

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although Dave and Dorothy Stump are spending the winter basking in sunshine about 12 miles from the southern tip of the U.S.A., our president took time out to send along the following message for the new year:

"Now, at last, it is here! What's here? Why 1979, of course! And now that we are starting the year, what can we think of to make it a 'better year?'"

"1978 was not too bad a year, and most of the time it treated us kindly, as we wound up the year with a grand celebration and exhibition with VAPEX, at Virginia Beach, Virginia. That was really our 22nd Annual Affair, but we called it our 35th anniversary - and that was true, for we were founded in 1943. It was a rousing success and Rudy Roy outdid himself in promoting the 'party.'"

"But, looking back a little, it was John Burns who undertook and did very much the same thing in Los Angeles at the annual SESCAL exhibition.

"So, with the help and good management of both John and Rudy, we have staged two peppy and well-planned 'Annual Meetings.' The question now is: 'Who will help with a THIRD annual?' There must be a Perfins Club member who is well-known and well-regarded in his local stamp club, who can come forth with an invitation for us to hold our 3rd Annual Meeting, sometime next fall. We have been in the West and the East, so, perhaps Chicago would be a good spot to meet in the fall. But we are not choosy and would be quite happy if someone came up with an invitation from a large-city-based Stamp Club. But time is of the essence, and the sooner we know where our fall party will be, the better we can plan for it. John and Rudy did not work alone, and each had their helpers. It may seem too early to start work on this project, but it will be more pleasure than work if we start quickly. When we know where the '3rd Annual' will be, we can get helpers together and really do some active planning.

"The Perfins Club, now over 700 members strong, has always been a group of friendly stamp collectors, and members like to make friends, as evidenced from the amount of unofficial correspondence that takes place between members. Our vice president, Dot Savage, sends out hundreds of welcoming letters, and also responds to inquiries, each year, and they explain the better-known features or services that our Club has to offer. We have the largest library of PERFIN Literature that exists, and all are welcome to borrow. If you do not know which title will give you the data you need,

## PAUL JACKSON HONORED

Paul Jackson . . .



• EDUCATOR • COUNCILMAN  
• INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION PRESIDENT  
• FINANCIAL PLANNER • MATHEMATICIAN

Paul Jackson (LM-5) of Raritan, New Jersey, has been elected executive vice president of the Central New Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs, and will also serve as chairman of CENJEX, the annual show of that organization.

The press release announcing Paul's election states the following concerning his background: "A collector for 30 years and a Life Member of the APS, he has written a number of articles, served as an advisor to the New Jersey Bicentennial Commission for philatelic affairs, a New Jersey Postal Historian and curator as well as advisor to a number of institutions and private collections throughout the state."

In 1975, Paul was presented a life membership in the Perfins Club by his students at Middlesex High School, where he had taught mathematics for some 12 years. He had also been deeply involved with school and student activities.

The photo of Paul shown above, along with its caption, is reprinted from a New Jersey publication.

write to Floyd Walker, and he will send you a listing of our holdings. (No charge to borrow, but if you want the list, please include postage.)

"If you want to increase your collection, you can do so by participating in the numerous auctions offered by the Club, under the management of Jack Gooding. The Auction Listing is published in the Perfins Bulletin, and all you need do to have a chance at any item on the list is to write to Jack and tell him how much you are willing to spend to procure the wanted item. If this

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## A LETTER FROM RUDY ROY

Dear Club Members:

Just a few short words of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the Perfins Club's Annual Meeting and Exhibit at VAPEX 78. To all who exhibited, my deepest thanks for the quality exhibits that were entered. Perfins were excellently represented, and many who viewed the exhibits were very impressed with them and the facet of philately they represented.

To all who purchased covers, my thanks for your support in this area. For all who have not obtained a copy of the lighthouse Perfin design, I hope soon to offer copies, but there was a malfunction with the perforator and it has been shipped back to the factory for repair. There are a few first-day-of-use covers remaining and I can supply if requested.

My thanks also to those who were able to attend the show and the Club activities. I personally enjoyed meeting you all, many of whom I knew only from letters and the pages of the Bulletin. I must note here a special thank you to Dave and Dorothy Stump, Joe Balough, Ray Crow, and Harvey Tilles for all their assistance, not only with the Club, but also their many contributions to the over-all success of VAPEX. The Club is deservedly proud to take its place among the foremost philatelic organizations of the country, and I personally am proud to be a member of the friendliest philatelic society I know of.

May I offer here my support and encouragement for another successful Club EXHIBIT and MEETING in 1979, wherever it may be held.

Rudy Roy

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

is too slow, then write to Ivan Ley, asking him for some of his Circuit Books, or inquire as to whether he may have some common Perfins in bulk for sale.

"The Perfins Club can help you in many ways, but it can not do everything. You must do your part and ask for what you desire. In this way you not only fulfill your wishes, but also get acquainted with officers of the Club, and other members. By working together we help ourselves to more fun, and at the same time help your Club.

"During 1979, cannot we all decide to do SOMETHING to help our Club?"

David Stump, President

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## MORE WORKSHEETS

Foreign research coordinator Robert J. Schwerdt continues to work on the worksheet project...and there are 11 new worksheets to show for his labors.

All 11 are available for loan to members from the Library.

WS-71	Memel
WS-72	Burma
WS-73	French Morocco
WS-74	Tunisia
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WS-76	Eritrea
WS-77	East Africa
WS-78	German South West Africa
WS-79	France AMG
WS-80	Algeria
WS-81	St. Thomas and Prince Islands

Please be sure to ask for the worksheets by code numbers. And check the library list for other foreign worksheets.

And if you have Perfins of any country that aren't shown on the worksheets, contact Schwerdt (at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) and tell him about them. The worksheet program will work only if everyone will share the information they have. Schwerdt is the clearing-house for the material, but he can't do all the work by himself.

And to borrow those worksheets...or any other library material...just contact Librarian Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

## MORE PERFIN OF JAPAN

The following information on newly reported Japanese Perfins has been submitted by H. Maeda of Obihiro, Japan. It is extracted from the Japan Perfins Study Group's Bulletin No. 12, with permission of Dr. Sunao Adachi, editor, who has been producing the group's bulletins since 1972. Dr. Adachi says these new Perfins will be evaluated in the third edition of his catalog.

W-a



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Owned by Morimura-Shoji-Kabushiki-Kaisha, Kobe-Shiten (or Kobe branch of Morimura Company Limited)

Importer and Exporter located at 7-8 chome, Isogami-dori, Kobe.

First used on January 15, 1919.

Perforated on definitive stamps, Scott's #127-147. (Reporter: Shizuo Hattori)

C-a



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Owned by Japan Imports and Export Commission Co. in Yokohama.

Perforated on definitive stamps; Scott's #130, 132 & 139.

(Reporter: Dr. Adachi)

## I U. S. PRECANCEL PERFINS

Going through some US precancel Perfins recently, I noted some Perfin types that had more than one precancel town. One of the common ones is NEMO (N70), shown in Figure 1, which is known with both New York, N.Y., and Jamaica, N.Y. There are many others with two towns. One I found with three towns is WU (W199-21), shown in Figure 2, which I have with Hoboken, N.J., New York, N.Y., and Brooklyn, N.Y. Are there more threes and possibly fours and fives?



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

## II NON RECTANGULAR PERFINS

I recently acquired a Perfin on a hexagonal stamp, and it got me to wondering what Perfins exist on non-rectangular stamps. Having an interest in revenue Perfins gives me a wider field than most, but there are some on postal issues, I am sure. The illustrations show:

Figure 3. Hexagon - Perfin BA - Belgium, telegraph stamp.

Figure 4. Diamond - Perfin S - Switzerland, revenue stamp.

Figure 5. Equilateral triangle - Perfin K.P. - Austria, special handling stamp.

Figure 6. Right-angle triangle - Perfin A (probably cancel Perfin) - Panama, revenue.

I am sure there are more Perfins on these shapes, but are there more types of non-rectangles?



Fig. 3

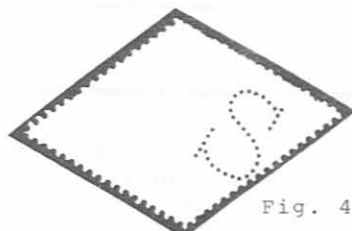


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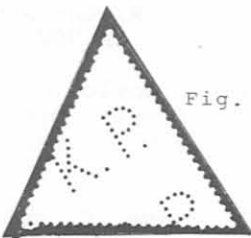


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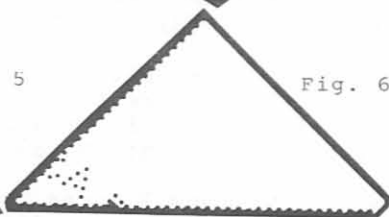


Fig. 6

## III SPECIMEN PERFINS

In the last Perfins Auction, I picked up a SPECIMEN Perfin at a very reasonable price,

and this made me suspect that most of the members are either not interested in these, or are not informed, so I thought I would send along a few types to be illustrated in the Bulletin.

First, there is one type (Figure 7) that was available for postage. This is from British Guiana, and is listed in Scott as #103-106. The note after 106 states they were to prevent fraud on the government.

Most of the other specimens around are from British colonies, and the Perfin was applied by the printer, to stamps that would be sent to UPU members. Types shown in Figures 3 through 14 are found on various colonies.



Fig. 7



Fig. 8



Fig. 9

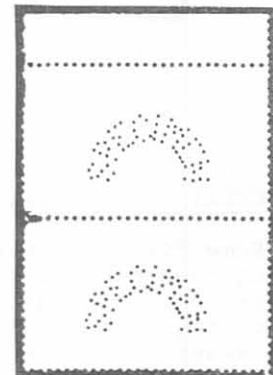


Fig. 10



Fig. 11

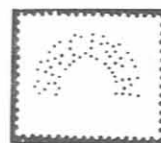


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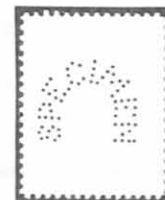


Fig. 13



Fig. 14

The type shown in Figure 9 is found on a Turkish issue, but it was printed by Bradbury Wilkinson of England, so probably the same procedure was followed. The type shown in Figure 8 is on a recent Ghana issue, and I am not sure what was behind this one.

Very occasionally SPECIMENS are found in pairs.

SPECIMENS do not belong in a collection of private Perfins, but if you collect everything with holes in it, like I do, they do have a place in your collection.

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## PERFIN POTPOURRI (CONTINUED)

### IV BELGIUM PERIODS

Most collectors of foreign Perfins have a copy of the Belgium .S.G Perfin (Figure 15). When I first obtained this one many years ago, I thought I had a broken Perfin, and that there should be something in front of the first period. But, apparently such is not the case, since the user is probably the Societe General de Belgique. I have often wondered about this one, and what their thinking was at the time of ordering the machine. There are other Belgian SG's, and possibly it was just to differentiate.

Recently I picked up a Belgian revenue Perfin, with a B Perfin, with a hole in front of it (Figure 16), and I was wondering if this was a code hole or what. So far I have only one of these, and will have to find more to do some study of it.



Fig. 15



Fig. 16

### V GREAT BRITAIN B/TH

Some firms have used more than one perforating machine over their history, and trying to trace the period of use of each is an interesting pursuit. From Great Britain there are several B/TH Perfin types, some of which are known to be used by the British Thompson Houston Company, Ltd., of Rugby.

I have six types in my collection. However, two of them are very close, and may come from the same machine.

Figure 17 shows a B./T.H which I have on a

Queen Victoria issue, with what looks like an 1896 date. The cancel, however, is London, and it just might be a different company.

Figure 18 shows a B/T.H. (McKee-Tomkins #720) which I have on a couple of Edward VII issues, one with a 1906 date. Cancels appear to be Rugby.

Figures 19 and 20 are very similar, and may be from a two-head machine. These also I have on Edward VII issues, one with a London cancel, and the other with a 659 (identity not known to me). This type (McKee-Tomkins 718.1) may have been before or after the above.

Figure 21 I have on several stamps, all of George V vintage. Cancels are from Rugby, and the one dated one I have is 1916. This one is similar to Figures 19 and 20, but I feel may be a newer machine, especially since I have it only on newer issues.

Figure 22 shows the very common B/TH (McKee-Tomkins 718.2). This one appears to have come into use in the late 1920's, and was in use until at least 1958, which is my latest legible cancel.



Fig. 17



Fig. 18

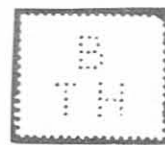


Fig. 19



Fig. 20



Fig. 21



Fig. 22

This study I have done just from the stamps themselves, and it is really only the first part of a study, which could be carried much farther.

## WANT ADS

**WANTED:** Japanese, Korean, Taiwan, Manchukuo Perfins. Also, other material from these areas. Frank L. Allard, Jr., Bin 4526 Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93921.

**WANTED:** Perfins on US Scott #C11, 5¢ Beacon airmail. On or off cover. Also any other unusual non-philatelic C11 material. Send with price. Kent Kobersteen, 4440 Colfax Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

**WILL EXCHANGE PERFINs** (or precancels) for USA and Canada railway Perfins. State wants. William Turney, 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver, BC V7P 1K9 CANADA.

**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. C. A. P. Schoeps, 7318 Osnas Lane, Saugerties, NY 12477.

FOR PERFINs ON APPROVAL, WRITE TO SALES MANAGER IVAN LEY, ARENA, WI 53503

# RESULTS OF AUCTION #23

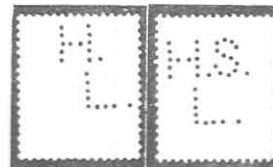
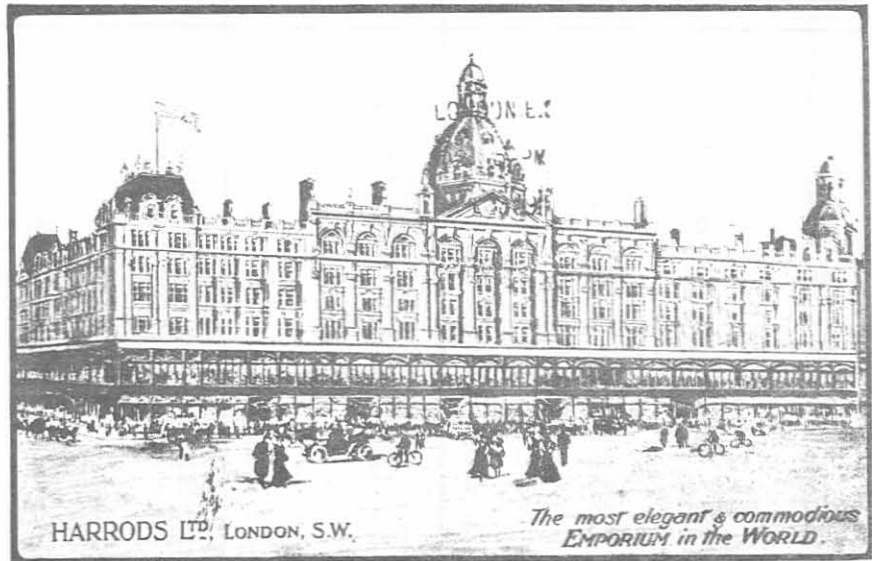
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3	.85	70	.95	138	.30	206	no bid	274	.60	342	.25
4	.90	71	.75	139	.30	207	.05	275	.05	343	1.10
5	.65	72	.05	140	.05	208	.05	276	.85	344	.05
6	.05	73	.85	141	.45	209	.60	277	1.30	345	.05
7	.90	74	.80	142	.40	210	.95	278	.05	346	.05
8	.05	75	2.35	143	.55	211	.05	279	.60	347	.60
9	.55	76	.80	144	3.00	212	.05	280	.60	348	1.40
10	1.25	77	8.50	145	.60	213	.05	281	.80	349	2.00
11	.80	78	.95	146	.60	214	3.00	282	.60	350	1.20
12	2.25	79	.70	147	.45	215	.25	283	.85	351	1.90
13	.70	80	1.80	148	.05	216	.35	284	2.00	352	.25
14	.45	81	1.10	149	.65	217	.05	285	.80	353	7.50
15	.25	82	withdr.	150	.45	218	.35	286	2.65	354	6.00
16	.05	83	.40	151	.45	219	.50	287	withdr.	355	8.25
17	.70	84	1.70	152	1.90	220	1.40	288	3.25	356	3.00
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20	.45	87	.05	155	1.10	223	1.80	291	3.00	359	5.55
21	.05	88	.05	156	1.70	224	.60	292	.80	360	6.60
22	.60	89	2.00	157	.10	225	.50	293	1.10	361	2.00
23	.70	90	1.50	158	3.00	226	.60	294	1.10	362	5.00
24	.60	91	2.50	159	.65	227	.60	295	.60	363	.05
25	.05	92	2.50	160	.05	228	2.50	296	.80	363A	16.50
26	1.90	93	.65	161	.05	229	2.25	297	.60	364	13.00
27	1.90	94	.45	162	.05	230	.60	298	.60	365	2.25
28	.75	95	1.00	163	.60	231	.05	299	.60	366	.05
29	.05	96	.40	164	.30	232	.05	300	.60	367	no bid
30	.25	97	1.80	165	.75	233	.80	301	.85	368	no bid
31	5.75	98	.45	166	.25	234	.80	302	.60	369	no bid
32	.55	99	.85	167	.50	235	.65	303	1.10	370	no bid
33	.70	100	.60	168	.40	236	.75	304	.60	371	.65
34	withdr.	101	.60	169	.80	237	.05	305	1.60	372	.65
35	1.85	102	1.10	170	.65	238	5.00	306	2.25	373	.60
36	.05	103	1.10	171	.85	239	6.00	307	.05	374	.80
37	.05	104	1.10	172	.70	240	1.70	308	6.00	375	.60
38	.05	105	.05	173	1.10	241	.95	309	.60	376	.55
39	.55	106	.80	174	2.25	242	withdr.	310	.55	377	.60
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41	.05	108	.60	176	.25	244	.25	312	.20	379	.50
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44	.60	111	.05	179	.40	247	.75	315	.60	382	.60
45	.40	112	.65	180	2.65	248	.90	316	.70	383	.65
46	.85	113	.95	181	1.80	249	.60	317	.60	384	.25
47	.95	114	.55	182	.85	250	1.25	318	.10	385	.25
48	3.50	115	.05	183	2.65	251	.80	319	1.60	386	.25
49	.85	116	.35	184	.05	252	.30	320	2.50	387	3.00
50	.85	117	.35	185	.50	253	.55	321	.20	388	2.00
51	.35	118	.90	186	no bid	254	3.00	322	5.35	389	1.70
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59	.85	126	.40	194	.80	262	.90	330	.40	397	.40
60	.05	127	.35	195	3.25	263	.20	331	.45	398	1.30
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63A	2.25	131	.80	199	.90	267	3.25	335	.05	402	.60
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66	.05	134	2.25	202	.45	270	.85	338	1.60		(continued)
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# RIGHT OR WRONG? NO. 2

by Mike J. Burrows

Possibly the most famous department store in the world is that of Harrods, situated in the heart of London. From the press and television newsreels it would seem that a visit to London is not complete unless it includes a shopping expedition to this haunt of the world's royalty and arab oil sheiks.

Looking back it appears that although registered on 20 November 1889 as Harrods Stores, Ltd., to look after the retail distribution interests that had been built up over the years by C. D. Harrod, the title was not often used in full. Consequently, it was decided to change the name to Harrods Ltd., in March 1920. In the catalog two entries (amongst others) are attributed to Harrods Ltd., as shown at right. From careful study of several copies of each, I am of the opinion that they are from the same multi-headed machine. The mutilation taking place sometime between 1921 and 1924. Can anyone narrow these dates down? My latest date for 671 is 10 November 1921.



442 H./L.  
12/8 5½mm  
671 H.S./L.  
12.12/8 5½mm

## RESULTS OF AUCTION #23 (CONTINUED)

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
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407	2.25	450	.75	484	.20	518	.50	552	1.80	586	.95
408	.80	451	5.50	485	.85	519	1.60	553	.55	587	.85
409	.70	452	.60	486	.85	520	.70	554	.65	588	.90
410	.05	453	.65	487	.20	521	.50	555	.65	589	.45
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412	.05	455	1.10	489	1.80	523	1.30	557	1.10	591	1.60
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415	.35	458	.80	492	1.30	526	1.30	560	.85	594	.25
416	.35	459	.70	493	1.30	527	2.75	561	.60	595	.25
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420	.40	463	.35	497	.35	531	1.30	565	1.10	598	.55
421	.40	464	.90	498	.25	532	.20	566	2.60	599	1.40
422	.40	465	1.20	499	.50	533	1.30	567	.80	600	.50
423	.55	466	.85	500	.85	534	1.30	568	1.00	601	.30
424	.45	467	1.20	501	.45	535	.85	569	.85	602	.80
425	.50	468	.90	502	.60	536	.95	570	.65	603	.55
426	.50	469	1.20	503	.05	537	.55	571	.60	604	.50
427-437		470	.75	504	.50	538	.60	572	1.30	605	.50
	23.00	471	2.00	505	.45	539	1.30	573	.30	606	.60
438	6.50	472	.95	506	.50	540	1.00	574	.65	607	.55
439	5.50	473	.95	507	.20	541	1.70	575	1.30	608	.30
440	11.15	474	.80	508	.55	542	1.30	576	1.30	609	.35
441	.45	475	.35	509	1.10	543	1.10	577	1.55	610	.30
442	.35	476	1.75	510	1.30	544	2.25	578	1.30	611	.55
443	.40	477	.85	511	.65	545	.95	579	1.20	612	.05
444	.45	478	.55	512	1.30	546	1.80	580	1.20	613	1.20
445	.30	479	.65	513	1.30	547	1.80	581	1.10	614	.50
446	1.35	480	1.45	514	1.85	548	1.80	582	.25	(end of sale)	
447	1.50	481	1.45	515	.95	549	.75	583	1.30		

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER —

The best laid plans of editors, like those of mice and men, often go astray. In using the picture of President Stump and others on the front page of the November-December Bulletin, the editor very carefully spelled out the identification of those in the picture, left to right. So, what happened? Our platemaker, following the usual journalistic practice of having persons in a photograph facing into the page, reversed the photo, which made the description read in the wrong direction.

Jaroslav Verner (#1093) reports that he won a gold medal at PRAGA with his collection of Czechoslovakia. He also won a vermeil with his exhibit of Czech Field Posts in Siberia.

Was 1912 a bumper year for the use of U. S. Perfins? In checking through his U.S. Perfin covers recently, the editor noticed that 1912 yeardates kept popping up. With curiosity aroused, he made a survey of his covers for the first 10 years of legitimate Perfins usage, counting only covers with clearly struck yeardates, with the following results:

YEAR OF USE	NUMBER OF COVERS
1908	4
1909	26
1910	22
1911	23
1912	116
1913	11
1914	13
1915	31
1916	21
1917	24

The above, of course, represents a tabulation of only one collector's covers. However, it is interesting to note that the number of 1912 covers, at 116, is nearly four times greater than the number for 1915, which has the next highest figure at 31.

How about a report from other U. S. Perfin cover collectors for this 10-year period? Perhaps the over-all result would show some interesting trends in Perfins usage.

Unless you are fortunate enough to be sunning at Key West like our esteemed president, Dave Stump, wintertime is a great time to be working up a Perfins exhibit for entry in some 1979 stamp shows. Several of our members have done very well, indeed, with Perfins exhibits, and there is no reason why additional members can't join their ranks. Exhibiting is a lot of fun, as is the preparation of your Perfins for exhibition. You may not win an award with your first effort, but by trial and error through a few shows - and especially by getting advice from the judges - you can build a win-

### FOR SALE AT AUCTION: GREAT BRITAIN COLLECTION

One of the largest collections of Great Britain known to exist in the United States. Over 9,600 Perfins. Approximately 1,700 new patterns or variations of patterns not in the current Great Britain Catalog, but will be in future supplements.

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The collection can be viewed by appointment.

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Closing date for bids: March 15, 1979.

ning exhibit. Try it and you will find that exhibiting can add a new dimension to your Perfin collecting pleasures.

One of the pleasures of Perfin collecting, albeit an infrequent one, is to discover the name of the firm which used a Perfin pattern whose user previously was unidentified. Such discovery usually comes, of course, from finding a cover bearing both the Perfin and the user's corner card.

The editor, as an avid cover collector, has made a number of these identifications over the years. However, one which has eluded him, despite extensive research, is the KSL pattern (K-59) known precancelled from Memphis. The editor has copies of this Perfin only on precancelled issues of the 1920's. Therefore, he does not know whether or not



it was also used on un-precancelled stamps. Perhaps some member can enlighten him on this point.

If the KSL pattern was used only on precancelled stamps, this could explain the difficulty of finding it on cover, because precancel covers, often containing circular matter, simply were not saved to the extent of other covers.

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

1716 Clay D. A. Rubec, 2473 Huntley Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8E7 CANADA (Canada)  
 1717 Richard A. Hughes, 218 West Greenlawn, Lansing, MI 48910 (WW) by Lyle Clark  
 1718 James P. Ehrbar, 1250 Eastwood Drive, Anaheim, CA 92805 (United States)  
 1719 Anthony Brand, 1234 South Alvira Street, Los Angeles, CA 90035 (Spain and Colonies)  
 1720 Virginia M. White, Box 2723, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia B3Y 4A8 CANADA (Canada, WW)  
 1721 Roger K. Gross, 3202 North Arcadia, Colorado Springs, CO 80907 (Airmails)  
 1722 Richard H. Wilsey, 56 Gloucester Crescent SW, Calgary, Alberta T3E 4V2 CANADA (Canada)  
 1723 Murray J. Ward, 10732 - 131A Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5E 0X3 CANADA (Canada, GB, Europe)  
 1724 Richard E. Fischer, 5976 Pimenta Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712 (Railroads)  
 1725 Gary Tomasson, 427 - 48 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 1E3 CANADA (CA,GB,US) by Al Pearson  
 1726 Martha C. Cole, 121 West Mission, Bellevue, NB 68005 (Worldwide)  
 1727 Glenn A. Vasbinder, 433 North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15209

### Reinstatements

1520 Judge Alfred W. Dibb, Los Angeles Superior Court, 210 West Temple, Dept 104, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
 1627 Robert E. Lavalley, 519 Maryland Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380  
 1410 Jack L. Trammell, Box 1167, Arlington, TX 76010  
 1614 Charles R. Morscheck, Jr., 821 Clifford Avenue, Ardmore, PA 19003  
 1573 John Rafael McGee, Box 98, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
 870 Barbara M. Kloss, P. O. Box 57926, Webster, TX 77598

### Resignations

1282 John R. Rout  
 1624 Oliver G. Pectal

### Address Changes

LM-42 Neilen W. Boatwright, 2980 Prince Howard Drive, Marietta, GA 30062  
 1579 Richard R. Hansen, 1621 Cunningham Street, Santa Clara, CA 95030  
 1113 Ruth S. Torrence, 603 5th Avenue SE, Sidney, MT 59270  
 1513 Gerhard F. Haubold, 504 West Street, Archbold, OH 43502  
 LM-25 William W. Cummings, c/o Scott Publications, 3 East 57th Street, New York, NY 10022  
 1649 Merrill F. Whiting, 1580 Thomas Street, Englewood, FL 33533

### Membership Summary

Members as of October 31	710	Members as of December 31, 1978	726
New Members and Reinstatements	18	Members as of December 31, 1977	613
Resignations	- 2		
Members as of December 31	726	Net gain in members during 1978	113



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## PERFINS CLUB AUCTION 24

CLOSING DATE: APRIL 30, 1979

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USUAL AUCTION RULES PREVAIL

LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT
1 A	C215	900	53 B	M35	332
2 B	C248	416	54 B	M39	406
3 A	H120	332	55 A	M44 Tr	406
4 B	K1	406	56 B	M45	331
5 B	K2	334	57 B	M46	331
6 B	K6	331	58 B	M52	331
7 B	K7	332	59 C	M55	319
8 B	K7	319	60 B	M58	807
9 B	K15	503	61 B	M60	552
10 B	K17	406	62 B	M63	554
11 B	K18	406	63 B	M64	406
12 B	K19.5	332	64 B	M66	406
13 B	K24	503	65 A	M70.5	406
14 B	K45	720	66 B	M77	332
15 C	K47	302	67 A	M84.5	406
16 B	K55.3	331	68 B	M91	332
17 B	K61	406	69 B	M95	406
18 B	K67	406	70 C	M100	319
19 B	K67.5	720	71 C	M102	319
20 B	K70	406	72 B	M104	501
21 B	K73	406	73 B	M104	319
22 B	L2	332	74 B	M105	805
23 B	L10	332	75 B	M109	372
24 B	L41	406	76 B	M116	332
25 A	L49	554	77 B	M119	332
26 B	L53	405	78 B	M121	405
27 B	L59	406	79 B	M122	562
28 B	L65.5	319	80 A	M123.7	332
29 B	L83	331	81 B	M125	331
30 B	L90	406	82 B	M129	331
31 B	L110	554	83 B	M134	332
32 B	L113 Pc	416	84 B	M142	406
33 B	L117.5	567	85 B	M142.5	406
34 B	L119	406	86 B	M144	332
35 B	L127	558	87 B	M166	331
36 A	L138.5	332	88 A	M168	406
37 B	L140	406	89 A	M170	332
38 B	L147	406	90 B	M172	406
39 B	L172	332	91 B	M175	406
40 A	L175	331	92 A	M176.5	331
41 A	L185.5	501	93 A	M178	332
42 B	L191.5	806	94 B	M181	554
43 B	M4	332	95 B	M182	501
44 B	M5	331	96 B	M188	331
45 B	M8.3 Pc	552	97 B	M201	332
46 B	M11	406	98 B	M207	406
47 B	M11.5	406	99 B	M207a	406
48 B	M16	503	100 B	M214	332
49 B	M19	405	101 B	M220	416
50 A	M24	331	102 B	M222	406
51 A	M25	331	103 -	M223	331
52 B	M26	332			

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## NO HALLOCK CARD AWARD

The Hallock Card Award will not be presented for 1978, according to announcement by Floyd Walker, chairman of the nominating committee. The award, named in honor of the founder of the Perfins Club, normally is presented in January to a member who has made outstanding contributions to the Perfins Club and to Perfins philately. However, there is no requirement that the award be presented each year.

Although the committee recognized that there are several members deserving of recognition for their services to the Club, it felt that presenting the Hallock Card Award to one of these equally-deserving members over the others at this time would not be appropriate.

## EDITOR MOVES TO ATLANTA

This issue of the Bulletin is late because Editor Ray Crow took a new job in Atlanta, effective January 15, and has done considerable traveling since that date. He was living in a motel in Atlanta for the first several weeks, with most of his Bulletin material and equipment still at home in Memphis.

Crow, who has been editor of the Perfins Bulletin for more than four years, will continue in that capacity. However, the assembling and mailing, at least for the next few issues, will be handled from Memphis by Joe Frye, who has done our printing for nearly four years.

All correspondence for the editor, until further notice, should be addressed to Crow at S.N.P.A., P. O. Box 28875, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Crow has been associated with the newspaper business throughout his working career, mostly in personnel and labor relations. He was located in Atlanta previously, until he moved to Memphis some 16-1/2 years ago. He took early retirement from the Memphis newspapers in April of last year.

### PATRONIZE YOUR SALES DEPARTMENT

FOR PERFINS, WRITE TO:

Ivan H. Ley  
Arena, WI 50503

FOR PERFIN COVERS, WRITE TO:

Edwin L. Stuntzner  
1003 Exchange Street  
Emporia, KS 66801

# "HOLE" CHATTER — by Joe Balough

U.S. CATALOG CHAIRMAN

(Editor's note: this column was intended for the January Bulletin, but the editor went to press before receiving it. Chairman Balough has made further progress with the catalog since this was written.)

Well, the Letter "M" is now finished and work on the Letter "N" has been begun. The catalog is now 60 percent complete and appears to be on schedule. Some revisions of the items in the "M" section have been made and hopefully this will clear up some of the confusion that now exists.

There is a need for sound copies of H134 and M286.5. The present photos are not of the quality that should be in the new catalog. In many cases the poor photos have already been replaced.

Although many more items have now been identified as to the user or location, there is still much to be done. It is requested that members having knowledge that is not currently listed in the present catalog to please forward their information to me. Any information received now could eliminate future "A&C" reports.

Ivan Ley submitted the following new items: N159 (NS/&Co), 026.5 (OE), P251.5 (P&F), and W210.7 (W&E). Precancel information on M187 (Omaha, NB) was submitted by Rudy Roy. Many thanks for the items and data.

## SALES REPORT

The value of Perfins sold by the Sales Department during the last half of 1978 was \$3,136.49. This was about 39.6% less than the first half of the year. Are the sales of the Bartleson collection a prediction of the economy of the country? Sales from the Bartleson collection increased from \$2,383.87 to \$2,505.29 because of the lack of material sent in by our members.

Although less material was sold the last half than the first, expenses were higher by about \$90.00. This was due to higher postage and insurance.

Two checks were sent to Treasurer J. A. Gooding: one for \$2,315.46 for the Bartleson material, and one for \$436.53 for commission on what was sold. Expenses for the period amounted to \$937.35.

There still is much good material left for sale in the Bartleson accumulation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan Ley,  
Sales Manager

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSE  
YEAR OF 1978

### RECEIPTS

Dues	\$4,186.98
Publications	393.98
Sales Books	5,552.19
Auctions	2,237.85
Covers and Misc.	77.92
Interest	521.04
U.S. Catalog Sponsors	162.00
Total Receipts	\$13,131.96

### EXPENSE

Bulletin	\$2,635.77
Secretary's Expense	391.62
Membership Expense	186.94
Publication Expense	170.71
Foreign Catalog	104.61
Officers' Expense	20.00
Members Pins	227.00
Treasurer's Expense	68.83
Publicity	40.03
Auction Expense	64.42
Sales Book Expense	35.72
Awards	18.37
Exhibitions	115.91
Total Expense	\$4,099.93

Surplus \$9,052.03

### BALANCE SHEET

Cash in Bank, Checking Acct.	\$ 377.23
Cash in Savings, Oper. Funds	11,587.37
Cash in Savings, Life Membs.	754.54
Cash in Svgs. Cert., Life Membs.	2,548.96
Equipment	95.14

Total Assets \$15,363.24

Surplus 12-31-77	\$ 6,311.21
Surplus for 1978	9,052.03

Total Surplus \$15,363.24

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Gooding,  
Treasurer.

## VAPEX PERFIN AVAILABLE

Copies of the VAPEX Perfin, in the design of a LIGHTHOUSE as shown below, are available for anyone who writes for one. Send your request to Rudy Roy, Box 5691, Virginia Beach, VA 23455. SASE appreciated.

For those who would like their own stamps perforated with this pattern, send to VPF, Box 31, Hampton, VA 23699. SASE required.

Also, there are a few covers with VAPEX Perfin used to commemorate the Club Meeting at VAPEX 78 available for 50¢ each, three for \$1.25, from the Hampton, VA address.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE AN ATTRACTIVE  
PERFINS CLUB PIN, WRITE TO SEC-  
RETARY FLOYD WALKER FOR DETAILS.

# 'SA' PERFINS OF VICTORIA AND S. AUSTRALIA — by E. W. Alderman

REPRINTED FROM AUSTRALIAN STATES STUDY GROUP NEWSLETTER #28, AUGUST 1978

After finding several stamps of Victoria punctured with a large "SA" which were similar to the punctured Official stamps issued for use in the State Departments of South Australia, enquiries were made in Australia as to their status.

The following replies were received:

Philatelic Sales Department, GPO Adelaide.  
31.8.62

"The following information was published in the Commonwealth of Australia Philatelic Bulletin No. 4, February 1954. - South Australia - At the time of Federation the stamps being used by the State Departments were distinguished by the overprint 'OS' and the State Government asked, in October 1902, that this practice be continued. However, for the same reason as that given in respect of Queensland (holding it to be contrary to the Post and Telegraph Act, 1901), the Postmaster General's Department was unable to agree to a continuance of overprinted 'OS' stamps. The Deputy Postmaster-General, Adelaide, advised the Secretary of the Department on 4th November 1902 that the printing of 'OS' on postage stamps was being discontinued. Owing to the delay in securing a suitable perforating machine, it was not possible to commence puncturing the initials in stamps until April 1905. The first die used was capable of puncturing twelve stamps at one operation but was suitable only for the small sized stamps. A separate die was later brought into use for the 'long' stamps. A year earlier, stamps perforated 'SA' had been introduced for the use of State Departments, the work being done by the State Government Printer, but from 1905 onwards the 'OS' punctured stamps were used by both Commonwealth and State Departments.

"This 'OS' puncture was applied in the Stamp Printing Branch of the Postmaster-General's Department, Adelaide."

Postmaster-General's Department, Melbourne.  
19.9.62

"With further reference to your letter of 26th August 1962 enquiries made disclose that Victorian stamps punctured with the letters 'SA' were used by the Salvation Army."

Messrs. Swallow and Ariell, Biscuit Manufacturers, Melbourne

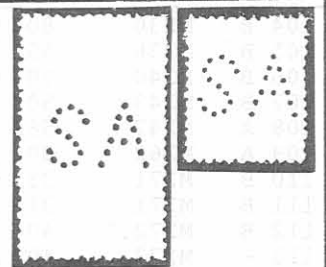
"Many years ago and possibly up to the outbreak of World War II we used to perforate our postage stamps for security reasons, but to the best of my recollection our perforations were 'S&A'."

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## THE OFFICIAL PUNCTURE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

"S" has thirteen holes.

"A" width of feet 8½mm.  
cross bar a straight line.

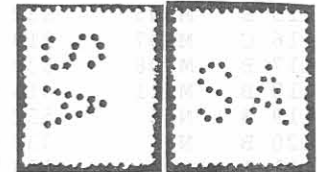


## THE PUNCTURE USED BY THE SALVATION ARMY.

"S" has twelve holes.

"A" width of feet 7mm.  
cross bar forms a wide "v".

Introduced 1899/1900, examples found on Stamp Duty issues.



## THE PUNCTURE USED BY SWALLOW AND ARIELL LTD.

This puncture has smaller letters and smaller size holes.

"S" 15 holes.

"&" 14 holes.

"A" 17 holes



Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters,  
69 Bourke Street, Melbourne. 11.9.73

"I regret to say that despite extensive research no record of these punctured stamps seems to be available either at Headquarters or elsewhere. Once again we would say how very much we regret not being able to assist you with your request for information."

Recently the following article was found in "The Australian Philatelist" for 1905:

"Shortly after the introduction of the South Australian stamps punctured 'SA' was reported, the existence of stamps of Victoria punctured 'SA' became known... some are under the impression that Victorian stamps have in error been punctured for use by the South Australian Government offices. As the Victorian office does not puncture any stamps for use in South Australia, this is incorrect ...and confirms the use by the Salvation Army."

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PLEASURES OF PERFINS COLLECTING AND ENLIST NEW MEMBERS.

PERFINS CLUB AUCTION 24 (CONTINUED)

LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT
104 B	M230	807	169 B	O63	405	236 B	R72	552	303 B	S193	405
105 B	M236	554	170 B	O67	554	237 B	R73	377	304 B	S195-4.5	332
106 B	M240	504	171 B	O73	406	238 A	R85	331	305 B	S195-17	554
107 B	M243	501	172 B	O81	319	239 B	R89	332	306 B	S195-22	406
108 A	M247	562	173 B	O87	332	240 B	R91	406	307 B	S195-31	332
109 A	M262	501	174 B	O97.5	406	241 A	R95	377	308 B	S197	332
110 B	M271	332	175 B	P6	406	242 B	R101	406	309 B	S200	501
111 B	M271	319	176 B	P7	406	243 C	R103	319	310 B	S205	332
112 B	M272.5	406	177 A	P14	405	244 C	R109	319	311 B	S206	406
113 -	M277	406	178 B	P35	406	245 B	R112	901	312 B	S208	332
114 C	M302	406	179 B	P46	332	246 C	R116	331	313 B	S210	406
115 B	M305	332	180 B	P48	405	247 B	R132	332	314 B	S218	504
116 C	M307	319	181 B	P50	406	248 B	R133	406	315 B	S227	331
117 B	M308	332	182 B	P51.3	567	249 B	R135	720	316 B	S229	332
118 B	M311	416	183 B	P60	332	250 C	R137	319	317 B	S230	405
119 B	N.5	552	184 B	P75.5	332	251 B	R147	405	318 B	S231	406
120 B	N3	332	185 B	P79	406	252 A	R151	300	319 B	S242	331
121 B	N29	554	186 A	P92	332	253 B	R156	406	320 B	S251.5	406
122 B	N33	406	187 B	P97	406	254 C	R159	319	321 B	S252	406
123 B	N37	406	188 B	P100 Pc	553	255 B	R164	406	322 A	S252.5	405
124 B	N56	556	189 A	P100.3	562	256 B	R167	319	323 B	S258	331
125 B	N58	554	190 B	P103	566	257 B	R173	332	324 C	S266	319
126 A	N63	554	191 B	P121	554	258 B	S1	406	325 B	S269	405
127 A	N68	433	192 B	P136	332	259 B	S2	817	326 B	S270	332
128 B	N82	428	193 C	P143	319	260 -	S2-11	558	327 B	S272C	332
129 B	N85	377	194 -	P153.3	707	261 B	S3	406	328 B	S272G	332
130 B	N86	406	195 B	P157	405	262 B	S2.41	406	329 B	S272J	332
131 B	N94	554	196 B	P162	563	263 B	S6	332	330 B	S275	332
132 B	N95	406	197 B	P173	685	264 B	S13	406	331 A	S281	552
133 C	N96	307	198 B	P180	332	265 B	S24	406	332 B	S289	406
134 -	N104-1.5	554	199 B	P190	332	266 B	S32	406	333 B	S291	406
135 B	N116	406	200 B	P191	331	267 B	S35	332	334 B	S296	554
136 C	N121	307	201 B	P194	554	268 B	S36	377	335 B	S298	406
137 B	N126	553	202 C	P211	405	269 A	S39.3	562	336 B	S299	332
138 B	N143	811	203 A	P237	405	270 A	S44	332	337 B	S300	332
139 A	N144	331	204 B	P241	406	271 C	S49	319	338 B	S303	406
140 A	N171	332	205 B	P250	332	272 B	S53	377	339 B	S312	405
141 B	N177	332	206 B	P251	554	273 B	S54	406	340 A	S313	319
142 B	N178	406	207 B	P256	405	274 B	S65.5	729	341 C	S314	319
143 A	N179	331	208 B	P257	406	275 C	S69	300	342 B	S315	406
144 B	N192	332	209 -	P55-3 Cuba	267	276 B	S71	332	343 B	S321	503
145 B	N195	406	210 A	P55-15	554	277 B	S75	398	344 B	S321.5	331
146 B	N197	332	211 -	P56-8 India	82	278 C	S82	319	345 B	S333	406
147 A	N207.5	405	212 B	P260	377	279 B	S86	561	346 B	S337	504
148 A	N113Aa5	406	213 A	Q.5	319	280 B	S87	332	347 B	S345	405
149 A	N113Aa15	331	214 B	Q4	554	281 B	S89	331	348 B	S346	319
150 A	N113Aa16	332	215 B	Q7	406	282 B	S90	562	349 B	S356	331
151 B	N113Aa16		216 B	Q8	332	283 B	S95	319	350 B	S364	332
	1-1/2mm	553	217 B	R3	332	284 A	S96	406	351 B	S366	332
152 A	N113AB14	820	218 B	R4	406	285 B	S105	405	352 B	S367	331
153 A	N113AB		219 B	R11	332	286 A	S106	332	353 B	T8	406
	15-1/2	811	220 B	R13.5	406	287 B	S109.5	1257	354 A	T15	406
154 B	O1	406	221 C	R16	319	288 B	S124	406	355 A	T21	416
155 A	O3	554	222 B	R19	377	289 B	S133	331	356 A	T21.5X	405
156 B	O4	332	223 B	R20	332	290 B	S139	556	357 B	T32	332
157 A	O6.5	426	224 A	R28	332	291 B	S145	406	358 C	T41	319
158 B	O9	707	225 B	R33	554	292 B	S147	405	359 A	T41.5	378
159 B	O15	504	226 B	R35	554	293 B	S150	503	360 A	T41.7	406
160 B	O16	406	227 B	R37	332	294 B	S164	332	361 C	T51	319
161 B	O20	501	228 A	R48	406	295 B	S169	554	362 B	T52	562
162 B	O21	331	229 B	R49	405	296 B	S171	406	363 B	T61	332
163 B	O30	405	230 A	R59	332	297 B	S174.5	405	364 B	T62	406
164 B	O40	332	231 A	R61	332	298 A	S175.5	406	365 B	T63	406
165 B	O42	332	232 B	R62	406	299 -	S179	406	366 C	T68	319
166 B	O46	406	233 B	R65	406	300 B	S181	405	367 B	T69	732
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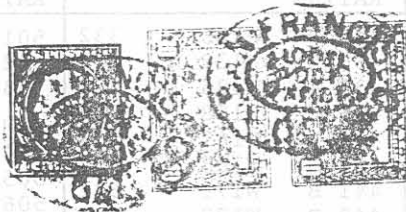
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369 A	T79.3	406	435 B	W126	332	501 B	Des 35.5	331	560	M10	89			
370 B	T85	332	436 B	W132	414	502 C	Des 36	556	561	M13	MR4			
371 -	T89.5	406	437 A	W136	554	503 -	Des 40.5	560	562	M17	232			
372 B	T89.8	406	438 C	W158	319	SCHERMACKS						563	M20	107
373 A	T95	406	439 B	W161	807	504	36		564	N1	MR4			
374 B	T104	332	440 B	W163	554	505	37		565	N6	89			
375 B	T107	319	441 B	W171	332	506	45		566	N9	320			
376 B	T108	406	442 B	W172	332	507	47		567	N10b	165			
377 A	T109.5	338	443 B	W174	414	508	48		568	N10d	252			
378 B	T116	406	444 B	W176	332	509 US KL&Co on 2 stamps, illegal block of 4						569	N10f	MR1
379 B	T118.5	406	445 B	W179	406	CANADA						570	N10h	MR3
380 B	T120	332	446 B	W181	406	510	A4	Newfd131	CANADA OH/MS giving					
381 B	U1	332	447 B	W182	561	511	A5	104	Wrigley's pos. letter					
382 B	U3	501	448 B	W184	829	512	B1	150	5-hole OH/MS					
383 B	U5	331	449 B	W185	406	513	B3	MR1	573	Pos. A	231			
384 B	U6	332	450 B	W187	406	514	B9	1¢ excise	574	Pos. A	232			
385 B	U10	332	451 B	W188	331	515	C5	106	575	Pos. A	233			
386 B	U12	331	452 A	W190.5	332	516	C9	112	4-hole OH/MS					
387 B	U27	331	453 B	W193	406	517	C12a	2¢ exc.	576	Pos. A	MH 243			
388 B	U28	332	454 B	W194	406	518	C12d	165	577	Pos. E	231			
389 B	U31	406	455 C	W195	319	519	C12e	90	578	Pos. F	MH 231			
390 B	U37	406	456 B	W204	406	520	C12h	253	579	Pos. E	232			
391 A	U38	554	457 B	W212	332	521	C12k	219	580	Pos. F	Inc 232			
392 B	U47.5	398	458 B	W220	332	522	C12p	197	581	Pos. E	MH 233			
393 A	U51	332	459 A	W222	405	523	C12q	91	582	Pos. F	233			
394 B	U70	406	460 B	W223	406	524	C12t	231	583	Pos. F	MH 234			
395 B	U81	554	461 B	W225	406	525	C13	167	584	Pos. E	235			
396 B	U93	406	462 B	W225	319	526	C15	104	585	Pos. F	MH 235			
397 B	U96	406	463 B	W226	806	527	C23	90	586	Pos. A	242			
398 B	U97	406	464 B	W228	Dam 332	528	C25	90	587	Pos. A	MH 243			
399 B	U102	567	465 B	W72-8	557	529	C30	2¢ cust. duty	588	Pos. E	249			
400 B	U104	E6	466 A	W72-21	406	530	C34	109	589	Pos. E	249			
401 B	U82-9	405	467 A	W72-29.5	562	531	D1	104	590	Pos. E	250			
402 B	U82-10	332	468 A	W72-57	558	532	D2	107	591	Pos. F	250			
403 B	U82-17	554	469 B	W72-64	554	533	D4	108	592	Pos. E	251			
404 B	V2	331	470 -	W72-75xx	685	534	D5	109	593	Pos. F	Inc 251			
405 A	V9	406	471 B	W72-82	405	535	E1	195	594	Pos. F	252			
406 B	V12	685	472 B	W72-87	807	536	E2	253	595	Pos. F	252			
407 -	V21.7	569	473 B	W199-4.5	406	537	E4	90	596	Pos. A	253			
408 B	W17.5	406	474 A	W199-18	332	538	F1	MR4	597	Pos. E	254			
409 B	W18	405	475 B	W203-4	331	539	G2	167	598	Pos. F	254			
410 B	W28 Cr	332	476 B	X1	406	540	G4	Newfd104	599	Pos. E	255			
411 B	W30	332	477 A	Y.5	554	541	G7	250	600	Pos. F	255			
412 B	W34	405	478 B	Y2	332	542	G10	104	End of Sale					
413 B	W36	332	479 A	Y3	405	543	G12	90	Abbreviations used:					
414 B	W45	406	480 B	Y4	502	544	G13d	2¢ blue excise	Pc - Precancel					
415 B	W46	332	481 C	Y10	319	545	G13d	109	Inc - Incomplete					
416 B	W47	406	482 B	Z3	332	546	G13e	197	Perfin					
417 B	W57	406	483 C	#1	552	547	G13f	193	Dam - Damaged Stamp					
418 B	W65	319	484 B	#2	332	548	H1	106	(Editor's note: the editor regrets not having the complete text of the auction instructions available for this auction. However, the text is in Memphis, the editor is in Atlanta and time is of the essence)					
419 B	W67	406	485 C	#8	405	549	I6	90						
420 B	W71	332	486 B	#10	561	550	J1	105						
421 A	W71.5	1338	487 B	#16	562	551	J2	233						
422 B	W73	406	488 A	#17	332	552	J3	104						
423 B	W75	332	489 A	#21	332	553	J6	104						
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425 C	W91	319	491 A	#30	406	555	J9	90						
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430 A	W115.5	406	496 B	Des 24	406									
431 B	W118	332	497 B	Des 30	901									
432 B	W121	406	498 B	Des 30.5	405									
433 D	W122	720	499 B	Des 33	332									
434 -	W124	332	500 A	Des 35	504									

# Background on U.S. Perfin Users

PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION  
SAN FRANCISCO 1915  
DEPARTMENT OF OFFICIAL COINS AND MEDALS  
SERVICE BUILDING



The backgrounds on two U.S. Perfin users, published in the October 1978 Bulletin, appear to have been well received by members, several of whom have indicated that they would like to see more of these published. The editor, therefore, offers the following two backgrounds from his own collecting experience. Members are invited to send in data on additional firms and organizations with interesting and unusual backgrounds.

## PANAMA-PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION CO.

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition Company was formed to manage the affairs of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, held in San Francisco from February 20 to December 4, 1915. The proposed exposition to celebrate the opening of the Panama Canal had been the object of a spirited publicity battle between San Francisco, New Orleans and San Diego, each seeking to be the host city. The battle had philatelic impact in that colorful labels, postcards and illustrated covers were used for the publicity.

After San Francisco won out as the site, the theme of the exposition was expanded to include celebration of her rebuilding following the earthquake and fire of 1906.

The exposition company, anticipating the use of large quantities of postage stamps, obtained a device with which to apply a Perfin consisting of the company's initials. This PPI/ECO Perfin (P-188) is shown above. The Panama-Pacific exposition thus became the only U.S. exposition to have its own Perfin.

PPI/ECO Perfin covers mailed as ordinary letters from the exposition postal station usually bear the Model Post Office machine cancellation (International machine). However, the finest - and scarcest - Perfin covers from the exposition are registered covers bearing the corner card of the Department of Coins and Medals. These usually bear the exposition station duplex handstamp and/or its oval parcel post type handstamp tying the stamps, with the double-circle registry handstamp struck in red on the back.

The PPI/ECO Perfin could perhaps be looked upon as a forerunner of the souvenir Perfins occasionally used in connection with modern stamp exhibitions. However, the exposition company probably did not look upon it as a souvenir Perfin, but as a security device in

connection with the large quantities of stamps kept on hand for mailing out coins, medals and general correspondence.

In addition to the Panama-Pacific commemorative issues, the writer has off-cover PPI/ECO Perfins on Scott Nos. 332, 374, 406 and 427. Members who can add to this list are invited to report their holdings to the editor.

## VAN VLEET-MANSFIELD DRUG COMPANY

Perfins have been used by a number of wholesale drug firms around the country. Two such users have an interesting background, at least to the writer, because they were located in the same city (Memphis, Tenn.) and eventually merged into a single firm (which brings up an interesting question as to how many other Perfin users may have merged with another Perfin-using firm).

One of the Memphis users was the Hessig-Ellis Drug Co., whose H-E/DCO Perfin (H-64) is shown at left below. The other user was the Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co., whose VV/MD Perfin (V-30) is shown at right below. The latter user was not identified in the U. S. Catalog until three or four years ago when the writer reported a V-30 Perfin cover bearing the firm's corner card.



The predecessor of the Van Vleet (pronounced Van Fleet) firm was formed in 1833 as Mansfield and Higbee, later becoming Mansfield Drug Co. In 1875 the firm was bought by P. P. Van Vleet and the name was changed to Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co.

In 1928 this firm merged with the Hessig-Ellis firm under the name of Van Vleet-Ellis Corp. In 1929 the new firm was merged with McKesson and Robbins, Inc., and became known as McKesson, Van Vleet-Ellis. This subsequently was changed to the present name of McKesson and Robbins Drug Co.

The Van Vleet-Mansfield Drug Co. Perfin is C-rated and may be found on precancelled as well as un-precancelled stamps. On un-precancelled off-cover Perfins, the writer has it on Scott Nos. 370 and 406. On precancelled issues, he has it on Scott Nos. 376, 377, 378,

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## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

If the editor has failed to answer your letter or to get your ad or your article in the Bulletin, please be patient. It is a pretty tough chore to handle a stamp publication when you are working in one city and most of your materials and equipment are in another. Also, there is a much greater chance of materials getting temporarily misplaced. A story on the front page explains why the editor is in this predicament.

Your editor recently received what he considers to be a real honor. In preparing to move to Atlanta, he submitted a letter of resignation to the Memphis Stamp Collectors Society, of which he has been a member for more than 16 years. The membership rejected the resignation and voted to make him an honorary member for life.

Alan Miskimin offers the following commentary on us Perfinners, which he says he adapted from another philatelic philosopher's work:

### THE PERFINNER'S PSALM

Perfin collecting is my hobby. I shall not be bored.

It maketh me do research of many companies.

It causeth me to correspond with good people.

It keepeth me always alert.

It leadeth me into areas of understanding for curiosity's sake.

Yea, though I live through a winter of inclement weather, I will fear no boredom, for my Perfins are with me.

Their holes and their history, they intrigue me.

They provideth a means of escape from the tensions of my responsibilities.

They filleth my house with books, my cash runneth lower.

Surely interest and knowledge shall follow me all of the days of my life.

And I will be listed in the ranks of Philately forever.

An Honor Award Ribbon from the Perfins Club was given to Larry Weiss (#1310) for his exhibit of Perfins in the Modern United States category of the recent 90th Annual Stamp Show and Bourse of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh.

### VAN VLEET-MANSFIELD (CONTINUED)

427, 498, 504, and 515 (two different precancel types).

The Hessig-Ellis Drug Co. Perfin is B-rated and the writer does not have a copy of this H-64 pattern on or off cover.

Foreign Catalog Editor Bob Schwerdt submits the photo below of a French Perfin-precancel he recently acquired. Bob says he knows Perfins exist on U.S., Canadian and Belgian precancels, but this is the first one he has heard of on a French precancel. Do any other members have Perfins on French precancels in their collections?

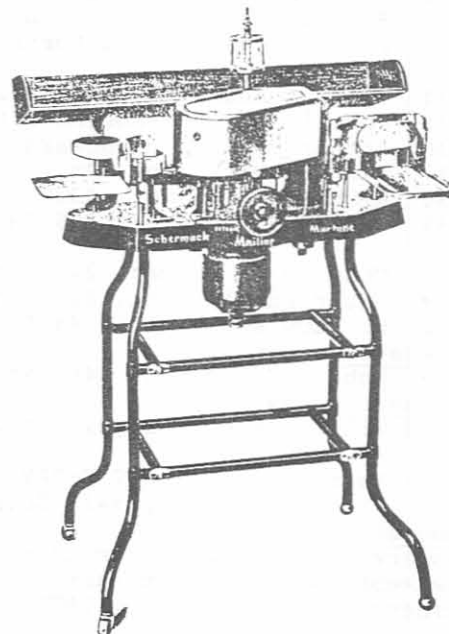


James P. Ehrbar (#1718) has submitted a photo (shown below) of a Schermack Type III coil with punched control mark, 12-hole open square, no missing holes, on the 4-cent 1909 issue, Scott #346. He inquires as to whether any other Club member has seen this Perfin on the 4-cent denomination.



James also has submitted a photo of a Schermack mailing machine, which is shown below.

The Schermack Mailing Machine Co. has been the most extensive user of stamps of any patented machine, owing to the successful adoption of their device by many of the large business houses in Chicago.



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## NEW DISCOVERIES

### by Vojtech Maxa

#### LIECHTENSTEIN PERFIN FOUND

It is difficult to add to the list of countries which are known to have had Perfins on their stamps, but I am fortunate to be able to announce my second such discovery.

My first such discovery was the Ile Rouad, the French mandated territory in the eastern Mediterranean.

Now I can announce a Perfin for Liechtenstein.

The pattern is B&C/E (see drawing below) and it is found on the 5h Prince Johann II stamp of 1912 (Scott #1). The stamp is postmarked in the town of Schaan.



The pattern corresponds to #B53 of Switzerland as listed on page 6 of the catalog of Perfins of Switzerland published by the Perfins Club in 1972.

The Swiss pattern is identified as being used by Brothers Benziger & Company of Einsiedel, Switzerland. It would be interesting to know if the firm had a branch in Liechtenstein and how it is possible that Liechtenstein stamps were Perfined in Switzerland. Bear in mind that prior to World War I (and shortly afterward) Liechtenstein's postal affairs were handled by Austria and not, as today, by Switzerland.

Nevertheless, we have a new Perfin country. Perhaps some Bulletin readers can help answer some of the questions which arise.

#### NEW CZECHOSLOVAKIAN TYPE

It is always a joy to discover a new Perfin design. And when the new Perfin has an unusually beautiful well-balanced design, the discovery has double charm. This was true recently when I was shown this very fine Czechoslovak Perfin.

The pattern was struck on the Hradcany Castle stamps issued two months after In-  
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## EARLY DUES PAYMENT URGED

It's still a long time until July, but you can save your secretary some work---and your Club some money---if you'll send along a check for your 1979-1980 dues right now.

Dues are \$4 a year and you may pay as many years in advance as you wish. Mint full gum U. S. or Canadian commemoratives are acceptable as payment.

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## CINDERELLA ITEM AVAILABLE

Jacob Kisner, whose KIS/NER Perfin was noted in the May 1978 Bulletin has issued another stamp in his "Park Avenue Local Post" series and is making it available with the KIS/NER Perfin.

Members who are interested in the item may secure a tete-beche pair of the stamps with Perfin by sending three 15¢ mint U. S. commemoratives plus a SASE to Kisner at 750 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

The new issue is a bright red \$5 stamp featuring Manhattan buildings. The Park Avenue Local Post is a purely philatelic enterprise with all funds derived going to the New York City and New York State World Poetry Day Committees.

Kisner also notes that he has available a limited number of Finnish parcel cards from about 1930 with FORD Perfins on them. These cards normally sell for \$3 to \$5 each with regular stamps on them, but Kisner says he will send Perfin Club members one of the cards for \$2.00 postpaid. However, he emphasizes that he has only about a dozen of the cards, so speedy action is advisable. Use the address given above.

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## MULTIPLE TOWN PERFIN-PRE-CANCELS

by Bill Cummins

In the January Bulletin, Jack Brandt asked about patterns that come from more than one town and precanceled. Few are as common as the NEMO that he cites, but it happens frequently.

Known from three towns are patterns A221.1, A271, B120, C242, C402, I5, P55.1, W72.1, W85 and, of course, W199.20. Montana brings us M12 from Butte, Dillon, Helena and Missoula. None is common.

Also from four towns is another, Western Union, W199.26, with Hoboken, Jersey City, Brooklyn and New York City.

GE's G72.1 is credited to five towns: Pittsfield, Mass., Kansas City, Mo., Schenectady, N.Y., Shelby, N.C., and Philadelphia.

Mountain States T&T comes from Denver and Trinidad, Colo., and Blackfoot, Boise, Caldwell and Idaho Falls, N.D. Only Denver is reasonably common in this group.

The king of the mountain is the Charles Williams Stores, pattern C376. This company undoubtedly processed large mailings in Brooklyn and then trucked them to local post offices for actual delivery. They got much faster service on catalogs, etc., this way. Brooklyn is available. I have six of the eight listed values. However, Montgomery, Ala., Macon, Ga., Des Moines, Ia., Bangor, Me., Indianapolis, Ind., Natchez, Miss., Salt Lake City, Utah, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Burlington, Vt., all will take some chasing. I still need three of the towns. So CW/S hit at least ten towns, all well before 1920, setting a record that still stands.

## CANADA C14 (CIL) ——— by Jack Brandt

Have you ever noticed missing and misplaced pins in the CIL Perfin (C14)? I had noticed these, but had not thought too much of it until a comment from a friend prompted me to look closer. Using pairs, and large stamps, I found that I could "plate" the perforator. It had ten heads, and one could say there are nine subtypes. There are only two heads with no missing or misplaced pins. These are the fourth and fifth from the left. Pins shown circled on the illustration below became missing after a period of use. Quite possible other minor changes are shown by examples not in my collection.

I have always thought the C14 type was derived by removal of some pins from the C13 type, and it would appear that the job was not done too well. This is only a personal guess.

Now, the question is, does the specialist collect all nine subtypes or not?

## HELP NEEDED ON CANADIAN PROJECT

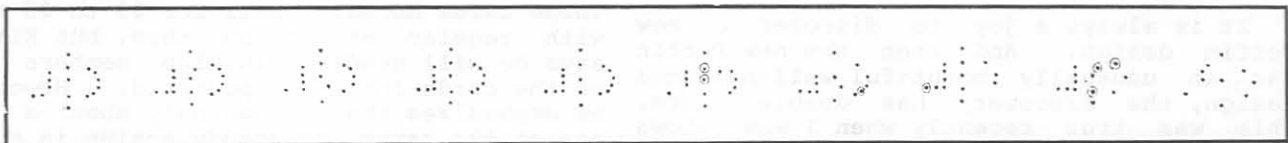
In connection with his research on the Perfins of Canada, Member Jon Johnson requests assistance of any Perfin collectors who are familiar with Canadian railway Perfins. He is specifically looking for the Perfins that were perforated outside of Canada for local use in the country of perforation. Any correction or updating of the following list will be appreciated:

Copy Ref.	Perforator Location	Cat.Ref. and Issue use
14	Canadian Northern Railway London, England	- 1912
15	Canadian Pacific Railway Chicago, Ill.	C279 1927 - 1958
16	" " New York, N. Y.	C280 1932 - 1960
17	" " London, England	SEPS Die 1 1881 - 1922
18	" " ? England	SEPS Die 2 1902 - 1939
19	" " ? England	SEPS Die 3 1924 - 1939
20	" " London, England	SEPS Die 4 1937 - 1954
21	" " London, England	War.var. Die 4 1941 - 1942
22	" " Liverpool, England	SEPS Die 5 1902 - 1954
23	" " Antwerp, Belgium	- 1922 - 1938
12	Grand Trunk Railway ? U.S.A.	G180 1912 - 1950
24	" " Detroit, Mich.	G181 1908 - 1954
25	" " London, England	- 1911 - 1922
26	Grand Trunk Western Ry. Detroit, Mich.	G184 1938 - 1964

Other Canadian railways not yet known to have used perforators outside of Canada are Canadian National Railway, Intercolonial Railway, Alberta Railway & Irrigation Company, British Columbia Electric Railway (Head Office-London, England), Timiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway and White Pass and Yukon Route.

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# RAMBLING PERFINS

by Jonathan Johnson

Usually when stamp collectors talk about rambling they are referring to themselves, myself included. For a turnaround, let's take a look at the Perfin perforators that have done the rambling. It may seem strange that machines ramble, but when it becomes a matter of life or death, a move is certainly preferable.

C19.



Although the Canadian National Railways received Post Office approval to perforate their initials in postage stamps March 13th, 1928, for some reason C19 doesn't come onto the scene until after 1932. The perforator's use seems to have been regular, but definitely not excessive. In 1956 the perforator was pushed aside in the Toronto office by the postage meter.

Sometime in 1957 the perforator was sent to Winnipeg. The perforator was back in the business of perforating stamps, but now in competition with C21a, which had seen continuous use in Winnipeg since 1928. Both perforators were to perforate a good cross-section of the late 1950's commemoratives.

Then came a corporate regional reorganization. The perforator was moved to Edmonton, along with the regional treasury department, in August 1961. Since then the machine has continued to produce nice clean Perfins. It may delight some collectors to know that the Canadian National Railways have no plans to discontinue the practice of perforating their postage stamps.

It is interesting that the C19 perforating machine is not one of the common Cummins perforators. It was made by the Perforator Company, Chicago, Illinois. The model is 6K and the serial number is 6k19. This is the only confirmed non-Cummins perforating machine known to be used in Canada to date. I cannot guess why this model was purchased when the Canadian National had success with its Cummins Model 53's (both C21a and C20a are Model 53's).

C16.



On November 2nd, 1920, the Post Office approved the Perfin "CMS" upon the request of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, Trail, B.C. The perforator, a Cummins Model 52 (Serial Number 2619), saw regular and continuous use

during the years. Then in the late 1940's the perforator met the fate of many of the perforators - replacement by a postage meter. So the company sent the perforator 175 miles to its mine in Kimberley, B.C. The perforator continued in use there up to 1956, when another postage meter caught up to it. For the perforator, it was a trip back to Trail. But it left its mark, for the stock of perforated stamps was large and continued in use past 1959. One estimate is that the supply was not exhausted until 1965.

The perforator, back in Trail, was demoted for a period to cancelling meal tickets used at the company cafeteria. What a drop down the ladder - from a responsible position in postal security to just punching meal tickets. About 1957 the perforator was donated to the Rossland Mining Museum located just outside of Trail.

A note to collectors: stamps issued during or before 1956 that had been perforated were used by the company after this date. Most cancels will be Kimberley, B.C. The "CMS" Perfin is known in post-1956 stamps and these must have been done on request, as the machine was officially retired.

G7.



G16.



In the case of the Great Northern Railway Perfin (G7), it was the stamps that took a long trip and the perforator that took a short, albeit fatal, trip. The Great Northern Perfin is one of eight U.S. railway Perfins found in Canadian stamps (only one was given Post Office approval - presumably the Great Northern never requested approval). The perforator was located in the Head Office in St. Paul, Minn. The closest major city in Canada is Winnipeg, Man., 450 miles north, where the stamps were purchased and sent to St. Paul for perforating.

The Great Northern had only one terminus in Canada, at New Westminster, B.C. To extend the Railway's postal security system to its only Canadian terminus, all of the Canadian stamps were forwarded close to 2,000 miles westward to supply the New Westminster office. This will explain why observant collectors have noticed so many stamps with Winnipeg tagging.

Sometime in 1963 or 1964 the perforator was sent out for, quote, "a major repair which included upgrading of the perforating dies," unquote. This upgrading spelled the doom of a Perfin that had started during the Admiral issue. When the perforator was returned, the die was changed completely, and subsequently was called "G16." The old perforator, under the guise of G16, was used until March 3rd, 1970. On that date the Great Northern Railway ceased to exist. It

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# Background on U.S. Perfin Users

## FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY

This article includes both the background of a U. S. Perfin user and our Perfin Cover of the Month.

The Florida East Coast Railway was organized in 1886 by Henry Morrison Flagler. By 1896 the railroad extended from Jacksonville to Miami, then said to have been just a small Indian trading post consisting of two dwellings, a storehouse and the small stone Fort Dallas.

In 1904, Flagler made a decision to bring the Overseas Railroad (the Key West Extension) into being. Because of the seemingly impossible task involved, it became known as "Flagler's Folly."

The story of the Overseas Railroad is told in a small book, "The Railroad That Died At Sea," by Pat Parks, published by the Stephen Greene Press.

From 1912 to 1935 the extension served the Florida Keys from Miami to Key West through Homestead, Key Largo, Islamorada, Long Key Fishing Camp, Marathon, Big Pine Key, and Key West. The big hurricane that hit the Keys in 1935 caused the death of the railroad. Because of the damage done to the roadbed, the cost of rebuilding would have been prohibitive.

After the closing of the railroad, mail went by boat to the Keys. Eventually Highway No. 1 was built over the old roadbed and mail thereafter has gone by motor vehicle.

The Perfin Cover of the Month is a 1941 commercial cover, shown below in reduced form, which bears an R.P.O. cancellation reading "Jack. & Key West R.P.O./TR 76 /APR

16/1941" with "RMS" (for Railway Mail Service) in the barred-oval killer. It bears the corner card of the Florida East Coast Railway, with the name of R. Hill, Trainmaster, added. The stamps bear the FEC/Ry. Perfin.

This cover presents the apparent anachronism of the Jacksonville and Key West R.P.O. cancellation being used six years after the Overseas Railroad ceased to operate. The only logical explanation appears to be that the R.P.O. cancelling device simply continued to be used for some years on mail transported by motor vehicle.

Our thanks to Dick Carver for submitting this unusual cover, and to the Mobile Post Office Society, which apparently first ran the story.

Additional articles are needed on the backgrounds of interesting and unusual U. S. Perfin users. If you don't wish to write the article, just submit the facts and illustrations to the editor.

Also needed are additional photos or Xerox prints of unusual covers for consideration as Perfin Cover of the Month. Those considered best by the editor will be used in the Bulletin.

## Perfin Cover of the Month



# DISCOVER A "NEW WORLD": REVENUE PERFINS by Bill Richerson

Have you ever glanced through those REVENUE stamps you got with that lot of Perfins? Perhaps, you say, ...but I don't collect Revenues.

This article is intended to at least try to make you consider changing your mind. There's that APP Perfin there on a New York Stock Exchange stamp. If you look it up in the General Catalog, you might be surprised to find out that it's a B-rated Perfin. Admittedly, that rating only applies to it if it's on a postage stamp (not on a revenue), but considering the rarity of B Perfins, it does seem a shame to leave that spot blank in your collection when you DO have that Revenue 'space filler'! A large number of the items that are listed in the General Catalog as A, B & C rated are really REVENUE PERFINS that got used on postage. Their postage use was probably "on the Q-t" and that's the reason for their rarity.

So, let's look at the Revenue Perfins and see what's available. Essentially, there are three basic ways Perfins were used in regard to the stock

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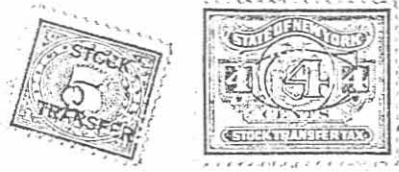
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market: as a cancellation, as a precancel, and as a Perfin. These three usages are illustrated by the three "Certificates of Sale" (the Revenue Perfin collector's "cover") shown in this article.

1. As a Cancellation: The F. P. Ristine & Co. "C-O-S" (a portion of which is shown above, top right) has the stamps affixed to the reverse side (shown in bottom portion of illustration). The Perfin is applied three

times, once for each stamp (two NYSE and one Documentary stamp) and reads FPRco/+8+8+41. There is no sign of any other Perfin or cancellation.

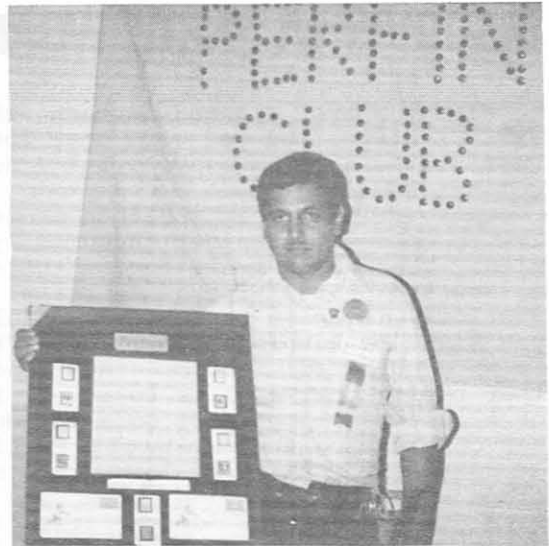
2. As a Precancel: The Paine, Webber & Co. "C-O-S" (shown above) has two stamps on it, a 5¢ Documentary and a 4¢ NYSE. Both are Perfined PW/Co with a design that fits inside the stamp (P236.5 in the General Cat-  
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DISCOVER A "NEW WORLD" (CONTINUED) \_\_\_\_\_  
 along) and it is the only form of cancellation used.

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and Regulations made in accordance therewith. DATE \_\_\_\_\_

AM SOLD	QUANTITY	ABBR.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
	50	G E	GENERAL ELECTRIC	46 1



The above photo shows Irvin Holloway, our eastern representative, at the Perfin Club table at SEPAD in Philadelphia last year. The photo was not available earlier, but the editor figures it is "better late than never" to give Irvin credit for the attractive table and banner he set up, and for the many hours he spent manning the table.

3. As a Perfin: The WHITEHOUSE & CO. "C-O-S" reproduced in part above shows three stamps - 50¢ in Documentaries and a \$2.00 in NYSE. All three have W-55 W/Co Perfins (incidentally, C-rated) and in addition are cancelled with a rubber date stamp reading W&C/SEP/16/1936. These then seem to fit the definition of being used strictly as a Perfin.  
 (to be continued)

NEW DISCOVERIES (CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE)  
 dependence in 1918. The date cancel is not legible and the Perfin user is so far unidentified.



It may be safely assumed that the perforator was manufactured before World War I since no such fine machines could be produced during those first hard years after the war. Therefore, this Perfin must exist also on the pre-1918 Austrian stamps. And since the Perfin appears to be designed for the large Austrian stamps which appeared for the first time in 1908, we have the time limit in which to look for this beautiful design.

It is supposed that the design does not belong to a shipping company (there were none in landlocked Czechoslovakia at that time). It probably was a trademark. Any help from readers in identifying the user will be appreciated.

## FOREIGN DATA NEEDED

- 1) I should appreciate learning if any members with whom I have not been in correspondence during 1978 are working on any catalogs or worksheets for the Perfins Club Library.
- 2) Would the worldwide Perfin collectors please check their collections and report by Xerox copy and Scott Catalog number if they have Perfins on stamps of any of the following countries (in the last census, no one reported Perfins from these places. Please exclude SPECIMEN punches and other cancelling devices):

BASUTOLAND	CORFU
BR. SOLOMONS	FR. EAST AFRICA
FIJI	FR. SUDAN
IRAQ	ICELAND
MALAYSIA	INDONESIA
MONTSERRAT	IVORY COAST
NO. RHODESIA	MACAO
ST. KITTS-NEVIS	MALMEDY
SWAZILAND	MOROCCO (INDEPENDENT)
ZULULAND	SERBIA (POSTAGE)
CHINA (TAIWAN)	TURKEY IN ASIA

Please send reports to Robert J. Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY ;2603.

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The editor would like to repeat what he said in last month's Bulletin: if you recently have sent him an article, item or want ad for the Bulletin, please be patient. You are not being ignored - the editor simply is going through the colossal task (stamproom wise, at least) of packing up everything to move from Memphis to Atlanta. This is complicated by the fact that he already is working in Atlanta and can only get back to Memphis on some weekends.

Occupancy of his new home in Atlanta is scheduled to be available on April 9. Perhaps it won't take too many moons to get at least some of the stamproom files straightened out.

Ah, how great it will be to return to the normal abnormality of a stamp editor's life!

The difficulties in Iran have affected at least one member of the Perfin Club. George Drake, who has been employed by Bell Helicopter International, Inc., in Iran, reported in a letter dated January 19 that the Iranian mail system had stopped completely. He said no international mail was being received inside the country at that time. He also reported that he had not received any of the Bulletins since he had been in Iran, probably because of the slowness of sea mail and the Iranian mail system.

George has given the secretary a temporary mailing address of Bedford, Texas (see address changes on page 8) with instructions to place the word "TEHRAN" in the lower left corner of the envelope.

Subsequent to the date of George's letter, of course, many Americans have left Iran. No word has been received as to whether or not George is still there.

(Editor's note: George's letter reminds the editor of his own stay in Iran - 30 months during World War II - when we thought the V-Mail was slow.)

Joe Miller (LM-212) of Langlois, Oregon, informs the editor that he is serving as a clearing house for a group of Perfin Club members whose project is to produce an illustrated catalog of perforated revenues, U. S. and state. He says the group has extended the original efforts of Murray and Kenneth (in the 60's) and have nearly doubled their listings.

Joe reports that he has had wonderful cooperation from several members and is about half through the alphabet, finalizing information received to date. He would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in revenues or who might have any material he can borrow to photo copy the patterns, identifications, etc.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PLEASURES OF PERFIN COLLECTING AND ENLIST NEW MEMBERS.

Paul Jackson has sent along the cartoon reproduced below, which appeared in Stamp Wholesaler in September 1957. He says someone sent it to him following the announcement of his recent election as executive vice president of the Central New Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs. Perhaps Stamp Wholesaler won't mind our reproducing it at this late date.



Concerning the KSL Perfin which the editor inquired about in the January Bulletin, Salvatore Guarini (#1220) writes to confirm that it does exist on non-precancels. He has an example on the 2-cent 1922 issue with an unreadable postmark. Sal comments that this particular Perfin seems to be very scarce and probably should be rated higher.

E. H. "Pete" Wills (#1141) of Nashville, Tennessee, has sent for the editor's inspection an advertising postcard of G. P. Putnam's Sons bearing the GPP Perfin of that firm postmarked June 21, 1917. The earliest use of the GPP Perfin previously reported was 1918.

### RAMBLING PERFIN (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3)

Great Northern Railway ceased to exist. It merged with the Northern Pacific, Burlington (Chicago, Burlington & Quincy) and the SP&S (Spokane, Portland & Seattle) to form the Burlington Northern Railway.

The author has been unable to trace the "GN" perforator, so cannot give either its make or model.

If you run across any information about a perforator, please take notes and pass them on to other collectors. It is the little tidbits that give a little spice to the hobby of collecting stamps in general and Perfins in particular.

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1751 Mrs. Llera W. Messimer, 10 Altoona Avenue, Enola, PA 17025 (Beginner)

### Closed Albums

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1901 Central Drive, Bedford, TX 76021  
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### Membership Summary

Members as of January 31	742
New Members	9
Closed Albums	-1
Members as of February 28	750



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## EDITOR'S NEW ADDRESS

Members desiring to send correspondence or materials to the editor are requested to send it to the following new address:

Ray B. Crow  
1055 Tuxedo Drive  
Roswell, GA 30075

The editor's new telephone number is (404) 992-6346.

The April Bulletin was delayed because of the editor's moving from Memphis to Atlanta. However, the editor is pleased to report that he and Mrs. Crow are now settled into their new home at Roswell, and, hopefully, the May and subsequent Bulletins will be on time.

Roswell is an incorporated town in the northern suburbs of Atlanta. The editor would be glad to hear from any member who may be visiting or passing through Atlanta.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### THE PERFINS CLUB - OPERATING STATEMENT

First Quarter, 1979

#### Receipts

Dues	\$127.00
Publications	39.98
Auction	1,328.21
Interest	160.94
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,656.13</b>

#### Expense

Bulletin	\$792.20
Secretary	21.02
Membership	14.13
Publications	39.02
Sales Books	26.14
U. S. Catalog	21.67
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$914.18</b>

Receipts in excess of Expense \$741.95

Total Cash in Banks, Last Report \$15,268.10

Receipts in excess of Exp. above 741.95

**Total Funds to account for \$16,010.05**

Cash in Checking Account	\$330.03
Cash in Savings Operating Funds	12,366.53
Cash in Savings Life Memberships	764.53
Cash in Long Term Bonds	2,548.96

**Total Funds in Banks \$16,010.05**

J. A. Gooding, Treasurer

## PROGRESS ON NEW CATALOG

(Editor's note: the report given below was submitted on April 1 by U. S. Catalog Editor Joe Balough as one of his "Hole Chatter" columns. However, the editor has taken the liberty of running it as a front page story to update members on the progress being made on the new U. S. Catalog.)

"Since my last report we have made it to the middle of the letter 'S'; however, the photo-ready copy for the printer has not made the same rapid progress. It appears that the six thousand photos all must be trimmed for mounting.

"When I checked with the printer last week we worked out an arrangement to print the catalog in sections. This will permit the catalog to be ready for distribution sooner. The first section of the catalog will be at the printers prior to Easter. At this point we are still certain that the catalog will be in the mail this summer.

"Orders for the catalog can now be made with Jack Gooding, the Club treasurer. Cost of the catalog will be \$25.00 and this charge includes handling and postage charges for U. S. and Canadian purchasers. All checks should be made out to the Perfins Club.

"The new catalog's format will make available to the user information that had been scattered in other publications. The main section, Chapter I, will include information on the user, location, scarcity rating and precancel use. Supplemental information will be found in the Appendix for those entries which had a name or location change. In addition, the companies having a name and/or location change and more than one location are listed.

"Since the project started, many members have forwarded new or updated information. These are necessary for the continued growth of the catalog. The following members have submitted new/additional information:

"Ken Ames, Charles Baker, Ray Crow, Ed Haack, John Gulick, Dr. Doering, Jerry Connaly, Jack Brandt, Ivan Ley, Dr. Jon M. Wilson, Cora Davidson and Francis Miller. Many thanks for the items and data.

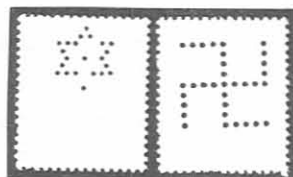
"I need a better copy of the following Perfins: N55 and O41. The copies we have are not suitable.

"I attended and exhibited in the Mesilla Valley Stamp Fiesta held in Las Cruces, New Mexico. All the exhibits which won Gold Medals were Grand Award Winners at prior shows. My Perfin exhibit won a gold and I felt honored to be in such company.

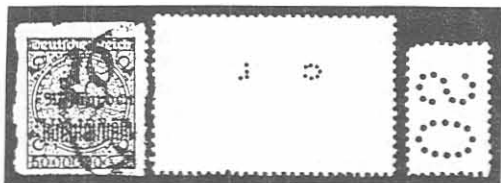
"Well, it's back to trim and paste."

Have you ever found something just a bit unusual while going through a mixture of Perfins? Have you ever looked at the patterns in your collection and discovered that there is more than just an arrangement of letters, numerals, designs - that there is another possible facet that could be gained from Perfins philately?

I am going to show in this article that there are varieties in Perfins that are not apparent on first glance, but contribute to the whole story of Perfins collecting. I class these as added attractions, and they demonstrate what I believe to be the fact - that often there is more to Perfins philately than just patterns of holes in stamps. I by no means claim that this is a complete treatise on the subject, but hope that it will stimulate you to look even closer at your collection for Perfins odds 'n ends.



The first two Perfins shown are quite a story, evident both in their pattern contrast and in the fact that they are found on German stamps of the Germania issues (Scott #83, to be exact). The issue period of these stamps was 1905-1919, quite some time before the symbolism of the two patterns would have the meaning that we all know so well today.

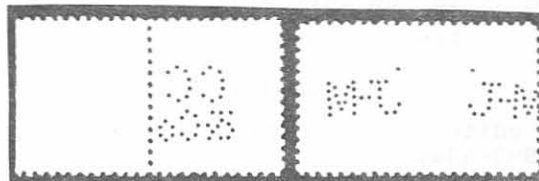


Remaining with German Perfins, the next illustration shows the face of the stamp, rather than the Perfin pattern (which is G.D), because of the face value of the stamp. This is one of the inflation issues of 1923 Germany, Scott #321, which is a 50,000,000 mark stamp revalued to 10 BILLION marks. There may be Perfins on higher face value stamps, but I have not seen one. If you consider what the rate of inflation was in Germany at that time, it seems hardly worth the time required to perforate such a stamp, as it would only have depreciated in value before it could have been used.

The next illustrated Perfin, a CL used by the Credit Lyonnais of France, I would assert is probably the smallest Perfin pattern. The size of the letters (height)

is but 2mm., and one would almost miss seeing it on a stamp.

In speaking of size, the next stamp shown, an official Perfin from the Australian state of Victoria, is my candidate for the smallest stamp with a Perfin. The stamp measures from perforation to perforation 22mm x 14mm. The Perfin OS measures 13mm x 9mm. Perforating such a small stamp had to be done very carefully, yet on nearly every copy I have seen, the Perfin is complete.



The next item is a pair of 11-cent U.S., Scott #569, the first of this type of variety that I have seen. The pattern, C93, used by Clark, Childs and Co. of New York, has been perforated into one stamp, but not into the adjoining stamp on the sheet. It would seem that the person perforating the sheet mis-fed it into the machine and the last row of stamps was not perforated.

The final variety shown is another oddity. Evidently the perforating machine head was not wide enough for the stamp (in this case, a special delivery, U. S., Scott #E12). So, to accommodate the sheet, the last stamp was folded over. The result is a mirror image of the Johns-Manville pattern, J96.3, on the same stamp. Where the stamp was folded to achieve this is still visible in this copy.

These few examples of the varieties that can be found in Perfins were acquired as the result of being observant in going through accumulations of Perfins. Nothing shown here is rare, or of any great research value, but they all are most interesting and, when displayed in an exhibit of Perfins, add much to the lore of Perfins philately.

In conclusion, I would like to invite you to go back and take another look at your collections and accumulations and see how many of these odds 'n ends you have. Perhaps a listing of such varieties can be compiled. I invite you to share your findings with me, and, if there are enough, a sequel to this article will be written.

My address is in the list of Club officers on page 8. Happy hunting.

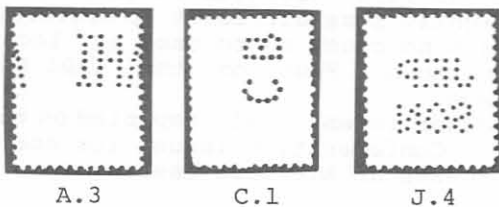
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# CANADIAN USERS WHO REMAIN UNIDENTIFIED by Michael Dicketts

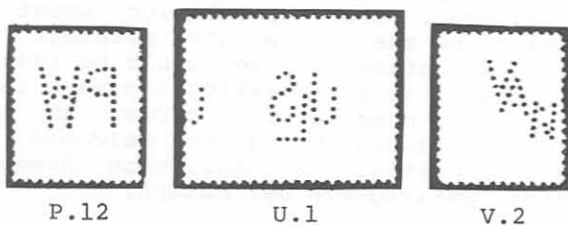
Although the collecting of Perfins on Canadian stamps has been formalized since 1955, when the first edition of the handbook, Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, appeared, few unidentified users have been resolved. The remaining group of 'unknowns' falls into three categories. Needless to say, all designs range from scarce to unique, which fact only serves to compound a difficult problem.

From such clues as educated guesses, postmarks, etc., it has been possible to narrow down the identity of many, and I'll briefly sketch the information which has accumulated. The first group is comprised on American companies who did business in Canada and found it necessary to punch Canadian stamps with perforators located in their U. S. offices:

- A.3 Known on the 1912 Georgian issue, this user was at one time thought to be New York Life of Buffalo. It has been suggested that the design stands for American ..... Insurance, a possible predecessor taken over by New York Life.
- C.1 This design is said to be that of Cheyney Bros., location and nature of business unknown. It is reported on the 1903 and 1912 definitive issues.
- J.4 Location and type of business unknown, this is held to be of American origin and is recorded on stamps issued between 1930 and 1935.



- P.12 Listed from San Francisco in the handbook, the user remains unknown. Stamps found with the design are from the War Tax issues of 1916. Did Price Waterhouse exist at that time?
- U.1 It is reasonable to suggest that the first two letters stand for United States, and could the third represent Lines? The design is only reported on Canadian custom duty revenues of the 1912 issue.
- V.2 A more recent find, and probably a unique item on a Canadian stamp, this is known on the 10¢ value of 1912.



Location and user's business remain a mystery.

The Canadian group of unknown users consists of:

- C.24 Listed in the handbook as located (or postmarked) at Winnipeg, it can be guessed that the design stands for Canadian ..... Company. So far only reported on the Edward issue of 1903, we have no clue as to the user's business interests.
- J.5 Known postmarked at Montreal, it has been strongly suggested for many years to be the design of J. H. Semple, a wholesale grocer. Known on the 1¢ and 2¢ values of the 1893 small Queens issue.
- M.19 Tentatively assigned to Marshall Wells Co. (Edmonton?), it is known on the 1¢ Edward issue of 1903. Very close in size to M.21 (see below), it is possible that both designs originate from the same user.



C.24 J.5 M.19

- P.8 Said to be the design of the Palmolive Company of Toronto, this slightly more common design is to be found on George V stamps issued between 1922 and 1928. It is worth noting that a period exists after the 'P', which is illogical if the user is as stated. Does anyone have other suggestions?
- P.15 Another recent find, from a Vancouver source, this is also a unique item, so far only found on the 2¢ value of 1922. In light of its scarcity this design could easily be that of an American user.

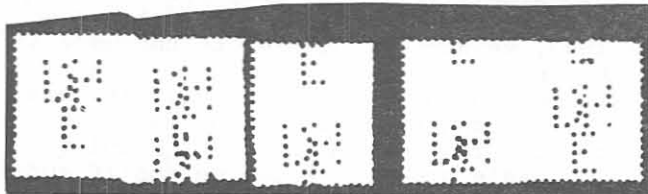


P.8 P.15

The third group consists of designs not assigned to any location and, hence, could equally be of American or Canadian origin:

- B.12 A recent find, known on the Newfoundland custom duty revenue issue of 1924, this is a puzzle given the dearth of likely users in the island Province (or colony) (continued next page)

# A NOTE ON BRITISH AFFIXER PERFINs ————— by Mike J. Burrows



Illustrated are perf 15x14 coil testing labels in dull purple on the back of a piece of an envelope. The design depicts the head of T. R. Harrison. In a tablet at the bottom is the inscription HARRISON & SONS/Printers, LONDON. W.C. These labels appear from the vertically trimmed perforation, best seen on the middle label, to come from a vertically reeled roll.

Other, non-Perfined, examples in scarlet, bistre and bistre-brown are known, as is a piece showing a scarlet label with a Brighton machine cancellation for March 27, 1913.

The Perfin DH/E is included in the catalogue as 228.2. Several other Perfins with the same letterings, but in different styles, are also to be found in the catalogue. One of these, 226.2, is identified as being used by D. H. Evans, a London linen draper.

In the post office records can be found letters and leaflets from The British Electric Automatic Machines Ltd., dating from about 1910. This was the name of the concern that was to supply the initial BEAM/POKO stamp affixers in Great Britain. On one of the leaflets there appears a list of customers using the affixer. Amongst these is D. H. Evans. So it might be that the strip illustrated is from the D. H. Evans affixer.

For those members who do not have ready access to the book "Poko" by Burton H. Bauder, a brief description of the operation of a stamp affixer is given:

These machines stored the stamps in coil form and upon operation drew the selected stamp forward, whereupon it was Perfined (if fitted with this optional facility), cut off, moistened and affixed to the piece of mail, all in one continuous movement.

A point worth remembering is that owing to the very nature of the method of use, in most cases the coil stamp was affixed on the card or envelope in the area that normally received the lined, or later, slogan portion of the machine postmark. So it follows that clearly dated coil issues, off cover, showing post office of origin, as far as the mailing point is concerned, are somewhat

difficult to obtain. Also the coils for the POKO type affixers were produced in such a manner that all stamps show upright watermarks.

Stamps with sideways watermarks were specially produced owing to demand by the Multipost organisation, but that's another story.

## CANADIAN USERS (CONTINUED)

as it then was). There is the possibility that the user was a British exporter. Can a British collector help?

- C.36 The third design on Canadian stamps bearing these initials, nothing is known about it since its discovery many years ago. The handbook reports this on the 1903 Edward issue.
- M.21 Similar to M.19 (see above remarks) this extremely scarce item is reported on the 1903 Edward issue.



B.12



C.36



M.21

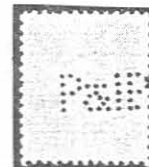
- N.2 Another long-time puzzler, this distinctive design remains elusive. Found on the first Georgian issue of 1912.
- N.6 Slightly less difficult to acquire, but again no clues as to user or location are known. Found on the 1903 Edward issue.
- P.16 Another recent find, reported on the 1¢ 1927 Confederation issue, its scarcity suggests an American user.



N.2



N.6



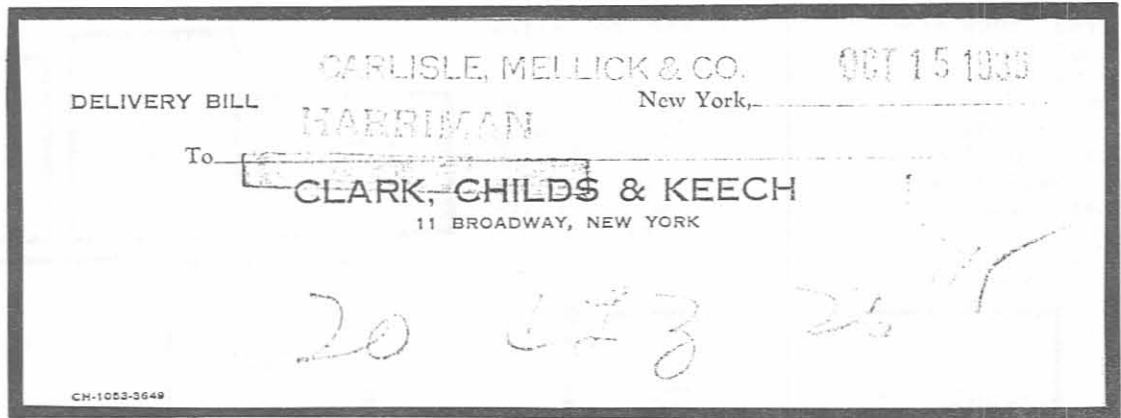
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Interested collectors are invited to accept the challenge this list offers. Town-dated cancels would help to narrow down the possibilities. A search through old city directories of the period (available at most large public libraries) might produce a matching name. Even speculation about a user might be the clue we are seeking. Of course, a confirming cover would be ideal, and perhaps it's not asking too much that covers be re-checked for clues. Any and all correspondence would be welcomed by Michael Dicketts, 61 Alwington Avenue, Kingston, Ontario K7L 4R4 CANADA.

# DISCOVER A "NEW WORLD": REVENUE PERFINS by Bill Richerson

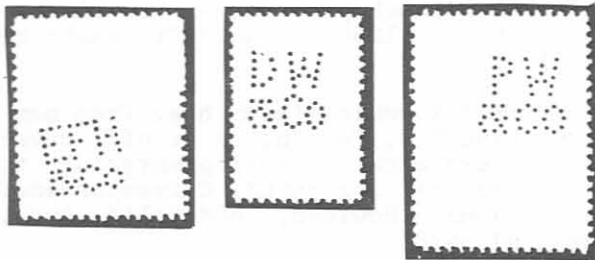
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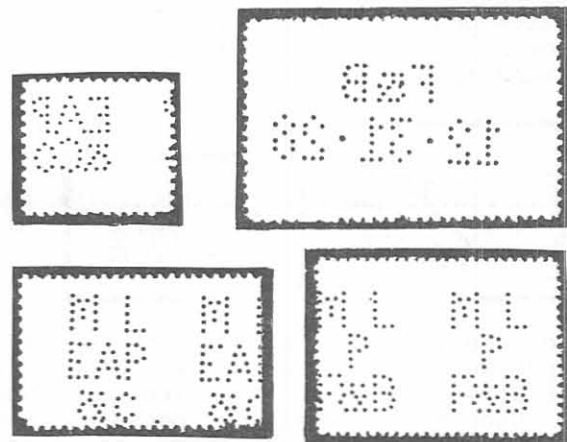
While I am showing you the Certificates of Sale, I want to show you another one (above) that illustrates why I consider them the "Covers" of Revenue Perfin collecting. Obviously, the "C-O-S" will tie a Perfin to its owner, much as the corner card of a cover would. This one shows that they also can be used as a reference for tracing a firm's development. You will notice that it originally read "Clark, Childs & Keech," but that the Clark, Childs has been crossed out and Harriman inserted, making Harriman and Keech. The Perfin (found on two stamps on the reverse) is indeed H&K D (H-225, B-rated). I have no proof at the present time, but it makes me suspect that C-93.5 (CC/&K), which is unidentified in the General Catalog, may be the "old" Perfin of the company before it changed its name. Although this is just a speculation at this time, "C-O-S's" have identified several hitherto "unidentified" Perfins in the General Catalog. I've noted these new identifications in my Revenue Perfins catalog, but have not actually sent them to Joe Balough yet....I wonder if he'd consider them "adequate" proof?

Now we move to some of the actual designs you might find on these Revenue stamps that you might collect. Stock brokers are the most obvious names that you might find: EF Hutton & Co., Dean Witter & Co., and Paine, Webber & Co. lead off the group.

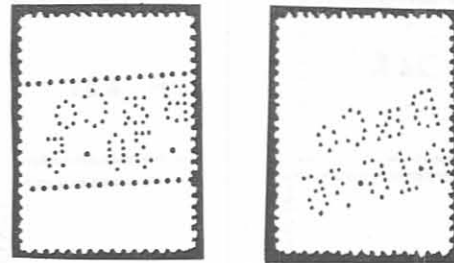


The next four stamps show the gradual conglomeration of companies: EAP/&Co is E. A. Pierce and Company. F&B/(date) is Fenner & Beane, ML/EAP/&C represents Merrill, Lynch,

E. A. Pierce and Cassatt, while the final stamp, Perfinned ML/P/F&B, represents Merrill, Lynch, (E. A.) Pierce, Fenner and Beane. Unfortunately, they didn't issue a Perfin after Smith joined the firm or we'd have an ML/P/F&S stamp.



The double-line Perfins are unique to Revenues, being usually used as cancellations. There are two major formats for them as illustrated by the following two B&Co Perfins, ie, with and without over/under lines.

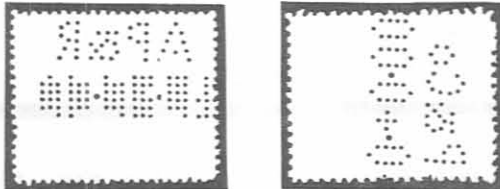


Often the Perfins are identical except for the lines (this is not true in my example), but they become separate Perfins by virtue of the lines. The date code was resettable daily, as can be seen from the next (continued next page)

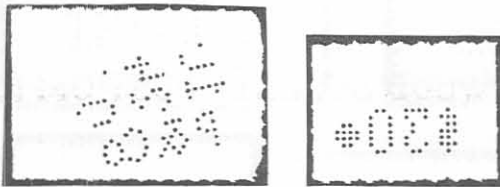
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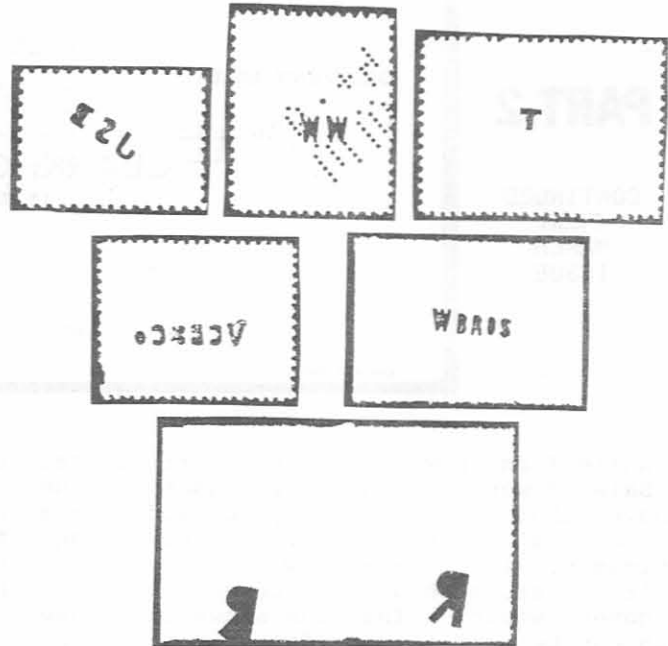
The AP&R stamp has been set to allow ALL of its pins to punch holes, while some wag has set the P&Co date code for +0+0.00, a date that never existed. The final step in the double line Perfins group shows a rather novel one where the date code and the company name (P&Co) are at right angles to each other. I have not seen this configuration very often and feel it's fairly rare (if any revenues are rare).



The last item in the Perfins "Exhibit" before the punches is a rather interesting Battleship Revenue which has \$30# punched in it. I have no information about who punched this or why, but do know that a specialized collection could be made of just this stamp, as probably almost any value could exist (I personally have \$2, \$8, and \$139).



In closing, I will include some of the many punches that seem to be abundant in revenue stamps. Most of these are not found in the General Catalog, so perhaps they might be the item in this story to spark your interest. Oddly shaped punches are also collectable and are almost getting "out of hand" in the catalog. All of these shown are included in the Revenue Catalog, although some are still unknown as to who the owners are.



If you think you might be interested in digging a little deeper into revenues, I have published a Catalog/Album that lists about 750 of them. It is available on loan from the Library or I will sell you one for \$10.00. If you have any comments about things I've said or care to disagree with my comments, I'd like to hear from you. Address correspondence to Bill Richerson, 1047 Forest Knoll, San Jose, CA 95125.

The punches shown in this article are B&C, CHP & Co, E. H&G. JSB, R (Edmund & Charles Randolph), T, VCB & Co (Vernon C. Brown & Co.), W BROS (Walker Bros.), and WW. Most of these are unidentified. If you find any information as to who owned them, I would appreciate receiving it.

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HAWAIIAN MEMBER would like to hear from members who have T.H. Perfins on or off cover to sell or exchange. Seeking material to add to my exhibit for HAPEX. Correspondence welcomed. Ronald Howland, 408 Calif. Ave., Wailawa, HI 96786.

# THE EDITOR'S CORNER

In adding "Club Photographer" to the list of Perfins Club officials last month, the editor inadvertently inserted the name of Bill Richerson. The name, of course, should have been that of John Burns, who for the past several years has served the Club faithfully and well in that position. Bill Richerson is the author of a two-part article on revenue Perfins which concludes in this month's Bulletin.

If you have sent the editor a want ad within the last three or four months and it has not run in the Bulletin, please send the copy again. The editor has not ignored you, but he is certain that at least one member's want ad has been misplaced during the editor's move from Memphis

IT MIGHT EXPLAIN..... by Mike Burrows

Illustrated at right is Hancock's advertisement that appeared in the British Post Office Guide during the 1880's.

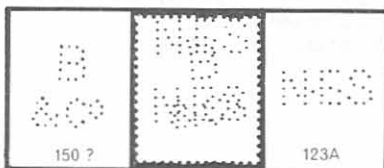
Whilst containing much information of interest to the Perfin student, it was the last line that took my eye.

As Francis A. Hancock was quite content to Perfin stamps in very small quantities, this might explain the reason for the 'two-fers.'

In Great Britain it was the custom to remit small amounts in postage stamps, thereby saving costs when paying small bills through the post. In fact, several Victorian and Edwardian advertisements would carry a line something like this: "send six unused ld. stamps for our latest list."

These unused postage stamps could then be cashed at a Post Office. Provided they were not Perfinned. So it could follow that if a firm received Perfinned stamps as payment they could Perfin them with their own die if they had one. This would then show ownership of the stamps, which could then be put back into stock for their own postage purposes.

Two examples of two-fers are given:



B/&C° plus N.E.S. on KEVII ld. lilac London postmark. Neither identified.



to Atlanta - and he doesn't recall which member sent in the ad.

Michael Dicketts (#1440) reports that he is "attempting to step into the shoes of Bob Woolley" by writing a column on Canadian Perfins in BNA Topics. He indicates that three columns have been published so far and each has included a report on a newly discovered design. Mike says the column is designed to keep Perfin collectors up to date with news and to act as a clearing house for information. Members wishing to contact Mike should write to him at 61 Alwington Ave., Kingston, Ontario K7L 4R4 CANADA.

N&Z/L plus RB/&C° on Victoria ld. lilac, London postmark. N&Z/L is identified as Negretti & Zambra Ltd., London W1., the opticians and scientific instrument makers.

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1753 Robert W. Reiner, 11037 Westover, Omaha, NE 68154 (Beginner)  
1754 Harvey C. Nunn, 1844 Haster Street, Sp 40, Anaheim, CA 92802 (Beginner)  
by James Ehrbar  
1755 Jack B. Payne, 308 Broadway Street, St. Simons Island, GA 31522 (Beginner)  
1756 John H. Barwis, 5625 Percival Road #113, Columbia, SC 29206 (Beginner)

Reinstatements

1301 Gilbert K. Koenigsaecker, 2128 Harrison Street, Davenport, IA 52803 (GB #33)

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1121 Lucile Emery, February 28, 1979

Resignations

1551 Homer H. Hagius

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## AUCTION BRINGS HIGH PRICES FOREIGN CATALOG REPORT

by Floyd A. Walker

The continuing increase in prices for good Perfins is reflected in the results of Perfins Club Auction No. 24, reported in this issue. The 490 lots of rated U. S. Perfins - mostly from the Bartleson collection - brought high prices, probably the highest in history, although the editor did not have time to check prior statistics in writing this report.

The one D-rated lot brought 30 cents. The 33 C-rated lots brought from 55 cents to \$6.50 each, with an average of \$2.63.

The 377 B-rated lots brought from 10 cents (some member got a real bargain) to \$8.00, with an average realization of \$3.42.

The 79 A-rated lots, probably the largest assemblage of such rare Perfins ever offered at auction, brought from \$3.55 to \$11.55, with an average of \$7.31.

The total realization from Auction No. 24 was over \$2,000,000, and the Bartleson collection has now netted the Club treasury several thousand dollars. The collection was left to the Club by the late Al Bartleson, who died in August 1977.

Bartleson was a long-time and dedicated member of the Perfins Club. He was also a "bird watcher" and a member of the Audubon Society. He was fond of taking long strolls along Vero Beach early in the morning in search of items brought up by the waves during the night. He had a roomful of marine oddities, including shells and fishing net floats from foreign countries.

U. S. Catalog Chairman Joe Balough reports that the new illustrated catalog of U. S. Perfins is coming along very well. As of May 20, he had 350 pages at the printer's, with another 100 pages to be submitted by the following Friday.

Balough states that the first section is 500 pages long, but that the remaining sections will be much smaller. He currently is awaiting photos in order to submit the remaining sections to the printer. He anticipates that the catalog will be ready for mailing sometime in June.

Orders for the new catalog may be placed with Jack Gooding, the Club treasurer. The price is \$25.00, postpaid, to U. S. and Canadian members. All checks should be made out to the Perfins Club.

Although the vast majority of the members of the Perfins Club collect United States Perfins in some fashion, interest in the Perfins of other countries remains high.

Unfortunately, our knowledge of the Perfins of most of the 217 other countries known to have used them remains slim. There are catalogs of some countries available, there are worksheets of others, but still others remain voids in our knowledge.

Here is a rundown on the current state of foreign Perfins literature as reflected in the Perfins Club Library and as researched by Secretary/Librarian Floyd Walker.

GREAT BRITAIN is reasonably well cataloged and the monumental (13,000 patterns) work by McKee and Tilles is the standard. Although there are flaws in the catalog (the printing is bad), the serious collector of British Perfins can hardly be without it. It is available from Dr. Harvey Tilles, Box 5466, High Point, NC 27262. Write for the price.

BRITISH COLONIES AND FORMER COLONIES haven't been the subject of really serious scrutiny and the coverage of them isn't, with few exceptions, beyond the worksheet stage.

BARBADOS, BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE, BRITISH GUIANA, and BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY are all in worksheet form, as are BURMA, CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, CEYLON, GIBRALTAR, and GOLD COAST. HONG KONG has been cataloged by Dr. Tilles and copies of that slim work are available from him at the address given above.

Tilles also has covered EGYPT, PALFSTINE, SUDAN, LEBANON, PERSIA, and TURKEY in his volume on Middle East Perfins.

INDIA is in worksheet form but still needs serious attention. HYDERABAD is also in worksheet form, along with JAMAICA, LEEWARD ISLANDS, MALTA, MAURITIUS, NATAL, and NIGERIA.

IRELAND has had some serious attention from time to time but work is still needed before an illustrated catalog is ready. Richard L. Mewhinney is involved but needs assistance.

MALAYA and the STRAITS SETTLEMENTS have had worksheet coverage and with some final work should be ready to go into "standard catalog" status.

PAKISTAN, PAPUA, RHODESIA, RHODESIA & NYASALAND, SIERRA LEONE, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, SUDAN, TRANSVAAL, THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA, and ZANZIBAR are all in worksheet form and need attention.

AUSTRALIA has had attention and we are told that we can expect a new Australia & STATES catalog one day soon. As we understand it, the manuscript for the catalog is

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in Australia where efforts are being made to secure a grant to help in its publication. We'll keep you posted and if copies become available, we'll let you know.

NEW ZEALAND has been the subject of two catalogs, one published in 1968, the other in 1970, but both are out of print and need some research before they are revised. We hope some enterprising soul will come up with a standard catalog on this popular country soon.

CANADA is perhaps second only to the United States in popularity, but right now there is no standard catalog in print. A lot of rumbling has been heard from north of the border about a revision to Woolley's superb BNA handbook, but we've seen nothing firm. If copyright problems can be overcome, the Perfins Club will entertain a move to publish a sound update on Canada. All the Executive Committee needs is something firm on which to base plans.

THE GERMAN AREA is the subject of intense research right now, thanks to the efforts of John Needham and Ed Stuntzner, the ramrods of the German Catalog team. Every serious Perfins philatelist could take lessons from these two, who have quietly been working with collectors all over the world on what seems destined to become "the" catalog of German Perfins. Needham and Stuntzner have kept worksheets current and available through the Library to any collector who will take the time to check them out and look them over. If you have even a few German Perfins, it would help if you'd take a little time to check them against the worksheets and report any information you have to one of the two catalog chairmen.

Here's what's currently available in the way of worksheets in the German area: GERMANY proper, which now is in three volumes and ready to go into a fourth; BAVARIA; DANZIG; EASTERN SILESIA; GERMAN SOUTHWEST AFRICA; GERMAN LOCALS; BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES; KIAUTSCHOU; MEMEL; SAAR; UPPER SILESIA; and WURTTENBERG. The file of GERMANY proper also includes OCCUPATION ISSUES and GERMAN OFFICES.

We should emphasize that Needham and Stuntzner are not alone in this project. Bavaria, for example, is the work of U. S. Catalog editor Joe Balough, but a note to either Needham or Stuntzner will put you in touch with the right people.

Around the rest of the world, there are some bright spots and some big voids.

ALGERIA and ANGOLA are like ARGENTINA... in workshop form only, although the work of Walter Bose of Argentina has been published and needs only a good translator and researcher to come up with a good basic reference work.

BELGIUM got serious attention in the late 50's from the Van Lints, but little else has been done since.

BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA has been covered in the Bulletin and hardly deserves a separate catalog. Perhaps Vojtech Maxa will include

this in a work he does on the smaller (in terms of Perfins) countries of Europe.

Maxa's two basic reference works, of course, are on the Perfins of CZECHOSLOVAKIA and those of HUNGARY. Both works are available from the Perfins Club (at Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030). The CZECHOSLOVAKIA is on an 8½-by-11 format and is \$3.50. The HUNGARY is on a 6-by-9 format and sells for \$3.00. The Czech catalog was published originally by the Perfins Club; Hungary is the product of the Hungarian collectors in England under the guidance of Dave Malyon.

Maxa, incidentally, is another model Perfins researchers could do well to imitate. His scholarship is sound and his publications, once he releases them, can be safely accepted as the best work that can be done by anyone on the subject.

BRAZIL isn't even in worksheet form. The "standard" remains a 3-page checklist prepared by Dave Stump longer ago than even Dave will admit. Although Rudy Roy has done some yeoman work on LATIN AMERICA, he still needs assistance to get to the point of producing a definitive catalog of this vast area. ARGENTINA, as we have mentioned earlier, is pretty much under control. CUBA is in worksheet form, as is CHILE, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, and COSTA RICA. The CANAL ZONE, perhaps because the tendency is to collect issues rather than types, remains outside the pale of formal cataloging, although a number of articles have been written on the subject.

Vast chunks of the area, however, remain uncharted. VENEZUELA, URUGUAY, PERU, and BOLIVIA, to name just a few, need serious work and Rudy Roy can surely use any information you can provide him.

BULGARIA, like the previously mentioned BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA is small in terms of the number of Perfins and needs a spot in that European catalog Maxa must surely be working on. Maxa produced the definitive work on Bulgaria in the October 1974 Bulletin, incidentally.

CHINA has been cataloged by Dr. Tilles (write him for the price of the volume) but we suspect much remains to be known from the inscrutable Orient. Are there, for example, any Perfins on the stamps of the Peoples' Republic?

CRETE is in worksheets, as are CROATIA-SLAVONIA, CURACAO, ERITREA, EAST AFRICA, FIUME, FUNCHAL, GREECE, LATVIA, and LEBANON, to do a bit of globe-hopping.

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# Great Britain Precancelled Perfins by Mike J. Burrows

In Great Britain no precancels in the style known for Belgium, France or the United States, exist. Instead, the precancel takes the form of a special postmark.

Previously I have dealt with the special postmarks issued to specific companies, such as H. S. King, Wm. Dawson or W. H. Smith (see Bulletin Vol. 28, No. 8, Sept. 1975, page 3).

But what of those companies that were not issued with their own distinctive marking? Well, in 1870 the members of the Provincial Newspaper Society approved a plan to send stamped wrappers to their local post office during the day to be cancelled and returned for use later in the same day. This, of course, meant that the post office could postmark the wrappers during a quiet period and thereby relieve some of the congestion during the hectic posting periods. The publishers obtained the advantage of being able to post later than the general public.

To give some idea of how important these arrangements were - one of the sights of London was the melee and confusion at the Newspaper window of the General Post Office. Indeed, to go and witness this spectacular event was considered a must in the itinerary of the well-to-do Victorian tourist, as the contemporary engraving above shows.

Over the years some changes were made to the London cancels, especially in the number of radial bars, which can vary from 6 to 10 bars. Illustrated below are a few of the types you may come across. The dates which appeared under LONDON have been omitted in the illustrations.



SIX O'CLOCK P.M.: THE NEWSPAPER WINDOW AT THE GENERAL POST-OFFICE.

This is what the news agents were trying to avoid.

Some of the publishers had the added advantage that instead of sending the wrappers to the local post office, the post office sent an employee along to the publishers' premises to stamp the wrappers.

From records kept of the Perfins noted as having the London precancellation, I find that some can be identified as being of newspaper publishing origin. Of course it does follow that the same Perfins can be found with other cancellations when used for ordinary mailing purposes.

Also, in the provinces, no special postmark was used for this special service that can be definitely allotted to this duty.\* As yet no example has been noted by me on postal stationery which was issued from October 1st, 1870, and which has been Perfinned.

\*this only applies in the context of precancelled Perfins.



## Precancelled Perfins Checklist:

307.1	BGL	14,10,7	4½mm Lennon Ltd, London, S.E.1
721.1	BTJ	14,7,7	4mm
	B&W	14,14,14 (III)	4½mm
471.3	DT	11,7	7½mm
536	D.X.	11,9	5½mm Daily Express, St. Bride Street, London E.C.
172.1	E.G.	10,10	4½mm Estates Gazette Ltd., London
421.2	GRAPHIC	9,10,8,8,10,4,7	4mm
21.	HAG/&CO	12,10,10/12,8,6	4½mm (III)
158.	ILN	5,7,13	4½mm Illustrated London News
	K	10	5mm
438.3	L&P	7,14,10 (III)	5mm London & Paris Exchange Ltd. London E.C.3
	MP	11,8	4½mm
	S&S	11,12,11 (IIIa)	4½mm

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The SCANDINAVIAN countries are getting some serious attention finally. DENMARK is about to be well documented in a volume slated for publication in Copenhagen sometime in 1980 or 1981. One of the forces behind this work is our new member Peter Englebrecht. A number of us, including your secretary, are helping all we can, but still more input from us is needed. If you can help, contact Englebrecht.

FINLAND is now in worksheet form and although there are only a few Finnish patterns, there remains much work to be done.

SWEDEN should be the subject of a catalog soon if our member Leif Bergman is on his way.

NORWAY is in worksheet form and Erling Dehli in Oslo is reportedly working on a standard catalog.

The FAROE ISLANDS have had some attention from members, but only one or two patterns are known from that tiny spot.

FRANCE, we are sad to say, is one of the great voids in Perfins research. We have heard that a catalog of France has been published, but we've never seen it and therefore cannot comment. The language problem interferes here. Some good work was done by Colonel LeBland and published by Lemonde in Paris, but without a working knowledge of French, it is difficult to follow the rather disjointed listings.

We do have in the Library a Xerox copy of the French Perfins in the Bartleson collection, and if somebody is interested in making a major contribution to Perfins philately, we suggest that FRANCE is where the action could well be.

ITALY is another area that needs additional labor, although Paul Gault has given us a good start with his worksheets. Perhaps Paul is closer than we know to a final revision, but he could still use help from those of you with Italian Perfins to report.

On the other side of the world, JAPAN has been well cataloged by Dr. Adachi, but the language problem remains with us. Even though the Adachi catalog (out of print, we are told, but a copy is in the Library) is beautifully illustrated, all the text is in Japanese. Perhaps some enterprising member will undertake a translation and the publication of an English version, which would be an instant top seller over here, we suspect.

JAPANESE OFFICES IN CHINA, incidentally, has been the subject of a worksheet, so work is continuing on that part of the world.

LITHUANIA, LOURENCO MARQUES, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, MANCHURIA, MONACO, MOROCCO, PHILIPPINES, and POLISH OFFICES IN DANZIG are on worksheets. POLAND, however, remains curiously untouched except for a single article--in Polish--which remains even more lost to our limited language ability than the French works.



The National Cash Register Company already had its branches all over Europe early in the 20th Century. In Austria its offices were in Vienna and used Perfin N./C.R. The Perfin Cover of the Month, sent in by Vojtech Maxa from Prague, Czechoslovakia, (#933) shows an envelope which the N.C.R. used for correspondence with the Czech speaking part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It does not bear the firm's name (not even on the obverse side), but the picture of a well-satisfied owner of their cash register shows who the user of the N.C.R. Perfin was. The picture is in full color and the Czech slogan reads in translation: "10,000 satisfied owners of cash registers!" The Perfin on the 10h Austrian stamp unfortunately is split, but its correct design can be seen in the illustration below.

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C.R.

ROMANIA is in worksheet form and we understand this will be the next serious work by Maxa. He has done an earlier (1970) work which was published in the Bulletin.

AUSTRIA, we are told, has been the subject of serious work by Dr. Moore and by Maxa, but we have no knowledge of the status of this catalog and we have not seen worksheets.

RUSSIA has been the subject of work by Maxa, but there are no worksheets and this whole vast country remains a Perfins mystery to most of us.

SIAM, SLOVENIA, TURKESTAN, and TUNISIA are in worksheet form and need some concentrated attention.

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# RESULTS OF AUCTION #24

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$6.25	68	\$2.75	135	\$4.35	202	\$0.95	269	\$7.20	336	\$4.50
2	4.75	69	1.85	136	2.25	203	6.75	270	7.20	337	4.45
3	7.00	70	2.50	137	4.50	204	1.60	271	5.50	338	2.40
4	4.35	71	5.00	138	1.70	205	2.40	272	1.70	339	3.55
5	2.50	72	4.50	139	6.00	206	2.40	273	2.45	340	11.55
6	4.55	73	5.75	140	7.20	207	2.40	274	4.00	341	3.00
7	3.25	74	3.25	141	5.75	208	4.35	275	1.00	342	4.35
8	4.50	75	2.00	142	2.25	209	4.65	276	2.00	343	2.00
9	4.50	76	4.55	143	7.20	210	6.75	277	1.70	344	1.60
10	4.35	77	3.75	144	3.25	211	5.50	278	1.55	345	4.00
11	4.75	78	2.00	145	5.00	212	4.50	279	3.25	346	4.00
12	4.75	79	4.25	146	4.35	213	8.75	280	5.75	347	4.25
13	4.35	80	7.70	147	7.20	214	1.35	281	3.75	348	4.45
14	4.75	81	2.55	148	6.00	215	5.00	282	3.00	349	4.50
15	2.50	82	4.00	149	6.00	216	3.75	283	5.75	350	1.70
16	4.55	83	4.00	150	3.55	217	2.35	284	6.75	351	2.00
17	3.00	84	4.50	151	3.15	218	2.40	285	1.25	352	2.00
18	3.25	85	3.85	152	7.00	219	4.35	286	7.20	353	2.00
19	5.75	86	2.75	153	7.00	220	1.90	287	.80	354	6.75
20	3.25	87	3.75	154	4.50	221	1.60	288	1.60	355	7.20
21	2.75	88	6.75	155	9.00	222	4.35	289	2.30	356	6.75
22	2.85	89	6.75	156	4.25	223	4.25	290	1.90	357	4.50
23	3.75	90	4.35	157	7.75	224	7.20	291	4.55	358	3.00
24	4.25	91	1.90	158	2.40	225	4.35	292	4.35	359	7.20
25	6.75	92	8.75	159	3.00	226	1.50	293	2.30	360	7.20
26	2.15	93	7.70	160	3.40	227	2.25	294	4.55	361	2.25
27	3.25	94	1.90	161	4.25	228	6.75	295	2.30	362	4.25
28	6.50	95	4.35	162	4.35	229	4.00	296	1.70	363	2.75
29	5.75	96	5.75	163	4.35	230	7.20	297	2.40	364	2.40
30	3.50	97	4.35	164	4.00	231	7.20	298	7.20	365	4.25
31	4.35	98	4.25	165	3.75	232	2.45	299	.50	366	1.95
32	4.25	99	3.25	166	2.40	233	2.40	300	2.40	367	1.60
33	4.50	100	4.35	167	2.00	234	2.00	301	1.40	368	2.00
34	4.25	101	2.75	168	4.75	235	3.50	302	2.75	369	6.75
35	3.75	102	4.35	169	1.60	236	4.35	303	1.70	370	4.35
36	7.20	103	7.00	170	5.00	237	3.25	304	3.50	371	6.80
37	2.00	104	4.75	171	3.25	238	7.20	305	1.90	372	4.35
38	4.35	105	1.90	172	5.00	239	2.75	306	3.50	373	6.75
39	3.25	106	4.35	173	4.00	240	2.00	307	2.75	374	4.50
40	7.20	107	5.75	174	1.90	241	6.75	308	4.35	375	5.75
41	6.75	108	7.70	175	3.75	242	1.90	309	3.50	376	2.00
42	2.00	109	7.70	176	2.50	243	3.00	310	2.75	377	8.75
43	4.35	110	3.00	177	7.20	244	1.60	311	3.00	378	5.00
44	3.25	111	4.75	178	4.50	245	4.25	312	1.65	379	4.25
45	4.55	112	6.50	179	3.00	246	6.50	313	4.35	380	1.80
46	3.00	113	2.00	180	1.90	247	4.45	314	2.40	381	4.55
47	4.50	114	1.10	181	4.55	248	1.90	315	2.25	382	4.55
48	4.35	115	2.15	182	4.25	249	1.60	316	1.70	383	2.00
49	4.10	116	3.00	183	4.50	250	2.85	317	2.40	384	3.65
50	7.20	117	2.75	184	4.00	251	4.35	318	4.35	385	4.25
51	8.75	118	1.85	185	6.50	252	6.75	319	4.35	386	4.35
52	2.00	119	2.05	186	7.20	253	2.00	320	1.80	387	1.80
53	4.25	120	4.00	187	3.75	254	3.00	321	1.50	388	2.50
54	2.75	121	4.35	188	3.50	255	1.90	322	7.20	389	2.25
55	7.70	122	4.35	189	7.20	256	4.55	323	3.00	390	2.40
56	2.00	123	2.40	190	3.00	257	3.25	324	3.00	391	5.75
57	2.00	124	4.35	191	2.25	258	4.00	325	2.00	392	2.40
58	2.75	125	4.35	192	4.35	259	.10	326	1.70	393	7.20
59	3.00	126	6.75	193	.55	260	2.25	327	4.25	394	4.00
60	4.50	127	6.75	194	4.50	261	3.75	328	2.85	395	2.40
61	2.00	128	1.85	195	4.50	262	2.75	329	3.50	396	4.00
62	2.00	129	2.00	196	1.85	263	2.25	330	4.55	397	3.75
63	3.00	130	4.35	197	4.25	264	4.55	331	7.20	398	3.85
64	4.50	131	4.00	198	4.25	265	3.05	332	3.75	399	2.40
65	7.20	132	2.00	199	4.35	266	4.25	333	4.25	400	4.75
66	2.00	133	2.25	200	2.25	267	1.55	334	2.55		
67	8.75	134	6.40	201	1.85	268	1.60	335	2.00		

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401	\$2.75	430	\$5.80	459	\$7.20	488	\$7.40	517	\$1.65	546	\$0.65
402	3.25	431	1.90	460	1.90	489	9.50	518	.60	547	4.50
403	1.85	432	4.35	461	3.75	490	5.00	519	3.25	548	2.25
404	3.75	433	.30	462	3.75	491	8.50	520	2.50	549	4.25
405	3.75	434	5.75	463	1.85	492	8.50	521	1.50	550	2.00
406	4.00	435	4.50	464	3.25	493	5.00	522	.65	551	1.35
407	w.d.	436	4.75	465	4.00	494	4.55	523	3.25	552	1.00
408	4.25	437	7.20	466	7.20	495	3.25	524	.90	553	1.00
409	4.00	438	2.75	467	6.75	496	4.75	525	.60	554	1.30
410	2.25	439	4.50	468	7.20	497	4.00	526	.95	555	.90
411	3.00	440	2.00	469	3.75	498	4.55	527	1.85	556	11.00
412	1.80	441	8.00	470	5.50	499	4.35	528	1.00	557	.55
413	4.75	442	5.75	471	4.00	500	9.00	529	5.75	558	3.00
414	1.70	443	1.80	472	3.75	501	5.75	530	1.10	559	1.10
415	2.40	444	2.45	473	4.05	502	.55	531	2.25	560	.20
416	4.35	445	1.60	474	5.50	503	6.00	532	1.10	561	2.75
417	4.00	446	4.75	475	4.15	504	3.50	533	3.00	562	.80
418	5.75	447	1.85	476	3.00	505	4.25	534	3.50	563	3.35
419	1.60	448	1.55	477	11.55	506	3.25	535	.85	564	1.45
420	2.40	449	2.00	478	3.50	507	5.50	536	1.50	565	17.05
421	6.75	450	4.35	479	6.80	508	3.25	537	1.75	566	1.20
422	3.85	451	2.65	480	4.75	509	4.35	538	1.50	567	11.50
423	4.05	452	7.20	481	3.00	510	.60	539	.65	568	5.35
424	4.05	453	1.50	482	4.50	511	2.25	540	1.10	569	5.75
425	1.85	454	4.00	483	3.50	512	1.10	541	.85	570	2.00
426	2.75	455	1.60	484	2.25	513	5.50	542	1.35	571	.80
427	2.40	456	3.75	485	2.50	514	9.50	543	1.75	572	3.00
428	2.40	457	4.00	486	4.35	515	1.40	544	5.35	573	.80
429	2.25	458	2.75	487	4.55	516	4.25	545	5.60	574	.95

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718	STB/PL	10,6,14/10,7	5mm	St.Brides Press Ltd., London W.C.1
1.8	T	7	9½mm	
194.2	TGL	7,10,7	4½mm	
197	WD/&C9	15,11/13,8,6 (III)	5½mm	Wm. Dunn & Co., London E.C.2
204.3	WD/&S	16,11/14,10 (III)	5mm	Wm. Dawson & Sons Ltd., London
380.3	WHS	14,16,10	5,7½,5mm	W. H. Smith & Sons Ltd., London

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576 .95  
577-82 n.b.  
583 1.90  
584-85 n.b.  
586 1.00  
587 .90  
588-600n.b.

## NEW WORKSHEETS IN LIBRARY

There are more new foreign worksheets in the Library this month... thanks to foreign research coordinator Robert Schwerdt and the members who are helping him.

The new additions are Germany (for use in the U. S. and British Zones) (WS-45-D); Malaya, Malyasia, and Singapore (WS-87); Finland (WS-86); Philippine Islands (WS-85); and Fiume (revised) (WS-13).

The "WS" number following each item above is the library code number and if you wish to borrow any of the worksheets, please request them by WS-number.

The German worksheets are, of course, part of the continuing good work of members Needham, Stuntzner, et al, who are making superb progress toward their goal of a catalog of Germany. They still need help, of course, and if you'd like to get involved, just give them a yell.

And you'll be interested to know that a new catalog of Denmark is in the works. It's being done in Copenhagen, but several members of the Perfins Club both here and in Denmark are involved. We'll keep you posted.

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## FOREIGN CATALOG REPORT (CONT'D FROM PAGE 4)

SPAIN remains another vast void, although we're told various people are working on it.

SWITZERLAND has been thoroughly covered in a catalog published in 1972 by the Perfins Club. Whether any copies remain available we do not know, although a note to Dave Stump should give you the answer. We do understand that a revision is being contemplated.

NETHERLANDS has been well covered in the work published by E. J. Enschede of Utrecht. The price of the catalog and ordering information is available from Enschede. And the intriguing POKO Perfins of NETHERLANDS are covered in a separate volume published in this country. The POKO volume is available for \$3.50 postpaid from Julius Manbach, 6323 North Francisco, Chicago, IL 60659.

THE ALERT READER will note a serious omission from this article so far: the name of Robert J. Schwerdt. I've mentioned the work of a number of people, but I've avoided talking about Bob...intentionally. I wanted to save my words for one spot, and save space by avoiding endless repetition of his name.

BOB SCHWERDT is the coordinator of foreign research for the Club and with few exceptions, he is the man responsible for the worksheets we've been able to list here. Bob hasn't worked alone, of course, but he has been the glue that has held the worksheet project together, has gotten the copies made, has coordinated the bits and pieces that help get the worksheets in place, and has done an excellent job of promoting research into foreign Perfins.

Clearly, however, it isn't a one-man job. Bob needs all the help he can get and if you have any information about foreign Perfins, pass it along to Bob, or to one of the other members listed here, so it can be

## WANT ADS

WANTED. Hungarian Perfins on or off cover, have some for swap. Send with price. David D. Malyon, 8 West Cliff Drive, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 8DA, England.

FOR EXCHANGE OR SALE: Perfin cards from the Netherlands and Germany. Wanted: Perfins from the Netherlands. Willem Smetsers, Van Stockhemstr. 41, 5922 TM Venlo, the Netherlands.

PERFIN and Precancel packets and approvals, free list. Gerstenberger, Box 14527, Phoenix, AZ 85063.

PERFINS WANTED. Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Manchukuo and related. Send with prices to Frank Allard, Box 4526, Carmel, CA 93921.

WILL EXCHANGE Schermack Type III, Scott #344 12 hole open square, no missing holes, for any other Schermack pattern, good condition. James P. Ehrbar, 1250 Eastwood Dr., Anaheim, CA 92805.

HAWAIIAN MEMBER would like to hear from members who have T.H. Perfins on or off cover to sell or exchange. Seeking material to add to my exhibit for HAPEX. Correspondence welcomed. Ronald Howland, 408 Calif. Ave., Wahiawa, HI 96786.

incorporated into the worksheet or cataloging programs.

Vast parts of the world of Perfins philately remain to be explored. But the work won't be easy. There aren't any easily available maps. One of the charms of Perfins philately for many of us is that it isn't cut and dried...that it is possible still to make discoveries and add to the world's knowledge about our subject.

All of the material we've mentioned here is available through the Library. Check your Library List for code numbers (and for other information) and get involved. And if you need help, drop a note to Schwerdt, or to Walker, or to others mentioned in this article. We'll try to steer you onto the right path, or at least aim you in some promising direction.

Now that the United States Perfins Catalog is becoming a reality, let's turn our attention outward and do what we can to catalog the Perfins of the World.

One final note: If you know of cataloging work that is being done and hasn't been mentioned here, let us know. And if you have Perfins literature that isn't in the Library, let us hear about it.

Perfins work is tough. It can be made easier if we all share what information we have. The Library, especially the foreign worksheet program, is a distribution point for what we know about foreign Perfins. Help us make it part of your Club that keeps on helping you.

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

We hope you've noticed the new address label on your Bulletin. It was prepared to be run on equipment available at the print shop in Memphis.

The label contains both your name and address and your membership number. Please check the label carefully and if there is an inaccuracy, notify the secretary at once. He'll make sure the proper people get notified and the records get straightened out.

From Denmark comes word of a new Perfin.. or really an old Perfin with a "life" of its own finally.

The Perfin is the GK, as illustrated below, which originally was made for Gentofte Kommune, the municipality of Gentofte, which is a suburb of Copenhagen.



But the town fathers were not happy with the perforator, which could handle only one stamp at a time. So they returned it and got instead a machine which can punch ten sheets at a time and ten stamps across!

The unused GK (which differs slightly from the 10-head machine) remained unused until it was acquired by our member Peter Englebrecht, who calls himself the "old collector," which is in Danish "den Gamle Kollektor."

Peter, incidentally, will supply an example of his Perfin to anyone who writes and asks. His address is 11 Hindballevej, 5466 Asterup, DENMARK. When you write, it would be appropriate to send along an IRC or an equivalent amount in U. S. postage to offset the expense of replying.

Jacob Kisner (750 Park Avenue, New York 10021), whose KIS/NER Perfin is used often on issues of the Park Avenue Local Post (see Bulletin, March 1979), reports that he has found eight Finnish parcel cards with ASEA (for Allmanna Svenska Electric AB) Perfins on the attached stamps. He'll send one of the cards along for \$2.00 plus 30¢ postage. And if you ask, he'll surely use one or more of his KIS/NER Perfins on the envelope. These parcel cards turned up in the same mix that yielded the FORD Perfins Kisner offered earlier.

## NEW U.S. CATALOG READY

On pages 4 and 5 of this issue you can see a reproduction of the first two pages of the new U. S. Illustrated Catalog, which is now coming off the press. Upon receiving these two sample pages from U. S. Catalog Chairman Joe Balough, the editor felt it was worth using two pages of the Bulletin to give members a graphic idea of the style and quality of the new catalog, which also will serve as an excellent album for U.S. Perfins.

Members should bear in mind that the reproductions shown on pages 4 and 5 are only 80 percent of the actual size of the catalog pages (8½x11).

Chairman Balough has announced that the first section of catalog pages will be ready for distribution in June, and the other sections will follow shortly thereafter.

Members desiring to purchase the catalog should send their check for \$25.00 to the Club treasurer, John A. Gooding, 923 N. Anita, Gonzales, LA 70737. Checks should be made out to the Perfins Club.

Chairman Balough and his wife, Dorothy, have put in a great deal of work in producing this new catalog, as has John Burns, the Club photographer. Quite a few members also have contributed substantially to it.

One of the greatest assets of this new catalog is that it shows the scarcity rating of each Perfin below the illustration. This should save members a great deal of cross-checking and uncertainty.

Every member who is serious about collecting Perfins will surely want to purchase a copy of this new catalog. Every effort was made to keep the price as low as possible, and at \$25.00 for a publication which can be used as both a catalog and an album, it stacks up as a real bargain.

A 16-page Perfins Bulletin will be coming up in the combined issue for July and August.

It will feature articles by Edwin Haack, Mike Burrows and others.

PLUS a contest in which some lucky member of the Club will win one of the new U. S. Illustrated Catalogs.

If you have an article, news item or want ad to submit, please get your copy in immediately.

# ABOUT FOREIGN PERFINS CATALOGS ——— by Floyd A. Walker

Why doesn't the Perfins Club publish more foreign Perfins catalogs?

We'd like to, but the problem is that so far we've not had the material to publish.

A lot of work is being done, and the prospects for future foreign Perfins catalogs looks good, but putting together a catalog requires more than just slapping a few pictures and some identifications on a page and trotting off to the neighborhood print shop.

Now that the United States Catalog seems to be under control (at this writing, I've seen the first few pages and they really do look nice), it is time to turn our attention toward the Perfins of other countries. But in doing so, it is also time to make a few observations about foreign catalogs.

First of all, let it be understood that the Perfins Club is interested in publishing foreign catalogs. The Club's Executive Committee makes the final decision on any undertakings of this sort, of course, and they must have some basis on which to make their decision.

If you have been working on a catalog of Perfins of a given country or area and you'd like to see it published, the place to begin is with the Foreign Catalog Research Coordinator, Bob Schwerdt. You can write Bob at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. But when you write him, be prepared to offer him some solid information about your work.

If you have done your research well and your work is as complete as can be expected, then the Club will very definitely entertain a motion to provide the funds and other work required to get the catalog into print and on the market for our members.

But there are some conditions that the Executive Committee will insist on.

1. The catalog must be backed by thorough research. That means you should have gone through a worksheet stage or at least checked all the known collectors of that country. A catalog based on your personal collection, even if it is a big collection, just isn't adequate. And there is nothing worse than a "catalog" which has to be followed by a stack of A&C sheets bigger than the original product.

2. Don't expect to make any money on your venture. If you're into the foreign Perfins catalog venture for anything other than personal satisfaction, then you'd probably be better off taking up another hobby. We can't remember when anybody has made money publishing Perfins catalogs. The Club hopefully will break even after it pays the printing bill and then buys the postage and packaging required to ship the catalogs. If there is money left over, it will be used to publish other catalogs, of course.

Don't forget, incidentally, that while the catalog you're working on may be "desperately needed," it won't sell like hotcakes. The market for Perfins catalogs is definitely limited (which explains why commercial publishers aren't beating down our

doors). Even the first edition of the Illustrated U. S. Catalog took more than 10 years to sell out.

This isn't meant to discourage, but rather to inject a dose of economic reality into the foreign Perfins catalog area.

However, the purpose of the Perfins Club is to encourage research into Perfins and we do stand ready to make use of the funds available to do precisely that. If you have a catalog project that needs help, contact Bob Schwerdt. He'll not only entertain proposals to publish catalogs, he'll help you with research too. Just ask.

And there is something else to consider.

The Perfins Club will gladly act as distributor for Perfins catalogs published by private individuals or other philatelic groups.

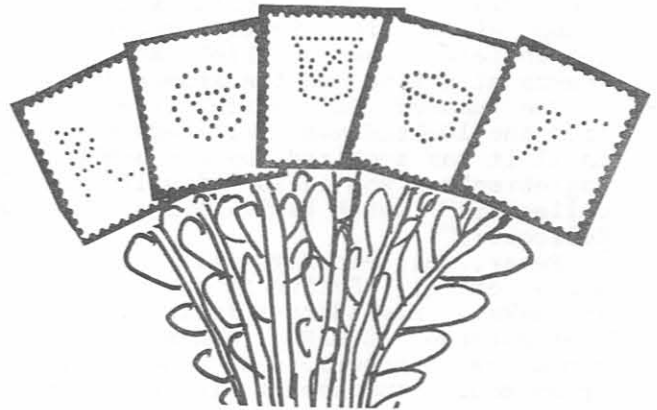
The secretary sends a list of available material to every new member and catalogs are offered in the Bulletin when they are available. The secretary functions as the distribution point for foreign catalogs and other literature.

If you'd like the Club to help distribute your privately published catalog, contact the Secretary for additional information. We'll ask for a review copy for the Library and we'll ask for a discount large enough to cover the expenses of distribution.

Foreign Perfins catalogs are needed. The Club will cooperate in every possible way to make them available to you.

Just let us know how we can help.

Floyd A. Walker  
Secretary/Librarian



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1. Non-rectangular Perfins. Thanks to Jan Prins, we have another example of a non-rectangular Perfin. Figure 1 shows an isosceles triangle, which is Netherlands, Scott #204. At first glance, this stamp appears to be a right angle triangle, but measurement shows the top angle is 78 degrees, with the other two being 51 degrees.

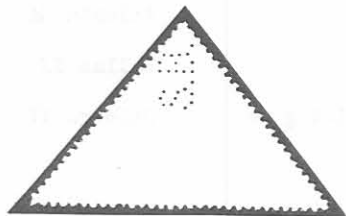


Figure 1

Are there more non-rectangles? Keep looking.

2. Australia HS. I am sure many of you have noted the Australia HS (Figure 2) Perfin with the large hole under the S. I have wondered if this was a code hole or what. However, recently I acquired an HS/&Co (Figure 3), and now realized where the large hole came from, but am still not sure of the why. As can be seen, the &C were removed, but the o was left. The HS also exists without the large hole, and may have been a later modification, but the issues seem to overlap. The user of this Perfin has been reported as Howard Smith & Co. Does anyone know the reasons for the change?

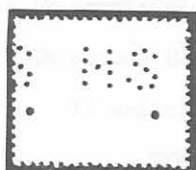


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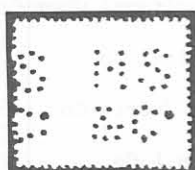


Figure 3

The study of changes in a Perfin is very interesting. Many are accidental breakage, but the removal of a letter or two usually had a meaning.

3. In recent years the Victoria Government has been using the VG Perfin illustrated in Figure 4. Prior to this, they used a machine that perforated 12 stamps at a time, each of which was slightly different. And, again prior to that machine, there was an earlier 12-head machine, again each one different. Recently I have noted on recent Australian stamps a VG as in Figure 6, which differs considerably from Figure 4. I found this was as one of the previous machines. Figure 5 shows a pair from that machine with the stamp on the right (with missing hole) as the recent ones. The recent usage has no missing hole, and Figures 6 and 7 suggest that the machine is now only punching one stamp at a time. Was there a major repair or what? The Figure 4 Perfins still appear to be in use, so was there a repair to the old machine for

another location? Help wanted.

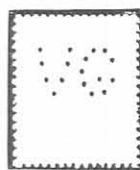


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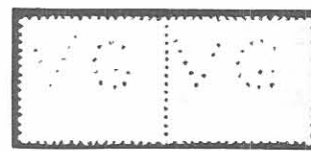


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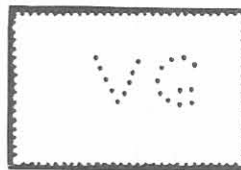


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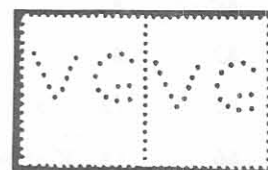


Figure 7

4. Standard Bank of South Africa. Following a Perfin user throughout the world is an interesting and challenging pursuit. Figure 8 shows the SB/SA Perfin of the Standard Bank of South Africa on a South African stamp. Figure 9 from Great Britain and Figure 10 from the United States are the farthest apparent reaches of this company. Figure 11 shows the type used on stamps of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. It is also found on Zanzibar stamps. These two countries also used an SB Perfin, which is as the first line of the other one, and may be a machine modification. Figures 12 to 16 show Perfin types found on Great Britain revenues. Perfin identity is confirmed in all cases by cancels except for Figure 12. This one, however, appears to have been modified to make Figure 16, so it may have been a predecessor name.



Figure 8



Figure 9



Figure 10

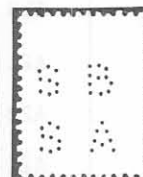


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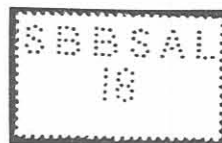


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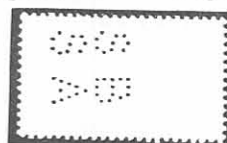


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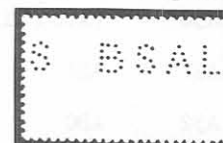


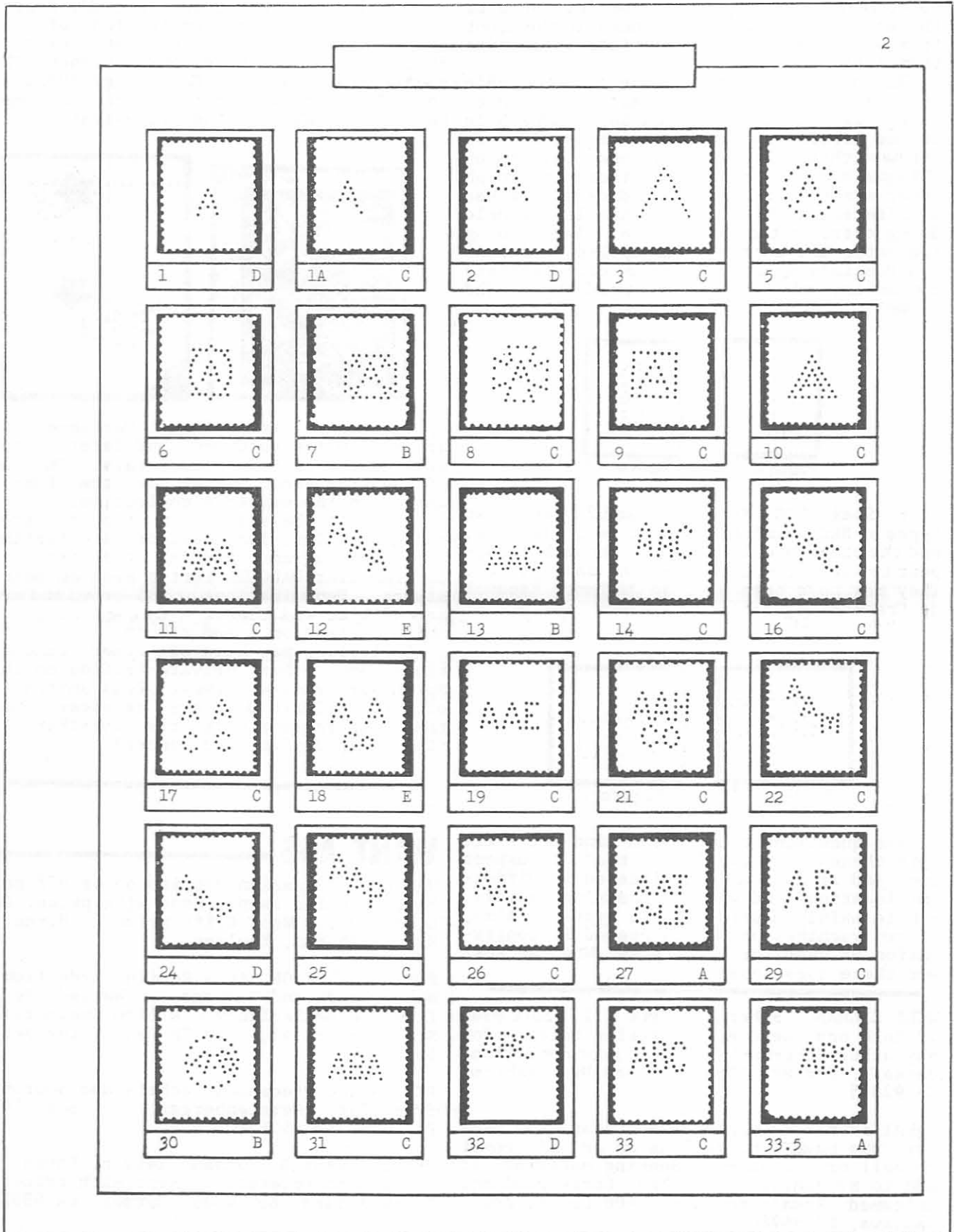
Figure 16

Many companies can be found on several countries' stamps, and often something about the company can be determined by studying them. (continued on page 6)

# SAMPLE PAGES OF THE NEW

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A1	A	5½	PC		Milwaukee WI
A1A	A.	5½			Atlanta GA
A2	A	10	*	Swift & Co	Dallas TX
A3	A	11	* x	Atlantic Refining Co	Chicago IL
A5	(A) Cir.	(6) 11½			
A6	(A) Elipse	(4) 12	* x	Auburn Trust Co	Auburn NY
A7	(A) M.C.	(4½) 9½	*	American Nat'l Bank	Nashville TN
A8	(A) M.C	(4) 11			
A9	(A) Sq	(6) 10		Armstrong Paint & Varnish	Chicago IL
A10	(A) Tri.	(4½) 9	*	WD Allen Mfg Co	Chicago IL
A11	AAA	8-10-8	*	EC Atkins & Co	Indianapolis IN
A12	AAA	6	PC *	American Auto Assn	Washington DC
A13	AAC	5			
A14	AAC	7			NYC
A16	AAC	6-6-5½	PC *	Amn Agricultural Chem Co	Baltimore MD
A17	AA/CC	4	*	Amn Agricultural Chem Co	Baltimore MD
A18	AA/CO	5/4-2½	PC *	Amn Appraisal Co	Milwaukee WI
A19	AAE	5½	*	Arthur E. Everts Co	Dallas TX
A21	AAH/CO	6/4½	PC *	AA Housman & Co	NYC
A22	AAM	4	*	Acetylene Chem Co	Chicago IL
A24	AAP	4½	PC *	Amn Asbestos Prod Co	NYC
A25	AAP	5½			
A26	AAR	5	*	Amn Asphaltum & Rubber Co	Chicago IL
A27	AAT/C-LD	4			
A29	AB	8	*	Amalgamated Bank of NY	NYC
A30	(A.B) Cir.	(4½) 12			
A31	ABA	5½			
A32	ABC	5½	*	Amn Bonding Co	Baltimore MD
A33	ABC	6½			
A33.5	ABC	6½			

# U. S. ILLUSTRATED CATALOG



5. Great Britain BB. Code holes are common on Perfins of many countries, but are not so common on Great Britain Perfins. Some of the early ones used differences in the &, but this was more to differentiate companies than location.

Recently I acquired a couple of GB BB's which I am wondering about as to code hole. Figure 17 is a McKee-Tomkins B45, with a hole in the bottom loop of the B. Figure 18 does not have this hole. At first one would think this pin had been broken, but there are enough other minor differences to indicate this was a different machine. Also, what is the hole doing there in the first place? The catalog indicates the user as Baddeley Bros. of London. Possibly again this was to differentiate companies, and is not really a code hole. Who knows?



Figure 17



Figure 18

6. Spain BEC. Figures 19 and 20 show two types of BEC from Spain. One C is a flat top, and the other one is pointed. These both appear to have been used over the same period. They may have been used by the Banco Espanol de Credito.

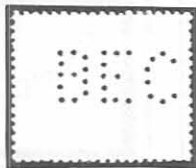


Figure 19



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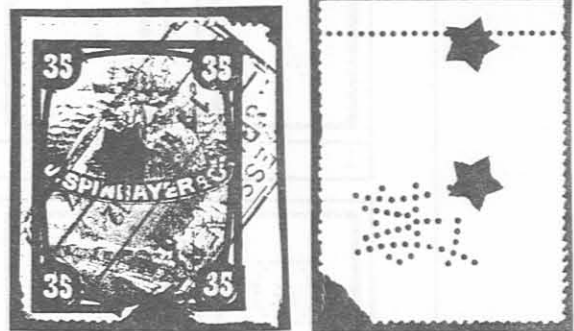
The questions that come to mind are - are both these on one machine or two? I suspect two. And if two, are they located in different locations and where? Checking cancels, I note mainly Madrid on both types. Also, if two machines, why? Also needed is confirmation of user for both types. Who can answer these questions?

**WILL EXCHANGE** Schermack Type III, Scott #344 12 hole open square, no missing holes, for any other Schermack pattern, good condition. James P. Ehrbar, 1250 Eastwood Dr., Anaheim, CA 92805.

**HAWAIIAN MEMBER** would like to hear from members who have T.H. Perfins on or off cover to sell or exchange. Seeking material to add to my exhibit for HAPEX. Correspondence welcomed. Ronald Howland, 408 Calif. Ave., Wahlawā, HI 96786.

BY ROBERT J. SCHWERDT

An interesting acquisition made recently by the writer shows combination of punch and Perfin on the parcel stamps of the J. Spinhayer Co. Both the purple cancel "Messageries/Spinhayer & Co" (used 1912) and the MS monogram Perfin repeat the company name as seen in the illustration.



The stamps were first Perfined, then affixed to the document, and later punched with two 5 or 6 pointed stars. The size of the star punch varies on the four examples in the writer's collection.

Three of the stamps in two different, though similar, face designs, are Perfined with MS monogram, and the other stamp has the familiar WAUQUEZ Perfin seen on Belgian stamps. Denominations are 35 brown and gray, and 45 blue and black. Company name is in white letters on a red ribbon.

Collectors may know of other denominations and other private Perfins on these Spinhayer private stamps. Does anyone know of other private delivery services using their own Perfins which tie together Perfin, stamp design, and cancel?

## WANT ADS

**WANTED.** Hungarian Perfins on or off cover, have some for swap. Send with price. David D. Malyon, 8 West Cliff Drive, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 8DA, England.

**FOR EXCHANGE OR SALE:** Perfin cards from the Netherlands and Germany. Wanted: Perfins from the Netherlands. Willem Smetsers, Van Stockhemstr. 41, 5922 TM Venlo, the Netherlands.

**PERFIN and Precancel packets and approvals,** free list. Gerstenberger, Box 14527, Phoenix, AZ 85063.

**PERFINS WANTED.** Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Manchukuo and related. Send with prices to Frank Allard, Box 4526, Carmel, CA 93921.

# THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Joe and Dorothy Balough deserve a great vote of thanks from the membership for their many months of work in getting out the new U. S. Illustrated Catalog. Although it may have been a labor of love, it nevertheless required much dedication and perseverance on their part, as well as the sacrifice of much time that they could have been spending on other interests.

A vote of thanks should also go to John Burns for his equally dedicated and time-consuming work in preparing the illustrations for the catalog.

Also to be thanked are the members who contributed data and/or provided Perfin types for photographing.

The new catalog shows what unselfish and unstinted work by dedicated philatelists can do. It should be a great boon, not only to the members of the Club, but to Perfins philately in general.

In an article elsewhere in this issue, the secretary makes it clear that the Perfins Club is ready to get deeper into the foreign Perfins catalog publishing work.

But one question needs to be answered by all our members.

Which catalogs are you most interested in?

There is no point in publishing a catalog of the Perfins of Indian States if nobody is interested in a catalog of the Perfins of Indian States! We'd very much like to publish what you most want to see.

Drop the secretary a note (at Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030) and tell him which countries you are most interested in seeing cataloged.

It will help the Club make its decisions.

Members are reminded of the following in submitting checks:

All checks accompanying orders for the new U. S. Illustrated Catalog should be mailed directly to the Club treasurer, John A. Gooding, 923 N. Anita, Gonzales, LA 70737.

All checks in payment of dues, and all checks accompanying orders for publications available from the Club Library, should be mailed directly to the Club secretary, Floyd A. Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

The editor merely produces the Bulletin. Any checks mailed to him for the above purposes simply means a delay due to his having to forward them to the proper officer.

Also, the editor occasionally receives letters from members asking that their advertisements be run in the Bulletin for a period of consecutive months and requesting that they be billed for the cost.

The Perfins Bulletin does not run paid advertisements. The WANT AD section of the Bulletin is available to all members to run an occasional want ad without charge.

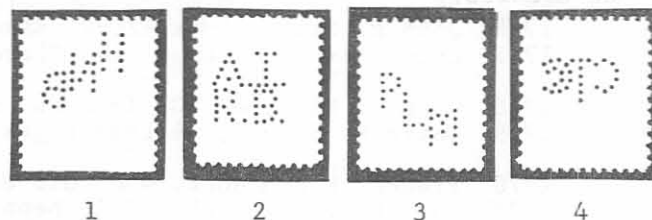
Running your free ad in a particular issue cannot be guaranteed, as the ads are run strictly on the basis of space being avail-

able. However, the editor generally manages to get an ad into the next issue after it is received. Where multiple insertions are requested, the editor will do the best he can, but the second and third insertion of one member's ad, in fairness, cannot take precedence over the first insertion of another member's ad. Only ads of a few lines can be taken. To run a very lengthy ad for one member obviously would invite other members to request similar accommodation, and the Bulletin would run into serious space problems.

The Perfins of Hungary will soon be available again from Secretary Floyd Walker. This 48-page volume covers the more than 500 Perfins of Hungary, is fully illustrated, and is well printed. The catalog was prepared by Vojtech Maxa (#933) and published in England by David Malyon (#1104).

Copies are available (or will be available as soon as the boat docks) from Walker for \$3.00 per copy postpaid. Write Walker at Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

Joe Schirmer (#1681), who specializes in Olympic stamps, has found the three Olympic stamps shown below bearing Perfins whose users are unidentified in the catalog. Joe is interested in hearing from any member who can shed light on their users or who knows of Olympic stamps bearing other unidentified Perfin designs.



Perfin 1 is HNB (H-133) on the 2-cent Lake Placid (Scott #716); Perfin 2 is A.I./R.B. (A-155) on the 3-cent Los Angeles Olympic (Scott #718); and Perfin 3 is PLM (P-126) on the 3-cent Los Angeles (Scott #718).

The fourth Perfin shown above is a Perfin-precancel used by Caterpillar Tractor Co., Peoria, Ill. (C-342). Schirmer is interested in hearing of other Perfin-precancels on Olympic stamps, and plans to write an article on them for the Bulletin in the near future.

(Editor's note: the editor has the above-pictured AI/RB Perfin (A155) on a stamp postmarked Birmingham, Ala. It seems highly probable, although not proved, that this is a Perfin of the Alabama Inspection & Rating Bureau, which used a similar Perfin (A153) at Montgomery. Does anyone have it on cover?)

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New Members	7
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# The Perfins Bulletin

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## A REVIEW: THE NEW UNITED STATES PERFINS CATALOG

by Secretary Floyd Walker

Make a list of all the things you'd do if you were going to publish the best Perfins catalog ever and chances are you'll find that Joe and Dorothy Balough have done them...in the 1979 Catalog of United States Perfins.

I've seen a lot of Perfins catalogs and I'm frankly pretty critical of most of them. I'm a publications editor by profession and I like to believe I have pretty high standards. It is awfully hard to find anything to criticize about the new U. S. Catalog.

The printing--the downfall of some earlier catalogs, notably the British--is superb. The illustrations are crisp, the text clear, sharp, and uncluttered, and the paper is top grade and soft white. The black squares which are blank spots in the catalog are actually black, really black, not a mottled gray: hallmark of a printer who knows his trade.

The catalog is arranged with the identifications on the left side of a double page spread and the illustrations on the right side. The pages are, of course, standard 8½ by 11 and have been punched for a three-ring binder. Even with 30 patterns per page, it takes a full 500 pages to handle the 5900 or so Perfins listed in the main section of the catalog. Then there's another 46 pages of information which the collector will find extremely informative and useful.

The catalog is divided into five basic sections: commercial Perfins, illegal Perfins, philatelic Perfins, Schermacks, and supplemental information. Added to this is the introductory material, a section on "information for the catalog user," a list of illustrated plates, a dedication page, and an appendix and glossary.

The volume is dedicated to the late Alfred Bartleson, without whom the catalog would still be a dream. When Al died, he left his very extensive Perfins collection to the Club with the provision that it be used in such a way as to best benefit the members. The Executive Committee chose to sell Al's Perfins through the Sales Department and the auctions and to use the proceeds of the sale to finance the new U.S. Catalog. We like to think Al would be proud of the Committee's decision.

Catalog Editor Joe Balough acknowledges a debt to the 1966 edition of the U. S. Catalog for the basic information in this volume, but the earlier edition suffers in

comparison.

There is, for example, much more information crammed into this volume than into the previous one. Ratings are included below each illustration, for example, and there is information about precancel Perfins.

There's also a section on Schermacks, another listing Perfins which have been issued purely for philatelic or personal reasons, and a section on illegal Perfins--all of which were previously only to be found in scattered reference materials. Here they are brought together between one set of covers in a highly usable form.

As a member of the Rex Reed school of criticism, I suppose I should find something about the volume to knock. Joe Balough tells me that there are a couple of typographical errors and one messed-up illustration, but I couldn't find them. I checked out the WALKER Perfin and found it listed...both in the general listing and in the "personal Perfins" section. The introduction and other text materials are carefully written.

The only annoying thing about the volume is the color of the paper Joe chose for the outer covers. I think his printer probably called it "goldenrod." I'd have to say it's probably what passes for orange in his part of Texas. Whatever it is, it's ugly!

Ugly covers aside, the catalog is well worth the \$25 price.

For the last couple of years, we've heard how badly we need a good guide to U.S. Perfins.

We now have it...and then some!

If you'd like a copy, send your check for \$25 (payable to the Perfins Club) to J. A. Gooding, 923 North Anita Avenue, Gonzales, LA 70737.

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### ITEMS OF INTEREST

On page 10 of this issue, you will find the details of a P.E.R.F.I.N.S. contest in which some member will win a copy of the new U. S. Perfins Catalog described above.

Once again the editor must put out an appeal for more articles for the Bulletin. A few members have responded well to his prior appeals, but month-after-month publication requires a steady supply of articles and other material. And we are always glad to get reports about honors won by members, whether they be in Perfins exhibiting or other facets of their lives.

# ABOUT THE SALES DEPARTMENT by Ivan H. Ley

The first six months of 1979, the Sales Department of the Perfins Club sent out 321 sales books containing C or better rated Perfins, 483 envelopes of E and D rated ones, and 751 envelopes of foreign Perfins. These were sent to 84 different members.

When I took over the sale of Perfins, the only material available was books containing C or better Perfins. I had always been peeved with stamp collecting because it was difficult to buy the cheaper stamps. I decided to put E and D rated Perfins into envelopes to make the cheaper ones available to the members. Later, this was also done with foreign.

I have often wondered if that was a wise move and if we should continue with it. Most of our members are honest, but we have a few who are not. Some of our members remove Perfins from the envelopes without reporting them and so do not pay. Others remove Perfins and substitute splits, incompletes and others they don't want, so the count will be the same. It is more difficult to substitute Perfins in the books, but we have had members remove good ones and substitute poorer ones.

Perfins are supposed to be returned in 10 days. We have a number who disobey this rule. We have a number of buyers who do not return lots sent to them for two months, even after being reminded by letter several times. When sickness or other troubles enter the picture, of course, such lateness is forgiven.

Another problem is carelessness in sending in the proper payment. Amounts sent in often are a bit too little or too large. I record these and in time they usually cancel out. However, I have some who are always short.

The Perfins Club operates on commissions received for Perfins sold for the members. To pay postage and insurance, it takes the commission on about an \$8.00 sale to pay expenses. If that amount is not taken, the member is supposed to help with the postage cost of sending the material to him or her. Too often, this is not done. Others pay the postage both ways, even if larger lots are bought.

There are many pleasures in sending out Perfins. Most of our members are honest, dependable people. I have fun corresponding with them. I have developed friends all over the U.S., Canada and foreign countries. I enjoy their friendly letters and their thanks for having a source of Perfins. One morning I received a telephone call. The voice said: "This is Erling Dehli from Oslo, Norway." I said: "Who do you think you are kidding?" It was Erling. He wanted Norway Perfins. I sent him what I had, which was not many.

One member picked a D-rated Perfin from an envelope of E-raters and returned it. Once included a cookie bone with his returns for my dog Susy.

I work about six hours a day getting Perfins ready and sending them out. I'm retired and live alone with my dog Susy, so I have the time - but a little help on some

of the mentioned troubles would be appreciated.

I especially detest the stealing or substituting of Perfins. Several times I was at the point of writing to some members for a photo of themselves. I wanted to hang them in my stamp room to show what a person low enough to steal a postage stamp looks like. I wondered if there would be some similarity in appearances. In my mind, the sin is the same if you steal an E Perfin or thousands of dollars.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### OPERATING STATEMENT, THE PERFINS CLUB

2ND QUARTER 1979

RECEIPTS	
Dues	\$ 455.00
Publications	11.00
Sales Books	1,805.90
Auctions	2,163.88
Interest Income	155.16
U.S. Catalog Advance Sales	950.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$5,540.94</b>
EXPENSE	
Bulletin	\$1,628.23
Secretary's Expense	47.87
Membership Expense	24.95
Publication Expense	69.90
Foreign Catalog Exp.	19.02
Treasurer's Expense	20.98
U.S. Catalog Exp.	8,157.60
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$9,968.55</b>
Expense in Excess of Receipts	\$4,427.61
Cash in Banks, Last Report	\$16,010.05
Expense in Excess of Rec. above	4,427.61
<b>Total Cash to Account for</b>	<b>\$11,582.44</b>
Cash in Checking Account	\$ 777.26
Cash in Savings Operating Funds	7,362.07
Cash in Savings Life Memberships	894.15
Cash in Long Term Bonds, Life Mem.	2,548.96
<b>Total Cash in Banks</b>	<b>\$11,582.44</b>

J. A. Gooding, Treasurer

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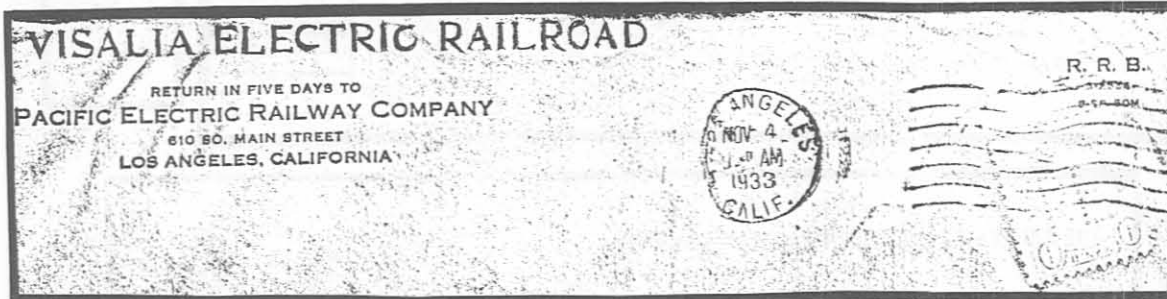
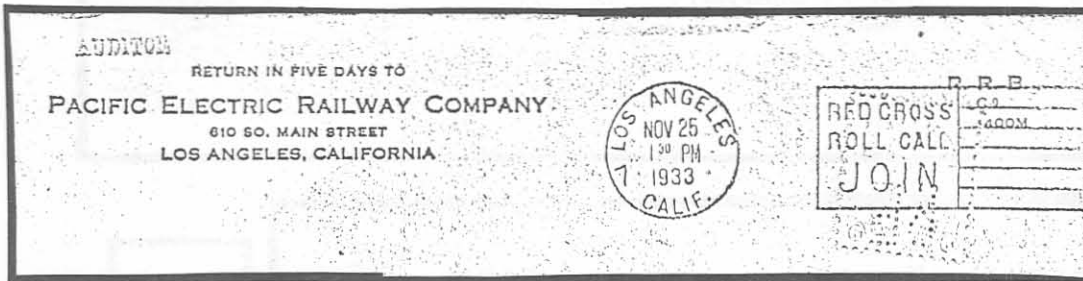
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# Background on U.S. Perfin Users

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS OF CALIFORNIA

BY EDWIN C. HAACK



## PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY

The largest inter-city railway system in the United States was the Pacific Electric (Perfin P70), which, in its peak years, operated over 1,000 miles of track, and about 700 miles of service. The history of the system is very complex, and cannot be developed at length here.

The Pacific Electric was formed in September 1900 by the merger of eight companies, which all had been under common control, although some had started life as independent roads. The predecessors date back to 1895 when a line was completed from Los Angeles to Pasadena, and 1896, when the line via Hollywood to Santa Monica was finished. The bulk of the mileage was built during the next decade.

By 1915, the Pacific Electric was one of the finest electric railway properties in the country, with the most modern equipment. The road developed freight service at an early date, particularly carload traffic, with citrus fruits, oil, and inbound merchandise. But most of the revenues (typically about 75% - and 50% even as late as 1953) came from passenger service. Profits for a number of years were moderate, but not high. Traffic rose sharply up to 1923 as the area grew rapidly, and then fell as automobile use increased.

Between 1938 and 1941 a significant portion of the passenger service was abandoned, including the service to San Bernardino, Riverside and Pomona, San Gabriel and Temple, Yorba Linda, Fullerton and Whittier, Redondo and Newport Beach. Basically, the road was the victim of the productivity squeeze, and any attempts to avoid it were



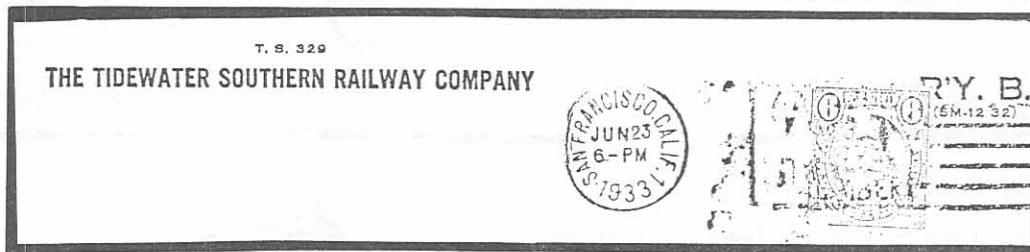
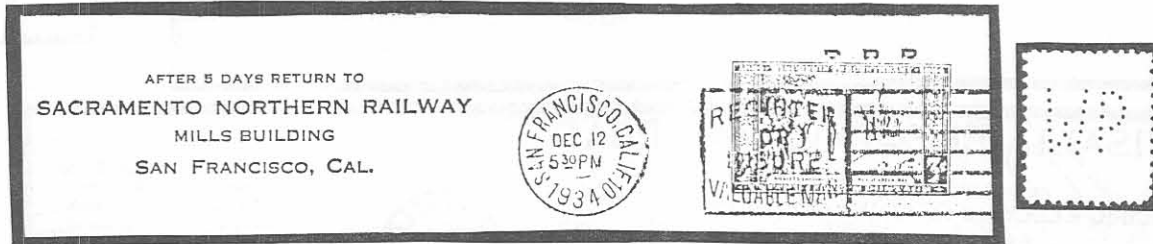
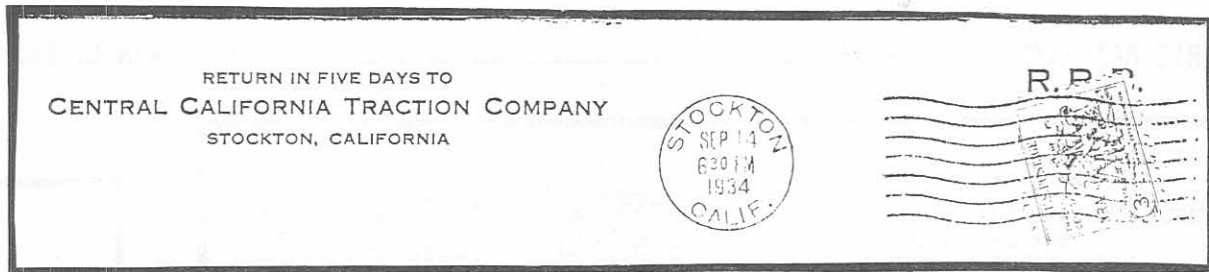
PACIFIC ELECTRIC BUILDING, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

rendered difficult. Once the traffic volume began to fall again after the war, the road took steps to convert to freight-only operation.

In 1950, all remaining passenger service was abandoned except to Long Beach and San Pedro, and to Bellflower, Hollywood, and Burbank. In 1954, these remaining lines were sold. The difficulty was aggravated by absentee control for many years, by the Southern Pacific's general lack of interest after 1924 in local passenger service.

## VISALIA ELECTRIC RAILROAD

The Visalia Electric Railroad (Perfin P70) operated several lines in the citrus-fruit area in Tulare County (in the southern part of the San Joaquin Valley). The line was built to Lemon Cove in 1905, but not



until March 1908 was electrification of this line and the line from Visalia to Exeter completed and passenger service established. Service was extended to Terminus in 1909, and to Elderwood on July 31, 1915. Most of the runs terminated at Woodlake, some cars going on to Elderwood and to Redbanks. A non-electrified line was built from Exeter south to Strathmore in 1916.

The passenger revenue reached its peak in 1912. By 1923 it had dropped quite substantially. In 1924, the company requested permission to discontinue passenger service. The Strathmore line was cut back to El Mirador in 1942 and to Fayette in 1953. The system was dieselized in 1944.

For a time the Visalia Electric operated the non-electric line from Chowchilla to Dairyland, in Madera County. It was abandoned after the Peninsular Railway began freight operations in the San Jose area.

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA TRACTION COMPANY

The second system to serve Sacramento was the Central California Traction Company (Perfin W154A), whose 53-mile main line connected the capital city with Stockton, with a branch line from the main line to Lodi.

The Stockton-Lodi line was built first, completed in September 1907. In August 1910, the main line from Lodi Junction into Sacramento was placed in operation. For a number of years the road was operated jointly with the separately owned Tidewater Southern. In

the early twenties the Southern Pacific sought to buy control, and was opposed by the Santa Fe and the Western Pacific. Finally, each was permitted by the I.C.C. to buy a one-third interest. Herbert Fleishacher remained as president, a post which he held for 30 years.

Almost from the first, the CCT built up a substantial freight business, and was a financial success, one of the few interurbans never in bankruptcy. But passenger revenue was hit by the automobile. First, the through service to Lodi was reduced to shuttle operation; then on February 5, 1933, all passenger service was suspended. However, even in the worst years of the depression, despite a drop in revenue, the line never encountered operating deficits. The line continued to operate the suburban Sacramento streetcar service on the main-line track until 1944, when all streetcar service in Sacramento was taken over by the Pacific City lines. In 1946, the road also eliminated electric operation in favor of diesel service. Since that time virtually no changes have occurred.

SACRAMENTO NORTHERN RAILWAY

The largest of the systems was the Sacramento Northern (Perfin W154A), whose 183-mile run from San Francisco to Chico was one of the longest through runs anywhere in the country. The SN was one of the best in-

terurbans, from the standpoint of service, and it utilized a wide variety of types of equipment.

The Sacramento Northern of later years represented a consolidation of two long, separate and, in many ways, distinct types of lines. The northern lines, including those to Woodland and Vacaville, were originally the Northern Electric. The company purchased the Chico Street railway system from the Diamond Match Company in 1906. On April 26 of that year it completed the interurban line to Oroville, and in December it established south to Marysville. This segment was built with a third rail, which subsequently was used on all of the Northern Electric Lines. On September 7, 1907, through service was established to Sacramento.

Next came the branches. The first, completed October 31, 1907, was Chico to Hamilton. A second, July 4, 1912, Sacramento to Woodland. The third, June 13, 1913, Yuba City to Colusa. In 1926, a Union Station was built in Sacramento in conjunction with the Northern Electric and the Central California Traction Company.

The Oakland, Antioch and Eastern went into receivership and was reorganized in 1920 as the San Francisco-Sacramento Railroad, known as the Sacramento Short Line. In turn, the stock of the new road was purchased in 1927 by Western Pacific, which had bought the Sacramento Northern in 1922. In 1928, the two electric roads were merged.

The unprofitable Danville branch was abandoned in 1924, and, in 1926, the road eliminated service on the Vacaville branch. The last passenger operation of the company was the single-car Birney streetcar line in Chico, discontinued on December 14, 1947. Some of the roads still in use continue to be an important freight feeder for the parent Western Pacific.

#### TIDEWATER SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

The other line operating out of Stockton was the Tidewater Southern (Perfin W154A) built as an independent road, but a Western Pacific subsidiary after 1917. The road was never electrified in its entirety, and never was used electrically for freight service except in Modesto. The main line extended southeastward from Stockton to Escalon. The company never operated streetcar service.

Construction was begun in 1911, and in October of 1912, steam passenger service was opened from Stockton to Modesto. Electrification of this line was completed on November 15, 1913. In 1916, the line was extended to Turlock, and in 1917 to Hatch, but these lines never were electrified, and never operated passenger service. The company owned only three passenger cars. Service for a number of years was operated at one-hour intervals, but was cut back in the late twenties. All passenger service ended on May 26, 1932, and the section of track from Ortego into Stockton was abandoned.

The Tidewater Southern developed into an extremely significant feeder for the Western Pacific, and supplied an extensive volume of carload freight to the parent company. Except for the short period around 1930 when the passenger service was dragging the road, it continually showed (and still shows) a good profit, an unusual situation for what is essentially a branch-line operation.

(Historical data on the railways covered in this article was taken in part from the book, "The Electric Interurban Railways in America," by Goerge W. Hilton and John F. Due, published by the Stanford University Press, Stanford, California.)

#### NUMERAL PERFINS OF HUNGARY BY VOJTECH MAXA

In the January 1977 issue of the Bulletin, Michael Burrows published an excellent review of the numeral Perfins on KG VI issues of Great Britain.

Now I would like to draw the attention of Bulletin readers to other numeral Perfins--those of Hungary. In my catalog of the Perfins of Hungary, I list the CO2 and C.C.33 Perfins. Since the catalog was issued, I have found two more true numeral Perfins, as follows:



The 2 Perfin was used in Budapest on 28 June (year unknown) and was found on the 60f Turul stamp of 1909/1913. The 7 Perfin, also used in Budapest (date unknown) is on the 6f stamp of the same series.

One wonders who is using such Perfins--which tell very little about their owners. The patterns do not seem to be part of a dating or numbering device of the sort used mostly by Kodak. I doubt that such numbering machines were in use in Hungary in the years preceding World War I.

Has anyone found other numerals on Hungarian stamps?

Bill Turney (#1538) has sent the editor a Xerox copy of a cover carried on the famous liner Aquatania 45 years ago. The sender, whose rubber-stamped name and address appear on the back of the cover, was EDM. SCHLUTER & CO. Coffee Dept. 24 Mark Lane, London, E.C. The three half-pence stamp which conveyed the cover by seapost bears the E/S C<sup>o</sup> Perfin of the firm. Bill wonders if the coffee merchant is still in business.

# CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ by Mike J. Burrows

The reasons why something is odd but not impossible have more than once turned out to have an interesting history. The facts may lie just below the surface and need only a few hours of reading and research to make the curious happy. Sometimes, of course, it just serves to make the curious, to use the words of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, "curiouser and curiouser."

A good example of this type of problem was the arrival of an exchange packet one Saturday morning, which started off a chain of thought that just grew and grew.

Mounted on a page in one of the booklets was the item I shall call Clue 1. Not much to look at, just a damaged Great Western Railway prepaid newspaper parcel stamp. What caught the eye was the fact that it was a Perfin: WG 16,10 6mm. Upon removal, it was about to be placed in the pending tray (in reality, the never-find-the-time-to-get-around-to tray) when a chord was struck.

Checking my collection, it yielded up another example of the same Perfin, but this time on a Midland Railway prepaid newspaper parcel stamp, Clue 2. To be confronted with the same Perfin on rival railway companies' prepaid newspaper parcel stamps was somewhat surprising, to say the least. Further digging brought to light a QV ½d. vermilion of the Jubilee issue, Clue 3. This postage stamp had been cancelled with one of the many undated Newspaper Branch killers.

The next item found was a KGV ½d. from the 1924 issue, which had been cancelled with a machine slogan postmark. This stamp had come from a collection where the previous owner had removed the stamp from its original backing paper and then cut out the name printed on the original envelope and mounted it alongside the Perfin. This is a practice that is not very wise to follow. It is fine for the person that cuts the identifying piece and mounts it with the Perfin. Only that person knows for sure the correct identity. When the collection passes into another enthusiast's hands, these items can only be regarded with suspicion. The piece gave the user of the Perfin as a newspaper company, Westminster Gazette, of G.P.O. Box No. 672, London E.C. 4. Also there was a portion of a datestamp from a Hey & Dolphin machine. Checking this with the portion on the stamp, the slogan catalog gave the period of use as November 1927 to March 1928. So there were Clues 4



Clues 1-5. Circumstantial evidence.

and 5. All that remained was to put them into the correct order against the known facts.

Where to begin - well, it all started with the brilliant writer, Charles Dickens. Like several other great writers, he did seem to have had his odd moments. Possibly during one of his off-days he agreed to put his name to the prospectus for a new London daily newspaper, the Daily News, not exactly an awe-inspiring title, but then the Victorians were a pretty staid bunch. Nevertheless, sufficient investment was forthcoming for Charles Dickens to exercise his editorship. Under his literary guidance, the paper hit the street in January 1846. Due to his other literary commitments - trying to edit a newspaper and keeping others happy by attending dinners and other

functions is a very punishing life style - the combination of his social life and a not-too-robust health caused Charles to quit the paper on the 9th February, before three weeks were up. At the time of his leaving, the circulation was a mere 4,000.

Having lost such an illustrious personage - he had by this time produced something like ten of his major works - one would think that the paper would have folded. Not so, for one reason or another, it went on and on, until it started buying up its competitors.

One of these was the Westminster Gazette of 104 Shoe Lane, London. This was a fairly young newspaper, having been started by George Newnes in 1893. This organ of the Liberal party came about with the change of ownership, politics and the availability of the staff of the Pall Mall Gazette, which were promptly hired by George Newnes. From early directories the location of the Westminster Gazette is given as Tudor Street, Blackfriars, London, S.E. Although Sir George - he was created a Baron in 1895 - started other magazines which were successful, he did not seem to have the same success with the Westminster Gazette. By the time it came under the control of the Daily News Ltd., in 1928, it had become known as Lord Cowdray's costly failure.

The title of the Daily News was changed in 1930 to the News Chronicle, upon the absorption of the Daily Chronicle. The News Chronicle ceased publication in October 1960, when it was taken over by Associated Newspapers Ltd.

Prior to the grouping of the railways (continued on page 7)

# PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN PERFINS - by Jonathan Johnson

On September 10, 1924, the Provincial Treasury of the Province of Saskatchewan received approval from the Post Office to perforate stamps used by the department with the initials "PS". All departments of the Provincial government were required to use these perforated stamps on their mail, which were obtained by written requisition from the Treasury department. The procedure was used as an internal security and control system over the use of postage stamps by various government departments.

As listed in the latest edition of the Handbook, two major types of PS design are recorded. P10 was used between 1924 and 1931, and P10a, with its more rounded "p", between approximately 1927 and 1972 (see Figure 1). Close examination of the Perfin design reveals, however, that a third type or variety, used between 1924 and 1931, can be collected by the specialist.



Fig. 1

Fig. 2

As seen in Figure 2, this shifted pin variety, which I choose to call P10b, shows a misalignment of the third pin hole at the top of the letter "p" giving it a flattened appearance. The variety is constant and can be found on settings 2, 3 and 5 in a row of ten impressions of the PS perforator. I have been able to prove this constant variety through a recreated plated sheet of Saskatchewan Power Commission revenue stamps, issued in 1929, which clearly show the P10b variety setting. Figure 3 illustrates one of these revenue stamps with P10 punched on the left and P10b punched on the right side of the stamp.

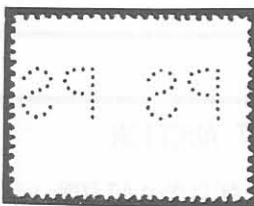


Fig. 3

Note: this is a simulation of the original illustration, which would not have reproduced well.

Although P10b is a minor variety, it is the only constant shift in pin settings in a Perfin design found to date. P10b has been found in a good cross section of stamps usually associated with P10 designs and one may consider that the shift was incurred in the manufacture of the perforator and not caused by wear during usage. Unfortunately, no records have been found to identify the make and model of perforator, but severe damage in the form of broken pins caused it to be replaced sometime between September, 1929, and July, 1930, with a new perforator which we know as design P10a. Out of a

total of twenty-eight pins forming the design of PS, P10 is known with fifteen broken pins, and P10b with twelve broken pins.

The P10a design comes from a Cummins Model 53 perforator, which has the capacity of perforating four sheets at a time, ten stamps wide. It is not known if P10a is a repaired version of the machine which gives us P10 and P10b designs, or was a brand new machine. It will be of interest that during the change-over period, P10 can be found on such uncommon stamps as No. 190 and 197, while P10a is known on Nos. 105, 109, 114, and 119. Plagued by bad luck, P10a soon began to show damage, and broken pins can be found shortly after the machine's introduction. By the early 1960's, damage was so severe that stamps have been found with only five pins remaining. In 1962, the Cummins perforator was sent to OK Rubber Stamp Company in Regina for repairs, as the original manufacturer had gone out of business. OK Rubber, lacking spare parts, used Gramophone needles to replace missing pins!

Brought back into use again, P10a only occasionally showed a missing hole, but in November, 1972, the perforator jammed for the last time. Unable to locate anyone to effect repairs, the government department intends to retire the machine to the Provincial Archives shortly. P10a has been reported on 280 different stamps between 1927? and 1972, and quite an impressive collection can be developed, as this number represents about 66 percent of all stamps released by the Post Office during the period.

In theory, it should be possible to collect identical collections of P10 and P10b designs on 32 different stamps between 1924 and 1931? It is also possible to find two of the Wrigley positions on most stamps punched PS. Three positions are quite difficult, although collections exist with five positions on No. 488, 521, 524, and 533, and six positions on No. E11.

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## CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE (CONTINUED)

under the Act of 1921, which is more commonly known as the 1923 grouping, it would be necessary for a newspaper company to hold stocks of prepaid newspaper parcel stamps to facilitate the transmission of their products over the lines of the various railway companies then in existence. Of course, there were the exceptions where some of the railway companies allowed the parcels of other companies over their metals by agreement.

So there are the facts and one must admit they do fit the clues. Oh, by the way! Most of the facts presented were taken from books that once formed part of the News Chronicle Library.

# CARPET PERFIN DIES OF THE UNIVERSITY

## CORRESPONDENCE COLLEGE

by Dr. R. W. Powell

In his work on British Perfins<sup>1</sup>, Charles Jennings includes a brief mention of "carpet dies" as those which need more than one stamp for the full design. The example given is of a large oval containing only the word PAID, of which just about one quarter appears as the Perfin on one postally used GB stamp, and he thought that most such dies were intended for use with the larger documentary stamps.

To bring together the various bits of these carpet dies is a useful exercise for Perfin collectors, but little guidance has been given on this aspect. Our latest catalog<sup>2</sup> illustrates the first three letters of the die "UNIV CORR COLL" as Number U144, with "V CO" as the next illustration, but unnumbered. Under 144 on the facing page is the one indication for a carpet die, "UNIV/CORR/COLL" and this could mislead, as throughout the book such slants would indicate the three sections as being in three lines. Nor are any of the usual details of the patterns given. Illustration C559, "CORR", is treated as a normal entry, although this is another part of the same design.

The illustration in Figure 1 below comprises these two bits from the catalog and other bits from three stamps of my collection. These stamps are A) KGV PUC ½d, and B) KGVI 1d pale red, both used at CAMBRIDGE, and C) KGVI Coronation 1½d.

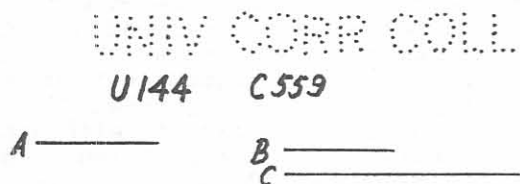


Fig. 1.

As will be seen, I need one, or possibly two, more stamps to complete this pattern, but that will be only the start, for C556, "COLL", presumably relates to a different die as the letters are smaller and different, whilst in the earlier "Catalogue of Illustrations of British Perfins" by the Van Lints<sup>3</sup> one finds "UNI" and "UNIV." in which the U has 9 and 12 holes respectively. These suggest that there may be three more carpet patterns to complete, and I need just one more piece to complete the fourth, which differs quite distinctively, yet has not been illustrated in either catalogue.

Figure 2 gives the pattern that has resulted from seven Queen Victoria ½d vermilion stamps, and I need just another bearing the UN with the lines of holes above and below it. The positions of the stamps and postmarks as indicated in the figure are:

- D) upright, face down, Cambridge
- E) inverted, face down, London
- F) inverted, face up, London
- G) upright, face down, Cambridge
- H) inverted, face up, Cambridge
- I) inverted, face up, London
- J) inverted, face up, London

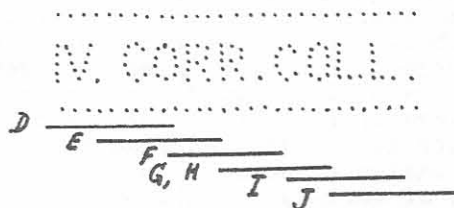


Fig. 2.

I would like to add that the full name, Universal Correspondence College, London, appears in Chapter 16 of Jennings' book where the words found in Perfins are brought together. The form given is again UNIV/CORR/COLL, for which only one type is indicated. Incidentally "ORR" is also included as a separate word.

### References:

- 1 Charles Jennings, The History of British Security Stamps (Overprinted and Perforated) published by the Security Endorsement & Perfin Society of Great Britain, 1968
- 2 Robert McKee and Basil Tomkins, The Perfins of Great Britain, published by Harvey Tilles, 1975
- 3 Victor J. & Margaret Van Lint, Catalogue of Illustrations of British Perfins, 1959.

### FOR SALE AT AUCTION

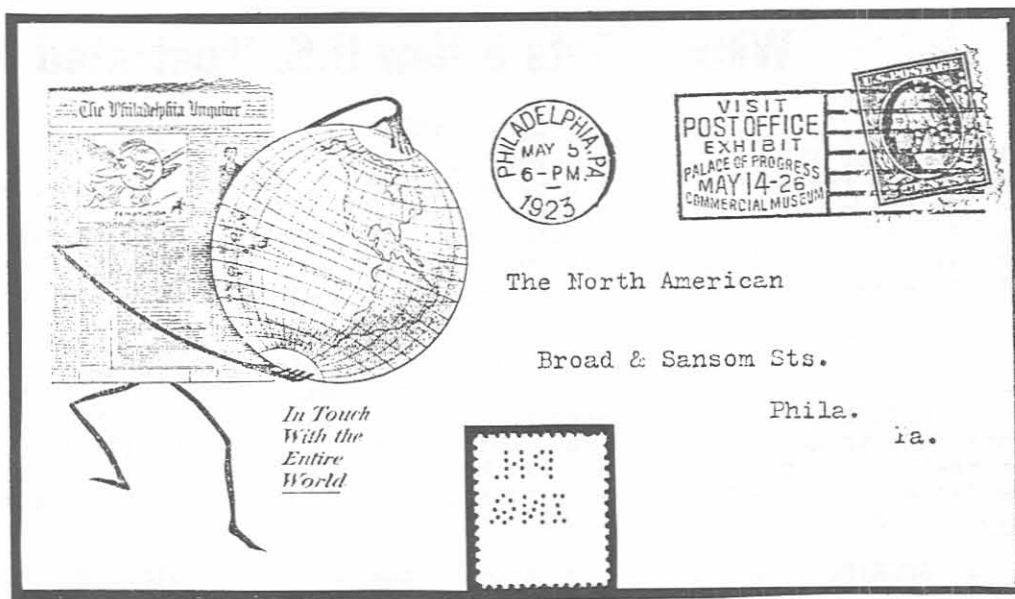
#### GREAT BRITAIN ACCUMULATION

Over 70,000 Perfins by weight. Over 6,700 envelopes, from 1 to 100 stamps per envelope. Goes to highest bidder at 10% increase over next highest bidder. High bidder pays insurance and shipping cost. Bid price to be paid one-half upon notification and balance upon receipt of merchandise. Closing date of bids: September 15, 1979. Send bids to J. A. Gooding, Auction Chairman, 923 N. Anita Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737. Include telephone number with bids. RESERVE \$700.00.



## PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH

The cover at right is offered as Perfin Cover of The Month primarily because it is a very attractive cover, but also because the PH/INQ. Perfin of the Philadelphia Inquirer is tied on with a perfect strike of an International machine slogan cancellation publicizing the 1923 Post Office Exhibit in Philadelphia. The Perfin pattern (P108) is shown in the inset. (Cover from the collection of Rudy Roy)



## MORE ON SCHERMACKS

The following is text of a letter received by the editor from Larry S. Weiss (#1310) of Pittsburgh:

I noted the short item in the February, 1979 Perfins Bulletin regarding a Schermack Type III coil, #346, with a 12-hole open square Perfin pattern punched. I also have a similar item that I have been meaning to write about for the Bulletin.

The #346 that I have is the same coil with the same Schermack Type III perfs, same 12-hole open square pattern, and also is used. The stamp is canceled by a seven line wavy cancel with a "D" interrupting the lower two lines at the bottom left corner of the stamp. I note that Mr. Ehrbar's example has a five line wavy cancel.

In Mr. Ehrbar's stamp, the 12-hole square is centered about perfectly in the vertical direction. My copy has the pattern centered a bit above center vertically.



This facsimile copy has been retouched and may not be precisely accurate. The original was too dark to reproduce well.

The centering of the design is also different between the two stamps, as is the position of the rectangular Schermack perforations. This, in addition to the above enumerated differences, should confirm that more than 20 such stamps were used, since the stamp centering alone on a coil usually changes after every 20 stamps on the hand-pasted coils of 1909. Few must have been saved, since there are no previous reports in the Perfins Club publications.

In general, trying to collect any of the patterns existing on Schermack coils on any issues other than the 1 and 2 cent values, #'s 343, 344, 383, and 384, is a challenging task. I know of a 37 pattern on #345. Others exist and probably have gone unreported due to a lack of interest in issue collecting.

I would be happy to compile an issue survey of Perfins on Schermack coils if members would provide tabulations of their collections. The most useful information would include the distinction between the double line watermarked items and those single line watermarked. Members unable to provide this distinction would still provide valuable information by reporting.

Thanks for reporting my recent exhibit in the show of the Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh. The exhibit not only received the Perfins Club Honor Award Ribbon (being the only Perfin exhibit this was easily awarded), but it placed second in the Modern U. S. category. Considering the very low value of the material displayed, this once again shows that Perfins can be used to produce interesting worthwhile exhibits that judges take seriously.

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# P-E-R-F-I-N-S WORD CONTEST

## Winner Gets a New U.S. Illustrated Perfins Catalog

If you have ever dreamed of making something out of PERFINs, this is your chance. Just score the highest in making words out of the basic word PERFINs, under the rules set forth below, and you will win a copy of the new U. S. Illustrated Perfins Catalog, which sells for \$25.00.

### RULES OF THE CONTEST

1. **ELIGIBILITY.** Any member of the Perfins Club in good standing may enter the contest, except that officers of the Club, as listed on the back page of this Bulletin, are not eligible to win the prize.

2. **SCORING.** As indicated above, the object of the contest is to make as many acceptable words as possible out of the basic word PERFINs, which may itself be counted as one of the words. Each letter used in each acceptable word will count one (1) point. Thus it will be to your advantage to make a plural word or a past participle wherever possible. Examples: PENS instead of PEN, or RISEN instead of RISE. No letter may be used more than once in any word submitted.

3. **EXTRA SCORING.** In addition to the count of letters used in each acceptable word, you will receive one (1) extra point for each acceptable word submitted.

4. **PENALTY.** For each unacceptable word submitted, one (1) point will be deducted from your total score, and no points will be awarded for the unacceptable word itself. See Rule 5 for definition of unacceptable words.

5. **UNACCEPTABLE WORDS.** An unacceptable word is one which does not appear in Merriam-Webster's New International Dictionary, or which is a proper name, abbreviation, prefix, suffix, contraction, or a colloquial, slang

or archaic word.

Also unacceptable is the use of any letter more than once in any word submitted. Example: the word PREFER would be unacceptable because it involves the use of two letters (E and R) more than once each.

Also unacceptable is the use of two variations of the same word. Examples: you may use PEN or PENS, but not both, or you may use RISE or RISEN, but not both. The fact that a given spelling may represent several different words or meanings will not entitle you to use that particular spelling more than once.

6. **ILLEGIBLE WORDS.** Neatness is not a factor in the contest, except that words submitted which are not clear to the judge (due to illegible printing, strike-over of letters, etc.) will not be counted, either for you or against you.

7. **JUDGING.** The editor of the Perfins Bulletin will be the sole judge of the contest, and his decision will be final. In case of a tie for the highest score, the winner will be decided by lot, with a disinterested person making the drawing. Only one prize will be awarded.

8. **FORM OF ENTRY.** Each entry must be submitted on one or more 8½x11-inch sheets, each of which must bear the name of the entrant. All words submitted must be either hand-printed or typewritten. Hand-written entries will not be considered.

9. **DEADLINE.** All entries must be received by the editor not later than midnight, September 30, 1979. Entries received after that date will not be considered.

10. **WHERE TO MAIL YOUR ENTRY.** Entries must be mailed to Ray B. Crow, Editor, 1055 Tuxedo Drive, Roswell, GA 30075.

## SALES REPORT

There was a total of \$2,772.00 in Perfins sold during the first half of 1979. Of that amount, \$1,411.50 was from sales books containing C or better rated Perfins, \$474.47 was from E and D rated Perfins, and \$886.03 was from foreign ones.

\$1,928.84 of this amount came from Perfins in the Bartleson accumulation. This amount less commission, or \$1,334.97, was turned over to Treasurer J. A. Gooding. A check of \$262.86 also was turned over to the treasurer. This was \$554.40, less the expense of sales, which amounted to \$291.54.

Ivan H. Ley, Sales Manager

Mike Burrows (#631) of Suffolk, England, has submitted the photo below, showing a G.B. medicine duty stamp, trimmed on the sides, which bears the Perfin B.C./LD (die number 143 in the British catalog). Mike asks if anyone knows who the user was.



# PERFINS CLUB AUCTION #25

CLOSING DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 1979

MAIL BIDS To: J. A. GOODING  
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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. Catalog numbers are taken from the old U. S. Illustrated Catalog (the new U. S. Illustrated Catalog will not be used until it has been published in its entirety).

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 & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT
1 B	A46X	E16	39 C	B152	406	77 C	C396	1062	113 C	F2 inc	406
2 B	A55 dam	405	40 C	B217 pc	567	78 C	C396	1062	114 C	G2	406
3 C	A75	332	41	none		79 C	C407 tr	332	115 B	G7	332
4 C	A110	427	42	none		80 C	C408	332	116 C	G23	332
5 C	A144 cr	555	43 C	C18 inc	406	81 C	C415	499	117 C	G23	332
6 C	A161	800	44 C	C35 dam	322	82 C	C421	621	118 C	G23	332
7 C	A163Pc	554	45 C	C52	440	82AC	C427	567	119 C	G23	332
8 C	A164	406	46 B	C98	501	82BC	C427 inc	562	120 C	G27	332
9 B	A165	332	47 C	C102	425	83 C	C430	720	121 B	G64	332
10 C	A167.5	562	48 A	C122.5	332	84 A	C432	554	122 B	G65	504
11 -	A187-5a	807	49 C	C134 cr	560	85 C	D1 inc	872	123 B	G65	405
12 -	A187-5a	806	50 C	C141	C7	86 B	D5	406	124 C	G72-13	709
13 -	A187-5a	900	51 C	C141	554	87 C	D9 cr	568	125 C	G72-13inc	807
14 B	A191	554	52 C	C152-A9	814	88 C	D24	729	126 C	G72-31	555
15 C	A221-19	562	53 C	C152-A9½	811	89 C	D35	332	127 C	G72-37	720
16 C	A221-31	562	54 C	C152-A9½	806	90 B	D40	RD6	128 B	G113	406
17 C	A221-38	720	55 C	C152-G11½	554	91 B	D40	RD37	129 D	G153	852
18 C	A221-38	807	56 C	C152-H1	814	92 B	D40	RD38	130 C	G166.5	815
19 C	A226 tr	557	57 C	C195	562	93 B	D40	RD6	131 C	G179	331
20 A	A240	807	58 B	C209 inc	R236	94 C	D58	406	132 C	G194 tr	811
21 D	A242	507	59 B	C209	R234	95 C	D85	737	133 C	G195	332
22 C	A270-17	567	60 C	C234	C30	96 B	D144.5	554	134 C	G212 inc	431
23 D	B22	832	61 C	C234	905	97 C	E57	406	135 C	G212 cr	406
24 B	B35	501	62 C	C242.5	554	98 C	E126inc cr	714	136 -	G214 pr	R217
25 D	B40 cr	319	63 -	C247.7	554	99 B	E131.5inc	R218	137 B	H40	554
26 C	B60 th	508	64 B	C248.5	332	100 -	E134.5	RC8	138 B	H71	561
27 C	B61	853	65 B	C250	510	101 B	F32	406	139 C	J75	332
28 C	B79	406	66 -	C250 pr	378	102 B	F40	642	140 B	H85	406
29 -	B86.7	1033	67 A	C253	428	103 B	F63	406	141 C	H137C tr	R237
30 -	B86.7	1282	68 C	C267 dam	406	104 E	F90 cr	C4	142 B	H144	332
31 -	B86.7	1044	69 C	C299	707	105 B	F91	RD4	143 C	H149	406
32 C	B116-14	1036	70 C	C301 inc	905	106 B	F100inc pc	405	144 B	H159	405
33 C	B116-14	829	71 C	C305	554	107 -	F117	714	145 A	H166 cr	RD37
34 C	B116-44	820	72 C	C306	561	108 C	F132 cr	566	146 A	H166 NY St	Tr
35 C	B118	332	73 C	C336	556	109 C	F150 cr	406	147 A	H166 NY St	Tr
36 C	B122	C32	74 C	C356-L	C25	110 E	F156	572	148 A	H166 inc	RD6
37 C	B122	808	75 C	C358	332	111 E	F156	573	149 B	H193 NY St	Tr
38 C	B128	C11	76 C	C396	1062	112 B	F214	332			(cont'd. next page)

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150 B H193r	NY St Tr		216 C N113-AB12		901	279 B S6		332	345 C T97		503
151 B H206		554	217 C N113-AB12		820	280 B S32		406	346 B T120		331
152 B H206		877	218 C N113-ABb15			281 C S33		510	347 C T121 inc	RD54	
153 B H225	NY St Tr				825	282 B S53		332	348 C T121 NY St TR		
154 - H229		706	219 D N113-Bb1		807	283 D S62		1292	349 B U5		406
155 C I17		332	220 C N113-C7		825	284 B S75		406	350 B U27		331
156 C I18		406	221 C N113-C7		825	285 B S84		406	351 B U31		331
157 C I26	tr	567	222 C N113-C8tr		811	286 B S84	dam	463	352 A U38		557
158 C I29		558	223 C N113-CC1		811	287 B S90		558	353 A U38		634
159 B I66		552	224 C N119		319	288 C S117		1036	354 B U47.5		406
160 C I71		807	225 E N131		303	289 B S124		428	355 B U71		406
161 C I71		807	226 D N154		1125	290 C S134		425	356 E U82-1 th	QE4	
162 -166		none	227 C N156		562	291 C S134		406	357 B U82-9		501
167 C I71		807	228 C N156		709	292 B S147		406	358 B U82-9		406
168 C J83	tr	810	229 C N191		554	293 B S150		405	359 C U82-11		557
169 D J141		319	230 C N200		568	294 B S169		552	360 C U85		567
170 C J142	NY St Tr		231 D O6		416	295 B S171		405	361 D U92		795
171 B J178A	inc	406	232 C O65M		1035	296 C S173		554	362 C U99		815
171A B K7		332	233 B O73		406	297 B S174.5		406	363 C U99		807
172 B K15		554	234 C P17		720	298 C S180		332	364 B U102		684
173 - K48.5		406	235 C P22		428	299 B S181		406	365 B V2		331
174 - K48.5	cr	428	236 C P26		720	300 B S182		405	366 B V12		552
175 B K67		554	237 A P55.15		900	301 B S190		332	367 C W20		807
175A B K67.5		720	238 C P69	inc	426	302 B S193		405	368 C W20		807
176 A L55	inc	561	239 C P73		807	303 C S195-2		813	369 B W29		406
177 C L68		552	240 C P74		567	304 C S195-50		555	370 B W30		405
178 - L72.5	1338A		241 C P74		562	305 C S196		729	371 B W34		406
179 C L81		618	242 C P74		732	306 B S200		331	372 B W57		406
180 D L128		Q1	243 C P114		720	307 C S201		319	373 B W67		405
181 C L148	inc	501	244 C P117		901	308 C S201		319	374 B W71		332
182 C L150	tr	332	245 C P126		705	309 B S205		332	375 A W71.5		1394
183 C M7		405	246 C P153		554	310 C S207	dam	406	376 C W72-43		558
184 C M27		562	247 C P168	pc	427	311 B S208		707	377 C W72-43		562
185 E M50	pc	1384A	248 C P182	pc	558	312 B S218		406	378 C W72-43		562
186 B M66		406	249 C P188		397	313 B S230		406	379 C W72-52	cr	804
187 C M67		332	250 D P224		E6	314 B S231		405	380 B W72-64		405
188 C M67		332	251 C P229		810	315 A S235.5		406	381 C W72-69		561
189 C M67		319	252 C P235		562	316 C S245		711	382 D W72-75		556
190 C M67		332	252A D Q3		406	317 B S251.5		406	383 B W72-82		552
191 C M67		618	253 B R4		558	318 B S252		406	384 B W73		406
192 C M68		886	254 C R10	inc	720	319 C S256	cr	515	385 B W87		405
193 B M77		406	255 B R13.5		406	320 B S258		428	386 B W94		405
194 B M87		418	256 C R15		406	321 B S258		428	387 B W98		332
195 C M124	cr	710	257 B R18		331	322 B S258		501	388 B W107		406
196 C M160	inc	556	258 B R35		561	323 B S260		406	389 B W108		1085
197 C M160	inc	558	259 C R43		564	324 C S266		567	390 B W118		405
198 C M163		1035	260 C R47a		899	325 C S268		406	391 C W118.5		406
199 - M166.5		1281	261 C R47a		900	326 C S274		811	392 B W125.5	dam	R239
200 C M238		504	262 C R47a		900	327 C S279		503	393 C W135	dam	RD37
201 D M250		C19	263 B R49		406	328 B S298		405	394 C W135	cr	RD4
202 C M270	inc	504	264 C R56		709	329 C S316		566	395 C W135	NY St Tr	
203 C M297		498	265 C R69		332	330 C S336		569	396 C W158		331
204 C M301		332	265A B R70		406	331 C S336	dam	R218	397 C W158		332
205 C M301		332	266 B R71		807	332 C S349		554	398 C W158		300
205A B M308		503	267 B R72		552	333 C S355		406	399 B W163		562
206 C N22	th	416	268 C R77tr	cr	564	334 C S357		406	400 B W184		807
207 C N34	dam	562	269 C R77		559	335 C S362		333	401 B W188		331
208 E N54		Q3	270 C R77		684	336 C S365		332	402 C W199-3.5		
209 C N76		332	271 B R101		406	337 - T13.5	cr	558		dam	557
210 C N76		332	272 C R104		406	338 C T20		504	403 C W199-3.5		811
211 C N80		332	273 B R112		807	339 C T21.5X		406	404 C W199.8		416
212 C N80		332	274 B R112		900	340 C T44		720	405 C W203-3		406
213 C N80		510	275 C R124		529	341 E T47		746	406 B W220		332
214 B N94sp	NY St Tr		276 B R135		560	342 B T52		406	407 B W226		807
215 C N113-14			277 B R164		406	343 B T69		732	408 B X1		406
	inc	707	278 E S2-22		983	344 C T80		406			

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409 B Y4		406	US Mixtures			CANADA			EGYPT		
410 C Y7 tr		560	471 90 PC			519 A9		190	570 A1		55
411 D #3		566	472 30 Doc			520 C4		215	571 C4 inc		49
412 - #4.5 NY St Tr			473 60 Doc&StTr			521 C20		320	572 C5		185
413 D #7		C9	474 5 St of NY Tr			522 C33		175	573 S1		47
414 C #23 cr		406	475 16 dif on revs			523 C34		109	574 V1 spl		145
415 C Des 10 cr		406	476 125 revenues			524 E2		233	FRANCE		
416 A Des 35		433	477 130 D-rated			525 G11		106	575 BP inc		348
417 - Des 44.5 1507			478 600 US			526 G12		90	576 BP inc		348
SCHERMACKS			479 1,000 US			527 G13C cr		106	577 BP inc		348
418 0			480 1,350 US			528 G16		454	578 C.N. cv 600,		602
419 19			481 850 US			529 I3		165	579 CNE cv 600,		602
420 36			481A 1,300 US			530 L1		650	580 DD		247B
421 45			by weight			531 M11 VPr		154	581 DGC inc		142
422 48			482 1256 US dif			532 M11		154	582 H.M		291
423 56			issues			533 N10f		118	583 VB		152
424 56			483 2,359 US			534 S3 inc		MR1	584 SG.		346
425 137			484 175 US			535 S8		90	585 Mix 100		
426 139			485 590 US			536 S11		202	586 Mix 15		
427 149			486 1,000 US			537 Des 1		107	FRENCH TURKEY		
428 236			487 900 US			538 Mix 43			587 BLO		34
429 468			488 600 US			539 Mix 40			FUNCHAL		
430 478			489 380 US			540 Mix 650			588 BB/C		14
431 689			490 740 US			CANAL ZONE			GERMANY		
432 689 dam			491 680 US			541 P		52	589 ALLIANZ		332
433 1245			492 425 US			CHILE			590 GG		125
434 1245			493 500 US			543 DF/C		C42	591 HAS		69
435 2356			494 1,050 US			544 DF/S cv C39,			592 M		406
436 5689			495 1,000 US			45, 48 cut			593 overprinted		
437 13579			ANGOLA			545 DF/C cv C190,			594 POL		406
438 13579			496 B.A		374	179,237 cut			595 Cr.Hammers		150
439 24568			ARGENTINA			CHINA			596 15H Triang.		404
440 24568			497 ETC		234	546 H4		332	597 Cr.Keys		395
441 45689			498 Mix of 18			547 H5		463	598 EyeGlass		348
442 45689			499 5 dif			548 N1 3 issues			599 Bisec.Cir.		425
443 None 12-hole square			AUSTRALIA			549 P3 cv 1N4,7			599 Des.135 (Club		425
US Covers			500 VG		600	550 Y1		755	Worksheets)		425
444 E B198		720	501 Mix 12 Aust.			551 Y1 inc		322	600 Castle inc		600
445 E C83		901	States			552 P3 4 issues			601 Shamrock		129
446 E D30		807	502 Mix 60			COLOMBIA			602 Swan		326
447 - E70.5M		1447	AUSTRIA			553 B/AA		413	603 Mix 100		
448 - E70.5M		1432	503 8 dif patterns			COSTA RICA			604 18 dif		
449 - E70.5M		1438	504 8 dif patterns			554 Star		070	605 55 dif		
450 - E70.5M		1446	AUSTRIA TURKEY			555 Star		082	GREAT BRITAIN		
451 - E70.5		1453	505 K.B.		23	556 Star		088	606 A505.4		198
452 - E70.5		1474	BADEN			CUBA			607 B41.9		138
453 - E70.5		1499	506 M.S		5N18	557 SA/RRA		309	608 B23.2		89
454 E F90		510	BAVARIA			CURACAO			609 B611.1		222
455 E I5		807	507 35 dif.pats.			558 MB		61	610 B770.2		179
456 E I22		1031	508 Bisec.cir.		97	559 MB inc		154	611 C6.2		234
457 E J84 inc		610	509 Cross		100	CZECHOSLOVAKIA			612 C30.1		239
458 E M9		720	BELGIUM			560 Mix 8			613 C252		127
459 C D73.5		1213	510 B41		194	DANZIG			614 C424.2inc		107
460 E N182		1213	511 P20		65	561 S		176	615 C464.1		160
461 E P197		807	512 W3		Q21	DENMARK			616 C554		235
462 D P223		1213	513 Des 9		53	562 Cross		45	617 C688		65
463 E S28 inc		1036	corner cut			563 BPinShield		354	618 C714.4		103
464 E S121		1036	514 Mix 40			564 51 dif			619 Similar to		
465 E S121		1208	515 Mix 15			565 Mix 68			H36.3A with		
466 E S121		1208	BOSNIA			566 WavyLine			Period fol . H		
467 E S121		1036	516 PAKB Cover		35	14 issues			Lettergram 33,		
468 E S154		1036	BRITISH COM'WEALTH			567 Mix 64			67		
469 E S287		901	517 23 dif			DUTCH INDIES			620 H169		129
470 E W111		957	BULGARIA			568 PAR		114	(cont'd next page)		
			518 PLP inc		161	ECUADOR					
						569 BdE		RA10			

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LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT	LOT & RATING	CAT	SCOTT
GREAT BRITAIN			IRELAND			NETHS. (continued)			SWEDEN		
621	H222.1	235	655	Mix 15		687	M2	148	716	Mix 8	
622	H222?	262	ITALY			688	N5	173b	SWITZERLAND		
623	L56.5	162	656	T/L	554	689	N33	177a	717	B18	71
624	L132	104	657	RFPV-46	C107	690	S37c	173b	718	B20	169
625	M36.1Cov284-5		658	Mix 50		691	T10	143a	719	C19	128
626	M314	172	JAMAICA			692	V47	173c	720	D13	180
627	R2.1	249	659	JFco	125	693	Windmill	202	721	G9	164
628	R33.2	107	660	JFco	122	694	Des 4 inc	153	722	G27	203
629	R466A.2	122	JAPAN			695	Des 4 tr	239	723	G30	139
630	S205.1	128	661	E81	196	696	Des 5	106	724	H8	168
631	S444.4a	252	662	G54	116	697	Des 13	148	725	H10	73
632	S477	235	663	H39	138	698	P.Z.V card		726	H17	144
633	S492.3a	96	664	W80 tr	124	(see March 1978 Bulletin)			727	L15	174
634	S492.3a	117	665	W80	119	699	N.B./V Kantoor		728	M2	144
635	S563	183	666	W82	196	Cover 345			729	N3	330
636	S644.11	65	667	X1	195				730	P13	94a
637	S660.1	160	LEBANON			700	13 dif		731	R3	167
638	W1.2	309	668	B.R.	C65	701	4 dif		732	S2	164
639	#37	167	MOROCCO			702	Mix 90		733	S17	164
640	Des 11	234	669	BEM	142	NORWAY			734	S34	137
641	Des 14	230	MAURITIUS			703	FB/B	101	735	S57	126
642	Des 30	232	670	BB/Co	145	704	S	101	736	T9	94a
643	Mix 700		MEXICO			PALESTINE			737	W4	172
GREECE			671	Mix 5 Rev.		705	APC	73	738	Des 17	140
644	2 Pat.6stps.		MONACO			PORTUGAL			739	Des 22	175
GUATEMALA			672	B.B	86	706	CFP cv 622,5		740	Mix 16	
645	OFICIAL	118	NATAL			707	B.N.U. cv 623		741	Mix 11	
646	OFICIAL	122	673	D&S	66	708 (no lot)			TRIESTE		
647	OFICIAL	120	NETHERLANDS			RHODESIA & NYASALAND			742 T/L 12 stps in Scott F36-96 series, ovptd.		
HONG KONG			674	A10	177a	709	MU	159	TURKEY		
648	B.A.T./C <sup>d</sup> L <sup>d</sup>	93	675	A10	174b	710 2 dif			743	B4 inc	129
649	M.B.I	110	676	A20	181a	711 4 dif			WURTEMBERG		
HUNGARY			677	B3	308	S. AUSTRALIA			744	PB script8N22	
650	Mix 10		678	C7	177a	712	D&J/F	57	745	UDV Mong. 60	
651	3 Pats.		679	G14	174b	SPAIN			746	Mix 28 for.	
INDIA			680	G27	177a	713	Mix 18		747	Mix 150 for. (no Gr.Brit)	
652	R.F./C <sup>o</sup>	39	681	G37	172a	SP. MOROCCO			748 14 US and Foreign Covers		
653	4 Pats.		682	H8	143a	714	B.E.M	100	(end of auction)		
INDO-CHINA			683	H23	191a	SUDAN					
654	3 Pats. 6 stamps		684	H49	143a	715	S1	22			
			685	K17	178a						
			686	L18	181a						

**HELP WANTED**

A bulletin under the title of "The Perfinist," from Peter Engelbrecht of Asperup, Denmark, announces that a small group has been working for some years on a new catalog of Danish Perfins.

The announcement indicates that the target date for publication of the catalog is the fall of 1980.

The group requests assistance from collectors in furnishing information, preferably a copy of each stamp itself, but at least information as to the AFA number, postmark date and name of post office. Engelbrecht offers to pay the postage for registered letters both ways. His address in Asperup is DK 5466.

It appears from the bulletin that the

designs on which help is wanted are the following:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| A.C.            | KU under star          |
| Ad.B.           | K&B                    |
| B.H.            | NJM                    |
| B.K.            | N.O.M.                 |
| C.H.            | O.A./E.                |
| D.H.            | PM                     |
| DMS             | P.PH./S.               |
| E.W.            | S.G.                   |
| E&M             | S(z) under crown       |
| Ad.F            | W.K.T                  |
| FKH.            | W.L.                   |
| JK              | CBH (or CHB?) monogram |
| JM              | 15                     |
| KGH under crown | 16                     |
| KHAVI           |                        |

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

For the first time in many years, the editor is enjoying the pleasures of a backyard vegetable garden. It takes a little time away from Perfins, but maybe everyone needs a little diversion - even from his hobbies.

The editor recommends that every member read "About The Sales Department" on page 9 of this issue. The great majority of our members can read it with a clear conscience. Some who are new to stamp collecting may not have realized prior to reading it that substituting poorer copies of stamps is a philatelic sin. It is hoped that those of you in that category, having now learned better, will cease this practice.

As for the real culprits, those who substitute stamps for their own benefit, knowing full well that it is dishonest and unfair to the owners of the stamps, what can be said? Such persons, unfortunately, are occasionally found in all stamp societies and all walks of philately, even as they are found in all walks of life. They are indeed a puzzle to the great majority of us, who do not understand how they can give up their self respect for a few postage stamps.

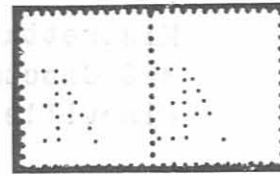
Sales Manager Ivan Ley is to be commended for the job he has done with the Sales Department in spite of the problems given him by a small minority of the membership. As Ivan says, the good far outweighs the bad.

Most officers of any organization, including the Perfins Club, probably wonder at times if all the time and effort they put in is worth it. Sometimes it appears that the average member doesn't realize how much of his or her own personal time a club officer is giving up in order to serve the membership. Look at all the time and effort Joe and Dorothy Balough have put into giving us an excellent new U. S. Perfins catalog. Sure, it was a labor of love or they wouldn't have done it, but does that lessen the debt of gratitude we all owe them for this great contribution to our hobby? The editor sincerely hopes that many members will write to Joe and Dorothy to express personal appreciation for the catalog.

Another hard worker for the Perfins Club, Vice President Dorothy Savage, reports that she sent out 12 Perfin Primers in May and 11 in June. She adds that we need more good publicity, but that publication of the new U.S. Perfins Catalog should help us in this respect.

Dr. John Doering (#449) submits the pair of Perfins illustrated below, consisting of A94a (left) and A94. He remarks that this would make it appear that sub-type A94a is simply an A94 with a couple of the pins missing. If not, how do both types appear

in the same sheet of stamps? Anyone care to comment on this?



Dr. Doering adds the following bit of information concerning the user of A94a: World Fire & Marine Insurance Co. was controlled 100% by Aetna Insurance Co. It was incorporated under Connecticut law in May 1921, and began business in January 1924. Home office address the same as Aetna's.

It appears that there will be no meeting of the Perfins Club this year, as no host club for a stamp exhibition has invited us. We are all set for next year, however, as we have been invited to hold our meeting at ELPEX '80 in El Paso, Texas, where we had a very successful meeting a few years ago.

Since Joe Balough, who has just produced our new U. S. Perfins Catalog, is involved in the El Paso club, we can be sure that our meeting there next year will receive a lot of attention toward making it a most successful one. Your editor has been invited to serve as a judge of the exhibition, and is looking forward to the show. After skipping a meeting this year, perhaps we can drum up a really good attendance of Perfins Club members at El Paso.

## WANT ADS

FOR SALE - 10 all different D-rated Perfins \$1.00. SASE please. Alice Rasmussen, 13060 100th Drive, Sun City, AZ 85351.

WANTED. Hungarian Perfins on or off cover, have some for swap. Send with price. David D. Malyon, 8 West Cliff Drive, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 8DA, England.

FOR EXCHANGE OR SALE: Perfin cards from the Netherlands and Germany. Wanted: Perfins from the Netherlands. Willem Smetsers, Van Stockhemstr. 41, 5922 TM Venlo, the Netherlands.

PERFIN and Precancel packets and approvals, free list. Gerstenberger, Box 14527, Phoenix, AZ 85063.

PERFINS WANTED. Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Manchukuo and related. Send with prices to Frank Allard, Box 4526, Carmel, CA 93921.

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1773 David A. Cooper, RR 2 (72 Karen Crescent), Porters Lake, Nova Scotia  
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1774 Milt Cohen, Box 476, Westwood, NJ 07675 (Beginner)

1775 Michael E. Picycki, 1360 Prince Philip Dr., Casselberry, FL 32707 (WW)  
by Al Pearson

1776 Harry C. Ranner, 69 New Road, Trimley St. Mary, Ipswich, Suffolk,  
IP10 OTB ENGLAND (Germany) by John Needham

1777 Joseph R. Kirker, Box 423-A, Lansing, IL 60438 (US C-1,2,3 and 285-293)

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LM-57 W. Edward Linn, 1211 Arroyo Grande Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825  
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Closed Albums

1465 William P. Gyatt  
1300 M. Daniel Ribault

Resignations

1623-Mann; 1709-Smith; 1371-Rawlings; 1655-Parker; 832-Lewthwaite; 1422-Martin

Change of Address

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1606 Douglas T. Robinson, 2998 Shadow Park Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84119  
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1723 Murray J. Ward, 17507-77 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5T OH9 CANADA  
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New Members	5
Closed Albums	- 2
Resignations	- 6
Members as of June 30, 1979	765



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## ANOTHER PERSONAL PERFIN DUES INCREASE ANNOUNCED

As they put it themselves, "there's a couple of kids down the block who have a new 'toy,'" a personalized perforator. The two ARE Jim Hamilton and Don Clark (#1763) who operate a part-time mail order business offering packets of assorted U. S. used stamps.



Their personalized design is the J+D pattern shown above. Members wishing to add this Perfin to their collection may do so by sending their request to JIM AND DON, 6911 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64132.

Members may send one or more of their own mint stamps so that the Perfin can be applied and returned on cover. Jim and Don caution, however, that any stamps sent should be those currently available at local post offices.

Those wishing to do so may send mint postage in any denomination to cover the cost of any stamps desired. A current regular issue will then be perforated and returned on cover. You should also specify whether you want the Perfin to read correctly from the front or from the back of the stamp. A self-addressed envelope for each Perfin requested will be appreciated. There are no extra charges for handling.

Jim and Don ordered their J+D perforator this summer from Baddeley Brothers (92/94 Paul Street, London EC2 4NN, and state that the director, Mr. R. J. Pertwee, was co-operative and helpful in every respect.

Three different designs were submitted by the company for approval, along with the total cost in English pounds, which included the manufacture and shipment by air post. The normal amount of time for making the the perforator is approximately six weeks, and it takes 5-6 days, one way, for air mail between England and the United States. The perforator itself is an excellent example of craftsmanship, a heavy table model instrument made of brass and steel. Instructions are included along with replacement pins in case the original ones get damaged in use.

Jim and Don point out that, as in everything else, inflation has taken its toll in the manufacture of perforators. Where the same thing would have cost less than \$100 two years ago, the cost had risen some 75 percent at the time the J+D perforator was ordered.

Perfins Club dues are going up.

Inflation has gotten to the Perfins Club like it has gotten to everything else. This summer the cost of producing the Bulletin finally tipped us over into the "losing money" column, so we have no choice but to raise our dues.

It should be pointed out that this is the first increase in Perfins Club dues in nearly 10 years, so our track record on pinching pennies is pretty good.

Effective January 1, dues in the Perfins Club will be \$5.00 a year. That's a buck increase and it should hold us for a while. We're not trying to make any money but rather just to break even on membership services.

Life membership fees are expected to increase to \$75 from the current \$60, but that increase will require formal approval in the form of a change in the bylaws so we can't announce it officially yet.

To make the increase in regular dues as easy as possible, we're holding off until January 1 and we'll allow current members to pay up to five years in advance at the old \$4 rate.

So, if you want to get a little ahead on the inflation game, mail your check for up to \$20 (that's five years at \$4 per year) to the secretary before January 1. Or, if you want an even better bargain, send your check for \$60 and become a life member. Then you'll be exempt from further dues increases no matter how many there might be.

Again, we regret the necessity of raising the dues, but we've pinched pennies hard and there just doesn't seem to be an alternative. Up to now we've been fortunate in having some cushion to draw on when we run short, but more and more of our reserve is earmarked to pay for new catalogs and we can't afford to let our operating cost exceed our annual income.

To summarize, then, dues go to \$5 a year on January 1, but you can pay up to five years at the old \$4 rate if you get your check to the secretary before the first of the year. And the \$60 life membership fee remains effective for the time being, although it is expected to increase to \$75.

Dues checks should be mailed to Secretary Floyd A. Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030. Mint U. S. full gum postage stamps are acceptable as payment for dues.

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ENLIST A NEW MEMBER

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## "HOLE" CHATTER — by Joe Balough

U.S. CATALOG CHAIRMAN

By the time you read this many of you will be in receipt of the new catalog. Dorothy and I hope you are pleased with our effort.

As expected, I have received some additions and corrections to the catalog. These will be passed on to you on a continuous basis; however, photographs and an update of the changes will be printed annually in the November-December issue of the Bulletin.

Some of the photographs do not display the extra control holes. It appears that the printer in some cases thought they were plate flaws and he blanked out the control holes. Corrections will be forthcoming in the first A&C.

Information obtained during our research indicated that there should be some changes in the Cain Rating. The changes are as follows: A173.5 (B), A213.5 (C), A268.5 (A), A289 (D), A289.5 (A), A299 (C), C102 (B), C275 (B), F118 (C), G166.5 (D), J55 (C), M2 (E), M7 (E), M98 (D), M163 (E), M204 (C), N167 (D), P116 (A), P153 (D), R163 (D), S2-24 (C), S2-24A (E), S2.31 (C), S266 (D), W71.5 (B), No. 13 (E), and No. 20 (C).

Other changes to the list are typographical errors and will be noted in the A&C listing.

I would invite those members who donated money towards publishing costs to have the opportunity for a refund as the donor names were not added to pages in the catalog. The present format did not provide the necessary space. A letter to Jack Gooding will have your donation returned if you so desire.

Our treasurer, Jack Gooding, stated that those individuals wanting to purchase a catalog on installments may do so; however, three payments will be the maximum time permitted.

My Perfins exhibit won a gold at the annual Texas Philatelic Association Show. I hope the catalog does as well at the SESCAL Literature Exhibit this October.

Plans are under way at this time to make the Perfin Show in El Paso, Texas, June 1980 the best ever. The prospectus is ready and all members are invited to exhibit. Plans are also being made for some social activities for the members attending. So, as we say in Texas, "Ya'll Come."

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## NEW U. S. CATALOG IN LIBRARY —

A copy of the new U. S. Perfins Catalog has been placed in the Library and may be borrowed by members who do not wish to invest in the volume for their personal use.

For convenience in mailing, the catalog has been divided into seven parts and will be loaned one part at a time to permit maximum use by the members.

Please request the portion(s) of the catalog you want by asking for the proper library code number as follows:

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Send requests to Librarian Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

## GEORGE T. TURNER

We are saddened by the death of our life member George T. Turner (194-L).

Mr. Turner, who had been a member of the Perfins Club since 1953, was a prominent philatelist, a former curator of the National Postage Stamp Collection at the Smithsonian Institution, a former vice president of the APS and a former president of the American Philatelic Congress. He was an ardent bibliophile and was reported to have the largest private philatelic library in the United States.

He was 73 when he died of a heart attack at his Washington, DC, home on August 14.

## HELP WANTED

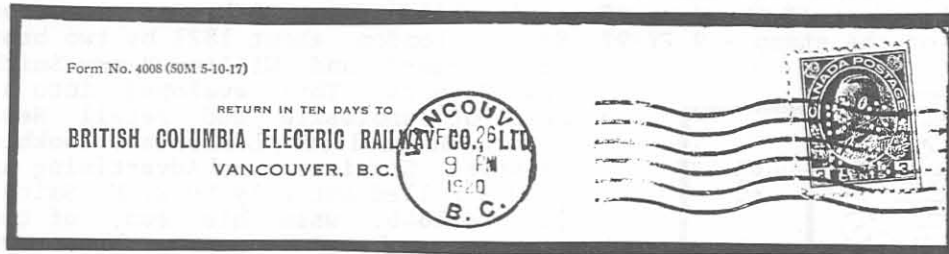
Joe Schirmer, who combines Perfins with a major interest in sports philately, is still seeking information about the TOKIO 1964 Perfin that reportedly appeared on the 1964 German Europa stamps. According to information Schirmer has been able to gather, the Perfin was applied privately and affixed to covers cancelled in Bonn. Some reports say the German Olympic Committee sanctioned the Perfin with a promise that part of the proceeds for the sale of the stamps was to go to the Olympic Committee, but this has been denied in recent years.

Schirmer is anxious now to at least see one of the sets with the Perfin to confirm its existence. And he'd like any additional information anyone can supply. Write him at 193 Alpine Ave. NW, Port Charlotte, FL 33952.

# Background on Perfin Users

ELECTRIC RAILWAYS OF WESTERN CANADA

BY EDWIN C. HAACK



## NIAGARA, ST. CATHARINES & TORONTO RAILWAY CO.

In the year 1888, a steam road, The St. Catharines and Niagara Falls, completed its line between the two cities of its title. Following bankruptcy in 1889, the road was taken over by the Haines Syndicate of New York, reorganized as the Niagara St. Catharines and Toronto, and electrified, service beginning on July 19, 1900. In 1901, the company acquired the Port Dalhousie, St. Catharines and Thorold, which had built the first intercity electric line in Canada, placed in service between St. Catharines and Thorold in 1887. In May the line to Port Dalhousie was completed.

In 1905, the Nicholls, E. R. Woods group, affiliates of Mackenzie, acquired the road. Nicholls was a pioneer developer of electric equipment and president of Canadian General Electric. A new line was built southward from Thorold to Welland in 1907 and to Port Colborne in 1911, and a line to Niagara-on-the-Lake was completed in 1913. The system became a Canadian Northern subsidiary and thus passed into the hands of the Dominion in 1917.

In 1931, the Niagara-on-the-Lake line was discontinued, and the local line from Thorold to St. Catharines was abandoned. In the summer of 1958 the company applied for permission to abandon service, and this was approved in January 1959. Carload freight service continues.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTRIC RAILWAY

This 125-mile system centering on Vancouver was the Dominion's largest system, providing extensive suburban service, plus a long-distance line with concentration on freight traffic.

The first segment was built in 1891 as the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramways, Ltd., directly to New Westminster via Central Park. It was absorbed by British Columbia Electric when the latter was formed in 1897. In 1905, the company leased the Vancouver and Lulu Island from CPR and electrified from Vancouver to Steveston for passenger service. In 1909, a link was completed from Eburne on the Steveston line to New Westminster, and on June 12, 1911, a third line was opened to New Westminster via Burnaby. The company had built a 65-mile line from New Westminster up the Frazer Valley to Chilliwack, opened on October 3, 1910. The last line, disconnected from the remainder, was built from Victoria on Vancouver Island to Deep Cover, 22 miles, completed on June 19, 1913. British Columbia Electric was for many years a British company, its policies directed from London. In 1927, control passed from England to the Power Company of Canada (Nesbitt-Thompson-Gundy) interests.

The Saanich line was abandoned in 1924, but otherwise the system remained largely intact until after WWII. In the late forties, however, the management decided to abandon all rail passenger service on September 30, 1950, and the line was dieselized. The lines were abandoned, with the last being on November 17, 1956. One line was in service for 63 years, for years of service the second longest in either country. Most of the lines, except the Burnaby route, have been retained for freight operations.

PATRONIZE THE SALES DEPARTMENT

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# MORE ON SPECIAL OBLITERATORS AND PERFINS by Mike Burrows

When writing about the cancellations identifying Perfins in the September 1975 Bulletin, it was stated, when dealing with the firm of W. H. Smith & Son, that no Perfins with the special obliterator were known to me. This is still the case, at least as far as Figure 7 in that article is concerned.

Illustrated is a further example of another type that was allocated to Smiths. Recently, a single ½d. vermilion of the "Jubilee" issue was found to have a similar cancel, except the inner ring was 19mm in diameter, instead of the 20mm of the illustration (reduced). Most of the date of the cancel appears on the stamp - 9 JY 9?



Although not identified in the recent catalogues, the Perfin was expected to be:

390 W.H.S./&S. 14,12,10/12,10 4½mm (IIIa)

Instead, and this is a puzzle, the Perfin was a single letter - R 12 5½mm. Checking through the catalogue, the user of the R is not identified. Going to those used by W. H. Smith & Son, the listing is:

380.1 WHS 12,10,9 4½mm (15½ wide)

380.3 WHS 14,16,10 5,7½,5mm

The first die, 380.1, is too modern so can be discounted. The second, 380.3, is roughly of the period in question. But the earliest examples that I have are on King Edward VII issues. The only clearly dated copy being February 1908. The Perfin continuing through to the early KGVI issues, the so-called dark colours.

So to the questions:

1. When did W. H. Smith & Son first use Perfins?
2. What was the style of their first Perfin?
3. Does the proper Perfin and special cancel exist on a stamp?
4. Who used the R Perfin illustrated?

In regard to questions 1 and 2, was the die 390 definitely used by Smiths? Earlier writers seemed to think so. Both Jennings and Bowman give the identity and list 1d.

plates: 134 158 171 175 176 177 185. My own copy is plate 204 with an ordinary London WCl postmark. Can anyone confirm this usage with a cover?

A security underprint is recorded for Smiths reading: W.H.SMITH/AND SON,/186 STRAND. on 1d. plates 73 78 92 97 102 103 109 111 114 121 124 131 134 147 152 164 169 173 174 183, all in red reading sideways, either up or down. The 2d. plates 9 and 14 in blue underprinting are also known.

## Historical Profile:

Established at Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, London, about 1821 by two brothers, Henry Edward and William Henry Smith, as News Vendors. This developed into a business of wholesale and retail Newspaper Agents, Booksellers, Librarians, Bookbinders, Printers, Stationers and Advertising Agents.

Controlled entirely by W. H. Smith from 1829 to 1846, when his son, of the same name, was taken into partnership. Opening their first railway bookstall at Euston Station 1st November 1848, they had over 200 in operation on the stations of the railways of the London & Northwestern and the Great Western by the end of 1905.

They went through various partnerships until the name Smith disappeared in 1913, when the Hon. W. F. D. Smith took the title Viscount Hambledon upon the death of his mother, the wife of the second W. H. Smith.

The company was registered on 9th March 1929 as W. H. Smith and Son Limited, to take over the business and certain assets of W. H. Smith & Son.

H. S. King & Co. additional stamps reported:

fig. 2 ½d. plate 3  
2d. plate 15  
3d. plates 20 and 21  
1½d. SG 167, Sc 80

William Dawson & Sons.

fig. 5 3d. on 6d. SG 159, Sc 95  
1d. SG 166, Sc 79

If you've misplaced a copy of the Bulletin and would like a replacement, the secretary can probably help you. Copies of all 1979 issues and most 1978 issues are available for 15¢ each--provided you were a member at the time the issue was published. Copies of issues published prior to the time you became a member are offered at 40¢ each. Write the secretary at Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

# ADDITIONS TO ADACHI CATALOG

Listed below are new addenda to the Adachi Catalog found and reported to the Japan Perfins Study Group's Bulletin by S. Suzuki, the present editor of that publication. Dr. Adachi had been in the job of editor for quite a long time, but he resigned it to concentrate his energy on the lecturing job in a college and the medical consultation. He confessed he hardly had time to look at his collection, when he made up his mind to quit.

- a A1 has been found on Scott's #43 (Syl. 14), #44 (Syl. 19), #46 (Syl. 1), #49 (Syl. 2), #59, #62, and #71 so far, as noted in the catalog, but it was also found on #66 recently.
- b A3 was owned by the National City Bank of New York.
- c B1 was owned by A. Ostman Co. (spelling approximate).
- d B10 was owned by Club Hotel Yokohama.
- e B17 was owned by F. Strailer & Co.
- f B18 was owned by Canadian Pacific Railway and Steamship Co.
- g B29 and B30 were owned by M. Raspe & Co. (spelling approximate).
- h B42 was owned by Standard Oil Co.
- i B73 was owned by Kobayashi shoten or Kobayashi & Co. (Genwomen Kobayashi, president).
- j B76 and B77 were owned by Nippon Dempo Tsushin sha or Japan Tele-Communication Co. (present "Dentshu", the largest advertising agency in Japan).
- k H40 was owned by Andrews and George Co.
- l R1 was owned by Daimaru Gofuku ten or Daimaru Clothing Co. (present "Daimaru Department Store").
- m T3 was owned by Sanchu shoten or Sanchu Co. (Present entry on the Adachi Catalog

is proved to be in error).

Shown above as a matter of interest, although it has no connection with the addenda, is the front page of a back number of the Japan Study Group's Bulletin. It is non-periodical.

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**新種報告**

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菊切手(3枚)  
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## MEMOS FROM MEMBERS

(see Editor's Corner for explanation)

ABOUT 25,000 PERFINS FOR SALE: 1000 from 1954, \$5.00, 100, \$1.00; 1000 from 1938-53, \$7.00, 100, \$1.25; 100 from 1922-37, \$1.50; 100 from 1908-19, \$2.00. For purchase of 100, enclose SASE. Also airmails, and special delivery. Larry Owen, 3887 Antigua Circle, Dallas, TX 75234.

WANTED: Perfins of Palestine Mandate. Send price and description. Jerome L. Byers, 1114 N. Bishop, Dallas, TX 75208.

WANTED: Specialist desires U. S. #C1-2-3 Perfins - on and off cover. Joe Kirker, Jr., Box 423-A, Lansing, IL 60438.

# NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

We have long contended that some of the friendliest, nicest, and most interesting people in the world collect Perfins. That was brought home to us a few weeks ago when we were reading a book by Richard Goldhurst titled The Midnight War: the American Intervention in Russia, 1918-1920.

In treating the subject of the use of American soldiers in Russia after World War I, the author of necessity discussed the history of the Czech Legion and its efforts to return to Czechoslovakia without getting embroiled in the Bolshevik Revolution.

The commander of the Legion, Thomas G. Masaryk, appointed two men to supervise the evacuation and serve as liaison with the Bolsheviks. The story of the Legion's eventual return to Czechoslovakia makes very interesting reading.

Most interesting to me, however, was the mention of Prokop Maxa. I wrote our member in Prague, Vojtech Maxa, and inquired if there was any relationship between the two of them.

A recent note from Vojtech Maxa confirms that there was indeed a relationship: Prokop was Maxa's father.

Vojtech says his father found himself in the very awkward position of not only being able to turn the Legion over to the Bolsheviks, but of being in Moscow when elements of the Legion were used against the Bolsheviks. This is what led to his imprisonment by the government in Moscow.

Vojtech says his father was released and made his way back to Czechoslovakia via Finland and Sweden.

"Interesting" hardly begins to describe this particular matter, but the fact that some of our members do have backgrounds that are worthy of books can hardly be denied.

The unsung heroine of the new United States Perfins Catalog is catalog chairman Joe Balough's wife, Dorothy. Dot typed every word of the new catalog and those of us who have seen Joe's handwriting know what a task that was!

Joe and Dorothy share joint credit on the title page of the new catalog, but the Executive Committee has decided that Dorothy deserves something a bit more tangible in the way of a thank-you...We've instructed Joe to take Dorothy out to the nicest dinner in town and send the bill to the Club. We think she deserves it for a contribution well above the call of duty...even for the wife of a Perfins collector.

If you haven't paid your 1979-80 dues, you are delinquent. And if you're still delinquent on the first of October, you'll unfortunately become a former member.

We don't like to lose members, but we cannot afford to keep unpaid members on the rolls when postage costs and paper prices continue to climb.

You've received a notice if your dues are due this year. In case you've mislaid the notice, here's the fee schedule: one year will cost you \$4.00 and you may pay as many years in advance as you wish at the \$4.00 rate, subject to the limitation set forth on page 1 of this issue in relation to next year's increase in dues. A life membership will cost you just \$60 (that's 15 years at the regular price) if you act now, and it's one of the biggest bargains in philately.

Checks or money orders for dues should be mailed to Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

George A. Fisher, Jr. (10740 West Saratoga Place, Littleton, CO 80123) offers to help members with identifications of their Japanese Perfins. He has translated the Adachi catalog and if the Perfin is listed and identified there he'll provide quick turnaround. There is one condition (one that should always be followed in cases like this): requests must be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed return envelope. It also makes George feel good if you use commemoratives on the envelope you use to send your request to him.

"Nagot em skyddsperforeringar" is the title of an article by Tord Lagerwall in the February 1979 issue of Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift, the Swedish philatelic journal.

The article traces the history of Perfins from their beginning to the present day and discusses a variety of Swedish Perfins. The Perfins Club is the subject of some good publicity in the article.

Three major Perfins publications are available from the secretary. They should be in the library of every Perfins collector.

THE RAILROAD PERFINS CATALOG...a catalog album which provides complete coverage of one of the most popular forms of collecting U. S. Perfins. The price is just \$2.00 postpaid.

A CATALOG OF THE PERFINS OF THE TERRITORY OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA by Vojtech Maxa. This volume provides complete coverage of the Perfins of firms which have done business in what is now Czechoslovakia. A most outstanding piece of research. Complete with relative ratings of rarity. The price is \$3.50 postpaid.

THE PERFINS OF HUNGARY, also by Vojtech Maxa, provides complete coverage of this popular Perfins country. Published in England by Malyon. Postpaid price is \$3.00 per copy.

Send your orders to Floyd Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030. Please make your checks payable to The Perfins Club.

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

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Because the postal service has questioned our use of the heading "WANT ADS" (they say it makes the ads look like paid want ads, even if they are not), the column heretofore headed "WANT ADS" will hereafter bear the caption "MEMOS FROM MEMBERS."

Any member of the Perfins Club may feel free to send in a want ad--oops, memo--any time he or she would like to communicate with other members to buy, sell or swap Perfins. The Perfins Bulletin does not run paid advertisements and cannot undertake to run memos of dealer members on a continuing basis. All memos are run on a first-come, first-served basis, depending on space available in any given issue.

On a vacation trip at the end of August, your editor had the pleasure of visiting briefly with Dave and Dorothy Stump at BALPEX in Baltimore. A week earlier, at the APS convention in Boston, he saw several other members of the Perfins Club, including Barbara de Violini from California, Charles Ball from Ohio, Gordon McHenry, dealer from Florida, and perhaps others.

Joe Fry, our Bulletin printer and editor of the APS Writers Unit publication, was thoughtful enough to bring to the convention a supply of extra copies of the July-August Bulletin, which was placed on a table with other APS-affiliate publications to attract the eye of visitors. The editor talked with several persons who expressed interest in joining the Perfins Club, and suggested that they write to Vice President Dorothy Savage for further details.

And, speaking of Dorothy Savage, she reports an upswing in the number of Perfin Primers sent out in the past two months as a result of publicity on the new Catalog of United States Perfins. With 12 new members reported in August, our membership now has reached 784. If only 16 of us would get one new member each, we would reach the magic figure of 800 members.

And, speaking of the new Catalog of United States Perfins, now that he has seen the catalog in its entirety, the editor enthusiastically jumps on the band wagon with other collectors who are hailing it as a great piece of work. Joe and Dorothy Balough, with the able assistance of Club Photographer John Burns, have provided Perfins Club members with a "bible" of which we all can be proud.

Among new members welcomed to the Club is Dr. Jerome L. Byers (#1789) of Dallas, Texas, who specializes in Palestine and Holy Land postal history. Dr. Byers reports that he recently obtained a registered cover front franked with two Russian stamps bearing the CLJ Perfin of Credito Lyonnais Jerusalem, postmarked 1912. Has any other member ever seen this Perfin on

stamps of Russia, or does anyone know the background of such use?

The P.E.R.F.I.N.S word contest, announced in the July-August Bulletin, is coming along nicely, with quite a few entries. The winner, who will get a copy of the new Catalog of United States Perfins, will be announced in the October issue.

Joe Schirmer (#1681) a specialist in Olympic philately, inquires about a Perfin design, showing a man in a wheelchair, that he found on one of the new Special Olympics stamps. For Joe's information and that of other interested members, the new Catalog of United States Perfins lists this as Design Perfin #49. It is the personal Perfin of John L. Needham (LM-41) of Garden Grove, California.

## NOMINATIONS FOR TREASURER

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Richard L. Mewhinney has been named chairman of the nominating committee to select candidates for the office of treasurer.

Perfins Club officers serve for three year terms and the terms are arranged so only one or two expire each year---thus ensuring that the Club has a steady crew of experienced officers.

The current treasurer, J. A. Gooding, has been nominated for another three-year term.

Others interested in serving as treasurer may be nominated for the office by filing a petition stating their willingness to serve. The petition must be signed by at least three other members of the Club and must reach Mewhinney (at 4 John Glenn Road, Morristown, NJ 07960) by November 1, 1979.

## HALLOCK CARD AWARD

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The Hallock Card Award was established to honor a member of the Perfins Club whose activities have brought positive attention to the Club and to the hobby of Perfins philately. The award is named for the founder of the Perfins Club.

Previous Hallock Card Award recipients have included David Stump, Floyd Walker, Dorothy Savage, the late Karl Lougee, and Canadian Perfins expert Bob Woolley.

Nominations are now being accepted for the recipient of the 1979 award. Members are invited to submit the name(s) of individuals they consider worthy of special attention for the award. Chairman of the selection committee is Floyd Walker and nominations should be sent to him at Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

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ENLIST A NEW MEMBER

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

- 1778 Joseph B. Brynda, 3673 Keenan Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario L4T 3M1 CANADA (WW)  
1779 Michael J. Penfold, 104 Drayton Wood Rd., Hellesdon, Norwich, Norfolk NR6 5BZ ENGLAND (Germany)  
by John Needham  
1780 George R. Davis, 31 Timmerman St., Dolgeville, NY 13329 (Beginner)  
1781 Donald J. Gunderson, Jr., 606 Bayway Blvd., Clearwater Beach, FL 33515 (WW)  
1782 Louise McGraw, Box 42, Centerville, IN 47330 (Railroads) by Sal Guarini  
1783 Robert M. Saylor, 28030 Dorothy Drive, Agoura, CA 91301 (WW)  
1784 Maxine Golden, 7135 14th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 (France) by Polly Van Dyke  
1785 Rodrigue Levesque, RRL, Angers, Quebec JOX 1B0 CANADA (Canada)  
1786 Conrad M. Tremblay, 30 Taillon, Repentigny, Quebec J6A 4E8 CANADA (CA, US, GB, WW) by Al Pearson  
1787 Vincent C. McGermott, 3302 Patrick Henry Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044 (Far East)  
1788 Oregon Stamp Society, Inc., 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland, OR 97211 by Walter Dressler  
1789 Jerome L. Byers, 1114 N. Bixhop, Dallas, TX 75208 (Holy Land)  
1790 Blanche Y. S. Miller, Box 3-424, Anchorage, AK 99501 (WW, France)  
1791 James L. Hazelton, Box 3175, Las Cruces, NM 88003 (GB, Ireland, ME) by Joe Balough  
1792 David M. Axtmann, Box 187, Highmore, SD 57345 (South Dakota, US, Foreign)  
1793 Edward D. Reynolds, Box F, Amenia, NY 12501 (General)  
1794 Joseph F. Kapelos, Box 88843, Tukwila Branch, Seattle, WA 98188 (WW)  
1795 Hope Murphy, 48th Supply Squadron, Box 5416, APO New York 09179 (WW)  
1796 Darrell R. Ertzberger, 2828A S. Abingdon, Arlington, VA 22206 (US)  
1797 Alfred Drucker, 255 West End Avenue, New York 10023 (WW)  
1798 Louis Staub, 16 Sutton Terrace, Jericho, LI, NY 11753 (Beginner)  
1799 Duane L. Coble, N4917 Perry, Spokane, WA 99207 (Beginner)  
1800 Willard M. Utman, 50 Dogwood Trail, DeBary, FL 32713 (Beginner)

### New Life Members

- LM-59 Gary Tomasson, 427-48 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta T2S 1E3  
LM-60 Richard L. Mcwhinney, 4 John Glenn Road, Morristown, NJ 07960  
LM-61 Walter B. L. Bose, Teodora Garcia 2917, Casilla de Correos 67, Buenos Aires 1426, ARGENTINA

### Resigned

- 1664 Miller; 1439 Hale; 1114 Whyte

### Closed Album

- 194L George T. Turner

### Address Changes

- 241L R. J. Woolley, 77 St. Clair East, Apt 507, Toronto, Ontario M4T 1M5 CANADA  
1329 Paul A. Mistretta, 326 Choctaw Drive, Pineville, LA 71360  
1601 T. D. Pomeroy, 1909 Nut Tree Drive NW, Salem, OR 97304  
1657 W. W. Morrison, 402 6th Street, Apt A-5, Coralville, IA 52241  
813 Mrs. V. Turrell, Box 1721, Sechelt, BC VON 3A0 CANADA  
1059 Mrs. Jacy O. Darling, 1528 Sylvan Blvd, Redlands, CA 92373  
1704 E. E. Parkhurst, RRL "Skedans", Parksville, BC VOR 2S0 CANADA  
1208 Dr. O. Wouters, 37G Doustraat, 3583 SG Utrecht, NETHERLANDS  
974 Edward P. Churchill, Route 1, Box 313M, Iuka, MS 38852  
1686 Jan Alewijnse, Troelstraplein 1, 2314 EK, Leiden, NETHERLANDS  
1700 Michael F. Birrer, Box 486, Harlowton, MT 59036  
557 Edward N. Chase, 132 Moreland Street, Worcester, MA 01609  
1702 Albert J. Willett, Route 1, Box 153D, Surry, VA 23883  
1006 Robert V. Wruck, 12824 NW 127th Court, RR#10, West Des Moines, IA 50265

### Membership Summary

Members as of June 30	765
New Members (July & August)	23
Resigned (July)	-3
Closed Albums (August)	-1
Members as of August 31	784



# The Perfins Bulletin

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## RULES FOR SELLING AT AUCTION CANADIAN CATALOG COMING

by J. A. Gooding, Club Auction Chairman

The Club Auctions are held for the purpose of helping members dispose of their duplicate Perfins and also as a source of procuring additional material for those members trying to increase their Perfin collection.

It is necessary to have established rules for submitting material for auction; otherwise, the Auction Chairman cannot perform effectively for the membership.

The following rules have been established by former chairmen and amended from time to time as new problems arose:

Only Perfins of C or better scarcity rating according to the new U. S. Catalog will be offered for auction as single lots. Exceptions to this may be made by the chairman due to patterns of E or D rating appearing on High Value or Scarce issue stamps.

Foreign Perfins will be accepted for auction as separate lots because there is no scarcity rating for other countries, Canada excepted. The Canadian rating should be above 25. Very common Perfins of Great Britain will be withheld from auction at the discretion of the chairman.

Each stamp or Perfin as submitted for auction must be in a separate glassine envelope, preferably size #3. Each lot must be marked on the front of the envelope in the upper left hand corner with the Perfin catalog number and the scarcity rating just below it. The Scott Catalog number must appear in the upper right hand corner. Where there is no catalog for foreign countries, the pattern letters or design name should be placed in the upper left hand corner.

Some members purchase Perfins by issues. Therefore, the Scott Catalog number is very important and a lot can be returned to the seller if not correct and is returned by the buyer.

Only Perfins in good condition on stamps in good condition should be submitted. In the past, we have taken incomplete and split patterns. However, too many members have complained about the quality of the merchandise. Therefore, all patterns must be complete. Some A and B rated Perfins are never found 100 percent complete. If you submit an incomplete pattern, state this following the catalog number, stating the number of holes missing (i.e., A115 1H (one hole missing) or B22 Inc. 2H (2 holes missing)). The final decision will remain with the chairman as to whether or not they go into the auction.

Canada is next on the list of countries which will be covered by new Perfins catalogs to be published by the Club.

The Executive Committee has given the go-ahead to Joe and Dorothy Balough to turn their attention to our neighbors to the north.

A Canadian Perfins Catalog was published in the 1950s by the BNAPS under the guidance of R. J. Woolley, a Perfins Club member and holder of the Hallock Card Award for outstanding service to Perfins philately.

Woolley has announced, however, that he cannot do a further revision (the last was in 1968) and he has given his blessing to the Perfins Club's efforts.

It is anticipated that the Canadian catalog will follow the format of the new United States catalog recently completed under the editorship of the Baloughs. It is also anticipated that the catalog will feature a new rating system for Canadian Perfins to bring them under the umbrella of the A through E system now used for U. S. Perfins.

No publication date has been set, but work on the catalog has already begun. Since far fewer Canadian patterns are known than was the case with U. S. Perfins, it is anticipated that the Canadian volume can be ready for the printer before the end of 1980.

Members who have information about Canadian Perfins or who would like to help with the catalog project should contact Joseph J. Balough, 9108 McFall Drive, El Paso, TX 79925.

Information about the availability of the completed catalog will be published in the Bulletin as soon as it is available.

Mary Page (LM-44) reports that she and her husband, Larry, have joined the Mailer Postmark Permit Club, in which Larry has been elected secretary. She says they will be glad to get covers postmarked from Christmas, Florida, at Christmas time for any Perfins Club members who so desire. Any interested member should send them the covers complete - all the Pages will do is apply the cancellation. Cut-off date to receive the covers is December 10. Mary adds that they will also have a cachet for Killarney, Florida, on St. Patrick's Day. Write to Mary Page, Box 1457, Winter Garden, FL 32787.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Following is the text of a letter from Alan R. Miskimin (#202-IM8):

"The Perfin exhibit I show around the States is entitled "U. S. Perforated Control Markings." It will never win a grand prize because it was designed to acquaint fellow collectors that there is another facet to their philatelic endeavors - that of collecting stamps with perforated designs, initials or numbers cut into them.

"On a few occasions my exhibit has met with severe criticism because of the word "control." It seems the judges feel the word "control" should only be used to refer to the companies with many Branch offices in various cities. These companies have added one or two perforations to their original design to pin point the city with their branch office.

"When consulting Webster's definition of the word "control," I found the following: "To exercise the authority or dominating influence over; to direct, verify, dominate or curb. To evaluate with respect to limits, regulate, hold in restraint." I now quote from the U. S. Postal Regulation dated 4 May 1908, subject Perforating Postage Stamps for Identification Purposes: 'Firms, individuals and commercial organizations have reported serious loss through theft and pilferage of their stamps. As of the above date, they are authorized to perforate or puncture their stamps with letters, numerals or other marks for the purpose of identification and protection from theft.'

"In the new Perfin catalog, page 523, paragraphs 9 and 16, Mr. K. F. Lougee writes: 'the control marking as a precaution against pilferage' and 'the number assigned to each control design is determined by position.' It is understood that he considers the entire design as a control marking by a particular company to secure their stamps against theft. However, it should be mentioned that in the new catalog each full page illustration of companies with many branch offices, the inference is that these added holes to the original design, give the meaning that the word "control" is only to be used for companies with multiple branch offices in various cities.

"It is my belief and opinion that some precise clarification should be given by competent and able persons in the field of Perfin collecting. It is also my feeling that such an opinion should be published whereby all persons acting as judges can obtain this definite set of rules and regulations, thus preventing any future exhibit from undue criticism and censorship."

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

### OPERATING STATEMENT - 3RD QUARTER 1979

INCOME	
Dues	\$2,480.00
Publications	72.88
Auction	905.67
Covers and Misc.	20.11
Interest	101.24
U. S. Catalog	3,550.29
Gross Income	\$7,130.19

EXPENSE	
Bulletin	\$ 873.88
Secretary	213.68
Membership	9.05
Treasurer	21.98
Auction	6.17
U. S. Catalog	8,135.48
Total Expense	\$9,260.74

Expense in excess of Income \$2,130.05

Total Cash on Hand, last report \$11,582.44  
Less Expense in excess of Income, this report \$ 2,130.05

Total Cash to account for \$ 9,452.39

Cash in Checking Account \$ 1,027.21  
Cash in Savings, Operating Funds 4,562.07  
Cash in Savings, Life Memb'ships 314.15  
Cash in Long Term Certificates, Life Memberships 3,548.96

Total Cash in Banks \$ 9,452.39

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. Gooding, Treasurer

### RULES FOR SELLING AT AUCTION (CONTINUED)

Under normal conditions, each member may submit 50 lots per auction, this to allow room for all members who wish to sell in this manner. Exceptions to this may be made when there is not sufficient material on hand to make up a complete auction.

Each lot as submitted and accepted will be listed in one auction. If not sold, the lot will be returned to the owner.

D and E rated U. S. Perfins, Canadian under 25 points, and any Foreign Perfins may be grouped into one lot. If so, this should be explained in the upper left hand corner of the envelope (i.e., mixture 100 US or mixture 25 Netherlands, etc.).

A listing of the lots submitted should accompany the package. This gives the chairman something to check when your lots arrive and also to check in remitting your payments.

All sellers will be charged 15% of the total amount of their sales.

The auction chairman will check all catalog numbers and ratings, as well as the condition of the stamp. At his discretion, he may return merchandise to the owner if he feels it is unfit for auction.

# Background on Perfin Users of Canada by Al Pearson

## THE ANGLO-NEWFOUNDLAND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

The Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company was incorporated on January 7, 1905, at St. Johns, Newfoundland, with a capital of \$5 million. The forces behind the incorporation were the publishers of the London Daily Mail, Alfred C. Harmsworth (later Lord Northcliffe) and Harold Sidney Harmsworth (later Lord Rothermere).

In the early 1900's, Lord Northcliffe began looking for a secure and continuous supply of newsprint for his publishing interests in the United Kingdom. In the event of a European war, the normal suppliers in Scandinavia would have much difficulty assuring delivery to Britain.

The Harmsworths decided to examine North America as a permanent source of newsprint and, as a hedge against the rising cost of newsprint, they also looked at the feasibility of establishing their own pulp and paper mill.

Following exhaustive studies, and on the recommendation of Sir Mayson Beeton, the company's first president, Grand Falls in Newfoundland was chosen as the site for this industry.

In spite of opposition both locally and abroad, construction began in July of 1905 and by midsummer of 1909 the mill and the townsite were substantially completed.

Formal opening ceremonies were held October 8 and 9, with the official opening taking place at 8:30 p.m. on October 9 in the presence of over 1500 guests. The first roll of paper was produced on December 22, 1909.

The initial capacity rating of the mill was 30,000 tons annually. Today the mill capacity is rated at approximately 300,000 tons per year.

The town of Grand Falls, which grew around the mill, was administered by the company until 1960, when the 6,000 community residents began handling their own government. The town was incorporated January 1, 1961, and in 1964 was presented with an official coat of arms by the honourable Vere Harmsworth on behalf of the family which had initiated the development of the industry and the community. The era of industrialization may have begun with the Grand Falls development.

In more recent history, Anglo-Newfoundland merged with Price Brothers and Company in April of 1961 to form a group of companies ranging as one of the largest newsprint producers in the world. On April 29, 1965, the company name was changed to Price (Nfld.) Pulp and Paper Ltd. to take advantage of the competitive edge the name "Price" enjoyed from over 100 years of world marketing.

In 1966, the company name again changed, to the Price Company Ltd. - La Compagnie Price Limitee in the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Price establishment at Quebec City in 1816.

In 1974, the Abitibi Paper Company Ltd. acquired controlling interest in Price Company Limited.

As for the Perfin pattern used by the company (Canada No. A-4, shown below) some information on the perforator has come to light through correspondence with the friendly general manager at Grand Falls, who just happens to be a collector. He has tracked down one of the local residents who operated the perforator from 1917-1919. This clerk felt that the perforator had been in use since the plant startup in 1909. The Woolley BNAPS Handbook, however, lists the A-4 Perfin as known on the issues of 1911-31



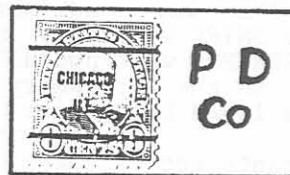
Although the perforator make and model are unknown to him, the oldtimer who operated the perforator recalls that it was a single-head unit with a hand crank which perforated the stamps one at a time. The perforator had no feeding device, so the stamps were separated into strips and the strips fed by hand as the head was cranked up and down. Unless attention to the centering of the stamp was followed, the stamps with random Perfin centering would result.

The present location of the perforator is unknown, but it is believed to have been scrapped some years ago. Because the AND Perfins are relatively scarce, the probable start date and final use date of the perforator will probably take a lot of searching through dated copies.

I would appreciate any information that anyone can supply on this particular aspect of the A-4 Perfin.

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Al Gerstenberger (#1067) suggests that Perfin precancels may be mounted face up with an outline of the Perfin next to them. This will prove which town used a certain Perfin and the Perfin catalog will identify the user.



The Perfin outline may be traced onto the album page next to where the stamp will be mounted (as illustrated above) by shining the light from a small desk lamp through the holes.

# P-E-R-F-I-N-S WORD CONTEST WON BY GEORGE FISHER, JR.

Congratulations to George A. Fisher, Jr. (#1152) of Littleton, Colorado. His score of 528 net points was the highest among the 58 entries in the P.E.R.F.I.N.S word contest. As the winner, he gets a copy of the new Catalog of United States Perfins, which sells for \$25.00.

Fisher's score was 34 points higher than that of the next contestant, W. A. Johnson (#1516) of Shickshinny, Pennsylvania, who scored 494 net points. Only six other contestants scored over 400 points, as follows:

- 470 Norman W. Touchette (#1305) St. Louis, Missouri
- 461 Charles H. Thompson (#651) Champaign, Illinois
- 458 Robert W. Fifield, Sr. (#1652) Valley Stream, New York
- 455 Paul A. Mistretta (#1329) Pineville, Louisiana
- 441 C. Rubec (#1716) Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 416 W. Edward Linn (#1459) Sacramento, California.

The average of all 58 scores was 284 net points. Eight contestants scored in the 300's, 33 scored in the 200's, and nine scored less than 200 points. The lowest score was 159 points.

All of the high scorers obviously consulted the Merriam-Webster's New International Dictionary mentioned in the rules as the final authority. Those who used only a collegiate or office dictionary probably checked just as diligently, but they simply did not have access to the volume of eligible words contained in the big Merriam-Webster.

Another factor in the contest was careful reading of the rules. The editor did not try to make them "tricky," but he did try to make the contestants put on their thinking caps. For example, the rules specifically barred colloquial, slang or archaic words, but they did not mention obsolete, dialectic, British, Scottish, rare or foreign words or variant spellings. Therefore, by not being specifically barred, the latter types of words were eligible - and it was in this area that the big dictionary offered its advantage.

Words ruled out in judging the entries included proper names, abbreviations, contractions, and two variations of the same word (example: where a contestant used both SNIPE and SNIPER, the longer word SNIPER was allowed, but SNIPE was not). Such words as RESNIP and RENIPS were not allowed because they are not in the dictionary as such, but RESPIN was allowed because it is in the dictionary.

Some entrants got careless on a few occasions and included words containing one of the eligible letters twice, or containing a letter not even in the word PERFINS. And speaking of the word PERFINS, a few contestants questioned its use, since it is not in the dictionary. The editor was well aware that PERFINS is not in the dictionary,

but since it was the base word for the contest, he felt it should be included. Besides, who is there among us who would not say that the word PERFINS ought to be in every dictionary?

Many of the contestants wrote notes expressing pleasure at the opportunity to participate in such a contest. The editor enjoyed it, too - but he would not want the task of handling another one anytime soon.

## THE STORY OF A PERFIN

### "M6 IN THE ADACHI CATALOG"

M6 was, as the Adachi Catalog notes, owned and used by Nishioka Brewery Co...but the perforated letters read "Ku-Yo-U" which means "nine stars." The name of the brewery, "Nishioka," does not have such a meaning. How, then, did the Ku-Yo-U come to be?

The brewery was located in Kumamoto prefecture and Kumamoto had been owned by the Hosokawa clan in the feudal era before Meiji Restoration in 1877. The coat of arms of the Hosokawa clan consisted of a circle of eight small dots surrounding a larger one which denotes "eight stars around the sun," and it was called Ku-Yo-U.

Nishioka Brewery Co. seems to have taken it for the label of their products: SAKE. Today, both the sake and the brewery do not exist. Probably, they seem to have disappeared during WWII.

The above information is from the Japan Study Group Bulletin and is extracted from a contributed article by S. Sako, who is a member of the group. It was submitted to the Perfins Bulletin by H. Maeda.

Over 6,500 Perfins of Germany mounted on white Perfin pages, in alphabetical sequence, plus Designs. Designs include Fish, Swan, Glive, Lightning, Shamrock, 5 Anchors and many others, over 70 designs; also German occupation of Belgium, offices in China, Romania, etc. Booked in three National three-ring locking binders.

For sale to highest bidder at 10% increase over the next highest bidder.

Buyer to pay insurance and shipping costs. Purchase price to be paid one half upon notification of winning and balance within 10 days of receipt of collection.

Send bids to J. A. Gooding, Auction Chairman, 923 N. Anita Ave., Gonzales, LA 70737. Include complete mailing address and telephone number with bid.

Closing date of Auction, December 31, 1979. Reserve \$600.00.

As you read in the September Bulletin, the Executive Committee has increased the annual dues from \$4 to \$5, effective January 1, 1980.

Annual dues may be raised by the Committee, but changes in life membership fee must be approved by the membership under the terms of the Bylaws.

Therefore, it is proposed that the Bylaws of the Perfins Club be changed as follows:

PROPOSED that Section 2-3-B, which now reads "Life membership shall be open to any member upon the payment of \$60. A life member shall thereafter be exempt from all dues and assessments." shall be changed to read "Life membership shall be open to any member upon the payment of the equivalent of 15 times the current regular membership fee. A life member shall thereafter be exempt from all dues and assessments."

This proposed change in the Bylaws ties the life membership fee to the annual membership fee. The use of the multiple 15 is based upon the current dues structure: \$60 is 15 times the \$4 annual fee. The new life membership fee would thus be \$75.

Please complete the ballot form below and return it to the secretary by January 1, 1980. A vote in favor of the change by a majority of those voting is required to amend the Bylaws.

The Executive Committee recommends that you vote in favor of this change.

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BALLOT:

I, a member in good standing of the Perfins Club,

\_\_\_\_\_ agree

\_\_\_\_\_ disagree

with the amendment of the Bylaws of the Perfins Club to permit the life membership fee to be based on a rule of 15 times the annual membership fee.

Please mail your ballot by January 1, 1980, to Floyd A. Walker, Box 82, Grandview, MO 64030.

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MAILING INSTRUCTIONS: After you have filled out the above ballot, fold this sheet in on the dotted lines, first from the bottom and then from the top. Fasten together with Scotch tape, and you will have a self-addressed envelope which needs only a 15-cent stamp for mailing.

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Mr. Floyd A. Walker, Secretary  
The Perfins Club  
P. O. Box 82  
Grandview, MO 64030

# RESULTS OF AUCTION # 25

## SUMMARY OF BIDDING

433 lots of U. S. Perfins were offered as single patterns. Among these, 118 had no bid (2 A-rated, 10 B-rated, 95 C-rated, 8 D-rated, and 3 E-rated Perfins).

A-rated Perfins, 13 lots averaged \$6.52. The highest bid was \$11.55, the lowest \$3.00.

B-rated Perfins, 117 lots averaged \$3.07. The highest bid was \$7.50, the lowest \$1.20.

C-rated Perfins, 132 lots averaged \$1.03. The highest bid was \$3.25, the lowest 10¢.

D-rated Perfins, 17 lots averaged 94¢. The highest bid was \$4.25, the lowest 25¢.

E-rated Perfins, 11 lots averaged \$2.17. Eliminating one lot which sold for \$16.50, the average would be 74¢. Second highest bid was \$2.75, the lowest 20¢.

26 lots of Schermacks averaged \$4.48. The highest bid was \$7.50, the lowest \$1.00 for a damaged stamp, the next lowest \$2.00.

Of the 27 lots of U. S. covers, 16 had no bid. However, there was a lot of duplication in this area. The 11 lots sold averaged 56¢, the highest going for \$1.35, the lowest for 25¢.

The 25 lots of U. S. mixes contained 23,206 stamps, selling for an average of just under 1¢ per stamp.

There is no real way to summarize the Foreign lots. However, Canada and Germany had the most bidders. Germany, Lot 596 had 16 bidders, the most of any lot in the auction.

There were 67 bidders in all, 14 of whom were not successful with any of their bids.

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
1	\$2.75	56	\$0.55	106	\$3.25	155	\$0.60	225	\$0.55		
2	1.25	57	.90	107	2.25	156	.95	226	.25	274	\$3.50
4	3.25	59	2.00	109	1.20	159	3.50	227	.45	275	1.10
5	2.35	60	1.75	111	.35	169	.60	228	.50	276	2.00
6	.75	61	1.75	112	3.25	170	.70	230	.75	277	1.65
8	3.00	62	2.25	113	.10	171A	3.75	232	.70	278	.20
9	3.45	63	7.50	114	1.35	172	3.50	233	3.50	279	3.25
10	2.50	64	3.00	115	2.75	173	4.25	235	.75	280	3.50
14	3.25	67	8.00	117	.60	174	2.50	237	6.00	281	.65
15	.50	69	1.20	120	.75	175	3.50	238	1.20	282	1.90
16	.55	70	.75	121	3.50	175A	5.60	239	1.10	284	3.50
20	9.00	74	.80	122	1.90	177	.80	243	.90	285	3.75
21	1.10	78	.50	123	1.90	178	.70	246	.75	287	3.25
22	2.50	80	.95	127	.90	179	.75	247	1.10	288	.65
23	.30	82	1.85	128	3.50	180	.55	249	1.10	289	3.25
24	3.50	82A	.70	129	.25	185	1.00	250	.55	292	4.75
27	.60	83	.70	130	.65	186	3.50	252	.65	293	2.00
29	1.20	84	11.55	131	1.20	189	.65	252A	.80	294	1.80
32	.65	86	3.50	133	1.00	192	.60	253	3.25	295	3.50
33	.65	87	.10	135	.60	193	2.75	255	3.00	296	1.80
36	1.00	88	1.10	136	4.50	196	.20	256	1.10	297	3.50
37	1.00	89	1.20	137	3.25	199	1.10	257	3.75	298	.70
38	2.50	92	2.00	138	3.75	200	.75	258	3.25	299	3.50
40	.60	93	2.00	140	2.00	201	1.35	260	.75	300	4.75
45	.40	94	1.30	142	1.50	203	.75	261	.75	301	3.25
46	1.60	95	1.10	143	1.00	204	.60	262	.75	302	3.00
48	9.00	96	3.50	144	1.90	205A	3.50	263	2.85	303	1.60
49	.30	97	1.20	145	3.00	208	.50	264	.70	306	3.75
50	1.60	100	3.75	146	3.00	213	.70	265	2.50	307	.70
51	2.50	101	4.50	147	3.00	214	1.50	266	2.30	308	.70
52	2.50	102	3.50	149	1.80	219	.40	267	3.75	309	3.50
53	.55	103	3.50	152	1.60	221	.70	271	2.85	311	2.25
54	.55	104	16.50	153	1.80	223	2.75	272	1.20		(continued
55	1.10	105	3.50	154	1.10	224	1.30	273	3.50		next page)

RESULTS OF AUCTION #25 (CONTINUED)

Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price	Lot	Price
312	\$3.50	390	\$2.00	478	\$12.00	556	\$0.35	644	\$0.50
313	3.50	391	.40	479	8.50	558	.85	648	2.35
314	4.25	393	.40	480	11.50	560	1.00	649	2.35
315	9.00	394	.40	481	7.50	561	8.00	650	1.00
316	1.20	395	1.35	481A	15.00	562	.55	651	.60
317	2.50	396	1.10	482	27.50	563	.85	652	.30
318	2.75	397	1.30	483	15.00	564	6.40	653	.80
319	.35	398	2.50	484	4.00	565	3.80	654	1.50
320	1.20	399	2.50	485	7.50	567	2.30	655	1.10
321	2.75	400	2.75	486	9.00	568	1.80	656	.25
322	3.00	401	1.70	487	5.50	569	2.00	657	.65
323	3.75	405	1.10	488	8.50	572	.60	658	2.35
327	2.50	406	5.00	489	2.00	574	.25	659	.20
328	3.50	407	2.00	490	5.50	577	.25	660	.30
329	.75	408	3.50	491	10.00	578	.50	661	1.60
330	.75	409	3.25	492	3.25	579	.50	662	2.25
332	.70	410	1.10	493	4.25	580	.25	663	1.10
333	1.20	411	.95	494	10.00	582	.25	665	1.50
334	.75	412	.50	495	10.00	583	.25	666	1.10
335	.70	413	1.85	497	.20	584	.25	667	1.50
336	.75	414	.60	498	1.10	585	6.40	668	2.90
338	.70	415	.70	499	.55	586	.50	670	.25
339	2.50	416	9.00	500	.40	587	2.00	671	1.95
340	1.30	417	2.75	501	1.20	588	2.25	672	.35
341	.25	418	5.50	502	3.25	589	.20	673	.80
342	3.50	419	5.00	503	1.10	590	.20	674	1.10
343	1.70	420	5.50	504	1.10	591	.60	675	1.20
344	1.60	421	3.75	505	1.90	592	1.10	678	.80
345	.45	422	6.00	506	3.75	593	4.25	681	.80
346	3.25	423	3.50	507	6.40	594	6.00	683	6.50
349	3.00	424	2.00	508	.80	596	7.50	685	.80
350	3.00	425	5.50	509	1.25	597	9.55	690	.70
351	3.25	426	7.50	512	.65	598	1.10	691	.80
352	3.00	427	6.50	514	2.55	599	4.50	693	16.55
353	4.30	428	3.50	515	.70	600	1.90	694	.55
354	1.85	429	6.00	516	1.70	601	1.60	695	.85
355	2.95	430	5.00	517	1.10	602	8.00	696	1.15
356	.60	431	4.00	519	.65	603	7.35	697	.30
357	1.65	432	1.00	520	2.25	604	1.65	698	4.25
358	1.45	433	4.00	521	.20	605	6.00	699	3.25
359	1.00	434	4.00	522	1.20	606	.55	700	1.45
360	1.00	435	7.50	523	.65	607	.55	701	.50
361	.55	436	7.50	524	1.10	609	.80	702	6.35
364	2.85	437	3.50	525	.30	610	.55	703	.60
365	3.75	438	2.25	526	3.25	611	.55	704	.30
366	3.50	439	2.00	527	.10	614	5.50	705	2.50
369	2.75	440	2.00	528	4.90	615	1.10	709	2.75
370	3.50	441	4.00	529	2.75	616	.80	710	.50
371	3.50	442	4.00	530	3.25	617	8.00	711	1.10
372	3.00	443	5.50	531	2.25	618	3.25	712	1.60
373	3.25	446	1.35	532	.95	619	1.90	713	1.00
374	5.50	447	.45	533	11.00	620	.75	714	1.10
375	7.00	451	.45	534	2.25	624	3.25	716	1.00
376	.40	454	.55	535	.80	626	1.30	717 through	
377	.40	456	.60	536	2.50	627	.20	741 as a	
378	.40	457	.55	537	2.25	628	1.35	pkg.	16.00
379	.85	459	.30	538	2.35	629	1.25	742	1.75
380	3.50	461	.25	539	2.25	630	.85	744	4.00
381	.40	462	.55	540	30.80	633	2.25	745	1.45
382	.45	469	.65	541	5.00	634	1.25	746	1.10
383	3.50	470	.55	546	.80	636	2.25	747	5.50
384	3.50	471	4.10	547	.45	637	1.75	748	9.50
385	3.50	472	1.50	548	.65	639	.80	265A	3.25
386	3.50	473	2.75	549	1.30	640	2.25		
387	2.60	475	1.00	550	.40	641	2.25		
388	2.00	476	4.00	552	.60	642	2.25		
389	3.50	477	11.00	554	.50	643	14.00		

NOTE: LOT NUMBERS OMITTED FROM THE LISTING RECEIVED NO BIDS.

END OF SALE



## THE EDITOR'S CORNER —

It is hoped that all members who desire to sell Perfins through the Club's auction sales will read very carefully the rules set forth by Auction Chairman Jack Gooding on the first page of this issue.

The job of handling the Club auctions is tedious and tough, at best. Members can make the chairman's task less onerous by following the rules carefully when submitting lots for auction. Let's show Jack our appreciation for the excellent job he does by our cooperation on the rules.

The September Bulletin was quite late in getting to the membership due to a combination of circumstances pretty much beyond anyone's control. First, the editor had a busy month of travel on his job and didn't get the copy ready until near the end of the month. Then, after the plates were made, the printer had a period of illness plus other urgent matters to catch up on, and could not print the Bulletin until the third week in October.

Perfins Club member Thomas H. Stich was exhibits chairman for TEXPEX 79, the exhibit of the Texas Philatelic Association sponsored by the Amarillo Golden Spread Stamp Club. Joe Balough, a former TPA president, entered his Perfins exhibit and again walked away with an award.

And speaking of awards, your editor won a gold at LINPEX in Lincoln, Nebraska, with his exhibit of U. S. exposition covers.

Life member Polly Van Dyke's presentation to her stamp club in St. Petersburg, Florida, has triggered at least two new memberships in the Perfins Club. Polly obviously did quite a selling job for the Club and for her hobby.

Mary R. Evans (#1447) was publicity chairman for NORPEX 79, which was held by the Buffalo Bill Stamp Club in North Platte, NB, on September 29-30.

A bit of industrial history was made by the family of our long-time member Mary (Mrs. L. L.) Haley. For more than 30 years the family operated "The Wedge Works" in Centerville, Indiana. The company, officially known as the Haley Manufacturing Company, manufactured wooden wedges and was the only factory in the country (perhaps in the world) devoted exclusively to the production of wooden wedges. The company was founded in 1921 and purchased by the Haleys in 1941. The firm is no longer in operation; it closed following the death of the Haley's son. But it is preserved philatelically as the cachet of a cover issued during CIPEX XIV, an exhibit in Centerville in 1972.

## NEW CANADIAN STUDY GROUP

A new Perfins Study Group, the second to function within the British North American Philatelic Society, has been formed to review and research Canadian Perfins. (The first BNAPS Perfin Study Group wrote three editions of the Canadian Perfin Handbook). The primary objective of the new Study Group will be to update the information in the 3rd Edition of the BNAPS Handbook on Canadian Perfins with the intention of eventually writing a 4th Edition. Additional objectives of the Study Group are to add information to that presently in the Canadian Perfins Handbook which is of interest to Perfin collectors and other specialty fields; to provide Perfin collectors with a source where answers to Canadian Perfin queries or problems may be found; to promote Perfins by assisting collectors in writing articles and Perfin postal histories for philatelic journals and newspapers; and where possible to encourage collectors to exhibit Perfins at all levels of philatelic shows.

Once the number of participating collectors is established, it is anticipated that a regular Newsletter will be possible. Projected content of the Newsletter will be new Perfin types and information, analytical review of known Canadian Perfin information and queries as to what each collector has by Perfin type. Anyone who is interested in the Canadian Perfin Study Group should contact the secretary - Mike Dicketts, 61 Alwington Ave., Kingston, Ont., Canada K7L 4R4, or myself - Jon Johnson, P. O. Box 6118, Station D, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 2C7 (chairman).

Sales Manager Ivan Ley reports that he recently came across the Perfin of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad (C235) with extra holes outside of the "C", somewhat like the International Harvester Perfin. Ivan wonders if the railroad might have had different locations designated by these extra holes, and asks if anyone else in the Club has noticed this.

### PAGES AVAILABLE

BLANK PAGES MATCHING THE NEW UNITED STATES CATALOG ARE AVAILABLE FROM JOE BALOUGH, 9108 McFALL DRIVE, EL PASO, TX 79925 FOR \$7.50 PER HUNDRED POSTPAID. ANY ORDER LESS THAN A HUNDRED PAGES MAY BE OBTAINED FOR 8 CENTS PER PAGE PLUS POSTAGE.

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 1805 Walter M. Hlady, Box 193, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2G9 CANADA (Canada, US) -by Al Pearson  
 1806 Jean G. Jacoby, 7 Woodland Rd., Feasterville, PA 19047 (Beginner)  
 1807 Michael E. Plett, 9117 Briarchip Street, Laurel, MD 20811 (Beginner)  
 1808 William R. Lee, 958 Lampwick Court, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013 (Beginner) -by Al Gerstenberger  
 1809 Paul Fleury, 6000 Buerling, Montreal, PQ, H4H 1C6 CANADA (Canada) -by Jean-Guy Dalpe  
 1810 Aeneas Constantine, Harrisville, MI 48740 (WW)  
 1811 James L. Clarkson, 28 Meadowbank Dr., Ottawa, Ontario K2G 0N9 (Canada) -by Jon Johnson  
 1812 Henry M. Knizeski, 84 Woodland Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10805 (US)  
 1813 Edwin J. Smith, 482 Knob Hill East, Columbus, OH 43228 (General)

### New Life Members

- LM-62 John W. Rohrer, Box 44, Sparta, MI 49345 (was #1475)  
 LM-63 R. Bruce Beck, 1322 Lincoln Hts Avenue, Ephrata, PA 17522 (new member)

### Resignations

- 1424 Osborne, Cathleen F.; 1578 Linekin, E. F.

### Closed Album

- 1754 Nunn, Harvey C.

### DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

It is with deep regret that we bid farewell to the following members--all of whom have failed to pay their 1979-1980 dues as of 1 October. We hope we shall have the opportunity to welcome many of them back into the Club later this year, but we simply cannot afford to continue their memberships without receipt of their dues payments.

- 1707 Acker, John; 1278 Acrea, Jerry; 1697 Allard, F. L.; 905 Auser, Wallace; 1672 Balitewicz, Robert;  
 1670 Barnett, Sally; 1756 Barwis, John; 398 Beahr, Arthur; 1480 Beck, Tim; 1512 Boisclair, Andre;  
 1682 Boles, Bruce; 1719 Brand, Anthony; 1597 Candido, Paul; 1017 Cavanaugh, Louise; 1023 Corcuera,  
 Richard; 1526 Craig, Wallace; 1111 Dean, Thomas; 1566 DeLyzzer, Abraham; 1639 Drake, George;  
 1593 Dyson, Francine; 1489 Eager, Dick; 1713 Edwards, E. Larry; 1654 Eldridge, Jonn; 1054 Etre, Leslie;  
 1631 Fisher, E.; 206 Garrett, Charles; 336 Gombar, Stephen; 1511 Guilbert, Gaetan; 1671 Hacker, Carol;  
 1292 Hallberg, Nels; 1579 Hansen, Richard; 1604 Harnden, George; 1513 Haubold, Gerhard; 1710 Henely,  
 Amos; 981 Hieber, Ethel; 1750 Huffman, John; 1717 Hughes, Richard; 891 Ingraham, Lee; 1547 Jacobs, Dahlia;  
 1229 Jensen, Robert; 1676 Johnson, James; 1615 Johnson, Nathaniel; 1502 Jolly, Adela; 1535 Kapy, Delmer;  
 1437 Kent, Peter; 1488 Kiss, Andrew; 1301 Koenigsaecker, Gil; 1627 Lavallee, Robert; 1364 Lewis, Charles;  
 1660 Lukes, James; 1573 McGee, John; 1528 McLaughlin, Robert; 1712 Mehnert, Karl; 1614 Morscheck, Charles;  
 1599 Muehlbauer, Bernard; 1161 Nichols, Newton; 1277 Oldfield, Ruth; 1368 Peavler, Richard; 1320 Radford,  
 William; 1336 Randall, John; 1084 Redmore, Malcolm; 1403 Reid, John; 1753 Reiner, Robert; 1609 Ruddell,  
 Paul; 712 Sayer, Bradner; 1296 Scamell, Merryl; 1576 Scherb, Robert; 1446 Schiffman, Robert; 1283 Sears,  
 Lorren; 1455 Selander, Albert; 942 Sloat, Ralph; 1643 Smarz, Michael; 1729 Smith, David Wm.; 1563  
 Stalker, Leon; 1610 Stanovich, Tony; 1679 Stapleton, Norm; 1645 Steffenson, Kenneth; 1536 Thibault, Paul;  
 1235 Thompson, Robert; 1379 Thorns, James E.; 1515 Troendle, Emil; 1635 Walker, Lawrence; 1649 Whiting,  
 Merrill; 1702 Willett, Albert; 1701 Williams, Robert; 1144 Worley, Robert; 1208 Wouters, O.; 1665 Wright,  
 W. L.; 1341 Yuspeh, Charles

### Address Changes

- 1505 A. D. Hanes, 126 School St., Site 20 Bordon, Ontario LOM 1C0 CANADA  
 LM28 Jon Johnson, Box 6118, Station D, Calgary, Alberta T2P 2C7 CANADA  
 1606 Douglas T. Robinson, 6443 South 1140 West Murray, UT 84107  
 1222 Gerald E. Soutar, Box 844, APO New York 09403  
 1721 Roger K. Gross, Box 534, Wilson, KS 67490  
 1259 J. Raymond Ashworth, 268 Independence Avenue, Palm Harbor, FL 33563  
 1755 Jack B. Payne, Box 326, Santee, GA 30571

### Membership Summary

Members as of 8/31/79	784
New Members	13
Dropped: non-payment	-89
Resigned	-2
Deceased	-1
Members as of 9/30/79	705

## WALKER TO SUCCEED CROW AS BULLETIN EDITOR

This combined issue of the Bulletin, normally scheduled for 16 pages, is being issued in 8 pages in order to avoid further delay. The remaining 8 pages, not yet completed, will consist of a list of the members and their collecting interests. It will be mailed as a supplement to the February or March issue.

## ANOTHER NEW PERFIN

Another new personal Perfin is represented by the pattern shown below, belonging to Donald Eberhardt of Wichita, Kansas. The design consists of a heart over which "EBER" is superimposed, representing the name EBERHARDT.



In sending a first-day-of-usage cover to the editor, Don made the following statement: "It is my pleasure to send you this first day of usage of my stamp perforator. I am an old collector of U. S. and Canada. Started collecting at age 9, my first philatelic purchase was the Pilgrim set of 1920. I have purchased everything since.

"My interest in Perfins started with the OHMS issues of Canada. About two years ago I started all Canadian Perfins. Meanwhile, the bug got to me for U. S. I am a beginner in this field, but thought one of my own would be nice. My U. S. Perfins include about 45 patterns and 400 stamps. I hope to make it grow. That new U. S. catalog is a dandy.

"P. S. - The only U. S. commemorative to carry this Perfin is first day on 1979 Christmas ornament. All others will be regular issues, current Americana set. I will not perforate any other issues."

Don states that he will gladly perforate up to six stamps of the current Americana issue for any Perfins Club member. He says an SASE must accompany each request. And he adds that any other issues sent to him for perforating other than the Americanas will be returned unperforated.

Interested members may send their Americana issues (with SASE for return) to Donald Eberhardt, 3101 Jackson, Wichita KS 67204.

President David Stump announces that, effective January 1, 1980, Floyd Walker will become editor of The Perfins Bulletin, replacing Ray Crow, who has asked to be relieved after more than five years as editor.

Walker is not new to the job, as he previously was editor of the Bulletin for more than three years (1971-1974).

The Executive Committee will act on the selection of a new secretary to fill out Walker's unexpired term, and an announcement will be made in the January Bulletin.

In his request to be relieved, Crow stated: "I have enjoyed my years as editor of the Bulletin and the many friendships I have formed as a result of that editorship. However, in view of the amount of travel now involved in my professional work, I feel that it would not be fair, either to the membership or to myself, for me to try to continue as editor.

"An important factor in my decision to resign at this time was the agreement of Floyd Walker to reassume the editorship. In passing the job back to Floyd, I know that it will be in the hands of a highly capable, experienced and dedicated member who already has rendered outstanding service to the Perfins Club.

"Hopefully, I will now be able to devote more time to my other philatelic writing, which includes three book manuscripts. However, I plan to stay active in the Perfins Club, and especially in its foreign research work.

"To all the members who have cooperated in furnishing articles, news items and other features for the Bulletin, I wish to express my deep appreciation. And I urge your continued cooperation in furnishing material to Editor Walker. In the final analysis, none of us can be any better as editor than the cooperation of members enables him to be."

*The officers of the Perfins Club  
wish you and yours  
a very joyous*



*and a Happy and Prosperous New Year*

# MORE ON SE-TENANTS

The following is from Paul A. Mistretta (#1329) of Pineville, Louisiana:

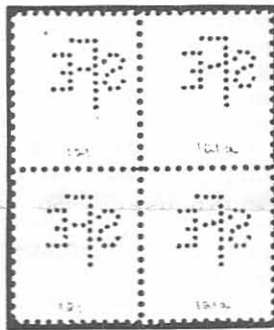
In the July/August issue of the Perfins Bulletin you have a report from Dr. Doering (#449) of a se-tenant pair of Perfins - one A94 and one A94a. I have two similar pairs, both on Scott #814 (9c pink in the series of 1938).

Like Dr. Doering, I have wondered if this simply indicated that A94 and A94a were simply pin varieties of the same perforator. I have no answer to that, but at least I have an indication that my pairs are not the only ones.

For my next problem. While cleaning up the mass (or mess) of Perfins recently I came across the enclosed block of 4 plus a similar block of 4 plus a block of 6 showing the S121/S121a combination. The block I am sending is in the form:

S121 S121a

S121 S121a



The others are:

S121a S121 and S21 S121a S121  
S121a S121 S121 S121a S121

The patterns taken together suggest a constant position for the S121a variety imbedded in the normal (?) S121 type. It suggests a bent pin variety (as the A94/A94a pair) but other than these blocks I have no proof. Any suggestions? Incidentally, the three blocks are all on Scott #1208. Any help would be appreciated.

## SALES DEPARTMENT SPECIALS

- 100 different E Perfins, \$5.15
- 200 different E Perfins, \$10.15
- 100 different D Perfins, \$12.00
- 200 different D Perfins, \$24.00
- 50 different C Perfins, \$14.00
- 100 different C Perfins, \$28.00

Send remittance to Ivan H. Ley, Arena, WI 53503.

# PALESTINE FOLLOW-UP

In the Editor's Corner in the September Bulletin, mention was made of a cover owned by Dr. Jerome Byers franked with two Russian stamps bearing the CLJ Perfin of Credito Lyonnais Jerusalem (Figure 1). Dr. Byers asked whether any other member has seen this Perfin on Russian stamps or knows the background of such use.

In response, Dr. Harvey Tilles, publisher of the catalog of Perfins of the Middle East, reports that he has three such Perfins off cover, but that the report by Dr. Byers is the first he has heard of these Perfined stamps of Russia on cover. Dr. Tilles reports that he checked this matter with Vojtech Maxa, who is working on a study of Russian Perfins, and that Maxa has never seen such a cover either. Dr. Tilles also reports that the "kuf, kuf, lamed" (Hebrew letters) Perfin listed in his catalog (Figure 2) is from the Byers collection.



Figure 1



Figure 2

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7. EDITOR (Name and address) Ray B. Crow, 1055 Tuxedo Drive, Roswell, GA 30075		
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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF EDITOR, PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER, OR OWNER		Ray B. Crow (Editor)

# MORE ON PERFINS OF GREAT BRITAIN — by Mike J. Burrows

## RIGHT OR WRONG?

In the catalog of the Perfins of Great Britain, compiled and edited by Robert McKee and Basil Tomkins, can be found the following entry:

541 BOLT/B 13,10,7,7/13 4½mm Wilkinson & Riddell (Bristol) Ltd.



For quite some time the explanation for this usage has been that, instead of using initials, the firm used a full-name telegraphic address Perfin.

This type of usage is not all that uncommon. At least six other companies in the United Kingdom are known to have used this method of identification.

The historical details of the firm in question are: registered 3 November 1897 as Bolt Bros Ltd, this company of wholesale drapers and warehousemen was formed to acquire the business of Boulton Brothers, who were located in Bristol.

Meanwhile, over in Birmingham, another company, Wilkinson & Riddell Limited, had been floated to look after the interests of Wilkinson & Riddell, the textile and manufacturing merchants. This had taken place on 12 February 1892.

By 1913, the company of Bolt Bros. Ltd., had been taken over by Wilkinson & Riddell Limited. The name of Bolt Bros Ltd changing to that given in the catalog.

In the study of full-names at present being conducted by S.E.P.S. of Great Britain, the only stamps recorded so far are:

KGVII ½d. 1d.  
KGV ½d.

The only postmarked copy is a KEVII ½d. dated 5 JA 1910.

So the question remains, although Wilkinson & Riddell (Bristol) Ltd., retained the telegraphic address BOLT, BRISTOL, does the identity need changing to Bolt Bros. Ltd? Bearing in mind that up to the present time no issues are known with this Perfin after the takeover in 1913.

## G.B. FISCAL HELPS SOLVE PUZZLE

It is a fact that throughout the membership only a few are interested in Perfins on fiscals. Whilst getting a batch of Perfinned fiscals ready for photographing a chord was struck.

In the Great Britain illustrated catalog is an illustration that needs a little ex-

plaining. Take a look at page C-6 die C26 and you will see what I mean.



On checking the fiscal Perfin with the catalog illustration it was found that it tallied. In fact, the catalog lists a partial Perfin. After a search, a postal issue, a QV 2½d., plate 22, was located which matched the catalog illustration.

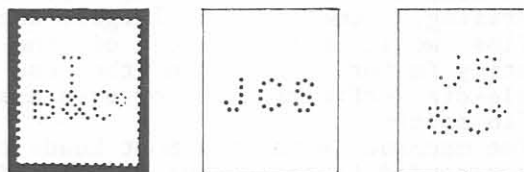
But what of the missing portion? Did the other half exist or was it a case of using the partial Perfin for the postage issues?

The next place worth a look was the pages of the Van Lint catalog. Which, although published many years ago, offers a wealth of very useful photographs. Yes! On page, or rather plate, A, there it was. Has anyone got this on a postal issue of the period 1880-85?

The fiscal mentioned above is cancelled with a rubber stamp of J. ALLARD & CO. The 2½d. plate 22, is postmarked LOMBARD ST. B.O.E.C. for JA 19 83. This post office, situated in London, was in what could be described as the centre of the banking and commercial world. Which might be the calling of the Perfin user. So far, all attempts at identification have drawn a blank.

## CLOSE CONNECTIONS

Take a look at the three Perfins illustrated. What have they got in common?



1

2

3

Well, for a start, they are all Sloper dies ranging over 70 years. Also they were used by Slopers themselves.

The first die was the sample that Slopers showed to prospective customers and is known to exist on 1d. plate numbers in varying sized mint blocks as well as single used examples. Whether or not it was allocated to a customer I have not been able to find out. My own example is from plate 145 and has a London postmark.

Die 2 can be found on 1d. lilac issues. This same die is reproduced in Kelly's Post Office London Directory for 1910. In this Sloper advertisement can be found the fol-

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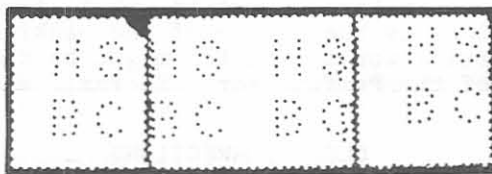
lowing: "postage and other stamps perforated with initials. Inventors of the system. Orders executed at one day's notice. Receipt stamps overprinted. Established 50 years. 20 King William St. EC & Tower Royal Works NW." J. Sloper always seemed to be prone to stretching a point or two. Is the date when he started his cheque security system firmly dated?

The last die can be found on registered envelopes that presumably Slopers sent the Perfinned stamps to their clients in. The address of Messrs. J. Sloper & Co. Ltd on the 1946 (year, not number) registered envelopes that I have seen is given as New Bridge Street House, New Bridge St., E.C.4.

A similar die to the last is known used on postage stamps originating from Slopers.

AN OBSERVATION ON THE CHINESE HS/BC AND MULTI-HEAD MACHINES

It is often the case that it is amongst the more common Perfins that interesting varieties can be discovered. To show what I mean, take a look at the centre stamp in the illustration below. Both the dies show different characteristics. The best probably being readily seen in the S in the middle bar of the B. On either side can be seen a single of the repetitive Perfin.



Whilst each is very collectable, it is almost certain that both come from the same multi-head machine. Which is not really surprising. Some of the largest users of Perfins would not, because of the time/quantity factor, entertain the use of a single-die Perfin machine, or even a single Perfin machine.

The machine with the most heads that I have recorded is the one used by the Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB/M) which had 51 heads! The Commercial Bank, who confirm the 51 heads, foolishly, at least from a Perfin collector's point of view, destroyed the machine when they moved premises some years ago. A leading collector of Mauritius issues thinks that the format was 3x17. To Perfin a sheet of 12x20 or 10x20 stamps, this would mean a rather clumsy operation, but not impossible. It being possible to Perfin a 12 x20 sheet in 5 strokes. But against this, all the large commemoratives I have seen have only one Perfin on each stamp.

U.S.A.: The largest multi-head Perfin machine that I have noted (via the Bulletin) is the Cummins Model 53 or 56. Both 10-die models.

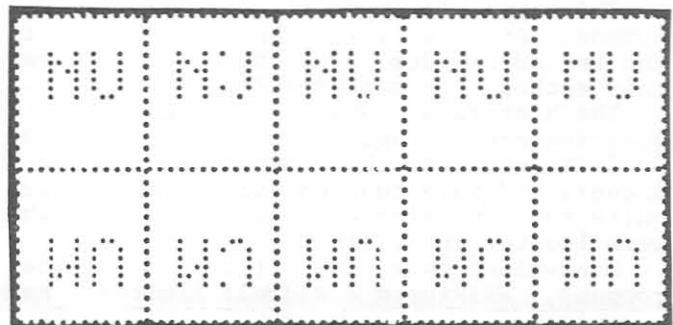
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA PERFIN

Member Art Atkinson (5109 A Street, Lincoln, NE 68510) recently visited the University of Nebraska's postal branch and came away with some interesting information about the UN Perfin of the University.

Art says the pattern should be very common since every stamp of every denomination used by the University in Lincoln is Perfinned immediately upon being purchased.

The perforator is a 5-head, or 5-die, Cummins electric, model 390. The current perforator was purchased in 1974 and replaces a machine that was in continuous use for 20 years. The old machine was sold at auction and there is no record of its present owner.

As the illustration below shows, the five dies have some differences, mostly because of broken pins. The broken pins are probably the result of carelessness--of attempts being made to perforate too many thicknesses of stamps at one time.



Art says he will supply examples of the five UN Perfins to members who send him reimbursement along with a stamped, self addressed envelope for their return.

The five stamps show up well on lc regular issues, but Arthur can likely supply the Perfin on any current definitive.

Using a commem on your letter to Art is, of course, an expected courtesy.

MEMOS FROM MEMBERS

WANTED: Perfins and/or precancels on #716, #903, and #1071, on or off cover. Glenn A. Estus, Box 451, Westport, NY 12993.

WANTED: Two evasive little devils...H-149 and H-150. Anyone having a spare copy of either, or both, to sell, please send with price. (Postage will be refunded.) Edward S. Hoyt, 225 W. Coover (Rear) #2 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

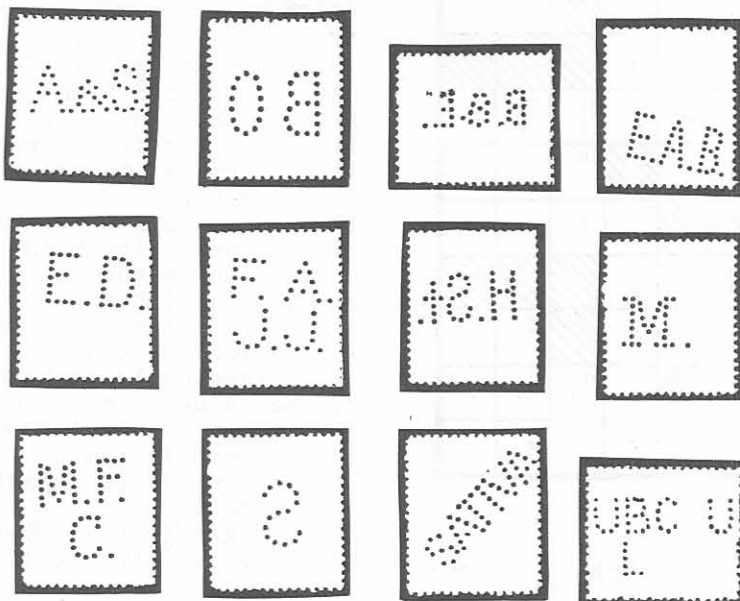
Great Britain: Sauven Model No. 50 has a 12-die head.

Australia: OS/NSW the first type that was used for the kangaroo issues had 12 heads.

# HELP NEEDED ON DANZIG RESEARCH

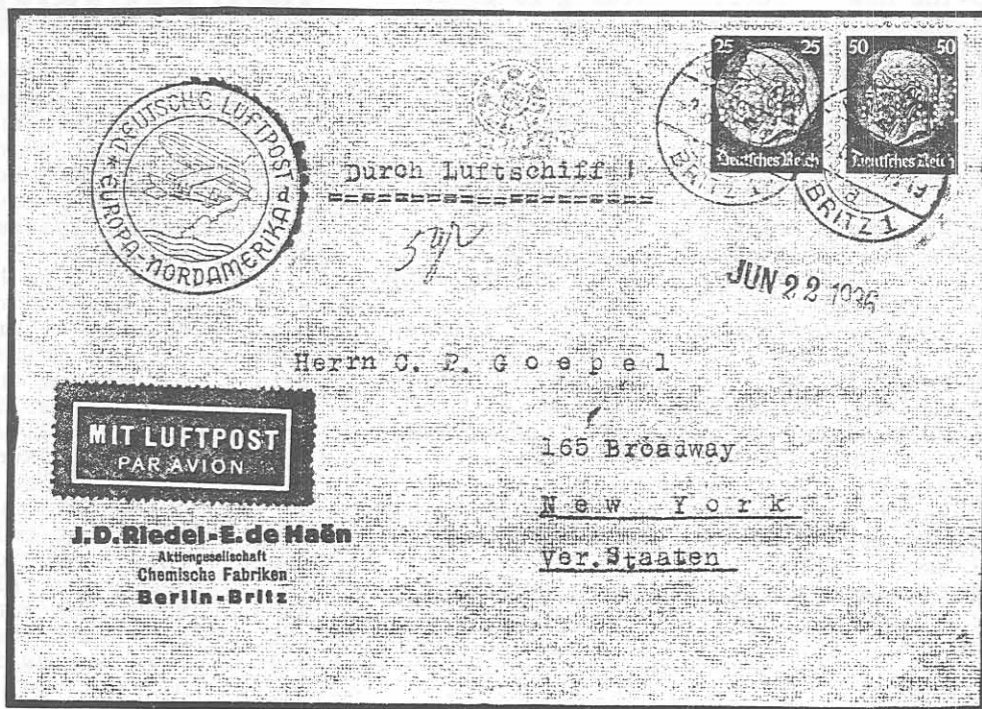
Your foreign catalog coordinator is seeking help from the members for additional Danzig designs and identities of users. Please send Xerox, photo copy, or stamps to Bob Schwerdt for recording on worksheets, if you have patterns not shown in the illustrations below. Identities of users would also be appreciated, if you have a confirming cover.

Please indicate which designs appear on fiscals. Bob's address is 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.



# PERFIN COVER OF THE MONTH

The Perfin Cover of the Month is a Zeppelin cover carried on the third North American Flight of the "Hindenburg" (LZ 129), June 19-26, 1936. It bears the corner card and the J.D.R. Perfin (shown below) of J. D. Riedel, a manufacturing chemist of Berlin. (submitted by Edwin C. Haack)



# A PERFINS CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD by Ray Crow

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8	9			
S	E	A	T			J	M	I	L	E			
10	W	A	S	H		11	C	H	A	S	E	S	
12	V	R		13	E	14	H	I	K		15	W	S
				16	M	E	R	R	Y				
17	18	19	20		21	I	T	S	22	E	L	F	
24	E	R	A		25	P	S		26	L	E	E	
27	R	E	P	28	O	R	T		29	S	A	G	E
				30	S	O	M	31	M	E			
32	33		34	A	V	A	I	L		35	A	P	
37	H	I	38	N	G	E	S		39	L	I	N	E
41	S	T	E	E	D			42	S	T	A	R	

## ACROSS

- 1-London may be said to be the \_\_\_\_ of Perfins
- 5-May this Christmas bring you one
- 10-\_\_\_\_ your Perfins in warm water only
- 11-Collecting Perfins can be one of the most interesting of philatelic \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-Perfin of Southern Railway's "Vicksburg Route"
- 13-Good thing for all collectors to practice
- 15-The new \_\_\_\_ Perfins catalog is great
- 16-May your Christmas be this, indeed
- 17-Best place for a Perfins collector to be at Christmas
- 20-Remember, the Perfins Club doesn't sustain \_\_\_\_\_ - it needs the work of members
- 24-The \_\_\_\_ of Perfin collecting is just coming into its own
- 25-Precancel Stamp Society (abbrev.)
- 26-Perfin of Lee Manufacturing Co.
- 27-\_\_\_\_ all Perfin news to the Bulletin editor
- 29-Perfins are found on the \_\_\_\_ issues of France
- 30-French River
- 32-Our Canadian member Pearson
- 34-More members should \_\_\_\_\_ themselves of the Club Library
- 35-Perfin A206 (user unknown)
- 37-Perfin collectors can't do without them
- 39-Many a railroad \_\_\_\_ used Perfins
- 41-Noble horse
- 42-Popular item in Christmas and Perfin designs

## DOWN

- 1-Perfin of Spanish War Veterans
- 2-Get yourself a catalog; you can't play Perfins by \_\_\_\_

- 3-Perfin of Acme Shears Co.
- 4-Some Club members like a \_\_\_\_ collection, such as railroads, sports or design Perfins
- 5-Impatient collectors must learn to keep their \_\_\_\_ on
- 6-Firm famous for its Christmas parades
- 7-Exists
- 8-Perfin of Lasalle Extension University
- 9-Letter often found in Perfin patterns
- 11-Magic time of year
- 14-Ornate Perfin of Transo Paper Co., NYC
- 17-America can be proud of \_\_\_\_ stamp collectors
- 18-Northwestern state (abbrev.)
- 19-Good publicity helps put the Perfins Club on the \_\_\_\_
- 21-Guido's high note
- 22-Part of your stamp table
- 23-The Perfins Club has one of the more reasonable membership \_\_\_\_ levels
- 25-The value of philatelic literature is \_\_\_\_\_ over and over
- 28-American Indian
- 29-The Club Sales Department \_\_\_\_ lots of Perfins
- 31-Michigan (postal abbrev.)
- 32-Stamp rarities bring lots of oohs and
- 33-One Christmas rule we need, to wit: Let trees, not drivers, all be \_\_\_\_.
- 35-Collection of sayings
- 36-Half a Perfin
- 38-Compass direction (abbrev.)
- 40-Perfin of International Tag Co.

(see page 7 for solution)

## NEW CANADIAN REFERENCE

A loose-leaf handbook titled "The C12 Perfins of the International Harvester Co. of Canada" has been published by Al Pearson.

The introduction covers the C12 perforators, the branch code holes, the design types, multiples and compounds, the handbook numbering system, and pricing of Canadian Perfins.

The checklist of branch offices includes a tabular record of each Canadian stamp known Perfinned by each branch office, and some background information on the offices. Rarity factors are included. There is also a record of C12 Perfins known on Canadian precancels, as well as a record of C12 Perfins on revenue issues.

The handbook also contains a bibliography of reference works, plus a "postscript" setting forth what collectors can do to help improve future editions of the handbook.

It appears that Al Pearson has done a very thorough job with this first edition of the handbook, and the editor of the Perfins Bulletin recommends it to any collector who has an interest in International Harvester Co. Perfins, or the Perfins literature of Canada. Write to Al Pearson, 179 Deerwood Drive, Thompson, Manitoba R8N 1E4 CANADA.



# THE EDITOR'S CORNER — PERFIN RARITY AVAILABLE —

Although the editor has only four Danzig Perfins in his collection, he notes that one of them is a B.A.L. pattern not shown in Foreign Catalog Chairman Bob Schwerdt's check list in this issue of the Bulletin. Which goes to prove that you don't necessarily have to own a lot of Perfins from any given country in order to contribute something to the research on that country. So, how about checking your Danzig patterns and let Bob Schwerdt know if you have one he doesn't list - or if you can identify the user of one he does list.

Your cooperation on this and other research projects can help a great deal toward filling in the gaps in our Perfin knowledge.

Favorable reports continue to come in on the new Catalog of United States Perfins, compiled and published by Joe and Dorothy Balough with the valuable assistance of Club Photographer John Burns. If you have not purchased a copy of the new catalog, you can do yourself a real favor by investing the \$25.00 necessary to buy a copy.

You will find it very easy to follow in cataloging your U. S. Perfins, and quite adaptable as an album for your collection.

For any member who has thought about exhibiting his or her Perfins, this is the time of year to start working on an exhibit for next year's shows. The winter months can be put to good use in organizing your material and planning the layout of your exhibit. Remember that an exhibit is supposed to tell a story--and how well you tell that story, the quality of the material you use to tell it with, and how tastefully and neatly you arrange the exhibit, will determine how your exhibit rates with the judges.

Richard Halverson (#1200) of Stockton, California, writes that he disagrees with Secretary Floyd Walker as to the color of the cover of the new catalog of U. S. Perfins. He says that without a copy with a different color to compare, he finds it impossible to complain about the PRIMROSE shade. He also points out that the Perfin design CAN, which was missing from the old catalog, is also missing from the new one. He has this pattern on the eight-cent airmail issue of 1930 (Scott #C17), which he says he found in a junk mix about 25 years ago.

Did you submit the pattern to Chairman Balough when he was working on research for the new catalog, Bill?

Bill also points out that the box in which the new catalog was shipped bears a "1BK" pattern Perfined into the cardboard.

Vice President Dorothy Savage reports that she sent out 18 Perfin Primers in October due to some publicity in Stamp Collector.

Auction Chairman Jack Gooding reports that he has been contacted by E&S Stamps, Inc., of Baldwin, N.Y., concerning a block of 30 Perfins on U.S. #573, the five-dollar issue of 1923. The Perfin is "2B" (Numeral #12), used by the Federal Reserve Bank, NYC. Tim Flanagan, vice president of the stamp company, reports that they paid "a considerable price" for this block, which he describes as superb.

Information concerning the availability of this block of 30 is printed here, not as an advertisement for the stamp company, but for the benefit of any member who may wish to make inquiry in regard to its purchase. The address of the company is P. O. Box 67, Baldwin, L. I., NY 11510.

## ANOTHER MEMO TO MEMBERS

HAWAII MEMBER - seeking any Scott #799 on and off cover, and other Hawaii related stamps that are Perfins. Still working on (T.H.) T47 research and need these Perfins on and off cover. Correspondence welcomed. Ronald Howland, 408 California Ave., Wahiawa HI 96786.

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