,2,4	E
M100	(ME) Cir	1,2	C
M102	MES/CO	1,2	C
M104	MES/CO	2	B
M106A	MET/LIFE	2	D
M107	MEY/ER	2	A
M109	(MF) Cir	1	B
M120	M.G.	2	B
M123	M bar G	1	D
M123.7	MGE	2	A
M129	MH	2	B
M135	MHR	2	A
M141	MIW	2	A
M142.3	(MJ) Cir	1	A
M144	MJB/&CO	2	B
M152	ML	2	E
M153	ML(C)	2,3	D
M162	ML/IC	2,4,8	E
M168	M-M	1,2	A
M170	MM/C	2	A
M173	MM/CO	2	A
M177	MMI/CO	1,2	C
M180	M/NB	2,6,10	D
M192	MOR/RIS	2	E
M196	MOR/R.I.S	2	C
M197	MOR/RI.S	10	C
M198	(MR) shld	2,10	C
M206	--	2	-
M208.5	MPM	2,5	A
M215	MR	1	C
M219	MR/CO	2,6	C
M225	MR/W	2	B
M234	MS	2	C
M251	MS/SC	2	B
M271	M-W	2	B
M279	M(&B)	1	C
M300	M&/MCL	2	D
M301	M&M/T	2	C
M307	M&S	2	C

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
N4	--	2	-
N36	NB/PCO	1	C
N41	NCB	1,2,4,\$1	E
N47	NC/BK	4,6,10	E
N49	NCI	2	C
N54	NCS	1,2	E
N59	NC/&/SCO	1,2,5,6,8	C
N76	NE/T&T	4	C
N77	NE/T&T	2	D
N85	NF/&C	2	B
N96	(NIB) Cir	10	C
N101	NKF	1,2,8	D
N105	NLC	2	C
N107	NL/CO	4	C
N113(Aa1)	NL(Y)	4	E
N113(Dd6)	NL(Y)	1	E
N119	NN/INS/CO	2	C
N121	NON/CO	1,3,4,10	C
N122	NON/CO	1	E
N131	NPB	2,4,6,8,10,15	E
N148	NS/C	2,4,10	D
N158B	NS/&CO	4	D
N161	NTC	2	C
N163	NT/CO	8,10,50	E
N164	NTE	2	C
N171	NWC/MCO	2	A
N175	NWN/LIFE	2,10	C
N177	(NY) sun	2,3	B
N179	NY.B	1,2	A
N182	NYC	1,2,4	E
N204	NYT	2,4	E
N207	NY/UA	1	D
O1	O	1	B
O4	OA	2	B
O24	OD/SS	1,2,4	D
O32	OHIO	1	E
O39	OIM/CO	6,8	E
O40	OJG	3	B
O52	ONB	2	C
O53	ONC(O)	2	C
O59	O(PIC)	2	C
O68A	O/R.Y.	2,4	E
O69	OR/&N	2,3,4,5,8	C
O70	OSL	1,2,4	E
O74	OTC	1,2,4	D
O75	OTC	\$1	E
O76	OTIS	2,8	E
O81	OTO	2	B
O92	OWR	2	C
O93	OW/RN	3	C
P3	P	2	B
P23	PBP	2,15	C
P29	P bar C	2	C
P37	PC/CO	2	B
P50	P(C(O))	1,2	B
P51	P/CO	2	D
P56(9)	PD/CO	8	E
P86	PF/C	1	A
P96	P/GE/CO	8	D

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FOR SALE, ALL DIFFERENT PERFINs: 440 Belgium, \$50; 325 Netherlands, \$30; 25 Czechoslovakia, \$3; 100 German, \$6. W. J. Pieterse, Box 137, Amherst, NH 03031.

WANTED: Perfin or precancel on U. S. Scott #1287, 13c Kennedy. Trade three 7.7c bulk precancel for each kept. Joe Cain, Rt. 4, 103 Russell St., Gulfport, MS 39503.

VAPEX '78

Sponsored by VIRGINIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION
(Hosted by Virginia Beach Stamp Club & Norfolk Philatelic Society)

The Original Held at:
CAVALIER HOTEL, 42nd & Pacific Ave., Virginia Beach, Virginia

November 10-12, 1978

- AWARDS BANQUET** The VAPEX Banquet will be held Saturday, November 11 at "Orion's Roof" at the top of the New Cavalier Hotel. Speaker will be Jacques C. Schiff, Jr. Cost is \$10 per person; the exhibit entry blank on reverse side of the prospectus can be used to order tickets.
- BREAKFAST** Speaker at the Sunday VAPEX Breakfast will be noted philatelic writer and judge Ray Crow. His topic will be "Jamestown Exposition Covers". Tickets will be on sale at the show or you may use the exhibit entry blank on reverse.
- CACHETS** A set of three cacheted covers will be available depicting Virginia Beach landmarks. The Virginia Beach Post office will operate a station and have three different show cancellations.



AWARDS

- VAPEX - See Rule #14. Also award for best novice exhibit.
- PERFINS CLUB - President's Award for best overall perfins exhibit. Karl F. Lougee Award for best U.S. Keith Misegades Award for best foreign.
- U.S. PHILATELIC CLASSICS SOCIETY
- APS - Bronze medal for best exhibit by an APS member.
- UPSS - Certificates of merit.
 - Gold medal for best topical exhibit.
 - Research award; medal for exhibit showing the best original research.
- AFDCS - Certificates for best and honorable mention FDC exhibits.
- VIRGINIA POSTAL HISTORY SOCIETY - Patrick Henry Award for the outstanding exhibit by a VPHS member. President's Award.
- JUNIOR PHILATELISTS OF AMERICA - Ribbons and certificates of award; for Junior section only.
- MAURICE APFELBAUM AWARD - For the best use of commercial pages.
- NELLIE SNYDER YOST AWARD - For the best exhibit of American history or legend.

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- Virginia Postal History Society
- Williamsburg Stamp Society

VPF MEETING SUNDAY

RELEASE OF EXHIBIT

Received from Exhibition Committee, VAPEX '78, the following exhibit:

Exhibit No _____ of _____ pages, by me in good order. Rights to recompense for damaged
or missing stamps are hereby waived.

Owner _____ Date _____ Time _____

RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

1. Participation in the exhibition is open to all philatelists regardless of organizational affiliation. Each exhibit submitted for competition must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and signing of the entry form shall signify unqualified acceptance of these rules.
2. **FRAME LIMIT:** Entries of less than two or more than ten frames must be approved by the Exhibit Committee.
3. The VAPEX '78 Exhibit Committee reserves the right to decline, at any time, any entry in whole or in part without assigning any reason for such rejection; all fees paid will be refunded in full. All rulings of the Exhibit Committee are final. Applicants will be notified of acceptance or rejection.
4. The frames are 36" x 48" and are designed to hold 16 album pages up to 9" x 12" exclusive of page hinges. The fee for each frame is \$4.00 (\$2.00 in Junior Section) and must be paid in full with the official entry application. Entries received without proper fee will be rejected. Failure to submit an exhibit after entry application has been accepted will result in forfeiture of all fees paid.
5. Exhibitors desiring insurance must make their own arrangements. The VAPEX '78 Committee, the Virginia Philatelic Federation, the custodian of the entries, the Cavalier Hotel or any of their committees, members, departments, employees or representatives shall not be liable for any damage to or loss of any exhibit material arising from any cause or reason whatsoever. Every precaution will be taken to protect the property of exhibitors, including a 24-hour professional guard service.
6. No exhibit can be removed prior to the closing of the exhibition at 6 p.m. Sunday, November 12.
7. All questions that may arise concerning the exhibition that are not provided for by these regulations will be decided by the Exhibit Committee.
8. Shipping instructions for exhibits that are accepted will be sent to each applicant together with the acknowledgement of acceptance.
9. All exhibit entry blanks must arrive prior to the closing date of October 15, 1978 (or until space is sold, whichever is earlier).
10. Personally delivered exhibits will be accepted at the Cavalier Hotel by the Exhibit Committee on November 9, 1978 (Thurs.) from 6 - 9 p.m.
11. Exhibit pages will not display the name of the exhibitor on the face of the page. Names or other identification may be written on the reverse of the pages.
12. A panel of qualified judges has been selected whose members will make their decisions by deliberation and consultation among themselves and their decisions shall be final in all cases.
13. Each exhibit is to be judged against accepted standards of philatelic achievement based principally on the following qualifications:
 - A. Philatelic knowledge and research; B. Completeness and scope of the exhibit; and C. Arrangement, condition and neatness of presentation.
14. VAPEX awards will be Gold, Vermeil, Silver and Bronze, Reserve Grand Award, Grand Award for best in show and the William R. Taylor Memorial Award for the best exhibit of Germanic philately. See front of prospectus for other society awards.
15. The categories for exhibit arrangement are:

SECTION	
1 ... United States	7 ... British North America
2 Foreign	
3 Covers	8 ... Miscellaneous
4 Topical	9 .. Novice (must not have won a Gold, Silver or Bronze at VAPEX or other exhibition)
5 .. Postal History	
6 Perfins	10 Junior (under age 18)

Note: Juniors are not required to enter in Section 10.

VAPEX '78 OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK (A separate entry blank is required for each exhibit.)

Mail to: Leroy P. Collins III, 608 Whitehaven Crescent, Chesapeake, VA 23325

I desire _____ banquet tickets & _____ breakfast tickets
 @ \$10 @ \$4

Please enter the following exhibit, subject to the conditions stated in the official prospectus to which I agree:

Name (please print) _____

Address _____

My exhibit will require _____ frames.

Amount enclosed @ \$4 per frame (\$2 Junior) _____

Enter in section # _____

Title and brief description (for catalogue) _____

I shall bring and help mount my own exhibit: Yes ___ No ___

I shall help dismount and pick up my exhibit: Yes ___ No ___

No. of pages in my exhibit _____

Make check or money order payable to "VAPEX '78"

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

I will send my exhibit upon receipt of shipping instructions, and it is to be returned by VAPEX in a similar manner.

Yes _____

Valuation for returning shipped exhibit _____

This exhibit has previously won the following awards:

I am a member of the following affiliated club(s) and/or National Societies with my membership numbers: _____

Signature _____

RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON 1902-03 ISSUE - PART 4 (CONTINUED)

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
P101	PH	1,2,3,8	D	R152	R&B/CO	1,2,3	D
P102	PH	2,3	C	R159	R/&CO	2	C
P109	PH/&CO	10	C	R162	R&E	2	C
P111	PICK	2	C	R163	R&G	2,10	C
P112	PI/CO	2	C	R167	R&K	2	B
P133	PMA	2	C	R173	R&W	1,2	B
P136	PMC	2	B	S7	S	1,2,5	C
P138	PMC/CO	6,10	E	S14	(S) shld	2	D
P142	PM/CO	2	C	S18	S arrow	2	D
P143	PM/CO	2	C	S21	SAC	1,2,6	C
P150	PNB	2,4,6,10	E	S26	SAKS	1,2	D
P159	POC	2	C	S29	SAL	1,2	E
P173.5	PPC	2,5,10	D	S34	SAL/ZER	2	D
P184	PP/CO	2	C	S39.5	SB	2	B
P199	PRR/CO	1,2,4,5,10	D	S49	SB/CO	2	C
P214	PS/CO	2	C	S55.5	SB/I	2	A
P222	PS/CO	4	C	S60	SB/W	2	C
P239	PWH/CO	2	C	S64	S-C/envel	2	C
P248	P&/CO	1,2,15	C	S69	SC(C(O))	1,2,8,10	C
P252	P&F/C	2,5,10	C	S76	S-C/MCO	2	C
Q0.5	Q	2	A	S78	SC(O)	2.4.5.10	E
Q3	QI/CO	1,2	D	S82	SCO	2	C
Q5	QLC	2	E	S87	SCR/CO	2	B
Q6	QM/S	15	D	S89	SCS/CO	2	B
Q8	QUI/NCY	2	B	S92	SC/&CO	1,2,4,5,10	C
R2	.R.	2	E	S95	SC/&CO	2	B
R3	R	2,10	B	S107	SEE/MAN	2	D
R7	(R) Cir	1,2	D	S112	SE/UA	2	C
R11	R(A/C)	2	B	S131	SGI/CO	2	E
R16	RB	2	C	S138	SH/CO	1,2,4,5,6,8,10	D
R18	RB	2	B	S164	SK/CO	1	B
R19	RB	1	B	S170	SL	1,2	E
R26	RB/&E	1,2	C	S172	SL(I)	2,8	D
R48	RDW	2	A	S177	SMC	2	C
R49	RD/&C	2	B	S180	SM/CO	4	C
R54	REC/ORD	1,2,8	D	S184	SMS	2,3	C
R61	RFD/&CO	2	A	S190	SNC	2	B
R74	RHW	1,2,5,10	C	S195(19B)SO		2	C
R75	RI	1,2,3,4,5	E	S195(31)SO		2	B
R85	RI/CO	1	A	S195(44)SO		2	E
R86	RIC(O)/LD	1,2	D	S195(51)SO		2	D
R87.5	RIC(O)/LD	2	C	S195(60)SO		2	E
R88	RIC(O)/LTD	2,5	C	S195(63)SO		2	C
R89	RIE/GER	2	B	S197	SO/CO	2	B
R94	RIP	2	E	S198	SO/CO	2.4	C
R96	RJR	1	C	S199	S/OF/I	2	C
R103	R/MCN	1,2	C	S201	SOL/TMN	2	C
R104	RM/CO	2	C	S203	SO/R.Y.	1,2,5	E
R109	RM/&CO	1,2	C	S206	SOW	2	B
R117	RP/&CO	2	C	S213A	SP	2,3,4,5,10	E
R121A	RRD	2	E	S215	SP	1	E
R124	(RS) Cir	2	C	S217	(SP) Dia	1	C
R132	RSP	1	B	S225	SP/CO	1	C
R137	RT&/SCO	2	C	S228	S(P/L)	2	C
R138	RUT/LAND	1,2	D	S233	S(P/S)	2,10,50,\$1	E
R140	RVA	2	C	S235	SPS/CO	1	C
R142	RWC/CO	2	C	S242	SR	2	B
R148	RW/&S	2	B	S253	SSC	2	C
R149	--	2	A	S266	SSM	1,2,5,8	C
R151	R&B	1,2	C	S267	SSM/CO	3	C
R152	R&B/CO	1,2,3	D				

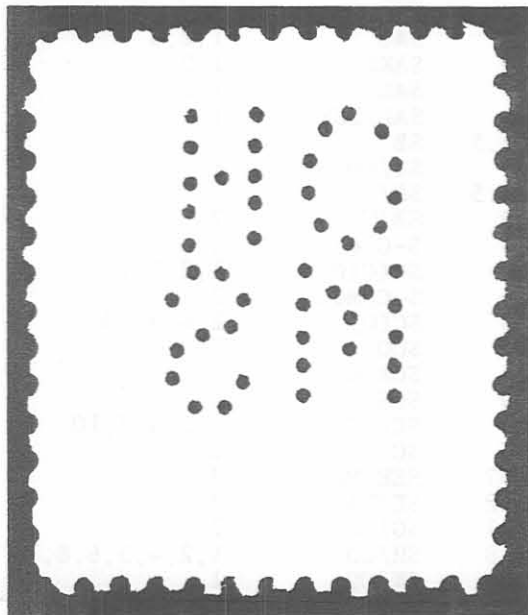
IRISH collector willing to purchase Perfins of Ireland. Send dupes to R. J. Swords, 143 Sperry Ave., Vallejo, CA 94590.

SALVATION ARMY Perfins wanted, from any country. Will probably be S.A. (or other equivalent), or the S.A. Arms, or S.A.A.S. Will pay any reasonable price. Harry Hayes, 48 Trafalgar Street, Batley, West Yorkshire WF1T 7HA England.

IDENTIFYING THE FAKE OF CANADA'S OH/MS, TYPE 1

Through the courtesy of Ken Pugh, and thanks to the efforts of Bob Schwerdt, the data below is reprinted from Pugh's "Reference Manual of BNA Fakes, Forgeries and Counterfeits - Release No. 4."

CANADA 1923-39
PERFORATED O.H.M.S. (5 HOLE)



Fake Type I

T.A. Morrow

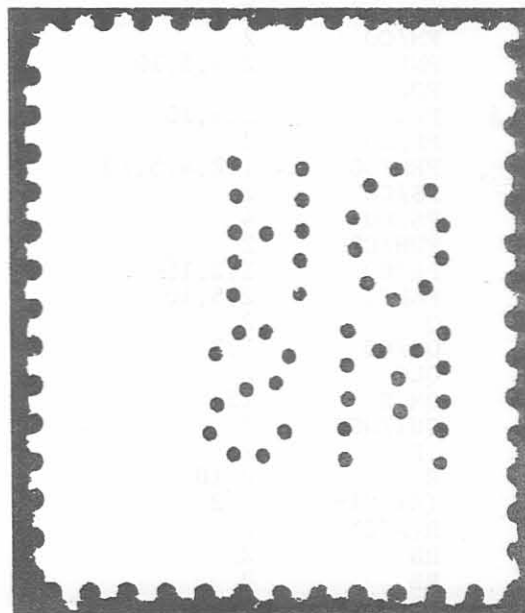
1. Measurements:

- Height - O - 6.2 mm, H - 6.4 mm, M - 6.2 mm, S - 6.7 mm.
- HS - 13.9 mm, OM - 13.4 mm.
- Width - HO - 10.0 mm, SM - 10.8 mm.

2. Characteristics:

- The left and right vertical legs of the 'H' are even at the top, but the base of the left leg extends well below the right leg.
- The left leg of the 'H' almost touches the 'S'.
- The holes are slightly smaller than the genuine.
- The shape of the 'S' is too tall and thin.

CANADA 1923-39
PERFORATED O.H.M.S. (5 HOLE)



Genuine

T.A. Morrow

The genuine were perforated by machines made by a Chicago die making firm. The holes should show no variation in position but some copies may not be clearly punched, as the pins did wear out.

1. Measurements:

- Height - O - 6.3 mm, H - 6.2 mm, M - 6.3 mm, S - 6.1 mm.
- HS - 13.4 mm, OM - 13.4 mm.
- Width - HO - 10.0 mm, SM - 10.8 mm.

2. Characteristics:

- The left vertical leg of the 'H' should be slightly higher than the right leg, but the base of the legs should be even.
- There is a considerable space between the 'H' and the 'S'.

Members who find themselves in the area of Langlois, Oregon, might take time to browse a small doll/toy/antique shop called "Second Childhood"--and to say hello to Francis Miller (212-L) and his wife. The Millers "retired" from Mill Valley, California, to the Oregon place in April.

SALES DEPARTMENT

IF YOU WISH TO BUY OR SELL PERFINS,
THE SALES DEPARTMENT OF THE PERFINS
CLUB CAN BE OF SERVICE. WRITE TO
IVAN H. LEY, ARENA, WI 53503.

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Albert Spencer (#1261) had a very interesting article on musical Perfins in the August 21 issue of Linn's. Members will recall that Albert's "Musical Perfins" exhibit won the top Perfins award and a vermeil in the open competition at SESCOAL last year.

Albert's success with musical Perfins is a prime example of how one can take a single specialized subject and have a great deal of enjoyment and success with it in the broad world of philately - and without necessarily spending a fortune in the process.

Permission is being requested to reprint Spencer's article in an upcoming issue of the Bulletin.

Another example of Perfin specialization is represented in the railroad Perfins of Bob Gray (LM-80). Bob reports that he won a second-place ribbon for his Perfin entry at the National Model Railroad Association annual convention at Dearborn, Michigan. The contest featured a Philatelic Railroading Theme.

In addition to being a long-time member of the Perfins Club, Bob is a long-time railroad man - one of those fortunate persons who can combine their hobby and their work.

Vice President Dorothy Savage reports that, as a result of Al Spencer's article in Linn's, she sent out 14 Perfin Primers. She adds that further requests for the Primers are now coming in as a result of Rudy Roy's article in the September 2 issue of Stamp Collector.

Rudy's article points out that this is the 35th anniversary year of the Perfins Club, and gives a brief history and overview of Perfins collecting.

Rudy has been very active as the Club's publicity chairman, and deserves a vote of thanks from the membership. With all the planning and work he and his colleagues have put into VAPEX, our annual meeting in connection with that show promises to be a very worthy encore to the one held at SESCOAL last year.

Remember, VAPEX will be held November 9-12 at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia..

Dorothy Savage asks if any member knows the address of a George Wicks. She says he sent her a request for information on Perfins, but neglected to give her his address. The postmark on his letter was Deposit, NY. Dorothy would appreciate a postcard with his address.

Dorothy also wishes to thank all members who anonymously have sent her Perfins to be given to new members. She also appreciates the gifts of empty glassine envelopes.



FOR PERFINS ON APPROVAL
Write to:
Ivan H. Ley
Arena, WI 53503



Olympic Precancels and Perfins

by Joseph E. Schirmer

The following article is reprinted, with permission, from the July 1978 issue of the Precancel Forum, official organ of the Precancel Stamp Society. Mr. Schirmer recently became a member of the Perfins Club.

Like any topical collector, especially one who happens to specialize deeply into their subject, you at times either reach a point of saturation, or else suddenly discover an area of your specialization that you either did not know existed or else never gave it much thought. And this did happen to me sometime ago.

Not being a true precancel collector, I did however over the years gather together a few precancels of the U.S. Olympics issues (Scott 716, 718, 719). Then a bit later, I was fortunate enough to purchase a lot containing well over 200 of these precancels. Again they were "accumulated" for future study. But recently while doing some research for a proposed article on the Perfinned sports issue of Salvador, much to my surprise I discovered that some of these US stamps were also Perfinned.

A search of my library and files did reveal some data, and enough to get started and also to whet my appetite for precancels, something I have long neglected. Contacting various dealers and collectors has given me a rather nice listing of these Olympic precancels, but little or nothing for those that were Perfinned.

Fortunately, some of my collecting friends have given me a few examples of these Perfinned precancels, and this just further added to whetting my appetite for precancels.

As we are all aware of the fact that precancel catalogues and information is not as plentiful as other areas of philately, it now leaves us with the hopes that fellow precancel collectors will take the time to check their collections and holdings and list for me whatever they have in this particular precancel (3 stamps). We will also hope that while doing this you will check for any of them being Perfinned and will list these separately along with noting the Perfin "wording" and a translation, if they are aware of same. Make certain the precancel and Perfin are identified together.

When this list is eventually compiled, with the help of the (Precancel) Forum editor, I will publish a complete (??) list in the Forum.

We invite your correspondence on this project and assure you that we will be very please with any data or stamps received.

(Editor's note: Mr. Schirmer is Associate Editor of the Journal of Sports Philately. Your editor considers his project one worthy of our support, with the results to be published in the Bulletin.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members (all new members sponsored by Dorothy Savage unless otherwise noted)

- 1686 Jan Alewijnse, Koningin Julianaweg 99, 2264 Leidschendam, NETHERLANDS (WW) by Jan Prins
1687 Minoru Kobayashi, Zoh-shigaya 2-22-18, Toshima-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN (WW)
1688 Cecil Raymond Walkham, 6 Cross Street, Ashburton, NEW ZEALAND (WW)
1689 Lawrence R. Moriarty, 48 Belview Drive, Rochester, NY 14609 (Hungary) by Audrew Pankratz
1690 Richard J. Swords, 143 Sperry Avenue, Vallejo, CA 94590 (Ireland) by Richard Mewhinney
1691 F. W. Shuart, Box 908, Mesa, AZ 85201 (WW)
1692 Willem A. Smetsers, Van Stockhemstraat 41, 5922 TM Venlo, NETHERLANDS (Netherlands)
by Floyd Walker
1693 James N. Peistrup, Box 17, Littleton, MA 01460 (WW)
1694 Wayne E. Stutsman, Route 1, Box 258, Union, MI 49130 (Germany)
1695 Gustav Kuschnerreit, 5221 South Madison, Wichita, KS 67216 (WW)
1696 Hideo Yokota, 10 Anita Court, Belmont, CA 94002

New Life Members

- LM-43 David Savadge, 716 Arbor, Vandenberg, CA 93437
LM-44 Mary Catherine Page, 1708 Cloverlawn Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806
LM-45 Vernon S. Stroupe, 145 Marlborough Road, Asheville, NC 28804
LM-46 Larry Owen, 3887 Antigua Circle, Dallas, TX 75234
LM-47 Earl M. Ratzer, 442 Elm Place, Highland Park, IL 60035
LM-48 W. Clarke Horning, 3175 Sheringham Place, Victoria, BC, V8R 3R9 CANADA
LM-49 Richard D. Matthew, 3 Dale Drive, Summerside, PEI C1N 4T3 CANADA
LM-50 Harold W. Krueger, 24 Blackstone Street, Cambridge, MA 02139
LM-51 Dr. David M. Hodges, 1311 Aleza Crescent, Prince George, BC, V2M 4E7 CANADA
LM-52 Randall Gabrielan, 71 Fish Hawk Drive, Middletown, NJ 07748

Resignations

- 1247 Henry A. Greene

Closed Albums

- 926 Malcolm West

Address Changes

- 1059 Jaco O. Darling, 1532 Tweed, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
1276 Edward F. Dow, Route 1, Box 318N, Floral City, FL 32636
1639 George J. Drake, E. N. 6510, Dept. 49, Bell Helicopter Int'l. Inc., P.O. Box 44/1363,
Tehran, Iran
1593 Francine W. Dyson, 64-3 Seneca Lake Drive, Mystic Islands, NJ 08087
1619 J. Graham, 2080 Harvard Street, Halifax, NS B3L 2S7 CANADA
956 Richard H. Jones, 1432 Dorsh Road, South Euclid, OH 44121
1516 William L. Johnson, RD3, Box 92, Schickshinny, PA 18655
970 Gordon McHenry, Box 117, Osprey, FL 33559
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Membership as of July 31	758
New Members	5
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Members as of August 31	762

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35TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT VAPEX, NOVEMBER 10-12

The 35th Anniversary of the founding of the Perfins Club will be celebrated November 10-12 when our Annual Meeting and Exhibition are held in conjunction with VAPEX 78. The site will be the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

President David Stump and Bulletin Editor Ray Crow will be on the judging panel at VAPEX, and Dr. Harvey Tilles will present a slide program on Perfins. Former Club president and incoming SPA president Jim Harris has indicated that he will attend.

The Club's publicity chairman, Rudy Roy, and his colleagues at Virginia Beach have gone to great lengths to make VAPEX and the Perfins Club meeting a big success.

Every Club member who can attend will have a fun weekend and add to the success of the show.

FDC OF VAPEX PERFIN

A special cacheted cover, franked with the 29¢ Lighthouse definitive, and with the VAPEX Lighthouse Perfin, is now available. There is a limited number of covers available.

Anyone desiring a VAPEX Perfins First Day of Use Cover is requested to write to Rudy Roy, Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. The covers are offered for \$1.00 each. A #10 SASE for return of the cover will be appreciated.

The cachet depicts the Cape Henry, Virginia, lighthouse. There will be added to the cover a special handstamp noting the First Day of Use of the lighthouse Perfin. Only 200 of the covers have been prepared. Each cover will be cancelled by postal cancellation.

STUMP, WALKER REELECTED

President David Stump and Secretary Floyd Walker have been reelected to three-year terms of office, effective January 1, 1979. According to the announcement by Richard Mewhinney, chairman of the nominating committee, there was no other candidate for either office.

A vote of the membership, therefore, will not be necessary. Under the Club's Bylaws, when there is only one candidate for an office, the secretary casts the ballot for the entire membership.

Both Stump and Walker have rendered long service to the Club, and each is a former winner of the Hallock Card Award, given annually to a member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club and to Perfins philately.

(See editorial comment on page 7.)

VAPEX SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS

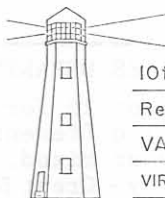
VAPEX 78 has released data and designs of the special pictorial cancels to be used at the show. Each cancel will be used only on the particular day it honors. The cancel for November 11, the Perfins Club Day at VAPEX, incorporates the VAPEX Perfins pattern in the cancel, as well as noting the 35th Anniversary of the founding of the Club. The VAPEX Perfin will be used on all covers this day, too. A special cachet will be on the covers as well. The cachet will note historic scenes in Virginia Beach.



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PUBLICITY AT SEPAD

Perfins and the Perfins Club received good publicity at SEPAD, held in Philadelphia, September 29-October 1, thanks to the efforts of Irving Holloway, our eastern representative.

Irving had a corner table at a location along the mainstream of exhibition traffic (at no cost to the Perfins Club). Behind the table he mounted a sheet on which the name of the Club was spelled out with black buttons to resemble a Perfin. Three trays on the table contained exhibits of Perfins, and several Perfin publications also were displayed. A demonstrator Perfin device, loaned by David Stump, also was on display.

This marked the second time that Irving has had a table at SEPAD. He also has had a table recently at SOJEX, at the topical show in Atlantic City, and at the Bell Telephone stamp show.

President David Stump also was at SEPAD as chairman of the judging, and Ray Crow, editor of the Perfins Bulletin, was a member of the panel of judges.

MEMBERS WIN AT PRAGA

Three members of the Perfins Club won awards for their exhibits at PRAGA 1978, held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, September 8-17. Catalog Chairman Joe Balough and Bulletin Editor Ray Crow each won a silver-bronze award, and L. S. Ettore won a bronze award.

It is assumed that Balough's entry was Perfins, but no confirmation of this has been received. The subject of Ettore's exhibit had not been ascertained as this edition of the Bulletin went to press.

Crow's exhibit was titled "A Postal Tour of United States Expositions, 1876-1915." It included three Perfin covers from the Panama-Pacific Exposition of 1915.

The editor has not yet received a copy of the awards booklet and does not know whether or not Vojtech Maxa, our Perfins expert from Czechoslovakia, had an entry in the show. It is hoped that more details can be provided in the November-December Bulletin.

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AWARD NOMINEES INVITED

The Hallock Card Award is named for the founder of the Perfins Club and was designed to honor members of the Club who have made outstanding contributions to the Club and to Perfins Philately.

The award went last year to R.J. Woolley, and previous recipients have included David Stump, Dorothy Savage, Ivan Ley, Jim Harris, Leonard Paul, K. F. Lougee, Richard L. Mewhinney, and Floyd Walker.

Each year, the president appoints a committee composed of previous recipients of the award to select a recipient for the current year. The chairman of the committee this year is Floyd Walker.

The committee seeks recommendations from the general membership regarding possible candidates for the award. Walker has asked that members write him if they would like to suggest someone to receive the award for 1978. Letters should include the name of the individual being suggested and a short paragraph stating why that person should be chosen.

Letters should be addressed to Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

CAIN RATINGS EXPLAINED

Some of our newer members have inquired about the A, B, C, etc. ratings sometimes referred to in the Bulletin. These are the Cain Ratings (so called after a former member who developed them) by which degree of rarity of U. S. Perfins is measured.

The Cain Rating Sheets were available to Club members for several years, but the supply of copies has been exhausted for some time. It is probable that revised and updated rating sheets will be published in the not-so-distant future. However, this is going to require a lot of work - and perhaps the cooperation of members in a survey via the Bulletin.

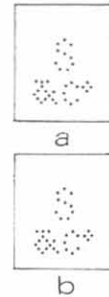
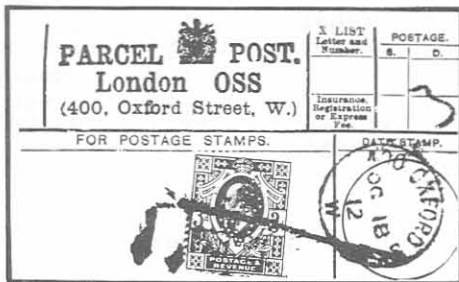
In the meantime, here is a brief explanation of the rating system:

Each U.S. Perfin type is assigned a rating according to its scarcity. The ratings run from "A" for rare to "E" for very common. The breakdown of the ratings is as follows:

"A" RARE	only about five copies
"B" SCARCE	about 50 in existence
"C" DIFFICULT	found in the 2400-3600 collections
"D" COMMON	found in collections up to 2400 types
"E" VERY COMMON	make up the bulk of the "under 1200" group.

It is realized that the above explanation will not be of much practical help to members who don't have the rating sheets. However, it at least will give you some idea of what is meant when you see the ratings quoted in the Bulletin.

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Another post office service that helps to confuse the Perfin collector, when trying to rationalize a postmarked Perfin that does not, at first glance, appear to be the correct or normal usage for a particular firm, is the Cash On Delivery scheme.

In Great Britain the scheme, or service, came into operation on 29 March 1926. Under this scheme a customer was able, without prepayment, to order goods to be sent to them and pay the postman on delivery. Providing the goods and charges were below 5 pounds. If above this amount and up to 40 pounds, the customer would be informed that their order had arrived at the post office and be requested to pay up and take delivery. However, should the customer have changed their minds, they were at liberty to refuse and the post office had to return the package to the consignor.

As is usual with new systems, it had its critics. The normal flood of protest and letters of opinion to editors of the national newspapers began to make their appearance. One such opinion was from A. E. Cowper, a director of Selfridge, who considered that, though the charges were high when compared with the charges for postal orders, the scheme would not pay. "I think," he wrote to the Evening News, "that the Government will be both shocked and startled at the difficulty and expense they will have to contend with."

The charges at that time were: a trade charge up to 10s - 4d.; up to £ - 6d.; up to £2 - 8d.; up to £5 - 10d.; up to £10 - 1s.

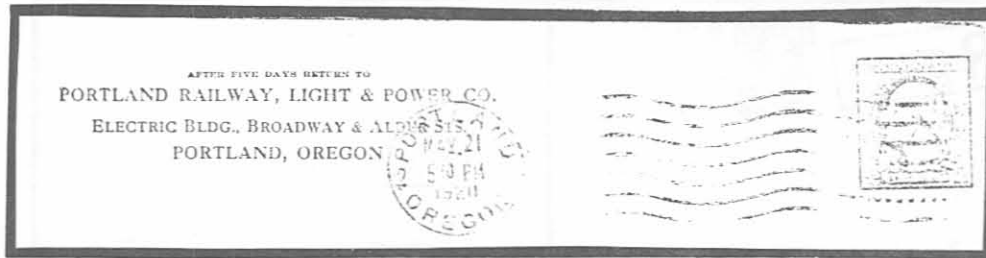
After this rather scathing attack on the system, it might be thought that it was doomed to failure. Not so. Illustrated is a registered letter, sent COD, on the reverse of which is a label giving details of the amount to be collected - yes, from none other than Selfridge. This carries a date of 5 January 1932.

As the COD items had to be presented to an official of the post, the postmarks will, most probably, be those used for counter work. Hence the conflict that can arise when encountering postmarks different from those normally seen on the same Perfin. The same circumstances also apply when the Perfin has been used to pay the postage and/or fee on a registered letter. Or used on a parcel label to pay the postage. A company which illustrates that aspect very nicely is, again, Selfridge. This enormous London department store complex came into being in 1909. Situated on the northside of Oxford Street, it was opened on 15 March 1909. Besides the usual departments there were Reception rooms, Library, Bureau de Exchange and a post office. The parcel labels illustrated were used at their own post office.

The COD letter sent from Edgeware Road in 1932, has a triangle in the top left hand corner, printed in black text INLAND/C.O.D. on a solid red, which unfortunately will not reproduce.

Perfin type a is to be found on the early issues, whereas type b appears to come into used with the KGV issues.

Background on U. S. Perfin Users



Edwin C. Haack (#770) of Portland, Ore., has submitted some interesting background information on two U.S. Perfin users, which is reproduced on this page. The users covered are the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, and Elbert Hubbard.

It occurs to the editor that more such run-downs on Perfin users might be of considerable interest to our membership. Any member who can provide information on one or more users, is invited to submit it to the Bulletin.

PORTLAND RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER COMPANY

Southward and eastward out of Portland, the Portland Traction Company and its predecessors operated two major routes. The older route, one of the first interurban lines in the United States, extended southward 14 miles to Oregon City, and was placed in operation February 16, 1893, as the East Side Railway. The second and longer route extended 36 miles southeastward to Cazadero. This was completed in 1903 after the East Side had been reorganized and absorbed by the Oregon Water Power and Railroad Company, with a new route built out of Portland parallel to the old line but closer to the river.

The Cazadero line was projected in part to facilitate the parent company's construction of a power plant on the Glackamas River, and was designed to handle carload freight from the beginning. In 1909 a branch was built to Troutdale from a point just west of Gresham, and in 1912 the company acquired the Mount Hood Railway and Power Company which, on August 1, 1911, had completed an east-west line from Montavilla (northeast of Portland) to Bull Run, crossing the Troutdale branch at Ruby. The lines reached downtown Portland on their own tracks, crossing the Willamette on a street bridge.

In 1906 the system was merged into the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, together with the city lines (Portland Rail-

way) and the power system (Portland General Electric). For several decades thereafter the company, controlled by the E. W. Clark interests of Philadelphia, provided an integrated transit, interurban, and electric system. In 1924 the company was renamed Portland Electric Power Co. (PEPCO). In 1946, PEPCO sold the city system to the Portland Transit Company.

From the above, it may be seen that Portland Railway, Light & Power Company lasted, as such, until 1924. Its corner card is shown above, along with its PR/LP Perfin pattern (P-195).

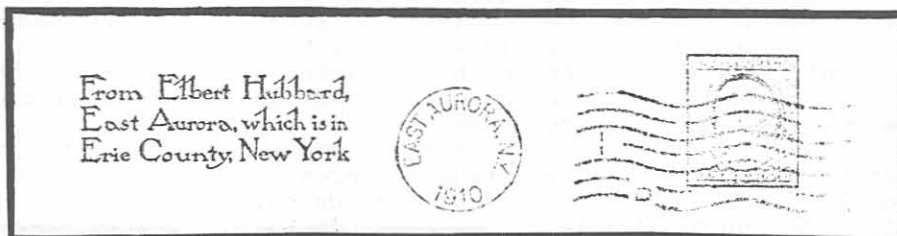
ELBERT HUBBARD

The Roycroft mark which comprises Perfin Design #14 was first used by Cassiodorus, a monk who lived in the Middle Ages. He was one of the first book binders and on every book he placed his mark, which was the cross and circle representing Unity and Infinity.

When Elbert Hubbard adopted this colophon as his own mark, he divided the circle into three parts, signifying Faith, Hope and Love, and added the "R" to stand for Roycrofters. The name "Roycrofters" is coined from roi craft or Royal Craftsman, and as such may be interpreted as the King's Craft.

Elbert Hubbard (1854-1915) was an American philosopher and writer who was a master of pungent one-liners reflecting his views on life, education, the martial, and politics. Hubbard's corner card is shown below, along with his Perfin pattern (Design #14).

The Perfin pattern continued to be used after Hubbard's death by the Roycroft Shop in East Aurora, N.J. (as indicated by a 1918 cover in the editor's collection).



RESULTS OF NEW CENSUS: PERFIN ON 1902-03 ISSUE — Conclusion

The following is the final installment in results of the recent census of Perfin types on the U. S. issues of 1902-03 (see January, February, May and September 1978 Bulletins for prior installments):

PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING	PERFIN NUMBER	PERFIN PATTERN	DENOMINATIONS REPORTED	CAIN RATING
S272(A)	SSW	1,2,10	C	U75	US/F&G	1,2	D
S272(K)	SSW	2	B	U89	USP/CO	2	D
S272(L)	SSW	2	B	U91	U(S/S)	1,2,4,6,50	E
S273	SS/&CO	2,5	E	U103	UTH	1,2	D
S280	ST/CO	2	D	V11	VD/CO	1	C
S287.5	STP	2	E	V22	V(P)	2	C
S288	STP	4,6,8,10	D	V29	VTM/CO	2,5,50	D
S297	SU&/NIC	2	C	W7(A)	W	1,2,4	E
S299	SVB	2	B	W7(C)	W	10,50	E
S300	SV/IC	2	B	W7(D)	W	2	E
S301	SVW	1,4	C	W7(F)	W	2,4,8	E
S302	S-W	2	C	W7(H)	W	2	E
S303	SW	2	B	W7(I)	W	6	D
S309	SW/B	2	C	W12	(W) flag	1,2,4,10	E
S314	SW/CO	1,2	C	W13	WAB	2	E
S321.5	SW/TT	2,4	B	W16.5	WA/C(O)	1	C
S328	SYS/TEM	1,2,3,5	D	W19	W(AH/L)	2	C
S330	S&B	2	C	W21	WAM	4	D
S333	S&B	2	B	W23	WA/W	2	D
S337	S/&CO	1,2	B	W36	WBS	2	B
S338(A)	S/&CO	1,2,4,10	D	W58	W/C(O)	2	C
S338(D)	S/&CO	2	D	W65	WCS/CO	2	B
S338(E)	S/&CO	2	D	W71.3	WD/&CO	1	-
S338(H)	S/&CO	2	D	W77	WEED/CO	2	D
S338(K)	S/&CO	2	E	W80	W/EM	1,2,3,8,10,13, 15,50	E
S344	S&F	15	D	W83	WES/TON	1	C
S346	S&G	2	B	W91	WFS/CO	2	C
S352	S&M	4	E	W96	WG/M	2	C
T28	TC/&S	3	E	W109	WI/CK	2	C
T32	TE	1	B	W112	WI/&CO	2,10	E
T41	TG/CO	2,10	C	W117	W/KK	2	C
T44	TG&/TCO	2,4	C	W125	W/MA	2	C
T48	THB/CO	2	C	W129	WM/CO	2	C
T50	TH/CO	2	C	W134	WML/CO	2	C
T51	THE/HBC(O)	2	C	W144	WO	1,2,5	C
T59	TIV	13	C	W149	WO/&S	4,10	D
T61	TJB	2,4,5,8	B	W158	W(PC)	1,2,8	C
T68	TM/CO	1,2,10,13	C	W162	WPH	4	C
T76	TM&/NCO	1	C	W172	clef (W/R)	2	B
T81	TRAV	1,6	E	W188	WSQ/CO	2	D
T86	TR/OW	1,2	C	W193	WT/CO	1	B
T87	TRT	3	C	W195	WTC(O)	2,4	C
T89	.TRT.	2	B	W211	W&G	2	C
T91	TS	2	D	W225	W&T	2	B
T103	TST/C(O)	2	C	Y10	Y&L	2	C
T108.5	TU	1,2,3,5	D	Y11	Y&T	2,3,5,10	E
T109.5	TUCO	1	A	#3	1/DUL	6	D
T122	T&M/CO	1,2	D	Des 1	acorn	1	D
T124	T&P	2	D	Des 9	calipers	8	C
U6	UB/CJ	2	B	Des 11	checkmark	1	E
U13	UCL	2	C	Des 14	colophon	6,8	E
U19	UCS/CO	5	D	Des 16	cross	2	A
U26	UE	1	A	Des 19	diamond	2	B
U50	UO/CO	2	C				
U51	UO/CO	2	A				
U60	UP	1,2,4,5,10	E				
U73	U.S.E.	4	E				

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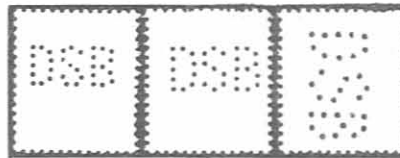
ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Perfins of Great Britain," the catalog/album published by Dr. Harvey Tilles and edited by Basil Tomkins and Robert McKee, won a large silver medal in the recent APS-Writers Unit No. 30 National Philatelic Literature Competition. The competition was held in conjunction with the APS annual convention and "Champion of Champions" exhibition, held at Indianapolis, September 21-24.

Melvin Stark, curator of the PhilaMatic Center at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home in Boys Town, Nebraska, has sent along part of a cover on which the stamps (and cover) have been perforated "V'CH'R'D/+7+6.78." Presumably, this perforation means that the letter has been "vouchered" for receipt and/or entry by the addressee. The name of the addressee does not appear on the piece. Can any member explain further?

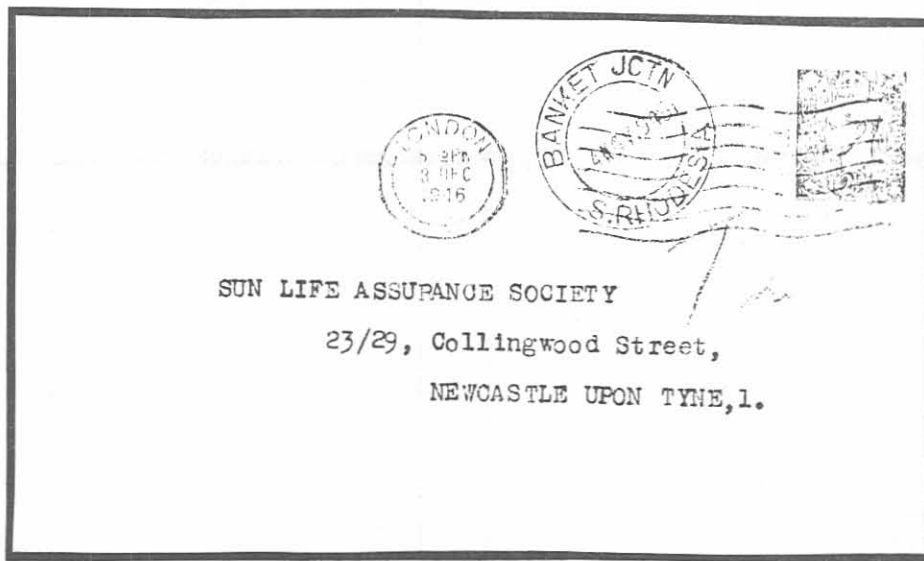
Leif Bergman (#1109) of Lidings, Sweden, has provided some additional information

concerning the DSB (Danish State Railroad) Perfins covered in Mike Burrows' "Used Abroad" article in the July-August Bulletin. He says there are three different DSB Perfins, as illustrated below:



Leif points out that the Danish state's first railway was taken over in 1867 from a private railroad which had opened the first line in 1862. DSB issued their first railway freight stamps in 1875, and Perfins can be found on both DSB and private railway freight stamps.

PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH



The Perfin cover shown above seems completely orthodox as far as the Perfin usage is concerned. The 2½p stamp is perforated with the SLO Perfin of Sun Life Assurance Society, and the envelope bears Sun Life's inscription on the back. The interesting point is the "Banket Junction, S. Rhodesia" cancellation on the front. If there were Southern Rhodesia stamps on the front, one might assume that this is simply a reply envelope mailed back to Sun Life in London from a Southern Rhodesia customer or branch office. However, there is no stamp on the cover except for the 2½p British stamp. Moreover, the London postmark is dated 3 December 1946, whereas the Southern Rhodesia postmark bears the earlier date of 4 November 1946, which seems to further complicate the matter. If it were a U.S. cover, one might theorize that it came from Southern Rhodesia by diplomatic pouch and received a postmark when it was placed in the mails at the receiving office. Could the same be true of a British cover? Who can enlighten us?

(cover from collection of Jon Johnson)

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

On behalf of the membership, the editor congratulates President David Stump and Secretary Floyd Walker on their reelection to office for another three years.

A debt of gratitude is owed to these two dedicated officers for the time and energy they have devoted to the Perfins Club during the past three years. The fact that they were reelected without opposition shows that they have the good wishes of all the membership for the coming three years. But they also need one other thing: the continued and even greater cooperation of the membership over the next three years, so that the Perfins Club can become bigger and better than ever.

And while we are talking about votes of thanks, the membership certainly owes one to Irving Holloway for his publicity and recruitment efforts on behalf of the Club in his capacity as our eastern representative (see story on page 2). Not only has Irving devoted much time and effort to setting up attractive exhibits for his Perfins table, but he has spent many long hours sitting at the table to greet passing show visitors and explain Perfins to them.

If you check the secretary's report on page 8, you will see that some 73 members have just been dropped for non-payment of dues. Ordinarily this would seem like an alarming number of members to lose in one fell swoop. However, it should be remembered that we gained some 200 new members over the past two years as the result of extensive publicity achieved through articles and special editions in philatelic publications, along with the dedicated efforts of Vice President Dorothy Savage and Publicity Chairman Rudy Roy. With such a sudden increase in members, it is only natural that there would be a considerable dropping out at membership renewal time.

It seems likely that some of these 73 collectors dropped from membership will submit their dues payment late and be reinstated. Those of you who know any of the collectors on the list could certainly help by urging them to do so. And let's all try to help the continued growth of the Club by spreading the word about Perfins and soliciting new members.

Lorne Bentham's "Canadian News and Comment" column in the October 7 issue of Stamp Collector discusses the challenge of collecting Canadian Perfins. It is an interesting and informative commentary - well worth reading by Club members.

Your editor's entry in PRAGA 1978, mentioned on page 1, apparently fell victim to language barriers when the Czechs erroneously placed it in the topical instead of the postal history classification. Therefore, it probably was lucky to receive even a silver-bronze award, as it was not set up

as a topical exhibit. The same exhibit had received a vermeil and a silver in two previous international shows - but as a postal history exhibit, not as a topical.

The purpose of this comment is not to bemoan the editor's own bad luck, but to point up the fact that members who exhibit should be certain that the title they select is not misleading. And while on the subject, it may be well to point out that the title page of your exhibit is very important because it sets the confines within which your exhibit will be judged. In other words, it tells the judges what story you propose to tell with your exhibit, and they then will judge you on how well you have told that story.

The editor's query in the July-August Bulletin concerning an experimental punched "arrow" cancellation used on postal cards at Liverpool, brought response from several members. Each of them cited an article by Abbot Lutz, entitled "Experimental Cancellations on The First Post Card of Great Britain," which appeared in Volume 53, No. 2, of the Collectors Club Philatelist.

The article by Lutz covers several types of experimental cancellations, including the "arrow" perforation which was the subject of the editor's query. According to the article, the "arrow" cancellation was one of seven different methods tried on an experimental basis in the hope of achieving the faster cancelling methods that would be needed for large quantities of the newly introduced postal cards.

The article states that the "arrow" cancellation was applied with a device manufactured by Daniel Sloper, whose pioneering in Perfin devices is well known to Club members.

Through the efforts of Dr. Harvey Tilles, Mr. Lutz kindly gave permission for his article to be reprinted in its entirety in the Perfins Bulletin. It is an excellent 8-page article, and your editor would recommend it to any collector interested in British postal history. In the editor's judgment, however, not enough of the article is germane to Perfins, as such, to warrant publishing the entire article in the Bulletin.

A revised list of the membership and their collecting interests is expected to be published in the November-December issue of the Bulletin. If you've had a recent address change or wish to change the listing of your Perfin collecting interests, you should get off a notice to Secretary Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030, without delay.

The editor hates to keep beating the same old drum, but articles for the Bulletin are consumed at such a rate that it is difficult to keep enough on hand. Perfins writers and prospective writers are urged to work up and submit articles, or ideas for articles, for consideration.

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Resignations	-1
Drops	-73
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35TH ANNIVERSARY IS WELL CELEBRATED AT VAPEX

The annual meeting of the Perfins Club was held in conjunction with VAPEX on Saturday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m., with President David Stump presiding. In attendance were 19 persons, including 16 members.

President Stump opened the meeting by introducing the officers and committee chairmen present. He then gave some comments concerning the background of the Club.

Joe Balough, U.S. Catalog Chairman, gave a report on the progress of work on the new U.S. Catalog, which is covered elsewhere in this issue. Keen interest was shown in this project, and numerous questions were discussed.

Ray Crow, editor of The Perfins Bulletin, pointed out that the Bulletin belongs to the members and that he needs the guidance and help of members in providing the kind of Club publication they want. He urged members to write in their suggestions or complaints; and, above all, to make any contributions they can in the way of news items, Perfins data, interesting oddities and, last but not least, articles on Perfins.

Vernon Stroupe suggested that it would be very interesting to have more background stories on users of Perfins, such as the two appearing in the October Bulletin. Crow stated that he hopes to use more of these, but will need the cooperation of members in providing interesting or unusual background stories.

In attendance at the meeting, listed in alphabetical order, were the following persons from nine different states:

Billy M. Adams, Louisville, Ky.
 Joseph J. Balough, El Paso, Tex.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Clark, Waynesboro, Va.
 Samuel S. Cobb, Norfolk, Va.
 James H. Cochran, Virginia Beach, Va.
 Ray B. Cow, Memphis, Tenn.
 Helen M. Davis, Norfolk, Va.
 Lawrence Degenhart, Jacksonville, Fla.
 Ellery Denison, Takoma Park, Md.
 Arthur Fentin, Wilmington, Del.
 James P. Harris, Wilmington, N. C.
 John C. Jenkins, Hampton, Va.
 Alan R. Miskimin, San Antonio, Tex.
 Stanley Rosenberg, Virginia Beach, Va.
 Rudolph J. Roy, Jr. Virginia Beach, Va.
 Vernon S. Stroupe, Asheville, N. C.
 David C. Stump, Devon, Pa.
 Dr. Harvey Tilles, High Point, N. C.

Also in attendance at the show, but not present at the Club meeting, were Bert Grollman of Darlington, Va., and William Kraybil of Bellaire, Va. Wives and children of several members also attended the show.



President David Stump responds on behalf of the Perfins Club to the welcome from the Virginia Philatelic Foundation. At the left is Jacques Schiff, well-known New York dealer, who was the Awards Banquet speaker. To the right of Stump, as you view them, are Jimmie Friend, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Friend, and Alma Snowa, president of the VPF.

A very successful celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the founding of the Perfins Club was held at Virginia Beach, Virginia, November 10-12, when our Annual Meeting and Exhibition took place in conjunction with VAPEX. At least 18 members of the Club, from eight different states, were in attendance.

VAPEX, sponsored by the Virginia Philatelic Federation, was an excellent stamp show in all respects, not the least of which was the friendliness and enthusiasm of the host Virginians. The visiting Perfins Club members were royally treated and, in return, the Perfins activities contributed much to the success of the show.

Activities involving Perfins Club members included the Club's annual meeting, the competitive exhibition of Perfins, participation in the Court of Honor, a seminar on security endorsements by Dr. Harvey Tilles, a seminar for junior collectors by former president Joe Balough, and a talk at the Sunday morning breakfast by Ray Crow, editor of The Perfins Bulletin.

In addition, Stump, Balough and Crow were on the five-man jury of APS-accredited judges who judged the VAPEX open show. Also on hand was former Club president Jim Harris, who is the newly elected president of the Society of Philatelic Americans.

The Perfins table at the entrance to the exhibition hall was manned by Publicity Chairman Rudy Roy. Promotional material on the Club and copies of the October Perfins (continued on page 2.

"HOLE" CHATTER — by Joe Balough

U.S. CATALOG CHAIRMAN

This is the first of what I hope will be a regular feature of the Bulletin. These monthly visits will keep you abreast of the U.S. catalog progress, new Perfin finds, and data updating. In addition, just plain chit chat on my travels will be forthcoming.

VAPEX was outstanding not only for the exhibits displayed, but also for the attendance by Club members. It was a pleasure to meet so many members that previously I had known only through correspondence or telephone conversations.

At the present time the catalog is one-third complete and should be ready for sale in late spring. The new format will reduce its present bulk and still permit consolidation of other information. Included in the catalog will be the scarcity rating listed under each illustration, precancel information, a section on Schermacks, and sections on philatelic and illegal Perfins. There will also be a glossary and an addendum to insure completeness in a reference work.

Two new Perfins were introduced this past month, a lighthouse (Design 51) and the personal Perfin TCF (T22.5) of Life Member Charles F. Tomala (written up elsewhere in this issue).

During the past two months, Members Larry Owens, Jerry Connolly, Ivan Ley, Edwin Haack, Salvatore Guarini, Jim Cochrane and Rudy Roy have contributed greatly to the updating of the catalog.

I was very pleased with my silver-bronze award at Praga 78. As far as I know, it's the first time a Perfin exhibit had been permitted to enter a European international show. Last month at Southwestpex, the annual show of the New Mexico Philatelic Association, I was awarded a gold and the reserve grand for my Perfin exhibit.

Hoping that you all have a joyous holiday season and a happy new year.

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35TH ANNIVERSARY (CONTINUED)

Bulletin were given out to the show visitors and cacheted covers were available with the lighthouse Perfin adopted by VAPEX.

The President's Award for the best Perfins exhibit, and a vermeil medal in the open competition, went to Ralph L. Stuntzner for "Perfins, Their Origin and Usage." The Karl Lougee Award for the best U.S. Perfins exhibit, and a bronze medal, went to Vernon Stroupe for his "Holey Stamps! A Study of U.S. Perfins." The Keith Misegades Award for the best foreign Perfins exhibit, and a bronze medal, went to Rudy Roy for his "Perforated Insignia of Latin America."

Dr. Harvey Tilles won a silver award in the open competition for his exhibit of "Postal Security Endorsements," which included Perfins but was not judged in the Perfins competition because it included other types of security endorsements. Bob Schwerdt won a bronze medal in the open competition for his "Potpourri of Perfin Pleasure." The other two Perfins exhibitors were Edwin Haack with his "Railroad Perfins," and Joseph P. Harowitz with his "A Selection of Canadian OHMS Perfins."

The Court of Honor, which consisted of four exhibits, included two by Perfins Club members. One was the "Musical Perfins" exhibit of Albert Spencer, which had won the President's Award and a vermeil medal at SESCAL in 1977. The other was "A Postal Tour of United States Expositions" by Ray Crow, which has won a vermeil medal in international competition. The last two pages of Crow's exhibit consisted of scarce Panama-Pacific Exposition Perfin covers.

Reports on the annual Club meeting and the progress on the new U.S. Perfins Catalog are set forth elsewhere in this issue.

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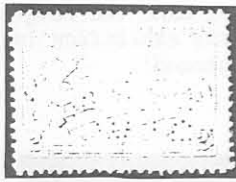
of copies to other than paid subscribers was NONE. The average number of copies distributed free as samples per issue during the preceding 12 months was 38; for October 375. The average number of copies distributed during the preceding 12 months by all means was 735, for October 1978 issue 1150. I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Ray B. Crow, editor.

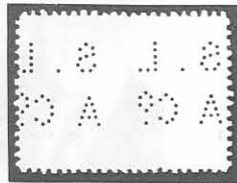
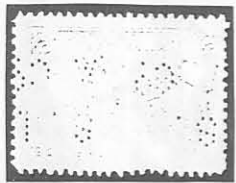
PERFINS ON THE MAP STAMP OF CANADA — by A. David Hanes

Canada's Post Office Department first authorized the use of perforated initials (Perfins) back in January 1895. One of the earliest users of a perforating device was W. J. Gage & Co., wholesale booksellers and stationers, of Toronto. The earliest known date of use of Perfins in Canada is a cover, dated 17 October 1889, showing the use of the 3-cent Small Queen (Scott No. 41) with the Perfin design W-8 (W.J.G.).

Soon to follow W. J. Gage & Co. were four other firms, and their Perfin designs may be found on various issues of Small Queens, etc. The Map Stamp (Scott No. 85, 86 and 86a) was first issued on 7 December 1898. Three Perfin designs are known, by the writer, on this stamp issue. These include the following:



W-8 - W.J.G (era of use 1889-99)



S-8 - S.L/A Co (Sun Life Assurance Co. era of use 1893-1912)



S-10 - SUN/LIFE (a second design of Sun Life Assurance Co., era of use 1912-1942. This indicates a late usage of the Map Stamp, as the main period of use was from Dec. 1898 until early 1900)

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According to the Handbook - Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, produced by R. J. Woolley, three other firms used Perfin designs during the main period of use of the Map Stamp. These designs include:

L-1 IC/R International Railway,
Moncton, New Brunswick
Period of use - 1893-1903

N-7 NTC User unknown
Period of use - 1898-1903

O-7 OHN Osler, Hammond & Nanton,
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Period of use - 1898-1912

Can any member(s) of the Perfins Club report the existence of any of the latter three Perfin designs, or any other designs on the Map Stamp?

The writer would appreciate receiving reports of any designs newly discovered on the Map Stamp. Write to A. D. Hanes, Box 43, CFPO 5056, KOK 3R0 c/o Belleville, Ontario, Canada.

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THE PERFIN CLUB

AT VAPEX



President Stump holds on as Mayor Richard J. Davis of Portsmouth, Va., cuts the ribbon to open VAPEX. At Davis' left is Don Jones of the VAPEX committee, and at the right of Stump are VPF President Alma Snowa, Mr. Nixon of the Virginia Beach USPS office, and Jimmie Friend of the VAPEX committee.



Publicity Chairman Rudy Roy mans the Perfin Club table at the entrance to the exhibition (note the Perfin device in the foreground).



Publicity Chairman Rudy Roy, U.S. Catalog Chairman Joe Balough and Bulletin Editor Ray Crow get together before the Awards Banquet. These three gentlemen were not generally as somber as they appear in this photo.



Dave Stump poses with Admiral Jesse Johnson and his guest.



The President's Award for the best U.S. Perfins exhibit is presented by President Stump to Vernon Stroupe.



The Keith Misegades Award for the best Foreign Perfins exhibit is presented by President Stump to Rudy Roy.



Ray Crow tries a humorous remark while speaking at the Sunday Breakfast and at least gets a laugh from Rudy Roy.

All photos courtesy of the VAPEX Committee. Unfortunately, no camera was available at the Perfins Club Meeting, so no group picture could be obtained.

WHERE WE LIVE AND WHAT WE COLLECT

We live all over the world and our collecting interests are as varied as our addresses. To make it easier for us to contact each other, we've provided a complete listing of our addresses and our collecting interests.

Collecting interests are listed immediately after addresses. The majority collect worldwide Perfins. But a few do specialize--and where those specialties are known, they are given here. If no specialty is listed, it may be assumed that the individual has an interest in worldwide Perfins.

The collecting specialty part of this list is as accurate as our records permit us to make it. Some will be inaccurate or out of date, but that is because some of you have not kept us fully informed as your interests have changed. Some will quickly spot an inconsistency in the way collecting interests are listed. In some cases we have used two-letter "codes;" in others we have spelled out the terms involved. Here is a list of the codes we've used in this list--and what they mean: AU - Australia; CA - Canada; FR - France; GB - Great Britain; GR - Germany; JA - Japan; NZ - New Zealand; OF - Officials; PC - Precancels; RR - Railroads; SC - Scandinavia; and US - United States.

As for the addresses, they reflect Club records as of October 31, 1978. That's when we had to stop changing and start typing. Address changes--and new members--following October 31, 1978, will be reported as they occur in the secretary's reports on the back page of each issue of the Bulletin. We've tried to comb out all the errors, but experience has told us that there will be a mistake or two hidden somewhere in this list that won't show up until just a few minutes after the list goes into the mail. If you spot any such inaccuracy, please drop us a note and we'll make the necessary change.

And finally, we'd feel terribly depressed if we thought we had spent our time and energy preparing this list only to have it filed away and forgotten. Use it! Find someone with similar interests and write a letter offering to exchange information or Perfins. Our Club exists because of friendly correspondence and an exchange of information and material between all of us. We hope this listing becomes the most used part of your year's Bulletins.

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A "POKO" type stamp-affixing apparatus was in use on their mail emanating from Eire as well as Great Britain. The very nature of the automatic Perfinning and stamp-affixing operation makes it very unusual for off-cover examples to have readable dated postmarks showing places of origin. The Perfinned stamp being affixed nearly all the time in the area where either the wavy lines or the slogan portion of the machine postmark would be impressed.

Imperial Tobacco Co., Ltd.

Examination of Perfins from the two sources (Great Britain and Ireland) shows slight differences in the dies. The IT/C Perfin is found on upright watermarked coils with joints every 20th stamp. It has been noted on the following issues:

Great Britain: postmarks noted: BRISTOL

KGV 1924 block watermark, 1½d.

1934-36 photogravure, ½d., 1½d./2d.

KEVIII 1936, ½d.

Great Britain



Ireland



KGVI 1937-39, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2½d., 6d.

1941-42, 1d., 2½d.

Eire: postmarks noted: BAILE ATHA
CLIATH (DUBLIN)

1922-23, ½p.

John Player & Sons Ltd.

This company was soon under the mantle of the Imperial Tobacco Co.

Issues noted:

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1934-36 photogravure, ½d., 1½d.

KEVIII 1936, ½d.

KGVI 1937-39, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2½d.

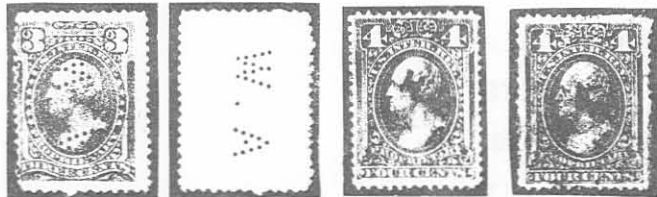
1941-42, 1d.

Eire:

1922-23, ½p., 2p., 3p.

INFO NEEDED

Bob Schwerdt, our foreign catalog chairman, is making an inquiry in behalf of a friend who is a revenue collector. The collector is interested in learning anything he can about the following Perfins or punches on revenue stamps:



The three stamps in question, left to right, are RB13b bearing an A.W. Perfin, RB14a bearing a punched or cut-out H, and RB14a bearing a punched or cut-out K. Can any member provide information as to the user of one or more of these devices?

ANOTHER NEW PERFIN

Charles F. Tomala (LM-38) of Pittsburgh is the latest member to acquire his own personal Perfin, the CFT design shown below.



Charles states that he will make the Perfin available to any member who wants a copy. Members writing for copies should, of course, enclose stamps for that purpose, plus a stamped, addressed envelope. Or, if you want a cover, send an addressed envelope and a 15-cent stamp.

TREASURER'S REPORT

PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH

OPERATING STATEMENT

July 1, through Sept. 30, 1978

INCOME

Dues	\$1,779.50
Publications	130.29
Interest	124.26
U.S. Catalog Sponsor	10.00
Total Receipts	\$2,044.05

EXPENSE

Bulletin Expense	634.34
Secretary's Expense	19.56
Membership Expense	28.87
Publication & Library Exp.	299.08
Treasurer's Expense	3.18
Total Expense	\$ 985.03

Receipts in excess of Exp. \$1,059.02

Funds on Hand last Report \$11,880.22

Receipts in Excess of Exp. 1,059.02

Total Funds to account for \$12,939.24

Cash in Checking Account 303.91

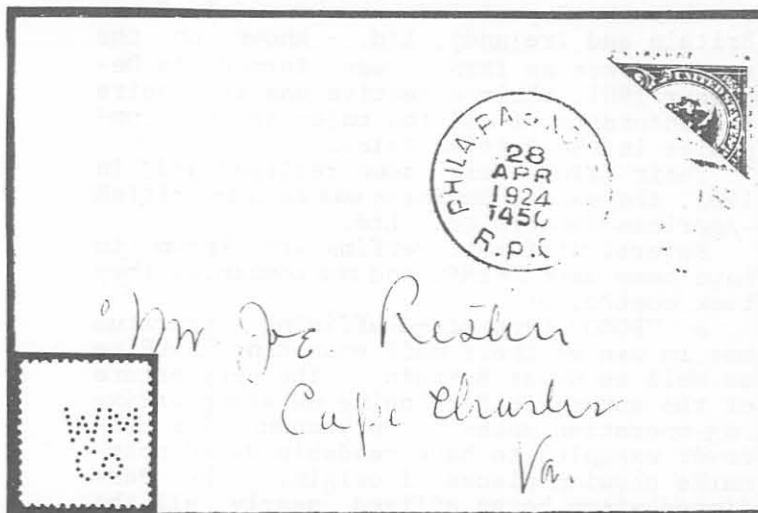
Cash in Savings, Op. Funds 9,455.33

Cash in Savings, Life Memb. 680.00

Cash in Long Term Bonds 2,500.00

Total Funds in Bank \$12,939.24

Respectfully submitted, J.A. Gooding
Treasurer



This unusual cover combines a bisect, a Perfin and an R.P.O. cancel. The bisected stamp is a two-cent Harding and it bears the Perfin of William Mann Company (W-131) of Philadelphia, as shown in the inset. (The cover, photo of which was submitted by Bob Schwerdt, belongs to a bisect collector)

Other members who have odd or unusual Perfin covers are invited to submit them (photo or Xerox copy) to the editor for consideration as a Perfin Cover of the Month.



TO

ALL

CLUB

MEMBERS,

FAR AND WIDE,

OUR GREETINGS AT

THIS CHRISTMASTIDE,

MAY SANTA BRING SOME

GIFTS TO YOU - AND LOTS

OF A AND B PERFINS, TOO,

AND WHEN YOU'VE DONE WITH

YULETIDE CHEER, MAY YOU AND

YOURS HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE

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OFFICERS

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

John Gulick (#1129) of Cedar Falls, Iowa, is interested in locating a Club member with whom he traded Perfin covers some time ago. John doesn't recall the collector's name, but he has some more covers to trade if the member will write to him. Consult the membership directory in this issue for Gulick's address.

Dr. H. D. Hillmann (#1453) won a vermeil medal in a recent exhibition in Lehrte, West Germany. The exhibit contained Perfins and Perfin covers of the Netherlands.

Gerard Connolly (#1345) writes to state that the explanation of the Cain Rating System in the October Bulletin was too short. He points out that the A and B ratings are based on Cain finding only 5 and 50 of them, respectively, in the number of collections he used as a base. Gerard's point is well taken. However, the editor intended the explanation only as a very brief one to give new members some idea as to what the Cain Ratings are, without going into all the specifics.

The Cain Rating System will be fully explained in the new U.S. Catalog, which Chairman Joe Balough has announced will be ready for sale in the spring (see Balough's column on page 2).

William Allen (#629) of East Lansing, Mich., offers the following comment regarding the October Perfin Cover of the Month:

"1. The cover left England as a SASE for a return of something - apparently the clerk was not aware the original was going out of the country.

"2. The receiver in S. Rhodesia utilized the SASE thinking it was proper.

"3. The S. Rhodesia post office did not recognize the stamp and so indicated by the manuscript "T" (the UPU marking for postage due) and cancelled the mail - not the stamp - to show country of origin.

"4. When the mail got to England the postage due clerk, seeing the English postage stamp on the envelope and NOT cancelled, sent the mail on as paid (by the appearance of the English stamp).

"5. So the English post office cancelled the letter and processed it.

"6. This is a not common (nor rare) practice, especially when the countries are border ones - in this case with the countries being in the Commonwealth or colony family. I'm sure many such examples exist. I have such items from Canada to U.S. bearing U.S. stamps (not cancelled) plus Canada postage due markings. This is not diplomatic mail, in my opinion."

Bill's theory sounds quite plausible and the editor is prepared to accept it and close the matter - unless some other member wants to write in with a different view.

Vice President Dorothy Savage reports that she sent out 13 Perfin Primers in October. Secretary Floyd Walker's report as

of October 31 (see page 20) shows 12 new members. That's a pretty high return on our Primers, even though all of the new members may not be attributable to the Primers sent out in October.

Several members have written to provide the editor with additional information on the census of Perfin types on the 1902-03 issue. The publication of the census has been completed, but perhaps an addendum can be published after the editor finds time to sort out the data.

If any statistics are needed to show that Perfins philately is participated in by nationally known and respected philatelists, the following can be pointed out:

At least 8 Perfins Club members are APS-accredited judges

At least 9 Perfins Club members are members of the APS Speakers Bureau

At least 5 Perfins Club members are office holders in one or more other national philatelic societies

At least 2 Perfins Club members currently are columnists for a weekly stamp publication

Perfins Club members have written numerous articles for leading stamp society publications on many different subjects.

We wonder how many other specialized stamp societies can match this record.

WANT ADS

WANTED: Perfins from South Africa, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Transvaal, Zululand and Czechoslovakia. Also Great Britain commercial Perfins used fiscally. R. Carlson, 14014 Panay Way Ste 255, M.D.R., CA 90291.

WANTED: FDCs with Perfins - world wide. Also other interesting or different covers with Perfins. N. F. Ortwerth, 6795 Foxshire Drive, Florissant, MO 63033.

WANTED - D and E rated U.S. Have C rated to trade at 1 for 1 - SASE for trade lists. Also "Beginner's Helper" - my cigar box "jammed" with U.S. dupe Perfins. First inquiry takes it at \$5.00 plus postage and insurance. C. A. P. Schoeps, 7318 Osnas Lane, Saugerties, NY 12477.

FOR SALE - 2,355 different patterns from Germany, fair to very fine, \$250.00 post-paid. Please send SASE so I can return remittance of those who were not first. Jack F. Schmidt, 1415 College Ave., Canon City, CO 81212.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Members (all new members sponsored by Dorothy Savage unless otherwise noted)

1704 Earle E. Parkhurst, 201 Spindrift Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90274 (Beginner)
 1705 Peter F. Buckley, Naval Air Reserve Unit, Norfolk, VA 23511 (US) by Jon M. Wilson
 1706 Walter B. Stovall, 1301 - 1st Street South #902, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250 (WW)
 1707 John G. Acker, 117 Lyon Place, Lynbrook, NY 11563 (WW)
 1708 R. Chad Shumway, Box 12, Hannibal, NY 13074 (Beginner) by Robert J. Schwerdt
 1709 Paul W. Smith, Box 426, Jacksboro, TX 76056 (US) by Joe Balough
 1710 Amos L. Henely, 9507 Binney Street, Omaha, NB 68134 (Beginner)
 1711 Robert Tanaka, 3162 Kaimuki Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816 (Beginner)
 1712 Karl F. Mehnert, 2218 East University Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801 (Perfin precancels)
 by Charles Regnier
 1713 E. Larry Edwards, 4937 Basswood, Columbus, GA 31904 (Beginner)
 1714 Irvin Burns, 5241 Kester Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91411 (WW)
 1715 Donald A. Anderson, 943 SE 18th Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55414 (Buick Auto Agencies, Minnesota)

New Life Member

LM-54 William J. McGarvey, 84 Secor Boulevard, Pearl River, NY 10965

Reinstatements

1347 Robert M. Garsson, Box 1685, Salisbury, NC 28144 (US, Railroads) by Floyd Walker

In addition, the following members, who were dropped last month for non-payment of dues, have paid their dues in full and are restored to the rolls:

1017 Louise Pollock Cavanaugh
 1015 Paul N. Mayer
 1336 John M. Randall
 1001 Herbert N. Weaver

Membership Summary

Members as of September 30	695
New Members	12
Reinstatement/Restored to Rolls	5
Closed Albums	-2
Members as of October 31, 1978	710

Address Changes

1259 J. Raymond Ashworth, 268 Independence Ave., Palm Harbor, FL 33563
 1059 Jacy O. Darling, c/o R. R. Hudson, 3104 North 85th Ave. West, Duluth, MN 55810
 805 Helen L. Hulse, 5321 NE 32nd Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
 1015 Paul N. Mayer, Wallaustr. 101, 6500 Mainz 1, WEST GERMANY
 LM-47 Earl M. Ratzer, 400A Park Ave., Highland Park, IL 60035

Closed Albums

1068 F. W. L. Keane, 10/6/78
 1242 Dean P. Hatfield, 10/7/78