## RAT.PH SMITH WINS HAT.TOCK AWARD

Harry Rickard, Chairman of the Hallock Card Award Committee, announced that Club Secretary, Ralph $W$. Smith was selected to as the recipient of the 1988 award. The award was given for long and outstanding service as Secretary.


Ralph is sixty-five and claims that he had a more or less normal youth with its attendant foibles and frustration. Upon graduation from High School, he attended Northeastern University in Boston prior to enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1942.

To prove the old axiom, "never volunteer", Ralph was shipped to the Solomon Islands area. From there he was returned home only to be returned to the Northern Pacific area, culminating in Okinawa until the end of hostilities. From there, he went to China with the occupation forces. He was awarded two battle stars.

Ralph, not having learned the "never volunteer" lesson joined the reserves when he was discharged in 1946. This lead to a years extension for the Korean War. During this period, Ralph continued his education at Northeastern until he was married to Dorothy in 1949.

Ralph and Dorothy had three children, Gregory, Debra, and Hope. Gregory gave them two grandchildren as did Debra. Unfortunately, Greg is no longer with them. Hope and her ex-Navy husband recently returned to the area.

Ralph was employed in the accounting field for ChampionInternational, later Oxford, and then Boise-Cascade Paper Company. After a disastrous fire at that plant he went to work as a divisional accountant in Electronic Counter Measures Warfare at Sanders Associates.

In 1977, when he "retired", Ralph and Dorothy moved to a small mountain farm where they stay busy raising a few beef animals, a horse, extensive wood cutting, gardening and haying. This satisfying life is complemented with his philatelic hobby collecting in the Portuguese and Colonies and Perfins arena. Actually, Ralph has been known to say, "Oh, Hell, if it is a stamp!"

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.
Crofton, MD, Dec 15, 1988
As you read this, we will be into the new year. As I write it we are preparing for the holiday season. It is difficult to project one's mind forward a half month except at the holiday season.

According to our family tradition, a male must eat a salt-herring at the stroke of midnight for the New Year and then kiss his wife or girlfriend. According to the tradition, this will guarantee that there is money in the home all year. According to practice, this requires a tolerant companion.

Since my forbearers were herring fishermen among other things, I suspect that their occupation had a lot to do with the tradition. I do not know if they even worried about tolerant spouses, but I know that we, as stamp collectors, require not only a tolerant but also an understanding spouse. After all, our hobby is one that requires a lot of time playing with little pieces of paper, using the kitchen sink to soak mixtures, and time going to stamp shows, etc. If your spouse falls into this category, why not start off the new year by giving them a big hug and thank them for their understanding.

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## 'THE PRESIDENTT'S NEW YEAR MESSSAGE

Richard L. Mewhinney

As I begin the second year of my second term as President, I would like to bring to your attention several of the projects that we will be attempting to develop during the next twelve months.

Many of us have become confused as to what the proper ratings are for United States perfins. We have had at least six lists of changes since 1982 and the need is present to provide a complete list of all U.S. Catalog ratings as given by the U.S. Catalog editors. At my request, Paul Minstretta ( $L$-111), our former Bulletin Editor has taken on the task of updating his listing of some time back. This listing has been checked by former U.S. Catalog Editor, Harry Rickard (\#1802); present U.S. Catalog editor Doug Cutler (\#2113), Catalog Sales Manager Jackie Ryan (2601) and myself. Jackie's and my job was to check that Paul had made no mistakes while Harry's and Doug's was to check that the reporting was accurate. The new listing will save us all the trouble of rechecking many lists for the correct listing. It will also serve the purpose of supplying one correct list for all members who might have joined after some of the lists were presented.

Another project that I bring to your attention is the continuing job of the World Perfin Catalog, edited by our Foreign Catalog Editor, Bob Schwerdt (\#505). Pages for this come to us in nearly every Bulletin. The Latin and South American countries have been completed in several Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages. We are well into the African nations at this point and hopefully, this too will be completed in 1989. One area we are hoping to get at is a re-presentation of the Latin and South American pages so as to include all the additions and corrections in their proper sequence. When this is done, we will be able to supply catalog pages for everyone including members who have joined since that catalog was started. Ms. Ryan is particularly interested in being able to supply these to the membership.

A third project is my personal pet. This is an effort to publicize the Perfins Club. An article on this project appears elsewhere in this issue, look for it.

I started this message by saying that this was the second year of my second term as president. I have been active in the club for most of my 26 years.

## PE:RE'INS PUBEIICITYY PROJECT'

Richard Mewhinney (LM-60), President
33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882
As mentioned in the president's message, a very large publicity project is in the works. We will need the help of each and every club member to make it succeed. Actually it will take very little of your time and very little cost is involved. I have appointed Kurt Ottenheimer (LM-86) to head up this project.

So here is the deal -- We have developed a brochure to be printed on $83 / 2 \times 11$ sheets and folded so that a six page piece is made. The first page of the brochure will picture the 24 perfin designs as shown here. Upon opening the front page, one will note the identifications of the 24 designs and then a multiple page writeup, "Why Not Collect Perfins?" Also included will be a Perfins Club membership application and perhaps some pictured fancy foreign designs.

Once prepared, the plan is this -- We would attempt to contact all philatelic writers who have columns in newspapers and periodical publications. We would offer to supply them with quantities of the brochures and packets containing the actual 24 perfins shown on the brochures. These they could offer as free-give-a-ways for the sending of an SASE \#10 envelope.
This idea came to me from our late member, Jim Martin of California who was the philatelic writer for the Sacramento Bee. Unfortunately Jim passed away before we could develop the program.

In order to make the program work, we will need many, many perfins of each of the designs shown.


Each one of them is either an F or a very common E valued perfin. Those of us who have any quantity of duplicates know that they are all but worthless and we might even welcome the chance to dispose of them.

So, let this be my first request. Please will each and every member send to Kurt Ottenheimer your duplicates of these 24 designs. We can not expect to get started until we have at least 1,500 packets made up. Envelopes separated by design would be appreciated, but we are happy to receive the material in any way. Kurt will probably have some help from others in sorting if necessary. Most of us have our duplicates

NOITCE - Florida Precancel Club Winter Meet, Wilson World, 7491 w. Spacecoast Parkway, Kissimee, FL. 9-11 February 1989. Exhibits, Auction, free admission and parking. Data from Jim Estes (\#2649), P.O. Box 256, Goldenrod, FL 32733-0256.

WANIED - Perfins on Hong Kong stamps on and off cover are needed. Please send offers with photocopies or details to Ming W. Tsang (\#2661), P.O. Box 46392, Philadelphia, PA 19160-6392.

WANTED - The Perfins Club Sales Circuit is running dangerously low on material. Turn your duplicates into cash by entering the circuit: Especially needed are foreign, particularly German, Denmark and Netherlands, but others are also welcome. Also needed are U.S. D's and C's or better. Just send to: Sal Guarini, P.O. Box 1502, San Mateo, CA 94401 or write first for details.

WANTED - Perfins from Spain, Portugal and their colonies. Will purchase or have several hundred Spanish perfins from 1910-1930 to trade. Please contact: Tom Meeker (\#2658), 227 Spencer Street, Glendale, CA 91202.

HRIP - I have lost all of my Standard Oil branch office perfins and would like to buy or swap for as many as possible. I also would like to swap "A" for "a" and "B" for "B' of any other U.S. perfins. Larry Owens (LM- 46), 1808 Lakecrest Court, Carrollton, TX 75006.

FOR SALE - Great Britain perfins - 1,000 different dies, yes! 1,000 different dies! So don't delay, don't know how many orders can be filled so be first. Send a $\$ 100$ bill for airmail return delivery. Sorry, only one lot per Perfin Club member. Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex, CM7 7SJ, England.

WANTED - Your want list of "Ds" and "Es" against mine on a one for one basis exchange. We can go on to other types after things get rolling. If. you wish multiples of any pattern so state. Charlie Pearson (\#2300), P.O. Box 317611, Cincinnati, OH 45231-7611.


## MAILER'S POSTMARK PERMITS

On May l, 1971 the Sarasota Philatelic Club introduced two new features for Club mailings.

In addition to the Mailer's Precancel Postmark Permit, the $6 c$ stamp bears a perfin (perforated design) cancelation. The reverse side of a coil pair is reproduced here to show the perfin. Dietrich Riemer, the Club president, was responsible for the perfin design, as well as for the Mailer's Precancel Postmark and the special cachet used on the February 22 mailing.


The return-address cachet on the envelope, shown at the lower left, carries not only the usual necessary information but also a reproduction of the United States Circus stamp (Scott No. 1309) which so aptly characterizes Sarasota. Mrs. Dietrich Riemer was responsible for both the design and the art work on the cachet.


## NOTES AND COMMENTS

Bill Donle, Jr. (\#1356) sent in a photocopy of the above cover and notes (not his) from his collection. Bill's conjecture is, since Harry's cover (November/December 1988 TPB) was postmarked December 25, 1970 and this one is postmarked May 1, 1988, the device saw at least a few months of usage. The perforator is in the possession of Floyd Walker, former editor of the Bulletin. Floyd purchased the device about 1980.

## ASCC \#8 TO THE WORLD PERRINS CATALOG

Robert J. Schwerdt (\#505), Foreign Catalog Editor
9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
The majority of illustrations and information for Additions and Corrections Pages Number 8 (A\&C \#8) to the World Perfins Catalog comes from the Barbara Kloss collection some of which your editor was fortunate enough to examine before it was dispersed. Perfins from two countries appear on these pages for the first time: Honduras and Martinique. The latter which was recorded by member Robert Doedecker of France. The Martinique perfin is the first French Colonial one reported from the Caribbean area. Brazilian fiscal, "ANTARCTICA", discovered in a recent auction catalog, was reported by one of our members who bid successfully on the item.

EDITOR'S NOTE: ASC \# 8 consists of three pages. These are printed on unnumbered pages which follow. These represent pages 9 through 13 for this issue. Pages 15 and sixteen are also unnumbered. These are the Perfins Club's Sales list and information about the Perfins Club Library. You may remove pages 9 through 16 of this issue, cut carefully down the centerfolds and you will have three pages for your World Perfin Catalog and a reference sheet for the Library and the Sales Division,

Robert J. Schwerdt (\#505), Foreign Catalog Editor
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Listed below are the perfin types and numbers without illustrations in the Latin American Section of the World Perfins Catalog. If you can provide any of these illustrations please send stamps or photocopy of the front and back of the stamp to the foreign catalog editor. We would also appreciate photo replacements of any poor or partial designs to upgrade the catalog. These additions will be included in a future Additions and Corrections page.

listed by catalog number and thus it is easy to pull out those needed. If sorting is needed, the remaining designs will be sent on to the contact chairman or the Secretary to distribute to new members. Kurt will make up the packets to go out, so there is no need for you to make these up.

So - how about it? Let us all pitch in and send Kurt the material he needs to do his job. Do me the honor of getting this going before the end of 1989. Send your stamps to Kurt Ottenheimer, 462 West Walnut, Long Beach, NY 11561.

## WANT ADS AND NOTICES

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If you want to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor, please include your membership number. If you desire a checking copy, please enclose an SASE.

BOUNTY HUNTER - Will pay for information leading to capture of 9 missing perfins:

| Istria | B.C.I. | Lithuania | anchor design |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Maderia | WELCH | Manchukuo | IF |
| Paraguay | St\&Cl | Reunion | CAM |
| Schleswig | H.B | Valencia | EG |
| Trinidad | R |  |  |

BOUNTY PAID BY: Bob Schwerdt (\#505), 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603


#### Abstract

WANTED - Wanted, stamps perforated with VR. either V24 or V25. The stamp on which it is perfinned is irrelevant as long as the entire VR is on the stamp. I need up to a maximum of 500 stamps. I will trade Canadian or American stamps with or without perfins for them. Please write: Bruce Holmes (\#2584), 64 Maple Circle, Dollard Des Ormeaux, Quebec, Canada H9B 1 E 7 .


PRICE LISTS - Price lists available, I usually have singles and lots available, just let me know what your interests are. Bob Murrin (IM2), P.O. Box 10100, Saint Petersburg, FL 33733.

FOR SALE - Catalog of United States Perfins, almost new, 547 pagesBalough - $\$ 21.00$ postpaid. Write to: John A. Beckwith (\#2479), 6990 Silver Oaks Drive, Miami Lakes, FL 33014.

## ADDITIONS \& CORRECTIONS TO THE WORLD PERFINS CATALOG 8

| COUNTRY | W.P.C.\# | PATTERN | COMPANY NAME | CANCELATIONS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trinidad | AI | G.R.A. / \& Co | G.R. Alston \& Co. |  |
| Cuba | A5. 5 | EA | Enrique Armaignac | Santiago |
| " | A7 | ENC |  | Havana |
| " | A20 | $\mathrm{SE}_{\mathrm{C}}$ | Solis Entrialgo y Cia. | Havana |
| Mexico | A16 | RICO/LTD | Royal Insurance Co. LTD. | Mexico City |
| Argentina | Al6 | B. B |  | Santa Fe |
| " | Al 8 | B. B |  | Mariano |
| " | A22 | B. B |  | Santa Fe, Toyoras |
| " | A23 | BE | . | Marteli-B.A. |
| " | A33 | BNA |  | Buenos Aires |
| " | A36 | BPB |  | Mauariaga-B.A. |
| " | A36 | BPB |  | Almirante Brows Arrecifes |
| n | A60 | CQ |  | Bahia Blanca |
| " | A 77 | ETC | Ernesto Tornguist \& | Co. |
| " | Al05 | IHC |  | Buenos Aires |
| ." | Al09 | IHC |  | Buenos Aires |
| " | Al12 | JJD/C | Juan y José |  |
| " | Al20 | LDC |  | Necochea, Rosari¢ |
| " | Al31 | [ ${ }_{\text {G }}^{\text {G }}$ |  | Rosario |
| " | A136 | MA |  | Antonio MuñozB.A. |
| " | A148 | MRP |  | Concordia, Cordoba, Olavarria |
| " | A184 | U |  | Buenos Aires |
| " | A190 | WI/CO |  | Rosario |
| Chile | New Fiscals: B.S, CCC, CO-,DYC, DR |  |  |  |
| Equador | A3 | SMCO (Chan | to B2.5 Tentative pattern CSMCo) |  |
| Paraguay | Al | ST\&C? | Staudt \& Co. |  |
| Uruguay | Al | CI/DA | Compañia Internacional de Avisos |  |
| " | A2 | COU/SA | ```Compañia Oleaginosa Uruguaya Sociedad Anonima Staudt & Co.``` |  |
| " | A4 | ST\&C? |  |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | HONDURAS <br> Cl <br> Servicio <br> Consular <br> Stamps |  | MEXICO B13.5 <br> Durango <br> Fiscal 1902-3 |
|  | ARGENTINA A5.l (Possible code hole) | $\because \because$ | ARGENTINA A99.4 (Possible HFB, HFG,? ) |
|  | ARGENTINA A27 (Better Photo) | 没 | ARGENTINA Alll.1 Brigada |
|  | ARGENTINE A54 (Better Photo) |  | ARGENTINA Al47 (Better Photo) |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ARGENTINA A67 } \\ & \text { (Better Photo) } \end{aligned}$ | \% | ARGENTINA Al53.9 |
|  | ARGENTINA A73.9 |  | ARGENTINA Al63 (Better Photo) |
|  | ARGENTINA A84 (Better Photo) |  | ARGENTINA A207 (Better Photo) |


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## Jacob Kisner (\#2168) writes:

William Turney asks about the items that you have illustrated in TBP, October 1988, pp 185-6. The majority of the 14 stamps he shows have revenue cancels, and undoubtedly were used on mining documents. The first two rows, all with "USED" perfin, came off such documents without doubt, as this was the usual cancellation punch used by the mining offices. The "TEN POUNDS" stamp which Bill indicates is canceled "GWEL-" is probably "GWER-" for GWERU, a gold mining town about 90 miles from Bulawyo. The usual revenue cancellations were "MINES OFFICE" and "MINES DEPARTMENT". The written initials on the two stamps in the bottom row are simply pen cancellations, a form of revenue cancellation used by the smaller mining companies.

At one time, I had a small quantity of the mining documents with British South Africa revenues. I may still have some, and if I ever come across what remains, I will send a photocopy or two. What William Turney can at least rejuice in is that he has perfins that came from gold mines and that passed through the same offices as billions of dollars worth of the precious metal. And they are certainly beautiful stamps to look at.

Speaking of Jacob Kisner, we understand that in 1970 he was the appointed chairman of World poetry day. That experience, no doubt, led to the establishment of New York City Poetry Day in 1971 by Jacob and Gladys Kisner after consultation with Mayor John V. Lindsay. That day, New York City Poetry Day has been publicized on thousands of labels, rubber stamp cachets, etc. since 1971. Poetry Day readings are hosted annually at the apartment of Jacob and Gladys Kisner.

Edward S. Hoyt (\#292) has managed to expand his railroad perfins exhibit to 64 pages ( 4 standard exhibition frames) and walked away from SUSQPEX with a gold award in the fall.

Club Secretary Ralph W. Smith has announced that Jack Gooding has been relected unopposed to the post of Club Treasurer. Our thanks to the nominating committee and to Jack, who does the work of paying our bills.

Speaking of Ralph, he let me know that Earl P.L. Apfelbaum Inc. Auction \#597 in September contained two perfin lots. A 1930-31 1.50 fr perfin "EIPA 30" on C6b in "extremely fine" condition brought $\$ 210.00$. A Republic of Cuba $19021 \varphi$ "PERF" on $2 \varphi$ on $2 \varphi$ Black on buff (HG-38); scarce U.S. postal card overprinted for Cuba with perforated " 1 " by the Republic of Cuba; subject plate $\mathrm{Sp}-40$; only U.S. postal card reissued by another country brought the upper estimate of $\$ 40$. Ralph notes with the prices these thing are bringing make his bids (and mine) unrealistically low.

## INTEROCEAN EXPORT

## Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive <br> El Cajon, CA 92020



Member Louis Wolff (\#1973) sent this Interocean Export cover along for an identification of the user. The catalog carries this listing as pattern T119, "T(\&) (C(O))" (i.e., T\&CO).

I am unable to recognize any relationship between the initials of pattern T119 and the initials of the Interocean Export Corporation. Perhaps the perforator was already there from a firm that had been taken over or perhaps it simply was a stamp supplied by some client other than the addressee.

## POIITIICAI, TIMES

Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan, NJ 08869
One of the well known stories of perfins concerns the politician who was caught using the city of Chicago's postage to send out his campaign materials. The illegal use of the "I/WILL" patterns I116-119 is one of the examples that members know about. Here is one that may also fall into that category.

Please note the corner card of the Republican National Committee in New York City. The six cent stamp covered a double rate on August 3, 1944. But, the perfin is not that of the Republican National Committee, it is instead pattern W142A used by the Western Newspaper Union, Chicago, IL. The combination seems to add up to a stop Roosevelt movement in favor of the Dewey-Bricker ticket. It may have helped since there loss was by the smallest margin of any of FDRs opponents. Even then, Dewey-Bricker were swept aside rather than just beaten.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE
45 EAST FORTY-FIFTH STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

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Gleaner, DeRuyter, N. Y.

The final question, why was the envelope mailed in Chicago when it had a New York Eity return address and a union bug. Was it perhaps a case of a purloined cover bearing a stamp snatched at an other location. Are there any other examples out there?

WHEN USER AND PEREIN DO NOT MATCH
Harry Rickard, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020
It was a common practice at one time, to include a postage stamp for an inquiry sent to an out of town firm. Today, we usually disregard this courtesy or included a metered envelope or self addressed envelope (SASE).

Previously, when a firm received mail a receiving clerk opened the mail, assigned the letter to the appropriate person, and put the unused stamps in the postage drawer. When perfins were in vogue, many of the "stamps enclosed" were perforated with the sending company's pattern.

As letters were answered any of the stamps in the mail clerks drawer could be used on the envelope and the result, to us, is a batch of incorrect identifications.

Don't forget that your club has a Library which may be used as a reference source. A complete Library listing was published as a supplement to the November/December 1987 issue of the Bulletin. The librarian, Marvin Mech, 119 West Ash, Lombard, IL 60148 is ready to help you.

## ACQUISITION OR ACCIDENT? <br> Harry Rickard, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020



As previous covers have shown, General Electric acquired a number of smaller companies along the way. This method of expansion was less expensive than building new factories and also served the dual purpose of reducing competition.

Member Louis Wolff's cover, illustrated here, carries a perfin that has no relationship with the GE pattern. It is catalog number N68 with the initials "NEM/Co". The user is unidentified in the current U.S. Catalog. It is possible that the stamp was received with an inquiry and came to be used on other correspondence. An other possibility is that "NEM" was taken over and the perforator on hand continued to be used. Could NEM stand for N----- Electrical Manufactures? Perhaps we will never know.

## LIBRARY NOTES CONTINUED:

The Library holds much reference material which is not available from any other source including foreign catalogs which are out of print and difficult to locate. In addition, there are worksheets (WS) which list the known perfins for many areas for which no catalog exists. Some examples of library holdings are:

CHINA - FE-5 - The Perfins of China. Catalog/Album published in 1976 by Tilles.
FRANCE - FE-2 - Les Timbres Francais Perfores. Clips from LeMonde of LeBlands' catalog.
JAPAN - JA-11 - "Using the Adachi Japanese Perfins Catalog". 1 page Fisher.

- JA-12 - Japan: Perfins Catalog. with translation, 1980,

NEW ZELAND
BE-4 - New Zealand Stamps with Perforated Initials.

## CORRECTION OF USER PATITERN

Harry Rickard, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020
Only the owner of this beautiful post card can enjoy the colored splendor of its array of rugs of every hue. All members may want to change the listed user to show the correct one: O.W. Richardson \& Co. as the post card shows. This card is shown courtesy of Gerald (Jerry) Kendall.

Conditions were much different during the early part of the century. A sales representative traveled a prescribed route calling on all regular customers and seeking new accounts. At days end, he mailed in the orders so that the buyer received his merchandise promptly.

I remember when I worked out of town and was allowed $\$ 3.00$ per day. At that time a hotel room was only $\$ 1.00$ to $\$ 2.00$ per night, which left one or two dollars for meals. Such thing are only memories now.


## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

## NEW MIRMBERS:

2652 Brown, Alfred V.; 32261 46TH Place South, Auburn WA 98001 P.C. Perfins . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Kisner, 2168

2653 Spencer, Christopher; 311 Warren Street, Greensboro, NC 27403 Great Britain, Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith LM 87
2654 Swenson, Stellan; Odonbarsvagen 32, S-293 00 Olofstrom, Sweden U.S. Beginner \& Swedish Companies Worldwide. By: Lagerwall 1167

2655 Reed, Kathleen M. : P.O. Box 1463, Conroe, TX 77305
U.S., France, Canada \& Great Britain . . By: Gerstenberger 1067

2656 Burr, Jean; 511 S. Commercial, Enmett, ID 83617
Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: D.L Hazard LM- 92
LIFE BY CONVERSION:
LM127 Dicketts, Michael B.; 61 Alwington Avenue, Kingston, Ontario, Canada K7L 4R4, (\#1440)

LIFE BY CONVERSION, with address change:
LM128 Sneed, James E; 403 Cressfell Road, Irmo, SC 29063 (1883)

## DECEASED:

1334 Cox, Donald G; P.O. Box 18, Tighe's Hill, N.S.W. 2297 Australia
RESIGNED:
2576 Tomlinson, Ronald; 79 Thornton Road, Morecambe, Lancs, England LA4 5PG

ADDRESS CHANGES:
2219 Hertzler, Larry W.; 1006-G Palmetto Way, Carpenteria, CA 93013
2318 Williams, Ruth; C/O Elliott Claims Service, P.O. Box 549, West Palm Beach, FL 33402
1111 Dean, Thomas A.; P.O. Box 1245, East Arlington, MA 02174
1225 Greenberg, Milton; 7300 Winans NE; Albuquerque, NM 87109
1681 Schimer, Joseph E.; Apt 2B Plaza View, 3136 Harbor Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
LM117 Machado, Charles H.; P.O. Box 8793, Riverside, CA 92515
LM 53 Rutherford, Ian R.; Paraite Road, Rural Delivery 3, New Plymouth New Zealand
2043 Stalmach, Charles F.; P.O. Box 182, Theodore, AL 36590
LM 79 Reese, Robert W.; 40 Westwood Drive (1A), Fairfield, OH 45014
932 Light, Al J.; 4083 Orleans Lane, Sarasota, FL 34232

| 2188 | Dowsley, Neil F.; 15604124 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5X 2W8 |  |  |  |  |
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| 2126 | Souder, Charles C.; College of Naval Command \& Staff, Nava College, Newport, RI 02841 |  |  |  |  |
| 2617 | Fattaleh, James T.; P.O. Box 618, Rochester, NY 14603 |  |  |  |  |
| 1666 | Dwyer, Nora L.; 315 Cedar, Carlinsville, IL 62626 |  |  |  |  |
| 2536 | Hoffman, Glenn A.; 21 Merrydale Road, San Rafael, CA 94093 |  |  |  |  |
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| 1389 | Finn | 2572 | McIntyre | 1141 | Wills |
| 1943 | Fisher | 2608 | Meyer | 2215 | Woodard |
| 2441 | Freed | 1163 | Miller | 1665 | Wright |
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ship at the Boston Navy Yard. This superstructure was later removed when the frigate was restored to its former state. The frigate is "end for ended" (i.e., turned around) periodically to even out the weathering on its standing and running rigging. Its sister ship, the U.S.F. Constellation is now in Baltimore, Maryland.

Looking at the inscription on the upper right portion of the back of the card is something I did not expect to see. It says, "McPhail Piano Co. , Boston. "

One could assume that Houck Piano Co. also owned the McPhail Piano firm as the card was mailed from Memphis, TN and it carries the "OKH" perfin.

Consider the town size at that time when mail carried only the name and city. No doubt there was no delivery service, only post office pickup.


## CONVENTION AND ANNUAL MEETING

Perfins Club President Richard L. Mewhinney announced that The Perfins Club has been formally invited by the Ilini Precancel Club, sponsor of the 67th Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society, to participate in their annual convention. The convention will be held on August 8-12, 1989 at the Executive Inn Rivermont, Owensboro, KY. Our Bulletin Editor, Helen Ratzer, has volunteered to act as coordinator of this venture.

More than 20 Perfin Club members attended the 1987 PSS Convention and Helen and Earl Ratzer instigated our participation this year. In addition to Dick; Bulletin Publisher, Helen Ratzer; Catalog Sales Manager, Jackie Ryan; and Bulletin Editor, John Lyding plan to attend.
As we found out last year, many of our members are also members of PSS, hence, we expect to be well represented. This will be the Perfins Club's first meeting in over two years, so mark your calendar now with the dates and location. Additional details will be provided in the next issue.

> It is with deep regret that we report the death of long time member
> Ralph L. Stunzner, 39-L, Providence, RI

Notes and comments:
In a follow up to his "Colne Valley and Halstead Railway" (See TPB, May 1988, pp 81-84) Roy Everett \#2635 reports that "A further copy of the CV/R perfin has been reported by a reader: King George V 2d (typographic - Royal Cypher) pen cancelled with the date 10/4/22 (i.e., April 10, 1922), obviously a fiscal usage, but proving later usage than was previously known."

An herein lies a moral -- by communicating we are able to share or knowledge and by having this knowledge published we are able to preserve the knowledge.

In regard to those members who have submitted articles, obtained reprint permissions, and in one instance has generously granted reprint permission for a series on Petro-perfins, and who have not seen these items appear in print, the Club is fortunate enough to have a small backlog of articles on hand. I attempt to print timely news and information requests as soon as possible. Classified advertisements which arrive prior to assembling the Bulletin are always printed in the current issue.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
Crofton, Maryland, January 15, 1988
I hope that I have not confused you with this month. There are several problems that I must solve for each issue. First, and foremost, it must be full. Second, it is necessary to print some timely articles. And finally, the layout should be neat.

The combination of a three page survey and a long reprint article made the job difficult this month. The survey of $D$ rated perfins is located on pages 35 through 37 of this issue. Page 38 is a Perfins Club Sales List. These are the center four pages and may be easily removed for completing the survey. Please fill in the survey and mail the completed forms to Mr. Harry Rickart, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020 without delay. We will continue printing pages to the World Perfins Catalog with the next issue.

Income tax season is once again upon us. According to my records I have done two more returns than last year on this date. Perhaps it is a result of several early January snow storms that hit Maryland giving some of my retired clients the incentive to look for all of their materials instead of roaming about the countryside. Coupled with my regular job as the Commercial Driver's License Project Director at the Motor Vehicle Administration this means that I may not get around to answering your mail for a week or so: Please, have patience.

It is not too early to sit down and write out your annual dues check ( $\$ 7.00$ in the U.S. and Canada, $\$ 9.00$ elsewhere) and mail it to our secretary, Ralph Smith. After all, it snows a lot in Maine this time of year and your letter will give him something to do.

JFL

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If you would like to try your hand at turning out an article, drop me a note at P.O. Box 3342, Crofton, MD 21114. I will be more than happy to assist you in any way that I can.

JFL

Mr. Oscar P. Marsh of Plymouth, MA reports that he has acquired a number of recent issues punched with pattern B93 (i.e., BEC) of the Boston Edison Co. Apparently, someone has acquired this device and has placed it into service. Mr. Marsh submitted several examples of this patten punched on the Domestic E stamp and the $3 \dot{C}$ Paul Dudley White regular issue. With one exception, these were all splits. If anyone out there has any information on this pattern, please write to the editor.

Our Foreign Catalog Editor, Bob Schwerdt, provided the next question:
When Al Bartleson was still collecting perfins some 25 years ago, an article appeared in Stamp Wholesaler, May 25, 1962, by S. Orr entitled "Alfred Bartleson, 'Perfins Specialist'" In the article, Orr states that Bartleson was very proud of a perfin provided by Herman "Pat" Herst: U.S. \#70, 24¢ red lilac with a "J.B" perfin.

I have never seen this item appear on a list of the pre-1908 items, Columbians and others. From all indications \#70 is probably the earliest U.S. stamp with a perfin, though undoubtedly punched at time when perfins were authorized. Perhaps some member who knew Al can provide facts about this stamp. And perhaps the present owner would be willing to share his prize with the membership in the Bulletin by photocopying the front and back.

Perhaps Al gave this stamp to a collector (or sold it) before he willed his collection to the Club. At any rate, there may be an interesting story herein.

From Ralph W. Smith:
"I wish to thank all those who made it possible for me to be awarded the Hallock Card Award. It seems, somehow, ironic to be awarded for doing something one derives so much pleasure from. First, Thanks to all my fellow officers with whom I have outstanding rapport. Second, to all our helpful and cooperative members who, by the way, should consider remitting next years dues anytime now."

Ralph also noted that the January issue might be a godsend for those wishing to scare mice, or whatever from their cellars.


Magnus Werner, Klostervägen 26, S-196 30 KUNGSANGEN, Sweden is cataloging Indian perfins. A problem has arisen, the perfin illustrated is in the TAMIL language - THA/MAA KAbut is it exact or is it a mirror image (i.e. reversed)? The person who provided this item also was not able to tell Magnus the Scott or Stanley Gibbon's Catalogue number of the stamp bearing this perfin pattern. Any Tamil expert amongst you, or with
a friend conversant in that language is requested to write to Mr. Werner and provide him with the following information:

1. Is "MAA KA" one word?
2. Is this Tamil for "TMK" or what does it say?
3. Is the correct side up?
4. Is this a mirror image?

If you have a similar perfin, Mr. Werner would appreciate hearing from you. (Submitted by: Roy Everett, \#2635)

## WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Want ads and notices are published without charge to Club members on a space available basis. Non-member's items are also published on a space available basis if they are considered of interest. While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate we can assume no responsibly for these want ads and notices.

If you want to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor. If you desire a checking copy, please enclose an SASE.

FUGITIVES ON THE LOOSE - Whereabouts unknown? Cash (or stamps) for capture. Bosnia BAG, hFS, K, KB, LLH, MT, RICHTER.

Notify Nearest Foreign Catalog Editor: Bob Schwerdt (\#505), 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603

WANTED - United States Scott Catalogue Number 651, the George Rogers Clark Commemorative Perfin Examples either on or off cover. Will purchase or trade my non-perfin U.S./Foreign. Ken Sultana (\#2670), Box 811 Hicksville, NY 11802

FOR SALE - Portugal and Portuguese Overseas Possessions Perfins Catalog 1988 edition. US $\$ 17.00$, including airmail delivery. Send cash to Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnaihurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex, CM7 7SJ, England.

NB: This is not a Perfins Club Catalog project.

WANTED - Whale philatelic items. Need perfins on stamps and corner covers that have to do with whales and whaling. Can be from any country. This
includes whale meat, blubber and oil that might have been used in the making of margarine, animal feed, fertilizer, industrial lubricants and soap. Also perfume companies that used ambergris. Please write with offers of what you have. All letters will be answered. Dr. W.E. Melberg (\#2263), P.O. Box 134, Allenton, WI 53002.

COVER OFFERING - On hand are 70 miscellaneous perfin covers, large and small sized envelopes from early to 1960's. Some are from club purchases and they cost me a lot more than the $\$ 5.00 \mathrm{I}$ am asking, plus postage for 15 ounces.

There are 71 pieces and at $7 \%$ each you cannot go far wrong. So that I will not have to return a lot of checks, here is the best way to give everyone an opportunity. Sends a postcard with your name and address and I will randomly select one and notify that person. Fair enough? Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

WANTED - Spain, Portugal and their colonies' perfins. Will purchase, but prefer to trade for U.S. or worldwide perfins. Please write. Thomas A. Meeker, 227 Spencer Street, Glendale, CA 91202.

## MORE ON TROPHY BRAND PERFIN

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020
When I wrote the "TROPHY BRAND NUTS PERFIN" article (See TPB, November/December 1988, p. 189), I had forgotten that former Bulletin Editor, Floyd Walker, had been one of the owners of this device. However, several members wrote to bring me up to date on the device. The following is a reconstruction of the perforators location based upon those letters.

The machine had been in the hands of Bob Murrin for at least two years. Bob has his own perforator pattern and he was commissioned to sell the trophy device by the Trophy firm. The price was $\$ 100$. When no one would take it off of his hands at that price, Bob returned the device to the original owners. Some time later, Floyd Walker acquired the device as reported by Bill Donle's contribution in the January 1989 issue (TPB, January 1989, p. 7).

Since then, I have heard from member J. C Johnson (LM- 28) of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He also provided the punched outline shown below.


He reports that he is the present owner of the device and acquired it though the Perfins Club. He has been unable to find any serial or manufactures identification on this $5 \%$ pound machine. The missing pin at the bottom is still
in place, but it is broken in half. The base of the pattern has one blind hole as the pin only punches enough to show that it still exists. The other missing pin is on the upper left side.

The left two patterns were punched as a single sheet. The Right two are the top of four sheets. This shows that all of the pins are not set to the same depth.

Our thanks to J.C. Johnson for this additional information.

## MONACO "CL" PERFIN DATA NEEDED

Robert J. Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
Editors note: Although this was written by Bob Schwerdt, most of the information in this article was provided by Wolfgang Maier, Tolzer Str. 43, D8000, Munchen 70, West Germany.

If you collection of Monaco perfins is anything like ours, the B.Bs, B.C.Is and C.N.s considerably outnumber the CLs. If on the contrary, you have numerous CL perfins, particularly on cover or in multiples, we would like your help in resolving some questions.


Two of the CL perfins present little difficulty. They are illustrated as types 3 and 4. Type 3, in use during the 1920s and 1930s, is the largest and has a period between the letters. Type 4, in use during the 1950s has the fewest number of holes. Both of these types probably replaced type 2 at the Monte Carlo Credit Lyonnais agency.

Mr. Maier is hopeful that members can help him solve a problems with types 1 and 2. Both designs are similar except for a missing hole and for the arrangement of the holes in the upright of the "L" of type 2. It is Maier's contention that there were two perforators in use in the early 20th century. Type 1 was used by the agency at Place du Credit Lyonnais, Monte-Carlo Superier, France. Type 2 may have been first used at the Princesse Alice Avenue agency in Monte-Carlo, Principality of Monaco. If any member has covers with legible cancels or blocks and strips showing both types 1 and 2 together, we might be able to determine if there actually were two agencies using perfins simultaneously, or if a multiple perforator existed. Perhaps a member can offer evidence when the hole of the " L " was lost, if indeed this was the case.

A photocopy of covers of types 3 and 4 would be useful in order to establish earliest and latest usage. Mr. Maier would also be pleased to receive a good photocopy of "S\&C.0." perfin on Monaco's postal and fiscal issues.

Whatever information can be gathered from members about these perfins and any other Monegasque perfins will be incorporated into an article concerning all Monaco perfins that Mr. Maier is preparing for a Monegasque magazine. A copy of this will eventually be published in the Bulletin or placed in our Library. Please send information either to Mr. Maier or Bob Schwerdt who will forward the material.

PERFS, SPIFS, ETC.
Robert J. Schwerdt (\#505), 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
What are the foreign equivalents of PERFINS? This is a starter list, if you have a correction or addition please send the editor a note.

| Great Britain | SPIFS |
| :--- | :--- |
| France | TIMBRES PERFORES |
| Spain | SELLOS PERFORADOS |
| Romania | PERFORATII |
| Denmark | (FIRMA ?) PERFORERINGER |
| Switzerland | DIE GELOCHTEN MARKEN |
| Belgium | PERFINS |
| Sweden | SKYDDSPERFORINGAR |
| Germany | (FIRMEN ?) LOCHUNGEN |
| Czechoslovakia | PERFINU |



THE ALBUM PAGE, December/January 1987, page 1, features Perfin Club Ed Haack,s (\#770) flag and Ed patterns. THE ALBUM PAGE is published monthly by the Oregon Stamp Society, P.O. Box 4586, Portland OR 97208, Tom Current is the editor.

K.O.T.M.

Jacob Kisner (\#2168), 254 Park Avenue South, Penthouse F New York, NY 10010


Jacob Kisner submitted this old view card with perfin K50, "KO/TM", belonging to the Knights of the Maccabees of the World, Detroit Michigan. The message side of the card serves as a receipt for a "Certificate Fee" with a September 20, 1912 International machine cancel on a one cent, Scott Number 405.


The view side of the card pictures the organization's General Offices in Detroit Michigan. Note the K.O.T.M. sign on the lawn and the model T Ford arriving with a new batch of stamps to perforate.

THE RAILWAY PERFINS OF IRELAND
By Norah K. Wright
(Reprinted from THE REVEALER, Winter, 1983 with permission. THE REVEALER is published by The Eire Philatelic Association, International)

There is always a fascination about railways which arouses one's philatelic instinct to collect postmarks, T.P.O.s, R.P.O.s and covers. When collecting perfins it seems the natural thing to make a study of this branch of perfin collecting.

The Irish railways are particularly interesting as one has many years of collecting Irish perfins, first on U.K. stamps used in Ireland. In 1916 the turbulence of the country during the rebellion period can be see as one finds the skeleton handstamp on King George V stamps with the GS/WR perfin. History takes us to another interesting period, that is the Irish overprinted stamps bearing railway companies perfins. We pass on then to railway perfins on the first Irish definitive issue and all the commemoratives that followed. Here again history raises her head as during World Ear II years the G.S.R Railway used what can only be termed as a provisional die.

Not all our railways used perfins. The following is a list of all the railways known to have used them.

> Belfast \& Northern Counties Railway Cork Bandon \& South Coast Railway Cork Blackrock \& Passage Railway Great Southern Railway

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Great Western Railway
Great Southern & Western Railway
Great Northern Railway (Ireland)
Midland Great Kestern Railway
Waterford Limerick & Western Railway
Corais Iampair Eireann
Railway Executive Western Region
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THE BELFAST \& NORTHERN COUNTIES RAILWAY
The Belfast \& Ballymena Railway was incorporated in the mid-1840's and renamed Belfast \& Northern Counties Railway in 1860 . In 1903 the B.N.C.R. was acquired by the Midland Railway and became part of the London Midland \& Scottish in 1932.


DIES
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HEIGHT
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Found on: 1d Red plate numbers

THE CORK BLACKROCK \& PASSAGE RAILWAY

Incorporated in 1846. Extended to Crosshaven in 1896. Opened to Monkstown in 1902, became a part of the GSR in 1925. Closed in 1932.


CB/PR
$8,14 / 10,12$
4
Found on: King George $V$ 1/2d
King George V 1912-22 1/2d, 1-1/2d

## THE CORK BANDON \& SOUTH COAST RAILWAY

Constituents were the Bandon Railway, The Cork Kinsale Junction Railway and the West Cork Railway. All were amalgamated in 1888 as the Cork, Bandon \& South Coast Railway and eventually became part of the GSR.

$\mathrm{CBS} / \mathrm{CR} \quad 8,14,10 / 8,11 \quad 5$
Found on: Queen Victoria 1d lilac
King Edward VII 1/2d, 1d
King George V 1/2d, 1d

DIE 1


CBS/CR $\quad 8,14,10 / 8,12$
Found on: Queen Victoria 1d lilac
King Edward VII 1/2d, 1d
King George V 1/2d, 1d

DIE 2

1989 Survey of D rated perfins. Please detach these pages, complete survey and mail to Harry Rickard, 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

Your participation in this survey is of vital importance. It is the only method that the Perfins Club has of establishing valid ratings for perfins.

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## ATTENTLON MEMBERS

Here are the forms for the "D" rate Survey. These include the 1987 and 1988 Addition and Correction Pages.

Under the miscelleanous section are listed five patterns along with their alpha lettering in the box below the catalog number.

The " $087 / 6 \mathrm{~V}$ " and the "V20.5/V0" are the same pattern. They are listed in the 1979 US PERFINS CATALOG, but there have been some number changes and you may have them under the " 0 " or " V " patterns. Please survey these as well as the other listed patterns.

Harry Rickard has graciously accepted the task of heading up the accounting of the "D" Survey, because of the impending birth of our third child. My wife, Janna, is doing fine and if things go as hoped, the baby is due around January 22, 1989. Things will be a little hetic around the house for awhile, again. Thank you.

Sincerely, Douglas J. Cutler

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1989 "D" rate and A\&C Perfins Survey
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Diagonal is one complete pattern. EX is two complete patterns.
Multiples, use dots or figure.

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| 1744 | 29 | 287.5 | 380 | 16 | 65 | 210 | 187 | 216 | 70 | 60 | 153 | 180 | 60 | 189 | 108 | 54 |
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The GSR was the result of the amalgamation of all the railways operating in the Irish Free State in 1925.


GSR
10,11,14
4-1/2
Found on: Irish 1922 definitives
commemoratives 1922-1937

DIE 1


DIF 2
THE GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAY PROVISIONALS
During the second world war Sloper's works were destroyed by enemy action and the dies lost. However, very quickly and with ingenuity, sloper produced replacements. These took the form of single letters or pairs with the result that in the gsr the single letter $r$ was unevenly spaced and appeared anywhere on the stamp.


SELECTION OF PROVISIONAL PERFINS

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\begin{array}{lll}
\text { GSR } & 9,9,10 & 4-1 / 2
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Found on: 1940 Definitives, Commemoratives 1941-44

The GUF had offices at various Irish ports in connection with their cross steamer servicu so that their perfins can be found on our Irish stamps.


DIE 1


DIE 2


DIE 3


DIE 4

GUR
$10,14,12$
4-1/2

Found on: Queen Victoria 1d lilac, 1/2d Jubilee

GWR $9,12,10 \quad 5$
Found on: Irish Definitives \& commemoratives 1933-45

GWR
$9.12,10$
5
Found on: 1d Map


THE GREAT SOUTHERN \& WESTERN RAILWAY
The GS\&WR was the largest railway. It was completed in 1855 . Its route ran from Dublin to Cork with many branches throughout the south and west. In 1925 it became part of the GSR.


DIE 1


DIE 2


DIE: 3


DII: 4

GY SWR
$10 / 10,16,11$ $4-1 / 2$

Found on: Queen Victoria 1d Red plate numbers, 1880 1/2d green, 1881 1d lilac

## GS/WR <br> $10,10 / 15,11$ $4-1 / 2$

Found on: Queen Victoria 1/2d Jubilee, 1d lilac
King Edward VII 1/2d, 1d, 3d

King George V 1/2d, 1d
Irish o'prints 1d, 2d

GS/WR $10,11 / 14,12 \quad 5$
Found on: King Edward VII 1/2d, 1d, 3d
King George V 1911-12 1/2d
King George V 1912-22 1/2d, 1d, 1-1/2d,
2d
Irish o'prints 1/2d, 1d, 2d
Irish definitives 1/2d, 1d, 2d
GS/WR $\quad 10,10 / 16,11 \quad 4-1 / 2$
Found on: King George V 1d \& 1-1/2d
Irish o'prints 1d \& 2d


DIE 5 \& 6

The discovery of this Sloper manufactured perforating machine, which was brought to light last year by Michael Richards, Editor of Irish Philately, is a most interesting discovery and had not been previously recorded. The machine originally came from the old Broadstone Station in Dublin. The machine perforates two stamps at a time and is perfect working order, having all pins intact. There are minor differences between DIE 5 and DIE 6 . The most interesting point is that these dies have never been reported on stamps and one wonders if this machine was ever put into operation.

THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILHAY (IRELAND)
The company was formed by the amalgamation of several small companies in 1876.
I/GNR 5/10,13,13 5

## 1 <br> GNR

## MIDLAND GREAT WESTERN

The MGWR was incorporated in 1845. It ran from Dublin to Galway with numerous lines covering the centre of Ireland and the west coast. This railway retained its identity for 80 years until 1925 when it became part of GSR.


DIE 1

M/GWR $\quad 15 / 10,16,13 \quad 4-1 / 2$
Found on: Queen Victoria 1/2d, 1d Red Plate nos, 2d
blue, 1d Venetian Red, 1d lilac (14 \& 16 dots), 1/2d Jubilee

King Edward VII 1/2d, 1d
King George v 1/2d, 1d
Irish $0^{\prime}$ prints 1/2d, 1d, 2d
M/GWR
$15 / 10,16,14 \quad 5-1 / 2$
Found on: known only on the 3d Railway parcel stamp

DIE 2

## RAILHAY EXECUTIVE WESTERN REGION

In the same way as the GWR perfin found on Irish stamps so also the perfin RE/WR appears on them.

RE/WR
$10,9,12,10$
Found on: Irish 1940 definitives $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}, 1 \mathrm{~d}, 1-1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$, 2-1/2d, 3d

Irish Commemoratives 1949, 1952, 1954

## WATERFORD LIMERICK \& WESTERN RAILWAY

The railway opened in 1854 from Waterford to Limerick and gradually extended its network. It was amalgamated with GSWR.

WLWR
$14,7,14,11$
5

Found on: Queen Victoria 1d lilac

## CORAIS IAMPAIR EIREANN

CIE, Ireland's transport company was formed in 1945 by the amalgamation of the GSR and the Dublin Transport Co.
CIE $\quad 7,4,9 \quad 4-1 / 2$

DIE I

C.I.E.

7,4,9
$4-1 / 2$
Found on: Definitives \& Commemoratives issues 1949 to date

DIE 2
This die is prolific. In the 1980 's it is still in use but the die has many broken pins and the letters appear with blind holes. Such perfins are not collectible.

I would like to acknowledge all the information and help $I$ have received from S.E.P.S (Security Endorsement Perforators Society) and also the books on Irish Railways by H.C. Casserley.

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Editor's Note: I wish to thank Mr. Robert Jones, Secretary of the erie philatelic association (International) for bringing this outstanding article to my attention. Miss. Norah Wright, the author, resides in Killiney, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Special thanks are due to her, for granting the Bulletin permission to reprint this landmark article.

A Catalogue of the Perfins of Portugal and Portuguese Overseas Provinces. Roy Everett, 1988, 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex CM7 7SJ, England. 66 pages, plastic clip binding, soft cover, $8.4 \times 11.6$ inches, $\$ 17.00$ (cash) includes packaging and airmail postage to the U.S.

This catalog, privately produced by a frequent contributor to these pages, lists all of the known perfins of Portugal, its colonies and possessions. The entries utilize what is claimed to be the standard form of the Perfin Society (UK) and the Perfins Club (USA). Unfortunately, these two organizations have seen fit to follow their individual paths with regards to the numbering of holes and even worse the Perfins Club has discontinued the practice of providing measurements in its U.S. Catalog under the mistaken notion that Catalog illustrations are to the correct size. This notion disregards the shrinkage of paper as it drys and its expansion as it warms up and absorbs moisture. Even worse, the Perfins Society current emission -- Great Britain Perfins, A Catalog of; which is being $r \in l e a s e d$ a section or so at a time with no apparent schedule -- has chosen to merely illustrate the perfins in a fuzzy reproduction on absorbent paper leaving the collector to fend for themselves. Hence, we have Mr. Everett to thank for the restoration of some semblance of appropriate taxonomy to perfin collecting.

However, this review is intended to convey my impression of the Catalogue at hand. The forematter, including a letter by the author/editor includes a useful list of perfin collecting societies, a thankfully brief description of how Portugal came to issue perfins, and a call to provide corrections and additional information. This is followed by acknowledgement of assistance received, a bibliography, and a copy of Circular No. 13 of the General Directorship of Posts, Telegraphs \& Lighthouses. This circular, issued in 1884, was the initial Portuguese authorization permitting the marking of postage stamps "... by means of perforation." An English translation is provided.


The main entries consist of the perforation size (mm) and the number of holes ampersands types in the Perfins Society manner are provided. The descriptive entries provide information relating to authorization and usage dates, the users identification, cities of usage and a description of the firms business. Of course, since these data are collected at a distance, in both time and space, there is ample room for the collector/researcher to fill in the gaps. The perfin is illustrated on the right hand side of the catalog pages. Entries (i.e., catalog numbers) are sequential. This leads to "C.A." Number 53 following closely on the heels of Number 52, "B.U.". This is initially disconcerting, and perhaps will be even more so upon the discovery of a "new" perfins which will need to be fitted in between two existing numbers. As noted, Catalog entries are on right hand pages and the accompanying left hand pages contain illustrations of identifying covers.

A total of 228 different perfin dies are illustrated. Numbers 220 through 227 represent a set of punches and "different" patterns including two single hole patterns.

The catalogue, as noted by the author/editor, does not pretend to be an album. It is intended to be used as a catalog and this is refreshing. There is no way in which the research may be faulted as Mr. Everett has produced the definitive Portuguese Perfins catalog.

The catalog was typed on what appears to be a manual typewriter. The author's practice of using an upper case letter " $I$ " in place of the number " 1 " is disconcerting until one recognizes that $17 \cdot 06 \cdot$ I906 is intended to represent June 6, 1906. Reproduction seems to have been by a photocopy process. While this leads to some appearance problems they are not of such magnitude as to hinder the user. This will be a welcome addition to the library of collectors of Portuguese perfins.

## COOLIDGE MEMENTO

Martin Ehde (\#2084), 28464 Lakecrest Avenue Cayon Country, CA 91351


This is a cover that I ran across about 1980, in a box of junk in Sioux Falls, SD. It was at a auction at the Coliseum held for the benefit of the Boy's Club and all items had been donated. The hall was packed and the rules were: "anything not sold goes directly to the city dump." I bough a box full of old mail which was in terrible shape. I managed to salvage 14 picture photographs of President Calvin Coolidge's 1927 visit to the State Game Lodge, picture postcards showing Coolidge in many activities with Indians, and some correspondence of Grace Coolidge. I also found this perfin cover from the South

Dakota Department of Agriculture's Division of Game and Fish. The perfin is "SD", pattern S99. Did it contain a State Fishing Permit for the President?

The wooden bushel is spilling out yellow corn and hence it does not reproduce well. What makes this cover so interesting to me is that my brother, a friend and I were at the Game Lodge in the Black Hills on a vacation the morning that the Coolidges moved in for their summer vacation. A security guard kept what few of us tourists were there at such a distance that we could not get a good photograph. One of the picture post cards in the lot shows the Coolidge just home from a fishing trip - President and Mrs. Coolidge, chow dog, car, fish and a bucket. Wording on the card is, Mrs. Coolidge inspecting the President's fish catch."

## A PUZZLE

Richard L. Mewhinney (LM- 60), 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882
Here is a little puzzle for our members. The post office did not approve the use of perfins in the United States until May 1908. We list our oldest covers several postmarked in June of that year. So -- what do I come up with but a postal card that is pictured below. There is no question but that the date is September 2, 1902 on the postmark. The perfin is found in the circle in the date stamp it self. We might expect it to be on Mckinley's face, but there is no such requirement for where a perfin may be found on a postal card.

According to the U.S. Catalog, this is our design \#33, with a B rating, and no identification is listed. Do any members have this design and what stamp are they found upon? I would appreciate hearing from any and all members who might have a copy of this design. The design on the card matches exactly with the one in the catalog.


Morcester, f:ass., Sept. 2, 1902.
Messrs. Bush \& Bull,
Fastion, Pa.
Gentlersen, -
Te are in recelpt of an opder for extension cases from vur Mr. J. Alex. Cooke. This department of our factory is not yet in operation and it will probably be two weeks before we can furnish you $\pi$ ith extension cases. Te trust this will be satisfactory, and beg to remain

Respectfully
Tarrer Leather Goods Co. Dict. by Mr. Case.

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A local dealer has been purchasing the business correspondence of the "Brand Brewing Company" of Chicago, IL. This material has never been on the philatelic market and consists of about 50,000 pieces. The correspondence begins in the 1880 s as the United States Brewing Company and continues until the 1920s. Since I have been one of his regular customers for many years, the dealer offered me the first choice of any perfin covers.


He asked me about the earliest known U.S. perfin cover and I told him about the search (TPB May 1988, pp 84-85) and the date of June 27, 1908 on the Bartelson identification strip, which was recognized by the Club as the earliest verified use. He accepted the challenge and replied, "If there is an earlier use, it should appear in this source."

Crofton, Maryland February 7, 1989
Those of you who check dates will note that this edition of the Bulletin was put together eight days early. There is a simple reason. Our outstanding publisher, Helen Ratzer, is preparing to move from Highland Park, IL to Dayton, OH. If all goes well the next issue will be mailed from Dayton.

I have received a lot of kudos about the Bulletin in the past year. I appreciate this very much; however, this publication is the effort of a number of people. First of all there are the authors who write the material. Second, Ralph Smith, Dick Newhinney, Helen Ratzer and a commercial establishment in NJ keep the addresses and mailing labels straight. Third, is our publisher Helen who does the hard part of sorting out the labels, schlepping the copy to the printer, and dragging the finished product to the post office. Forth, is Brad, our printer who manages somehow to improve the quality of the copy that I provide. Last, but not least is Jack Gooding who make sure that the bills are paid.

We almost always can use an article or two. If you would like to try your hand at being an author, try it. I will help anyway that I can from advice onsward.

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Bundle up your duplicates and get them into the mail. All contributions will be acknowledged.

Speaking of mail. Do yourself and the Club a favor, write out your dues check for $\$ 7.00$ (U.S. and Canada, $\$ 9.00$ elsewhere) and mail it to our secretary, Ralph W. Saith, R.R. 1, Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225. Don't delay - do it today

At the request of the members of the Railroad Catalog Committee, Irvin Holloway is the new Chairman with Alen Pollock as his assistant. Irv's address is 5922 Osage Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143 while Alen may be reached at P.O. Box 243, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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We offer our sincere sympathy to Dorothy Hazard (Savage) LM92,
who lost her spouse Culbert B. Hazard "Jim" in January.
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Jacob Kisner ( $\# 2168$ ) reports that he has made a positive identification for pattern $W 127$ as used by the WESTINGHOUSE MACHINE COMPANY, 165 Broadway, New York, NY. He has a perfin with identifying corner card. "Jack" also reports that he has also acquired a perfin with corner card identifying the user of I79 as INGERSOLL-SERGBANT DRILL CO. of Easton, PA. This apparently was a division of Ingersoll-Rand.

Since we do not have meetings with our members in any regular fashion we can not know what members want without letters addressing their concerns and questions. In the absence of meetings it is the Bulletin that is the glue that binds our club together. In the 1970 s the Bulletin regularly ran questions from members. These were tossed out to members who provided the answers that were provided in subsequent issues. The ground rules are simple, send me your questions, it will run in the Bulletin. If you have an answer to someone's question, send it and it will appear in print. Instant gratification, your name in print. Names will be withheld if requested. To get us started, three questions and two answers. If you have a better answer to questions 1 \& 2 let us know.

Question \#1. From: Ms. Dorothy Cain (\#2593) How do you mount and catalog perfins?

Question \#2. How do the ratings values work? People say that they do not care about the front of the stamp, but how can an $F$ or an $E$ be of the same value on an expensive stamp and on a common stamp? Where do you get information on catalog value for the different stamp ratings?

Question \#3. In British Catalogues, a hole count is provided, is there any reason, why this is not done in the U.S. Catalogs?

Answer \#1. With regard to the cataloging and mounting of perfins, these are two separate subjects, so let us look at them individually.

Cataloging: Assuming that we are talking about U.S. perfins, the reference is the Catalog of United States Perfins by Joseph J. and Dorothy Balough published by The Perfins Club in 1979. This catalog, published in loose leaf notebook form, has five supplements. Basically, a perfin is identified by the initials (letters), its use of a number (e.g., 1/NAT and 27) or design (e.g., lighthouse, etc.). A separate section is provided for Schermacks, in which the holes were punched in a pattern rather than the usual letters, numbers or designs. In looking at the catalog we must remember that it was produced in 1979, prior to the availability of computers, and that Dorothy Balough typed every entry by hand. The main catalog entries consists of :

1. Catalog Number: A letter (the first letter of a design) plus a number assigned so that the perfins are arranged alphabetically.
2. Design: Letters, numbers and designs corresponded to the design on the perfin. The slash (/) used to indicate a design with more than one line.
3. Height of Design: Designs are measured in millimeters and the height of each letter or design is measured from the center of the highest hole to the center of the lowest hole. Design measurements are given to the nearest half or whole number. Starting with the second additions and correction pages to the U.S. Catalog, the U.S. Catalog Editor stopped providing height of design measurements. It is my opinion that this is an error as we have learned that the illustrations in the catalog are not necessarily "true" to size. Additionally, since the stamps and the catalog are both paper we must expect shrinkage and expansion as a result of temperature and humidity. I have requested that Douglas Cutler, U.S. Catalog Editor provide these measurements.
4. Precancel: If the design is known precanceled then it is denoted by the letters "PC".
5. Positive Identification: Used to indicate that positive identification has been made.
6. Supplementary Information: lower case " $x$ " used to indicate that supplemental section should be consulted. There have been several requests that these supplemental information be included in the main catalog entries. This is the province of the U.S. Catalog Editor and since there are valid arguments for and against this arrangement, he will have to make a decision when a new catalog is compiled.
7. User: Company or firm name based upon the most current information available.
8. Location: Name of the town and state as obtained from postmarks, precancels and/or covers.

NOTE: Ratings are not included as a portion of the main entry, but rather are provided under the illustration. The initial ratings have been revised periodically in Additions and Corrections pages and in Bulletin articles. However, because of the difficulty of members each maintaining a consistent set of such ratings, Paul Mistretta a former editor of the Bulletin has undertaken a project to produce a unified set of ratings. I hope to be able to publish this unified rating list in the near future.

Mounting Perfins: In answering this question, I hunted through my old Bulletins for an article with a title something like "Eleven Rules for Perfin Collecting". Unfortunately, I was unable to locate this gem of wisdom which ends with "11. Disregard the first ten rules." Now, I know that does not answer your question; however, you should mount YOUR PERFINS AS YOU SEE FIT. I have received letters decrying our use of hinges on the front of stamps and suggesting that we use mounts. I personally see nothing wrong with mounts, especially those with a black background, but I don't use them. In general, we find that
o Many collectors mount stamps over the illustrations in the catalog. These perfins are mounted face down using hinges. I personally do not mount my US perfins in the Catalog/Album.

My method is as follows. I have a set of notebooks filled with blank pages (available from the sales department) that resemble the US album pages. These pages are numbered to correspond to the US album pages. On these pages I mount, face down, the best copy of a perfin which I have managed to obtain.

Immediately following this page, I have a second page which is laid out similar to the US album page but which does not use a black background. (Such pages are also available-from the perfins sales club, but I produced my own prior to their availability.) These pages are numbered the same as the preceding page with a following " $R$." On these pages, I mount face up with hinges $2 \Phi$ red Washington stamps in the space which corresponds to the album position of the perfin on the stamp.

Following these pages, I have a number of blank album pages (one for each pattern ) on which I mount face up with hinges one example of each issue on which I find a particular pattern.

Following these pages, I use blank pages to write up and mount perfin covers. Consequently a single catalog page could require 62 pages, were I so lucky as to have every pattern on more than two issues, including a $2 \Phi$ red and on cover.

On the other hand, my Great Britain collection consists of $3 \times 5$ index cards on which $I$ have written up details of the stamp and perfin. These are arraigned in chronological stamp order. However, I hasten to add that the majority of that collection consists of envelopes, cigar boxes, etc. at various states and stages of disarray.

I am sure that there are other methods of mounting and displaying perfins and $I$ hope that our members will jot down a description of their methods and send them in so that we may share them.

Answer \#2. How do the ratings values work? People say that they do not care about the front of the stamp, but how can an $F$ or an $E$ be of the same value on an expensive stamp and on a common stamp? Where do you get information on catalog value for the different stamp ratings?

First, and foremost it should be understood that the ratings system is intended to be an indication of the scarcity of the perfin pattern and not of the stamp. Fortunately, we have at least one member interested in this problem and he has prepared an article, which will be published shortly.

The Cain ratings, (i.e., $A, B, C$, etc.) are assigned by the U.S. Catalog Editor as the result of survey sampling. The system has been in use for over 21 years. The ratings are assigned as follows:

| A | - Rare | Fewer than five copies are known. |
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| B | - Scarce | Between 6 and 50 copies are known. |
| C | Difficult | Found in collections of more than 2,400 different <br> patterns. |
| D - Average | Found in collections of 1200 to 2400 patterns. <br> E - Common | make up the bulk of smaller collections. |
| F - Very Common | Found everywhere. |  |

How do you set the price for a perfin using the above? Obviously, in the best of all worlds you could buy all of your perfins at $\$ 20$ or $\$ 30$ per thousand without too much duplication. But it is not a perfect world. I have a standing rule about perfins $I$ will buy accumulations for $3 ¢$ each (complete patterns). If $I$ am dealing with a perfin collector or dealer, and buying stamps individually the price goes up. F's are worth $3 \$$ each. E's about a nickel. D's then command $10-25 \$$, C's about $50 \$$ up. B's are worth several dollars. A's are rare and will rarely be found for less than $\$ 5.00$. Now that is a private treaty sale.

However, the truest test of a perfins worth is its auction price. What a willing seller will take and a willing buyer will pay. In a rough analysis of U.S. However, to an ordinary stamp collector a perfin damages a stamp, hence one may be able to obtain a perfin on a fairly high value US stamp at a small percentage (10-20\%) of catalog value. If we consider a Perfins Club auction as ideal (i.e., willing and informed buyers and willing and informed sellers) then we might have some better idea of the worth of a perfin. In our most recent auction \#41 sales of single U.S. perfins averaged:

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A^{\prime} \mathrm{s} \quad \$ 4.59, \quad \mathrm{~B}^{\prime} \mathrm{s} \quad \$ 2.88 \text {, and } \mathrm{C}^{\prime} \mathrm{s} \$ 1.06 \text {. }
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Those are raw averages and did not consider either the stamp, its condition, or the condition of the perfin. Here is a fertile field for someone to tackle. The Bulletin will be happy to print articles on this subject by members. Get out your pens, pencils and those auction results.

The initial ratings have been revised periodically in Additions and Corrections pages and in Bulletin articles. These corrections were made as a result of surveys published in the Bulletin and responded to in the our members. However, because of the difficulty of members each
maintaining a consistent set of such ratings, Paul Mistretta a former editor of the Bulletin has undertaken a project to produce a unified set of ratings. I hope to be able to publish this unified rating list in the near future. Because of the availability of Personal Computers, this unified listing will be automated and it may be rapidly updated in the future. I am considering several methods of producing this "unified" ratings list as a U.S. Catalog supplement. Readers with ideas and or suggestions are encouraged to write.

MORE ON CATALOGS - This edited letter submitted by H.T. Hagreen (\#2528) arrived shortly after the preceding question/answer sequence was completed. Its appearance here is timely:

In December, I purchased a Catalog from the sales department, blithely assuming that it would be a simple matter to match my 1000 perfin patterns with the catalog and enter the appropriate album pages. Was I ever wrong!!! So far, I have spent more hours than I care to count on the job and have not yet finished. As a newcomer to the U.S. Catalog, I thought it might be helpful to briefly relate the steps which I thought necessary to permit me to use it intelligently.

1. Enter the information contained in the Appendix onto the catalog page(s) concerned. It should be noted that the Appendix contains notes on approximately 600 entries, nearly $10 \%$ of all entries., and the need to be constantly referring to the notes is very inconvenient.
2. Enter into the catalog the corrections listed in the A\&C pages.
3. Cut out and paste into the catalog the revised illustrations.
4. Mark, in the catalog, where additional patterns should appear. This I did by placing a small red self-adhesive sticker on the illustrations page, in the position that the additional pattern would have appeared, had there been room for it, and noted above the sticker the pattern number. Also, the appropriate information was written onto the facing page.
5. Add an extra page following each page with red stickers. These pages have the added patterns from the A\&C pages pasted on to them. It should be noted that after corrections to correction pages there are 429 additional patterns to add. These affect 168 pages of the catalog. 6. Check the Bulletins (and I only have those from February 1987) for information which somehow did not appear in the A\&C pages. (Only two items).
6. Compare my collection, stamp by stamp, with the catalog illustrations. Since I am an issue/position collector, this means that as a beginner, I will find few duplicates.
7. The final (???) set, which to be frank is only a goal at this time is to illustrate my collection with photo copies of all the additional information that can be found in the Bulletin.

It may be of interest to mention my method of mounting as a worldwide issue/position collector:

Each pattern/position is illustrated by a photocopy of the back of the stamp and stamps are mounted on faint ruled album pages, face-up with hinges. (I cringe every time that I come across a stamp which has been mounted face down by an other perfin collector. Why can't they use mounts?)

Another subject was recently raised by U.S. Catalog Editor Doug Cutler regardıng cataloging "illegal" perfins. I cun not see any valid objection to the inclusion of US perfins which served legjtimate purpos of protection of a company's assets, whether they were used exclusively on mail, revenues, or a combination of the two. Certainly the catalog would be more informative if the catalog were footnoted in some way. It would make sense to add an appendix to the catalog listing legitimate revenue cancels.

Jacob Kisner (\#2168) reports seeing two interesting illustrations of Copenhagen, Denmark electric utility documents with two tax stamps on each documents (Prøvnings Afgift) with perfins K.B. The illustrated items on page 8 of the January 1989 issue of LUREN, publication of the Scandinavian Philatelic Library of Southern Califorina at Los Angeles. The Danish K.B. perfin is that of KOBENHAVNS BELYSNINGSVAESEN. The tax stamps are described as uncommon.

## JOINT PSS-PRECANCEL STAMP CLUB MEETING

The Perfins Club has been invited to participate in the 68th Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society August 8-12, 1989. Actually, one might say the 7 th since there will be an "Early Bird" session that day for those who just can not wait. This will be held at the Executive Inn, Rivermont, Owensboro, KY. Full arrangements will be announced in the Bulletin as they become available; however, we hope to have a Perfins Club Table with Catalog and Stamp sales at this event. As a member of PSS, I can highly recommend this affair from the standpoint of perfins, precancels, and companionship. Joe Laura, John Randall, and Dave Smith regularly attend these events and they always have loads of perfins. I understand that our U.S. Catalog Editor, Doug Cutler and Club Librarian, Marvin Mech who are also holders of quantities of perfins duplicates and knowledge may also attend. Since we are invited guests at this event, it behooves the club to be well represented at the affair.

Preliminary information about the Executive Inn is that the rooms are inexpensive, they have an olympic sized indoor pool and an outdoor pool overlooking the Ohio River. We understand the Inn offers Las Vegas style entertainment and in addition to the Executive Inns' Boutique Stores there are antique stores within walking distance. Mammoth Cave, Fort Knox numerous museums and the Glenmore Distilleries are within a short drive. Plan you vacation around these dates, we are all looking forward to having a large turn out.

## NEW HARVESTER PATTERN?

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020


The pattern illustrated to the left is on a Famous American issue, hence the odd size. It was submitted by Frank Goldeck (\#2517)

I have passed it on to our new U.S. Catalog Editor, Douglas Cutler, who will make a decision about its listing. I have submitted this to the Bulletin in the hope that someone may recognize it either as an existing pattern with a missing control hole, or a hitherto unlisted design.

Anyone with information as to this perfins identity, or if you agree that it is a new pattern is invited to write to our new U.S. Catalog editor and get acquainted.

## A GIANT PERFIN

Harry Rickard (\#1802) 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020
At times, someone comes up with a brilliant idea on how to make their fortune. Many of the results are as good as or even better than expected. Someone in the International Advertising Company came up with the brilliant idea of placing advertisements on postage stamps as is illustrated here.


I have no information as to whether the advertising company printed the combination stamp and advertising labels or how they were distributed. I also do not know when this all started and when it ended.

Perhaps someone out there has more information than $I$ and they will share it with us by contacting either the Bulletin editor or myself so we can publish the details.

These perfins might turn out to be a "giant" headache for collectors trying to fit them into an album, especially as advertisements changed creating new varieties.

The initials are "CI/DA" for Compania International de Amincias. The picture was submitted by member Mary Faubon, a collector of dental perfins. The TEK toothbrush caught her eye.


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| 341 | 2.00 | 393 | 0.40 | 445 | 0.25 | 497 | 0.30 | 549 | 0.30 | 601 | 0.90 |
| 342 | 15.40 | 394 | 0.75 | 446 | 2.25 | 498 | 0.10 | 550 | 0.10 | 602 | 3.25 |
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| 345 | 0.50 | 397 | 1.00 | 449 | 5.85 | 501 | 0.10 | 553 | 0.10 | 605 | 0.90 |
| 346 | 3.25 | 398 | 3.00 | 450 | MIS | 502 | 0.10 | 554 | 0.30 | 606 | 2.00 |
| 347 | 5.50 | 399 | 3.25 | 451 | 0.40 | 503 | 0.10 | 555 | 0.10 | 607 | 0.90 |
| 348 | 24.20 | 400 | 0.90 | 452 | 0.25 | 504 | 0.05 | 556 | 0.10 | 608 | 10.00 |
| 349 | 18.15 | 401 | 2.25 | 453 | 0.25 | 505 | 0.10 | 557 | 0.10 | 609 | 5.25 |
| 350 | 33.00 | 402 | 0.30 | 454 | 6.60 | 506 | 0.10 | 558 | 0.30 | 610 | 11.00 |
| 351 | 0.60 | 403 | 3.25 | 455 | 4.00 | 507 | 0.10 | 559 | 0.30 | 611 | 2.80 |
| 352 | 0.60 | 404 | 0.25 | 456 | 0.70 | 508 | 0.30 | 560 | 0.30 | 612 | 2.80 |
| 353 | 0.50 | 405 | 0.25 | 457 | 0.10 | 509 | 0.30 | 561 | 0.30 | 613 | 0.60 |
| 354 | 0.50 | 406 | 0.30 | 458 | 0.30 | 510 | 0.05 | 562 | 0.10 | 614 | 0.25 |
| 355 | 2.25 | 407 | 0.25 | 459 | 0.35 | 511 | 0.10 | 563 | 0.10 | 615 | 0.30 |
| 356 | 2.00 | 408 | 0.40 | 460 | 0.05 | 512 | 0.10 | 564 | 0.30 | 616 | 0.25 |
| 357 | 2.00 | 409 | 0.90 | 461 | 1.40 | 513 | 0.10 | 565 | 0.10 | 617 | 0.20 |
| 358 | 1.10 | 410 | 1.20 | 462 | 1.30 | 514 | 0.10 | 566 | 0.10 | 618 | 2.50 |
| 359 | 1.10 | 411 | 1.10 | 463 | 0.60 | 515 | 0.10 | 567 | 0.10 | 619 | 1.35 |
| 360 | 2.30 | 412 | 0.25 | 464 | 0.60 | 516 | 0.10 | 568 | 0.30 | 620 | 0.05 |
| 361 | 2.00 | 413 | 1.10 | 465 | 2.25 | 517 | 0.10 | 569 | 0.10 | 621 | 0.30 |
| 362 | 1.90 | 414 | 0.90 | 466 | 6.95 | 518 | 0.10 | 570 | 0.40 | 622 | 1.25 |


| Auction \#41 Results (Continued) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Lot No. | Price Realised Lot |  | Price <br> Realised | Lot No. | Price Realised | Lot | No. | Price Realised | Lot | No. | Price <br> Realised Lot | No. | Price Realised |
| 623 | 0.30 | 648 | 0.30 | 673 | 0.25 |  | 698 | 0.15 |  | 723 | 6.60 | 748 | 0.30 |
| 624 | 3.80 | 649 | 0.30 | 674 | 0.55 |  | 699 | 0.30 |  | 724 | 8.25 | 749 | 0.30 |
| 625 | 1.60 | 650 | 0.30 | 675 | 0.55 |  | 700 | 1.80 |  | 725 | 6.60 | 750 | 0.30 |
| 626 | RET | 651 | 1.40 | 676 | 0.60 |  | 701 | 0.15 |  | 726 | 8.25 | 751 | 1.10 |
| 627 | 0.90 | 652 | 7.85 | 677 | 0.30 |  | 702 | 0.40 |  | 727 | 13.75 | 752 | 0.30 |
| 628 | 0.90 | 653 | 0.30 | 678 | 2.50 |  | 703 | 1.60 |  | 728 | 8.25 | 753 | 3.75 |
| 629 | 0.70 | 654 | 0.30 | 679 | 2.50 |  | 704 | 2.55 |  | 729 | 10.00 | 754 | 1.20 |
| 630 | 0.10 | 655 | 1.15 | 680 | 4.05 |  | 705 | 2.55 |  | 730 | 10.00 | 755 | 2.30 |
| 631 | 0.10 | 656 | 6.95 | 681 | 4.05 |  | 706 | 1.20 |  | 731 | 11.00 | 756 | 6.05 |
| 632 | 0.10 | 657 | 7.85 | 682 | 2.50 |  | 707 | 11.00 |  | 732 | 0.70 | 757 | 2.55 |
| 633 | 8.55 | 658 | 0.55 | 683 | 2.50 |  | 708 | 0.30 |  | 733 | 3.25 | 758 | 2.55 |
| 634 | 0.70 | 659 | 0.55 | 684 | 0.40 |  | 709 | 0.30 |  | 734 | 6.60 | 759 | 1.10 |
| 635 | 0.30 | 660 | 0.65 | 685 | 0.50 |  | 710 | 2.25 |  | 735 | 0.70 | 760 | 0.30 |
| 636 | 1.10 | 661 | 0.35 | 686 | 0.20 |  | 711 | 3.10 |  | 736 | 4.25 | 761 | 0.30 |
| 637 | 0.60 | 662 | 5.65 | 687 | 0.25 |  | 712 | 2.85 |  | 737 | 1.50 | 762 | 0.30 |
| 638 | 0.30 | 663 | 0.35 | 688 | 0.60 |  | 713 | 0.30 |  | 738 | 1.00 | 763 | 0.10 |
| 639 | 1.20 | 664 | 0.35 | 689 | 0.40 |  | 714 | 0.30 |  | 739 | 1.10 | 764 | 0.30 |
| 640 | 0.60 | 665 | 0.35 | 690 | MIS |  | 715 | 1.10 |  | 740 | 3.25 | 765 | 0.30 |
| 641 | 0.30 | 666 | 0.30 | 691 | MIS |  | 716 | 1.60 |  | 741 | 0.10 | 766 | 0.30 |
| 642 | 0.30 | 667 | 0.75 | 692 | 0.10 |  | 717 | 2.05 |  | 742 | 0.10 | 767 | 1.00 |
| 643 | 0.65 | 668 | MIS | 693 | 0.10 |  | 718 | 0.25 |  | 743 | 0.30 | 768 | 3.00 |
| 644 | 0.30 | 669 | 0.75 | 694 | 0.60 |  | 719 | 0.25 |  | 744 | 0.60 | 769 | 3.00 |
| 645 | 0.30 | 670 | 17.05 | 695 | 0.10 |  | 720 | 0.25 |  | 745 | 0.50 | 770 | 1.10 |
| 646 | 1.10 | 671 | 0.75 | 696 | 0.30 |  | 721 | 0.50 |  | 746 | 0.30 | 771 | 1.15 |
| 647 | 1.15 | 672 | 0.70 | 697 | 0.30 |  | 722 | 0.25 |  | 747 | 0.05 | 772 | 38.50 |

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the perfins club - balance sheet 12/31/89

| ASSETS |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Checking Account: | $\$ 1,123.77$ |
| Life Member Savings: | $10,322.00$ |
| Operating Fund Savings: | $\underline{24,351.63}$ |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $35,797.40$ |

## WAN'T ADS AND NO'IICES

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ALL IS FORGIVEN! - Please, Please, MONTSERRAT MC, come home. Even the stock (books) miss you. Will pay for your passage from any place. No questions asked. Write or call collect. Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603

MANTED - United States Scott Catalogue Number 651, the George Rogers Clark Commemorative Perfin Examples either on or off cover. Will purchase or trade my non-perfin U.S./Foreign. Ken Sultana ( $¥ 2670$ ), Box 811 Hicksville, NY 11802

FOR SALE - The June 1984 issue of the Bulletin featured the finding of early covers from the 1910-1926 period. All were addressed to a retail outlet in Des Arc, MO. Some covers authenticated unknown patterns, but all contained invoices or letters regarding merchandise ordered or offered. A few have multi-colored pictures or logos and some show factories. The covers have been sold but, the invoices and letters were too interesting to discard. There are a total of 33 inserts available. In order to give all interested persons the opportunity of obtaining them, the only fair way 1 could think of was to offer the lot for best offer, plus postage (six ounces). Harry Rickard ( $\$ 1802$ ), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

MANTED - Multiples of R75A for an attempt at die plating. Will purchase, or have a very wide range of worldwide used stamps to trade. Will also trade used stamps to trade. Will also trade used stamps for any world wide perfins. Can send selections. H.T. Hagreen (\#2528), 2384 Victoria Street, Prince George, B.C. Canada V2L 2 M2.

WANTED - Clear complete USA H171 "HS/BC". Will provide two of the following three: S364, "S\&T": A1738, "ALP"; C322 'CSRB'. Wm. Turney ( $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 3 8}$ ), 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver, B.C. Canada V7P 1K9.

WANTED - Perfins on and off cover that are from paper companies. These are needed for inclusion in an exhibit. Please include photocopy, if possible with offer. Chris Lazaroff (\#2261), 20 Mead Drive, Chillicothe, OH 45601-3735.

WANTED - Perfins on the non-denominated U.S. issues (Scott Catalogue Numbers 1735, 1736, 1743, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1946, 1947, 1948, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2279, 2282). I have duplicates to trade. Paul Gault (\#744), 140 West 18th. Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210.
Echoes FROM THE PAST - I I
Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan, NJ 08869

An other, "How To" item from our past is printed on the following page.

## HOW I STARTED

Charles Bein
As one of your latest and as your first overseas member I extend my greetings to you and assure you that I am glad to join your ranks. I started collecting Perfins (my own name for them is SPIFS, short for Stamps Perforated with the Initials of Firms) only about four years ago, just for the fun of it, during the time when we had the black-out, when it was inconvenient to go out after dark and whilst we were waiting for the Air Raid sirens to sound. Having picked about three dozen of these "damaged" stamps out of a biggish parcel of our commonest stamps which were being passed on to the Red Cross in large quantities I decided to pay a little attention to these orphans of Philately, wondering what this "crazy idea" would lead me to. It seemed attractive to collect something that you could not buy at every stamp shop and that you had to hunt for yourself. I set the worics going, spoke and wrote to everybody, up and down the country, who was likely to receive perfins on their letters or to find them
in stamp collections, accumulations, etc., and the result is that the collection totals more than 28,000 stamps by now and covers more than 6,000 allum pages. To old timers like the majority of you, readers these figures speak for themselves: I am going the whole hog i.e. I am collecting all stamps of all issues of this country. The actual number of different dies which I have found so far is naturally much smaller viz approximatcly 6,700. Nevertheless, I consider the result pretty good going after only four years' collecting and I hope that you will agree with me. Our first stamps to be perforated were our "One penny reds" with letters in the four corners and Plate Numbers'iengraved in the scroll at the : stdes, "Scott No. 33, of these I have more than 725 different diles; I collect-rill 'plate numbers of each
die and my holding of "Penny Reds" alone amounts to approximately 5,500 , including several of the scarce Plate 225.

Collecting Perfins according to issucs and denominations is much easier in this country than in yours because, thank goodness, the output of different stamps is much smaller than yours.

## SINGLE DIE PERFORATORS REVISITED

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

It appears that a goodly portion of early perforators were of the single die variety. Most purchasers liked the price and not having any prior experience, they did not know what to expect during their tenure of usage.


Pattern N175 was pictured in the U.S. Catalog for quite a while before I noticed that the first leg of the $N$ had five holes, whereas the rest of the layout only had four.

When a four hole first leg did turn up, the variety was assigned catalog number N175A and the corrected one was assigned catalog number 175. Now, another similar pattern has appeared which has only minor differences. This is an indication that all three varieties were from single die devices. Had a template been made, as was done for multi-head machines, the five hole leg of the $N$ would never have appeared.

This new, although similar copy, was found by member Joseph Laura (\#1238). Note that one pin is missing. This is also the case with N175. Practically all copies that have been found are incomplete
copies. Catalog number $N 175 A$, the five hole first leg on the letter $N$, seems to be the scarcest of the group.

At a later date, I hope to write an article and show some products of a single die devices and how to readily identify them. A separate collection of single die devices would be a challenge, as well as an interesting new field to collect. Once a pin breaks on a single die device, there are no more complete copies (barring a repair), unlike multi-head devices.

## SCHERMACK PATTERN \#3

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020


Not many Schermack covers turn up in accumulations. The principle reason is that there was a limited number of users.

Among a selection of covers found by Jerry Kendall (LM- 96) was this Schermack. For some reason the stamp turned out very dark, making it difficult to see the hole pattern. The double cancel was not exactly needed either.

## CATALOG DILEMMA

William F. Polzin (2427), 1007 Dennis Drive, Hanahan, SC 29406
The two pairs of perfins illustrated to the below pose a dilemma to the cataloguer. Is pattern 6155 different than pattern G155F. Both patterns were originally published in the U.S. Perfin Catalog.

However, those of you who have kept up to date with Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages know that $G 155$ was deleted as a missing control pin copy of G155F. Proof provided by the illustrations.

UNUSUAL PAIRS, One PAT G155 and one PAT G155F ea. pair.


Illustrated to the left is a block of eight perfins with pattern G72-14 bearing an Atlanta, GA precancel. Although the original catalog listing showed Tampa, FL usage for this pattern, it is also known precanceled from New Orleans, LA. This Atlanta, GA precancel is then the third city where pattern G72-14 has been used with a precancel device.

## SPANISH-AUSTRIAN CONNECTION?

Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree Essex CM7 7SJ, England

A "read" of John J. Nussbickel's "Introduction to Austrian Perfins", TPB, May 1988 , page 88 may be the solution to dot line Spanish perfins, three of which are illustrated below. (Magnus Werner has another type6 holes horizontal).


Uniforms were a part of the Spanish make up around the same time and a high quality maker of uniforms was likely to get commissions from around Europe. If anyone has some of these on cover, please send a
photocopy to the Bulletin editor, so that we may confirm or correct this impression.

## THE PERFIN - WHAT IS IT WORTH?

Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree Essex CM7 7SJ, England

It is an often raised point that perfins have a higher value overseas than in the United States. Is this fact or fiction? Working on the Perfins Society (GB) Auction realizations as a guide and comparing the same for those with the Perfins Club seems the most logical way to determine the truth of this claim. Set below are the recorded results from the Perfin Society for 1985, 1986, and 1987. It should be noted that there are usually 6 auctions per year:

Table 1. Auction Results

| Year No. |  | Lots | U.S. | Proceeds | High | Low | Average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | £(Pounds) |  | £ | p | £ |
| 1985 | 1 |  | 181 | 5 | 757.40 | 65.10 | 20 | 4.30 |
|  | 2 | 106 |  | \{ |  |  |  |
|  | 3 | 110 |  | \{ Details | Not Pub | ed\} |  |
|  | 4 | 112 | 7 | 362.75 | 27.10 | 30 | 3.45 |
|  | 5 | 230 | 4 | 486.05 | 35.10 | 35 | 2.15 |
|  | 6 | 110 | 1 | 551.95 | 31.10 | 20 | 5.06 |
|  | 7 | 97 |  | 323.50 | 42.10 | 10 | 3.34 |
|  | 8 | 100 | 3 | 400.00 | 30.10 | 40 | 4.12 |
| 1986 | 1 | 101 | 6 | 421.00 | 38.10 | 40 | 4.43 |
|  | 2 | 106 | 7 | 269.50 | 17.60 | 20 | 2.72 |
|  | 3 | 222 | 4 | 400.00 | 36.20 | 20 | 1.83 |
|  | 4 | 101 | 8 | 323.40 | 20.10 | 20 | 3.48 |
|  | 5 | 105 |  | 719.65 | 55.10 | 80 | 6.85 |
|  | 6 | 146 | 6 | 719.40 | 40.70 | 50 | 5.14 |
| 1987 | 1 | 155 | 13 | 570.75 | 22.10 | 40 | 4.02 |
|  | 2 | 161 | 10 | 591.65 | 23.00 | 20 | 3.92 |
|  | 3 | 185 | 12 | 677.30 | 31.40 | 50 | 3.92 |
|  | 4 | 155 | 8 | 715.95 | 58.00 | 25 | 4.87 |
|  | 5 | 161 | 12 | 737.90 | 68.30 | 10 | 4.95 |
|  | 6 | 173 | 10 | 834.85 | 72.00 | 10 | 5.12 |

This then gives an average per year per lot of £3.74 (1985), £4.08 (1986) and $£ 4.47$ (1987), showing a small, but significant, increase each year in the prices to which collectors are willing to go. It must be realized that since these prices are set by collectors rather than dealers they may be used as an assessment of perfin value.

Being only recently enrolled as a Perfins Club member, I can only give the realizations for Auction Number 40 , which were:

| 526 | 99 | $\$ 799.95$ | $\$ 19.00$ | $\$ .10$ | $\$ 1.87$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

and at the current (June 6, 1988) rate, the average of $\$ 1.87$ is about one pound, a considerable difference. It is also the case that the "high" is not necessarily the limit to which collectors will go as a higher bid may have been submitted. We all realize that perfin value bears no relevance to stamp catalogue value - perhaps the only exception to this being the Great Britain 1d reds with perfins (Scott Catalogue Number 33 ) - and there are not many knowledgeable dealers selling perfins, knowledgeable being the operative word. The outcome from requests to stamp dealers usually results in a few predominately higher faced value perfins at percentages of stamp catalog value. I recall the sending from a London based stamp dealer, a few Queen Victoria high face values with perfins with a catalog value in excess of $8,000.00$ pounds. Great stress was made of the catalog value in their letter and they required $1 / 4$ th of catalog value for the lot. It goes without saying the result of this transaction.

It does also appear that where covers are concerned the postal history aspect - postmarks, additional marks, the existence of higher values on cover - elevates the material outside of the perfin collectors pocket. I recall a GB 4d sage green (Scott Catalogue Number 70) on cover which was passed to me by a dealer because of the perfin. It was nice, but at 75 pounds a bit too expensive. One is vying with the cover collector and the postal historian for such and unfortunately we tend to loose out.

So it does seem that the perfin is becoming a higher priced item amongst collectors and whether this is a good point or not, it is nice to think that ones collection has some financial residual value after all. On the other hand, this may also be the warning bell that the popularity of the hobby and the increasing membership of the organizations is making an inexpensive philatelic sidestreet into a bustling shopping mall, I will leave to you to decide.

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## THE SWISHER IETTERS

Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan, NJ 08869
One of the problems with solving the mystery of unidentified perfins is how to do it.

Many of the Club's early members tried several methods which may not work today. Captain Forrest M. Swisher, Medical Corps U.S. Army did such early research and he may be responsible for the identification of the "WE" pattern W73 of the Western Electric Company.

The Captain began by writing letters to The American Perforator Company and Cummins Perforator requesting a list of the companies who had purchased their machines. The American Perforator Company's reply to the Captain is reproduced on page 75 . With his response, C.S. McAlister, President of The American Perforator Company, enclosed a "circular". This description of the American Postage Stamp Model No. 6 is provided on page 76. It is interesing to note that American Perforator Company dated its outgoing correspondence at late as February 1946 with a perforator (2. 1.46) as is shown on McAlister's letter (page 75). The circular illustrates a machine capable of punching 30 stamps at a time (page 76).

I have some sympathy with the Captain, as I recently tried that route in an attempt to identify a machine manufactured by them. They were unable to help claiming that the records no longer exist. Fortunately, the discouraging response from The American Perforator Company did not deter the good Captain from his quest and he apparently then sent letters similar to the one to the Missouri Pacific RR Co. illustrated on page 77 , based on a list of customers received from Cummins. Apparently, from the March 13, 1946 date, a letter to written to Western Electric Company struck pay dirt, as may be noted from a copy of a letter signed by E.C. Church, Supervisor of Financial Methods for the Western Electric Company in New York. This letter dated April 12, 1946 is illustrated on page 78. The "few stamps" that Mr. Church refers to are illustrated on page 79.
(Continued on Page 77)

Crofton, Maryland, March 20, 1988

There have been several changes in this month's Bulletin. First, this edition will be mailed from Dayton, OH . Second, there have been minor format changes in the announcement at the bottom of this page. Finally, and not least, is the fact that this issue will probably be a few days late. The lateness is the result of my regular work schedule and income tax season.

I am one of the principal authors of "The Maryland Commercial Driver's License Act", a bill which is currently under consideration in the Maryland General Assembly. This legislation which has the intention of improving safety on Maryland's highways is a part of a nationwide effort to standardize testing and licensing of heavy truck and bus drivers. Thus far, Califormia is the only state to implement the program. The nice thing about that is that I got to meet former U.S. Catalog Editor and frequent Bulletin contributor Harry Rickand on a recent business trip to San Diego, California. Unfortunately, the visit was restricted to a few hours by other commitments.

It is a real pleasure to meet other Club members and I hope to see many of you at our joint session with PSS in Owensboro, KY August 8-12.

If you write, you may not get a reply for a while. If your want ad or notice does not appear in the issue that you think it should make, please remember that I need to receive it prior to the tenth to make the next month. Checking copies are only: provided to those who supply a SASE. JFL

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Capt. Forrest M. Swisher
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Dear Captain Swisher:
I have your letter of Jamuary 17th regarding perforated stamps.

We heve not manufactured these machines for some years but there are quite a number of them in use throughout the U. S. Most of those we sold date back from around 1935 to 1910 and it would be an alnost impossible task to dig up old records that far back to give you a list of users. The object of perforating stamps is, of course, to identify the oompeny using them so as to discourage any would-be dishonest employees stealing stamps and selling them on the outside. This is done, I understand quite frequently. I amenclosing a circular on the machine we used to sell and this gives you an idea of how they are perforated.

I am sorry that we can't be of more assistance to you but frankly speaking, the use of perforators for stamp: protection hes not reached any great degroe of success as far as volume of sales is concernod.

## Yours very truly,

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Gentlemen:
I am a collector of stamps in thich initials or some design have been perforated for identification purposes and am attempting to make a survey regarding the use of them.

I have been informed that your organization usè this system for identifying its postage stamps. If so, $\begin{aligned} & \text { ill } y o u ~ p l e a s e ~ g i v e ~ m e ~ a s ~\end{aligned}$ much of the folloring information as possible:
(a) When did your organization first start to use this system?
(b) That denominations and issues of stamps heve been so perforated?
(c) Has more than one design ever been used?

And now as a special favor, can you give me $i: 2$ names and addresses of some persons or organizations to whom ycu send mail Irecuantly bearing these stamps so that I can contact them in an attempt to obtain the used stamps?

I hope that the aoove rili not be too much trouble and I assure you that it will be a big help to me in my collection and study of these stamps. I assure you also that this information will not be put to any commercial use.

Thank you very much.


Forrest A. Sirisher, Captain, Kedical Corps, A.U.S.
While the returns from this project will probably never be known completely some observations may be helpful to others who will try. Some sixteen companies responded to Swisher, but with meter mail. Several companies responded with unperfinned stamps. However, Western Electric's reply went further and even provided samples so that Forrest Swischer could assemble the beginnings of the identification of 31 branches of Western Electric. Since there are 88 different patterns known this effort, made shortly after the end of World War II, was just a beginning.

I hope to be able to put together a list of the Cummins perforators as identified in letters to Swisher knowing that once again it will be just a beginning and nowhere near complete. But the effort may be useful, so if you know of a perfin which was made by a Cummins perforator, please let me know about it.

# Western Electric Company 

G. B. PROUD

195 Broadway New York 7, N. Y.
E.F. BAXTER

AssIstant Theasuren
RAY HEDMAN assistant theasuren
E. C. $\mathrm{CH} U R \mathrm{CH}$
supervisor or
FINANCIAL METHOOS
April 12, 1946

CAPTAIN FORREST i. SWISHER
Hedical Corps, i.J.S.
Birmingham General Hospital
Van Nuys, California

Dear Sir:
Your letter of March 13 th addiressed to the \#estern Electric Company, 158 State Street, Albany, New York, has been referred to me for reply.

The Western Electric Company has used machines for perforating postage stamps used on Company mail since Juiy 1915. These perforations have been used on all denominations and issues of stamps except coil stamps. Because of the number of Company offices the perforating machines have been designed with additional perforations around the ${ }^{[J}$ identifying each location. The attached sheet shows the location of these perforations for our respective offices and has a sample stamp attached thereto.

I am also enciosing a few stamps which we have received recently and also a few stamps which we used in 1936 when we previously made a survey of the machines in use. These stamps will appear on our Company mail to practically all netionally known firms which would be too numerous to list herein.

I trust thet the foregoing will serve your purpose end that the few stamps available will be of some value to you.

Very truly yours,


STAMP PERFORATIONS USED BY WESTEFN ELECTRIC COMPANY, INCORPORATED OFFICES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES OF UNITED STATES



## WENT ADS AND NOTICESS

Want ads and notices are published without charge to Club members on a space available basis. Non-member's items are also published on a space available basis if they are considered of interest. While the Perfins Club makes every effort to insure that ads are accurate we can assume no responsibly for these want ads and notices.

If you want to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor. If you desire a checking copy, please include an SASE.

RANSCM! - Tell where to leave ransom to effect your release. We miss you terribly, Mexico FV! Contact: Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY, 12603

TRAVELING PERFIN LEAVES HONE - A previous Bulletin article entitled, "The Traveling Perfin" showed this picture of a previously unknown British perfin and how it was obtained from a Singapore stamp dealer. When the block was to be separated, I promised a copy to Harvey Tilles for his extensive work and funding of the British Catalog. Also one copy goes to our editor for his excellent computerized copy layouts which have placed our Bulletin in a distinctive class for philatelic publications. The remaining two copies

are available to the two best offers received within 30 days after publication of the Bulletin. Harry Rickard, (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020.

EXCHANGE - Will exchange towns \& Types/Bureaus Precancels for T\&T Western States. Provide small lot to commence and state wants. Wm. Turney (\#1538), 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver, B.C., Canada V7P 1 K9.

LAST CALL - Dick Mewhinney has not been able to sell the Jennings collection and Kloss exhibit pages at the asking prices totaling nearly eleven thousand dollars. Therefore, he is offering this material at auction with a reserve. If no satisfactory bids are received by July 1, 1989, the collections will be turned over to Robeson Lowe of London for sale at auction. This will probably result in the world's greatest collection of Victorian perfin material being broken up. If interested, contact Dick by telephone at (201) 695-1266 or by mail at 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882.

WPNIED - Still reed mary U.S. perfirs, precancels \& perfirned precancels. Can exchange perfins, postmeciss, meters, foreign, plus have mery railroad \& model FR bocks and Megerines. Frark Goldedk (\#2517), 308 N . Jeffersun, Harvard, II 60033.

Wenisi - U.S. State Goverment perfins: I, I (mep), IONA, M (in circle), ND, SD, SN/J, T.H, WIS, (US Cat. nos I.5, I5, I61, MB.7, M9, MEB, M9.7, MiO.5, M10.6, M12, N60, N60A, S99, T47, W111 \$ W111.5) an ary issues. Can send Australian G/1BW, CS/NEW and VG in exchange. D.W. Andersen (\#1898), 260 Hawkeslury Rd., Wirmulee, NSN 2771 Australia.

Wenird - Perfins of Palestine, Israel, Trans-Jardan, British \& Frend Levent. Write Jeffirey A. Iesane (\#2679), 2524 NLw York Avenue, Melville, NY 11747.

FCR SME - Cne Catalogue of US Perfins 1979 some perfins erclosed. \$25.00 postpaid. Melvan G. Callihen (\#2646), 5 - 11th Street, Midland, PA 15059.

Winisd - Stamps of Oliver Wendel Holmes with perforated initials. Will send Caredian perfins in exchange. Buce Holmes (\#2584), 64 Maple Circle, Dollard Des Omeaux, Quebec, Caneda HOB 1 D5.

FRR SATE - U.S. Perfin collection for sale, about 1300 stamps mostly mounted, good for the issue collectar, mary precancels. $\$ 75.00$ postpaid in U.S. Neil W. Boatwaight (IM 42), P.O. Bax 1939, Symma, GA 30081.

SFECTAL - Dick Mewhirney hes available three different perfin mechines that he will sell to the highest bidder. From the collection of the late Ralid Stuntaner.
A/S, Catalog A239. Omnirgs $\# 52$ purches 5 designs. No missing pins.

UER/DO, Catalog U29. Camnings \#53 punches 10 desigrs. Beatiful almost pristine condition, black with decorative lines and bress trim. Total of 2 pins missing.
AM, Catalog A176.5. Cumings \#\#53 of later date, painted gray. Nuiber of missing pins with anly about far designs camplete. Bent pins causes mechine not to releese after purching, but still a good machire.
offers carsider until June 1, 1989. Dick Mewhinney (IM 60) 33 Carlton Averwe, Weehingtan, NO O7882. (201) $\%$ 2266.

EXCHMEs - on a catalog besis. Send your alphebetical went list and group of traders \& I'll send what I can fill, plus my went list. I have mainly "Os" thru "Es" with a few "Bs". Also, plese quote an well mised lots of perfins or precancels, per price wented. Charles Pearsan (\#2300), P.O. Bax 317611, Cincirnati, of 45231-7611.

FRR SMEE - 1. Collection of NEw Zeeland perfins. Contains $3600+$ stamps includes covers. Oppartunity to purchese some of the remest perfins in the warld. 2 . Lange collection of British perfins (meny 1000s). Cantains mery perfins an early QV stamps has never been catalogued and contains meny velueble items. 3. Australian perfins (private and goverment, including states). 4. Small collection of World perfins - U.S. Erope, Asia, Canada, etc. Write for details - David R.S. Dell, P.O. Bax 150, Hastings, Nkw Zeeland.


## CANADIAN RAILROAD PEFFINS

J. W. Catterick (\#2094), 210 Steeles Avenue N.W. Apt 2102 Brampton, Ontario Canada L6Y 2K3

CR PERFINS
Seven different Perfins were used by CNR


This Perfin was originally distributed by Canadian Northern Railway Co. from the Winnipeg office. Financial problems developed due to expansion, and on Sept. 30 , 1917, this railway was nationalized as Canadian National Railways, and they continued to use this type of Perfin until 1928.

This Perfin was distributed from the Toronto office from the Medallion issue (1932) until approx. 1957. It was moved to Edmonton Alberta in 1961, and was taken out of use in 1980 .

Originally distributed by Canadian Northern Railway Co. from the Toronto office for use in Ontario and Quebec, starting with the Edward VII issue. On Sept. 30, 1917, this railway was nationalized as Canadian National Railways, and they continued to use this type of Perfin until the Centennial issue of 1967.


This Perfin was distributed only in British Columbia. The first issue used was the Admirals, and it is still
in use in 1987.

Distributed from the Montreal office, this Perfin was used in Quebec province only. It was used on issues from the Admirals (1911) to the Scroll issue (1928).


In 1928 , this Perfin replcaed $C 40$ when it became unrepairable. It is still in use in the Winnipeg office, and it is distributed throughout the Praire Provinces.

This Perfin replcaed $C 44$ in 1928. It was distributed throughout Eastern Canada from Northern Ontario to Nova scotia. The period of use is from the Admirals, (1917) to the Caricatures (1972)
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NOTES:


## NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE:

David Andersen (\#1698), 260 Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee 2777, N.S.W. Australia is looking for information about the Italian Exhibition perfin RFPU-46. The only reference that he has been able to locate (via Perfins Abstracts) is from the SEPS Bulletin May/June 1974, p. 2. indicating that it stands for "Riunione Filatelica Primaverile Veneiana - 1946" and that it originates from a philatelic exhibition held in Venezia in May 1946. Please write to either David or the editor.

Jackie Ryan, our Catalog Sales \& Distribution Manager, sent the following clipping from the February 1989 SEPS Bulletin:


## The Perfin Society

 BulletinCATALOGUES The Catalogue Editor (Tony Liewwllyn-Edwards) has been rather inactive this year due entirely to his personal circumstances - not his lack of interest. This means that we have not had any additions to either the Edwards' or the Tomkin's catalogues for twelve months. He informs us that things are settling and he hopes to be in business again soon. J.M.R.

GARL MOORE JR. of the Precancel Stamp Society sent the following announcement:

The Precancel Stamp Society 68th Convention is to be held August 8-12, 1989, at the Executive Inn Rivermont, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301. The Perfins Club has been invited to join us.

The convention opens on Thursday, August 8th. in the Texas room and will run through Saturday noon. Early birds can meet on Monday and Saturday in the Arizona room across the hall.

Preregistration can be made to Connie Moore, 3009 Kingsley Drive, Decatur, Il 62521-5647, no later than August 5, 1989. The cost is $\$ 3.00$. Otherwise register at the convention starting on Tuesday, August the 8th.

The high light will be Friday night, a 2 hour ( $6-8 \mathrm{pm}$ ) dinner river cruise has been planned aboard the Executive Queen Yacht. Ham and fried chicken will be on the menu. The price of the dinner will be $\$ 12.00$ per person.

The registration fee and dimer may be paid in advance with a $\$ 15.00$ check made out to 1989 FSS Convention mailed to Connie Moore.

There are a limited number of bourse tables available. If you are interested contact: Jack Wilhem, 1120 Wishing Well, Naperville, IL 60565.

A block of 100 rooms has been reserved for the convention. Reservations may be made by writing to the Executive Inn or by calling 1-800-626-1936. Ground transportation is provided by the hotel, but they must know if you will arrive at the Evansville or Owensboro airport and your time of arrival.

Hope to see you all at this convention. Come early and stay late to show your support for the Club.

According to Ralph W. Smith, our secretary, the temperature on March 6 th. was minus 15 with enough wind to drive the wind chill factor down to mimus 60. Ralph also reports that he has been wearing "ice grippers" on his boots to keep from being blown away. Dot will not let him in the house with the grippers on. However, if you send him your dues check ( $\$ 7$ U.S. and Canada $\$ 9$ elsewhere) he will go indoors and take care of the bookkeeping. The address is: Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

FERRIS BROS CO F34
Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020


The F34 pattern, FB/C is for Ferris Brothers Co., as may be noted from the illustrated cover. The Ferrises believed in advertising in a big way, using about half of the envelope space for this purpose.

At some time, the identities of F34 and F34.5 may have been confused and the locations and users incorrectly identified. I have asked our new U.S. Catalog editor, Douglas Cutler, to make this correction in the next Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages. In the mean time you may want to note in your copy of the U.S. Catalog that the user of F34 was located in New York City. While you are at it delete "Ins" after Ferris Bruther's Co.

Is it possible that F34.5 was used by an insurance company in Orange, NJ. Does anyone have any information that will clear up this problem which was brought to light by Jerry Kendall's (IM- 96) find.

PATTERN M258.5
Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon CA 92020

When pattern M258.5 was first noticed, I made a notation in my catalog that it was a die variety. I continued to believe that until recently when I had an opportunity to check three different copies at the same time.


Now, I am of the opinion that Metro Transit Authority had one of their machinists build a perforator for their use. If one or two dies of a perforator were repaired, that would not be anything exceptional. Firms with machine shops have the facilities and equipment to make die repairs.

This time, we do not have a simple repair job. The catalog photo and the two patterns shown here are each individually different in various hole aligmments. Without a stock of the patterns, it is
 not possible to check and determine exactly how many dies were in the perforator.

If anyone has several copies, please check your copies and see if you have any that do not match the U.S. Catalog of the above copies. From information that I receive, I will show any copies that are added. A notation cab be made to the catalog regarding the number of different dies that were used.

## VAFIEIIES ON 1902 ISSUES

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020
Joseph Laurd (\#1238) located a lot of perfins on 1902 issues. Not only are they new to the regular 1902 listings, but these varieties are not represented in the U.S. Catalog.

Eight copies resemble catalog photos, but these have some different hole placements. I am of the opinion that since these 1902's were among the earliest stamps perforated, they were probably made on single die perforators. Either some pins were broken or a device with a larger output was needed.

The successor machines had dies to look like the originals, but it is almost impossible to exactly duplicate all of the pin placements.

You can try your copies on the catalog pictures and the illustrations, but remember that perfin patterns reproduced in the Bulletin are sometimes distorted because of the photo-offset process used.

When fitting your copies on a picture, try to cover one letter completely. If you have that pattern all holes will then be covered. Trying to fit all holes at the same time sometimes gives a false impression by leaving small edges open.

Potential new numbers, to be assigned by our new U.S. Catalog editor, will probably be as noted below the illustration

Look for a listing of 1902 issues that have not been previously reported in a future Bulletin article.


## WHICCH MINB/O DO YOU HAVE?

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon
 CA 92020

The Photo of the left side is a 1902 issue two cent from Joseph Laur'a (\#1238). Joe has developed some skill in detecting new varieties. Once you learn the technique, it is easy.

My initial checking of this copy was to fit the "NM". This showed the outside leg of the " M " to be further away, giving the impression that the leg had been replaced to a new position. Another check, covering the letter " 0 ", gave a more realistic picture. Many of the other holes were partially covered, indicating that it was a new pattern, with different hole layouts than M187 and M187.5.

The photo is any early four cent, perf 12 from my collection, which I had never checked properly. It also does not match M187, shown below, or M187.5 in the U.S. Catalog. It also does not match Joe's stamp.

The presumption of all this is that the same firm used several single dies. It is practically impossible to exactly mate individually made dies. It would be a good idea for all owners of MNB/O to check their copies to ascertain exactly what copy they have.

## HH/A Die Strip

Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue Braintree, Essex CM7 7SJ, England

Some while ago I wrote about the 10 die set of this, as yet unidentified, Great Britain perfin. (See TPB May 1987 p. 73) Placement of the dies in the head were unknown, as was the perforating process. The illustrated strip of ten, with information drawn from pairs, etc., means that the perfin machine perforates vertically with the dies arranged horizontally. An article in the Perfin Society Bulletin is now superseded by this information.

Usage is known on Machine $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{p}, 151 / 2 \mathrm{p}$, and 16 p stamps only. So far, nearly all are tied with a Hasting's (Sussex) slogan postmark, a readable c.d.s being dated 17 June 1985.

As viewed from the reverse, the actual placement of the dies, using the provisional 1-10 numbering is as follows:


So reverse that for the actual placement of the dies. As can be clearly seen, the missing pin in the die 10 was not apparent at the beginning of the run. So, the pin broke at some stage of the perfining. An 8 die strip used additionally with the 10 die strip (positions 8-3) gives a set of C.D.S postmarks in 30 mm circles of "Hastings 12 Jan 1984 7:15PM East Sussex".

Additionally, this style of perfin letters has been noted on some other patterns -- the RH/A one has been noted in 3 styles of differing pin aligrment in the " R ", " H ' or " A ". This could be the new dies starting to be phased in for the Regional Health Authorities, each area has one, after "Area" was deleted from their official titles. It will be recalled that when this first came about the pin for this "A" was taken out, modifying $\mathrm{RA} / \mathrm{HA}$ to $\mathrm{R} / \mathrm{HA}$.

Bill Allen submitted this copy of W66 on postcard. We are unable to tell if it is an illegal or a salesman touching base with a client.


Robert Murrin (LM- 2), P.O. Box 10100
Saint Petersburg, FL 33733


Illustrated above is a First Day of Issue cover for Precancel Permit \#7602 of Saint Petersburg, FL 33733. The 8.3 and 16.7 Popcorn Wagon stamps are perfinned with pattern \# RT which is listed in the U.S. Perfin Catalog as pattern ??? The stamps are canceled with Mailer's postmark Permit \#4. Since mailer's postmarks do not contain a date, the main Saint Petersburg post office was used to apply a CDS on the lower right.

EDITORS NOTE: As usual an attractive cover from Bob Murrin. I have learned to open mail from Bob carefully as his covers always sell at our local club auction. The contents of this envelope was a three page listing of perfins, precancels, stamps and postal history items at reasonable prices. If you want a copy of Bob's current price list write to him at the address given.

Don't forget the listing of Club Officers on the second page of every issue of the Bulletin. The sales division handles perfins (Sal Guarini), covers (Dr. Paul Jackson) and catalogs (Jackie Ryan). If you have any suggestions questions or comments, the Club is ready to help.

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

## NEW MEMBERS:

| 2674 | Slocum, Phillip R.;P.O. Box 975, Live Oak, FL 32060 Gener'al Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith IM-47 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2675 | Pino, Alexander G.; 20941 Glencairn Lane, Huntington Beach, CA 92646 |
|  | General . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Fisher 1152 |
| 2676 | Wenck, Charles F.; 315 Chalet Drive, Birmingham, AL 35209 |
|  | Trieste "A" and AMG . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith LM-47 |
| 2677 | Moulton, John N.; P.O. Box 117, Woolwich, ME 04579 |
|  | General Beginner . . . . . . . . By: Gerstenberger 1067 |
| 2678 | Dethlefsen, Donald H.; 1027 Franz Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045 |
|  | U.S. Begimer . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith LM-47 |

## RE-INSTATE:

1540 Carlson, Ronald E; 5751 Cedar Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805
2071 Massler, Jerold M.; P.O. Box 298, North Salem, NY 10560

## ADDRESS CHANGES:

310 Pieterse, William J.; 62 Boston Post Road, Amherst, NH 03031
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2045 Wojcikowski, MMC; USS PELELIU (LHA-5), FPO San Francisco, CA 96624
2393 Cummins, George S.; 160 East Street, Ashville, of 43103
497 Balough, Joseph J.; P.O. Box 4857, El Paso, TX 79914
L107 Mazzia, Valentino DB, MD-JD; P.O. Box 398139, Miami, FL 33139
2244 Melkerts, Valdis V.; c/o Tony Arnold, 1960 Isabella, Oxmard, CA 93033
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## NEW 1902 LISTINGS

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Allozano Drive, El Cajun CA 92020

Unless you already have any of these, which are new since the last report, you need to lengthen your listing of patlerns or denominalions. Or Lhanks Lo Joseph Laura (\#1238) for reporting these new finds.

| A267A | $\$ .06$ | G72-10 | $\$ .04$ | N182A | $\$ .01$ |
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| D21 | $\$ .03$ | G72-29A | $\$ .03$ | N128A | $\$ .03^{1}$ |
| F103 | $\$ .01$ | G72-29A | $\$ .04$ | 068 | $\$ .01$ |
| G91 | $\$ .01$ | G72-29A | $\$ .06$ | P56 | $\$ .08$ |
| G161 | $\$ .10$ | G72-29A | $\$ 1.00$ | P112 | $\$ .03$ |
| G72-1B | $\$ .01$ | J3 | $\$ .03$ | S287 | $\$ .01$ |
| G72-1B | $\$ .02^{1}$ | J56B | $\$ .06$ | T43.5 | $\$ .04$ |
| G72-1C | $\$ .05$ | J166.5 | $\$ .08$ | T88.5 | $\$ .03$ |
| G72-1C | $\$ .10$ | J56.5 | $\$ .13$ | W7 | $\$ .15$ |
| G72-1C | $\$ 1.00$ | N76 | $\$ .10$ | W13A | $\$ .02^{1}$ |

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The official publication of The Perfins Club, APS affiliate 57

We announce with deep sorrow to all friends.
that on 1st March 1989 VOJTEัCH MAXA
died after a brief and severe illness.

We thank all those who will remember him.

In the name of the family
Věra Dolanská, Veronika Maxová, Alena and Prokop Maxa

Ir. Vera Lolanska, Antoninska 8, I7000 Praha 7.

Notice of the passing away of Vojtech Maxa (\#933) of Czechoslovakia was received from a number of sources. The death notice is reproduced above. Vojtech had been a member of the club for almost 20 years and is best known for his production of various perfin catalogs of Eastern Europe. The Perfins Club produced the first of these in 1972. His publications include:

Perfins from the Territory of Czechoslovakia, 1972 with supplements German language edition of above Czechoslovak language edition of above
"The Last Czech Perfin"
The Perfins of Hungary, 1978
"Perfins of Hungary", The Perfins Bulletin, 1975
Perfins of Hungary, Preliminary edition with Malyon and Grof
"Notes on Romanian Perfins"
"The Perfins of Russia" plus added notes. Czechoslovakian Perfins Catalog, 1988

President Dick Mewinney extends the club's congratulations to Paul Gault for locating what is now the oldest known U.S. perfin usage. He has been awarded a year of membership payments for this find. The president's offer of a year of membership continues to be offered to anyone who can come up with an earlier usage.

Crofton, MD, April 24, 1989
This issue, like the last is late as a result of ey income tax work. Hovever, we did have a bit of a scare with the April issue. One quarter of the printed copies went astray between the printer and the publisher. Fortunately, they eventually showed up.

The Maryland Commercial Driver's License Act was passed by the Karyland General Assenbly by unanimous vote in its recent session. This is one of the nost significant pieces of highway safety legislation in two decades.

I have, at this point, reduced ny backlog of Perfins Club correspondence sonewhat. I have caught up to March 2, 1989. I regret my inability to respond the day that I receive your letters; however, practical considerations cone first.

This issue of The Bulletin is being produced on our new printer, an ALPS Allegro 24. As you way have noted in the April issue, the Toshiba "threw" another pin. Since the repair estinate on that printer was greater than the cost of the new printer, I decided to replace rather than repair.

The weather in Maryland has turned varn, the sunner birds have returned, the bay is calling and we are all looking forward to our first Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs about the tine that you receive this issue.

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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

ANSWERS TO QUESTTION \#1 - MOUNTING \& CATALOGING PERFINS
From Dog Cutler (\# 2113), U.S. Catalog Editor wrote to add these suggestions for perfins that are not from the U.S.:

Many fine individual country Perfin catalogs are available from the Perfins Club Library and Sales Departments. There also is an ongoing publication of the Perfins Club to cover the whole world. This is The World's Perfins Catalog. Pages and sections of this catalog are issued from time to time in The Perfins Bulletin. These sources will help many perfin collectors in identifying their perfins. Why not write the Librarian today? Remember to enclose an SASE with your request. My suggestion for mounting perfins is illustrated below.

Perforator Info: Probable: two dies.

The card illustrated above is based on the Everett Catalogue of Spanish Perfins. The back of the card is also available to record useful information. My perfins album page uses the same heading less the bit about "Perforator Info:"

For those countries that have more than one perfins catalog, I can list the various cross references. For example, the Edwards, Tilles and Thorton numbers for Great Britain.

An article on page 50 of Linn's Stamp News for January 30, 1989 entitled "Various Defects make stamps space fillers" does not mention
perfins according to Doug Cutler. Perhaps the philatelic press and stamp dealers are learning. Things are looking up for perfins. Part of the reason is that revenue dealers are trying to sell revenue stamps with perforated initials.

Harold Hagreen (\#2528) of 2384 Victoria Street, Prince George, B.C., Canada, V2L 2 M2 provided secretary Ralph Smith with several observations which we will pass along. The Secretary's notice in the January issue caught his eye and Harold notes:

The highest membership number dropped was reported as joining the Club in May of 1988 and there may not be much validity in small samples, there are some interesting things to note from the table that he put together.

Members Dropped or Resigned Feb 87 - Jan 89

|  | Collecting Interests | New Members | Resigned Percent or Dropped |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. | Very Specialized | 4 | 4 | 100 |
| 2. | Misc. small countries (excludes US, GB and Germany) | 10 | 5 | 50 |
| 3. | Interest not given | 2 | 1 | 50 |
| 4. | U.S. Only | 12 | 7 | 58.3 |
| 5. | U.S. Beginners | 32 | 8 | 25.0 |
| 6. | U.S. plus some other country | 12 | 2 | 16.6 |
| 7 | Worldwide (includes General) | 23 | 4 | 17.4 |
| 8. | Worldwide Beginners | 9 | 3 | 33.3 |
| 9 | GB (includes other countries by 3 ) | 7 | 0 | 00 |
| 10. | Germany (4 Beginners, 1 named another country) | 5 | 0 | 00 |
| 11. | Beginners (No preference listed) | 8 | 0 | 00 |
|  | TOTALS | 126 | 36 | 28.6 |
|  | BEGINNERS TOTAL | 53 | 11 | 20.8 |

The loss of $100 \%$ in the first category probably should be expected when one looks at the specialties listed; one for example was of a single, very scarce perfin.

Categories 4, 5, and 6 taken together have an overall loss of $30 \%$. This should be the mainstay of the Club and your suggestions to the editor on how to prevent this loss would be appreciated.

Beginners, in general seem to have better staying power than those who profess to be beyond that state of collecting.

The moral, if you do not want to become lost in statistics, is to sit down and send your dues check in to Secretary Ralph Smith, R,R. 1, Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225. Don't put it off, do it today.

Jacob Kisner (\# 2168) wrote to add to the Perfins taxonomy provided by Bob Schwerdt in TPB, February 1989, p. 31. Jack reports that the word for perfins in Finnish is:

SUOJAREI'ITETYT POSTIMERKIT -- literally punch protected postage stamps.
Suoja $=$ protect
Reiittaa $=$ perforate or punch
Posti $=$ postage
Merkit

Simple, eh? Now try to say it.

Charles Pearson (\#2300), who is also the Secretary of the Ohio Precancel Club, provided the cover illustrated below. What has it to do with perfins?


I'm glad you asked. Really, it has no direct connection with perfins, but, if you could run your fingers over the stamps and note the braille emblems. The inscription on the stamps, in French translates to, "For the good of the blind." Since the stamps almost appear to be perfinned, he thought it would be a nice item for the Bulletin. I tried to figure out how to illustrate this item for a while. You can note the braille markings in the enlarged stamp illustration. It appears in the white margin at the bottom of the stamp.

Edward S. Hoyt (\#292), 225 W. Coover (Rear) \#2, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 has a head of steam up. In an open letter to the membership, he wrote:

I collect "generally", although I like to think that I specialize in Denmark, Railroads, and the perfins of Pennsylvania. My method of collecting and storing is, thus: When I acquire ...

One perfin - it goes into my album.
Two perfins - one, to the album and the other into my stockbook.
More than two (of the same issue) - one into the album, one of each issue into the stockbook, as in "series" collecting (i.e., c, 1c, etc.), with the balance (duplicates) going into"marked" glassines.

These duplicates go into making up "hand-out" packets for prospective new members, as well as to visitors who attend local stamp shows.

Now, why am I telling you all this? For two reasons. One, for those who are a little undecided as how to collect or store their perfins. Two, just an excuse to get your attention.

Would you like to know, approximately, how long a certain perfin was in actual use? I would like to take a mini-survey, with your help, to come up with some satisfying figures. I realize that there are a hundred perfins, of which you may never see a copy, and an other hundred of which there are only two or three known copies of the 1908 issues; but then, there are the more common types that keep popping up with later stamp issues.... For instance, my C85 C(CO) has only 27 issues, beginning with Scott Catalogue number 1036, the 4c Lincoln and ending with Scott Catalogue number 1858, 30c Dr. Laubach. M10.6 (M)cir. has 47 issues, Scott Catalogue number 1280 to the $\$ 1.00$ Bernard Revel.. My N182 NYC has 76 issues, Scott Catalogue numbers 331 to 1213.

What are your views on this matter?

This must be the month for open letters. Larry Owen (LM-46), 1808 Lakecrest Court, Carrollton, TX 75006 sent the following "open letter".

As a long time collector of perfins, I find continued difficulty in adding to my collection. The A and B perfins I want rarely come to auction or sale. Having never concentrated on branch offices or designs with an added hole or two, there are many D and E perfins missing in my collection. These also are rarely offered at auction and as far as I know few collectors sort them by numbers so they can sell them or exchange with others.

It seems to me that if collectors would package groups of D and E perfins by letter and branch office, others might find a chance of filling gaps without much expense or effort.

I have had little success in inviting exchanges. Has this situation changed? Are there any suggestions out there? I have hundreds of C and B duplicates eager for exchange.

As most of you know, the editor is slow in answering mail during the income tax season. Elwood Meschter (1966) letter addressed to President'Dick Mewhinney has been laying around in the editor's in box since February.

Dear Dick:
One of my New Year resolutions was to take the time and effort to relly to your paragraph on the front page of The Perfins Bulletin last June. It made what I consider to be somewhat moralistic comments about the "theft of postage."

During the 1940 s, I was one of a number of men who travelled for the Link-Belt Company out of Chicago. Each man received each week an envelope from the cashier of the Pershing Road Plant with a cash advance along with a strip of five 3-cent perfinned stamps (L44). This was to insure that each man would send a daily report of activity without an excuse of "lack of postage stamps."

While Link-Belt stationery was freely available, frequently it was more convenient to use envelopes from local hotels, YMCAs, or even a customer -- particularly when sending blueprints or catalogs back to Chicago. As a result, perfinned stamps ended up on a variety of corner cards. In addition, the company authorized travelers to write home using the perfins, as a fringe benefit, not larceny.

Over the years, I accumulated quite a number, perhaps 50 or 60 , of these stamps; remember they were issued automatically. When I tried to return them the plant accountant flatly refused to accept them saying, "What do you expect me to do with this mess of stamps?" He advised me to throw them away if I could not use them since they had already been accounted for on his records. So, I used them on personal mail with a clear conscience.

When I was assigned to the Pittsburgh sales office, a similar procedure was in place. Each salesman purchased sheets of perfinned stamps and accounted for them as reimbursement in units of $\$ 3.00$ on his expense account report. I did not have the presence of mind to inspect the perforating machine; besides, it was discarded in favor of a Pitny-Bowes ${ }^{T M}$ shortly after I arrived.

With stamps so readily available, it became easy to slip into the practice of using the company's postage on virtually all mail, not just on company business. I rather surmise that every traveling man in the office did also.

During the early 1950s and even into the 1960s permit business reply envelopes were not as oommon as they were to become in later years. It was not unusual to receive a number of reply cards and reply envelopes with return postage prepaid by perfins that originated from department store, mail order companies, gasoline companies and a variety of other direct-mail enterprises.

My young son got his start in philately at that time by soaking off these stamps and organizing them into a modest collection. He must have accumulated sever hundred different perfins before he tired of this activity and graduated to baseball cards and comic books. It only seemed logical to him to use these uncancelled stamps on his growing correspondence during the next few years rather than spend his allowance on postage stamps at the post office.

Link-Belt Company had regularity most of whom multiply this by the hou traveling men, perhaps it is surprising that there are not far more misused perfins around. Part of the answer may be that the preponderance of perfins were removed from the covers that would prove that they were some kind of contraband.

I hope that the first-hand account of the origin of perfins may be enlightening to indicate the prevalence of alien usage and to suggest that not every use was, necessarily larceny.

Notes on the perfin publicity project. President Dick Mewhinney reports that we have removed the FHA perfin from this project because of an apparent shortage. We have substituted F161, the F/RB perfin. Project manager Kurt Ottenheimer, West Walnut Street, Long Beach, NY 11561 still is looking for contributions and reports that he is in need of: ATT, B\&M and W (flag). Any help will be appreciated. Pack up those duplicates and send them to Kurt today.

The stamps needed for the promotional project are coming in. Kurt has made up over 300 packets and is working on this project regularly. We
have received donations from 30 members including one contribution from a member in France. Some designs are in short supply, but apparently we will never run out of $\mathrm{BE} / \mathrm{NY}$ of $\mathrm{S} / \mathrm{NJ}$.

A rather long note from Roy Everett (\#2635) who among others reported the passing of VOJTECH MAXA. Anyhow Roy's point for this correspondent was to make sure that I understood why catalog illustrations may not exactly match perfins. Roy's comments were:


#### Abstract

Well, paper does react to climate, humidity being the worst aspect. Heat also affects paper, but not so much now as in former days. Printing is the main culprit! You get spread vertical or horizontal if it is not done just right - hence the Edwards Welsh Catalog is all too wide on all the illustrations if you care to check it. Some photocopiers tend to shrink the copy (Ed's note: the reason why we warn readers that Bulletin illustrations are not necessary accurate). I work on a basis that I keep a true copy of the item and then lay it over a photocopy, if it matches then it is OK, if not the thing goes back to the printer to be done at his expense.


William Turney, (\#1538) wrote to comment on the article in the March Bulletin regarding the price one should pay for perfins:

Another collector had offered me a good number of perfins. He was interested in exchanging for certain stamps he required for his general collection. He listed the stamps by Scott Catalogue number and pattern. Some of the perfins were early Commonwealth, having considerable duplicates. Although I made an offer, he was of the opinion that he should receive $20 \%$ of catalogue value for the stamps. There has to be a happy medium somewhere!

Laurence H. Rehm (\#808), 1743 Leisure World, Mesa, AZ 85206 would appreciate information on any U.S. firms which employed the German-made POKO coil stamp perforating and affixing machine. He would also appreciate any data on U.S. made stamp affixing machines, as well as any literature on this subject.

The Perfins Club has taken a table at the PSS convention this August. The table will be manned by officers and committee chairmen that are present. This will be the Club's first meeting since 1987 and we are fortunate to enjoy the invitation of the Precancel Stamp Society to join them in Owensbory, KY.

The PSS 1989 convention is being held August 8 to 12 at the Executive Inn Rivermont, One Executive Boulevard, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301. The convention is sponsored by the Illinois Stamp Club, local section \#7-29 of PSS. The Perfins Club has been invited to join this convention.

The convention opens on Tuesday, August 8 in the Texas Room and will run through Saturday noon. Early Birds can meet on Monday and Saturday in the Arizona Room across the hall from the Texas Room. During the convention the Arizona Room is reserved for traders, swappers and the Perfins Club.

Preregistration can be made to Connie Moore, 3009 Kingsley, Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62521, no later than August 5. Registration is $\$ 3.00$. Otherwise, register at the convention.

The highlight will be the Friday evening banquet, a two hour ( $6-8 \mathrm{pm}$ ) dinner river cruise aboard the Executive queen yacht. Ham and fried chicken will be on the menu. The price of the dinner and cruise will be $\$ 12.00$ per person. Both the registration fee and dinner may be paid in advance with a $\$ 15.00$ check made out to "PSS Convention" and mailed to Connie Moore, address above.

A block of 100 rooms has been reserved for the convention. Reservations may be made by writing directly to the Executive Inn or phone, toll free 1-800-626-1936. For those of you arriving by air, get your plane reservations to either Evansville, IN or Owensbororo, KY. Free groung transportation is provided by the Executive Inn. In order for the Inn to know how much transportation is needed and at what time, use the form printer here to give them the airport and time of arrival.

Eharge, Visa or Executive Inn credit cards honored. Room Locations cannot be guaranteed.





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| J6 | J.G. $1,2,3,4,5$ | John Garlick | Capetown |
| J7 | J.N./Co. 5 | J. W. Jagger \& Co. |  |

J9 JWJ/\&CO $1,2,3,4,5 \quad$ J. W. Jagger \& Co. LTD. | Capetown |
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NOTES:
L4 is found on coil stamps.

## WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Want ads and notices are published without charge for Club members on a space available basis. Non-nenber's itens are accepted if they are considered to be of interest. While the Perfins Club nakes every effort to insure that ads are accurate, the Club can not assume responsibility for these want ads and notices.

If you wish to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please mail it to the editor.

A DOUBLB DBLIGHT - My first interests in stamps began about 1917. It was all "XID" stuff as neither I nor my buddies were avare of any other collectors. It was not until the early 1930 s that I became acquainted with serious collectors. I started collecting bureau prints and joined the Precancel Stamp Society. Those were delightful years, hunting precancels everywhere possible. Among the Bureau prints there are desirable patterns as in any other type of collecting. At that time, the New Orleans experimental was one of these desirable patterns. I never did get the scarce 1 c Liberty, NO, but I did auction one when I became a precancel dealer. I an offering one of the New Orleans experimental patterns with perfin pattern U32 to the highest bidder. Best offer received within 30 days gets it. Harry Rickard (1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, Bl Cajon, CA 92020.

SBEKING - Swine-related perfins to purchase. SON; S206; Cudahay, C356A-C356; Swift, S2-24A - S2-41, etc.; International Stock Food Conpany, [96.5; and various other stockyard and packing companies' perfins on or off cover. Jane Fohn ( $\$ 2589$ ), Route 2, Leander, TX 78641.

BRITISH SOUTH APRICA COMPANY - I have several nice sets of the scarce and attractive British South Africa Company "double poitrait" high values, Scott Catalog numbers 111 112 with neat "date" perfins. The two stalaps in set catalog at a high $\$ 44.00$. If you can use a set, they are just $\$ 7.50$ to you. Jacob Kisner ( 1, 254 Park Avenue South, Penthouse P, New York, NY 10010.

NANTBD - To buy, perfins on any kind of stanp fron any country, any amount. Send with your price for the lot, Joe Laura Jr. (\$1238), P.O. Boy 249, West Warehan, MA 02576.

Echos From The Past - III
Paul Jackson (L4-5), 10 Brentuood Road Raritan, NJ 08869.

This "How To" article from the past was authored by Charles Bein, one of the early contributers to our hobby in both this country and in Great Britain. You night not the sinilarties between Kr . Bein's suggestions and those of our U.S. Catalog editor elseuhere in this issue.

We extend a warm welcome to our first overseas member, Charles Bein, who would like to exchange if conditions permit.
2. Charies Bein

Charles St. John's Wood, High st., London, N. W. S.
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HOW I MOUNT MY PERFINS Charles Bein
When I first started collecting perfins I happened to possess an empty stamp album of oblong design which I thought would be most suitable for my purposes, and I have adhered to the size of its leaves ever since. The orginal leaves were unobtainable during the war, in fact, the album was not made any longer and it took me a long time to find a suitable substitute, in the shape of foolscap sheets of quadrille paper which I trimmed down to the reqiured size to fit into the springback cover. That cover had to be discarded very soon, though, because it did. not hold more than about 75 sheets and I now merely use pieces of thick, card-
board as outside covers, these homemade albums being held together by broad bands of elastic at either end. I think boxes would be more suitable but I would be unable to buy them or have them made in these days of restrictions, shortages, and controls. I have a volume for each letter of the a!phabet, excepting $Q$, . $\mathrm{X}, \mathrm{Y}$, and Z which, covering a few pages only, are included in the pre ceding volume, and there is a special volume, "Various" for extraordinary Perfins such as Trade Marks, Numbers, etc. My thickest volumes are for the letters B and C which have nearly 500 pages, with S and T as close runners-up. The size of my oblong album leaves is $91 / 2 \times 71 / 2$ ins.; there are 37 vertical and 28 horizontal lines forming small squares at their intersecting

## Double Delight

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Dr., El Cajon, CA 92020

New Orleans N.O. exp. on When I started collecting in the 1930s experimental Bureau print
 money was scarce. So I began collecting Bureau Prints and joined the PSS and bought their catalog. They were delightful years, hunting precancels everywhere possible.

I worked for an advertising firm, of ten without contracts. The boss wanted an office in Altoona, Pennsylvania, so that I could cover Johnstown and other areas near Altoona. My good luck was that the boss paid for the apartment rental plus $\$ 100.0$ per month. Even after the car expenses, which came out of the $\$ 100.00$, I had a few bucks to play with.

It was there that I met my first serious precancel collectors. In order to obtain copies for collecting and swapping, I purchased occasional Mission Mixtures. There were lots of precancels among them. Also, I found a new type of stamp with holes punched in it. My friends told me those stamps were no good as the holes destroyed their value. Unknown to me, I had hit upon a way of acquiring a number one perfins collection with some of those early patterns which today are either unknown or are highly rated. Unfortunately, I kept only the precancels.

As in any other type of collecting there are desirable patterns among the bureau prints. At that time, the New Orleans experimental print was highly desirable and fortunately I kept the pair pictured above.

## HOW MANY CATALOG PATTERNSS ARE EFOMM SINGLE DIE DEVICESS?

> Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020

My retirement as U.S. Catalog Editor has made more time available to pursue a study on the usage of single die devices. As more and more are uncovered, I thought it would be a good idea to compile a list of them. I have found that some firms had more than one and others retired their single die device in favor of a muti-die machine.

Many of the new look-alikes in the Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages are from other single dies used by the firms. Since starting the research, it has resulted in the finding of other look alikes.


Operators of the devices differed from the careful, concerned person who made the T75A strip (above), to the juvenile office boys, who probably made the examples illustrated below. Such poor work must have been intentional.


Multi-head punches are usually found in a normal position, and we know that the spacing between patterns is regular. If a stamp sheet was place flush at the base and advanced along the guide, all patterns would be in the same position.

The T75A strip shown above, was probably made by a concerned employee, with a single die device. A multi-head would have the same spacing between each pattern and the patterns would be parallel. In the case of the strip illustrated, spacing is off and the patterns are not quite parallel (compare the tops of the patterns).

On the other hand, each of the singles show frustration and dislike of the task. However, they do permit us to classify the patterns as having been made by a single die.

PERFED FOR A PRICE
Harry Rickard (\#1802)
1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020


I have heard that at one time it was possible, in Great Britain, to have stamps punched with your choice of initials, for a small fee. This would preclude the need to purchase a perforator.

That might be how this differently spaced pair originated on British stamps. Such things would make it difficult to know which spacing differences are different varieties and which result from being perforated on demand.

# SAPPOFO CAARDENING COMPANY 

Edwin C. Haack (\#770), 10930 NE Klickitat Street
Portland, OR 97220-2724
The Oregon Stamp Society in Portland, OR sponsors a stamp fair the second Saturday of every month. I try to attend every fair, because, you never know what might show up. After a long period with no finds, this cover with Adachi E65 of the Sapporo Englei Nojyo \& Co. (Gardening Company) showed up for my collection. Persistence pays off.

## THE SAPPORO ENGEI NOJYO \& CO.

## SEED GROWERS

SOUTH 9 , WEST T. SAPPORO.
JAPAN.


Jenks-White Seed Co. Salem, Oregon, U. S. A.


A169 ADDITIONAL USAGE
Pattern A169 has been around for many years. The earliest known usage is on Scott Catalogue number 332. An entry in the Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages 1-82 by Joseph J. Balough includes "A169 Positive ID -- The Arlington Co., NYC; also E.R. Crowe." However, member John G. Funkhouser (\#1638) has submitted the cover illustrated on the next page showing another user for this popular pattern. The corner card is "El Automovil Americano" of 231-141 West 39th. Street, New York, NY. Please add this to your catalog as an additional user.


1902 Patterns
Paul Mistretta (L -111), 722 Indian Manor Court
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
The last update of 1902 patterns was published in June of 1986. Dick Mewhinney and Harry Rickard have added several new denominations for old patterns (previously reported patterns) and also a new pattern. They are as follows:

| Previously reported | New pattern |
| :---: | :---: |
| A40 - 3c | B255 - 2c |
| B53 - 3c |  |
| B266-3c |  |
| D129-5c |  |
| L57-5c |  |
| N101-3c |  |
| Y11-6c |  |

The full original list was published in March and June 1985 with an update in June 1986.

## C.V. BL.ACKBURN ADDENDDUM

## Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive El Cajon, CA 92020

In addition to the material previous published on C.V. Blackburn, a pioneer perfin collector, I have located the following information hand written. It has been typed for appearance and reproduction purposes.

## Friend Ward;

Very glad you loaned me the 6 enclosed. Did you find TGC/\&Co? (Now rated A. Only 5 copies were reported at the time of the 1982 survey) I got a print of them from Dr. (unclear) taken from one you had. Would like to make one of my prints.

I enclose blue prints of all my duplicates, pairs, blocks, etc. Mark with red pencil what you want and return list. The exchange value scheme I have adopted-proposed by a western collector.

Listed below are Blackburn's "Exchange Values." Cash prices were ten percent of the exchange value.


## LOOK FOR A SURPRISE

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive, El Cajon, CA 92020


G-72


G72-1B

General Electric is now one of the giants of industry. At one time, as with many other major firms, they began in a small way. With aggressive leadership and many acquisitions, the empire grew and grew.

The two GE perfins illustrated above are on copies of the 10c 1902 issue. The surprise is that, although on the same issue and pattern look-alikes, they are different. The first, fits pattern G72 very nicely. The adjoining copy, although on the same denomination, was evidently made at an earlier date and it happens to be G72-B. To date, no other copies have been reported.
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## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225

## NEW MEMBERS:

| 2679 | Lessne, Jeffrey A.; 2524 New York Avenue, Melville, NY 11747 |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith LM-47 |
| 2680 | Knoph, Hallstein, PL 936, S-452 05 Syd-Koster, Sweden |
|  | U.S. \& World |
| 2681 | Hodge, Robert W.; 1701 Clinton Street; Apt. \#206, Los Angles, CA 90026 |
|  | U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Ryan 2601 |
| 2682 | Ross, Robert A.; Box 162 HHD-207 MI BDE, APO NY 09279 |
|  | U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . By: Gerstenberger 1067 |

2683 Ericksen, Fred L; P.O. Box 821, Fond Du Lac, WI 54936
U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Hoyt 292

2684 Toop, Bryan R.; 2 Baxter St., Timboon, Victoria, 3268 Australia Australia . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Ryan 2601
2685 Andrews, Robert N.; 408 Ekin Avenue, Elizabeth, PA 15037
U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Gerstenberger 1067

2686 Carcary, James R.; 220 Churchill Avenue; Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2R 1E3
U.S. Beginner

By: APS
2687 Gerace, Thomas J; P.O. Box 923, La Habra, CA 90633 U.S. . . . . . . . . . . . By: Walker 849

## RE-INSTATE:

2401 Sager, Phillip M.; P.O. Box 833, West Hartford, CT 06107

## ADDRESS CHANGES:

LM47 Ratzer, Earl M.; 1700 Beaver Ridge Drive, Kettering, OH 45429
LM47 Ratzer, Helen Q.; 1700 Beaver Ridge Drive, Kettering, OH 45429
1363 Stiles, Everett; P.O. Box 4469, Hemet, CA $92343^{\circ}$
SUMMARY:
Members as of January 31, $1989 \quad 759$
New Members +9
Re-instated
$+1$
Members as of February 28, $1989 \quad \overline{769}$

Don't get left behind, mail in your dues payment for July 1989 to June 1990 today. It is only $\$ 7.00$ (U.S. and Canada, $\$ 9.00$ elsewhere) for the best deal in philately. Send checks to Ralph Smith, address above.

The Perfins Bulletin
1700 Beaver Ridge Drive Kettering, OH 45429

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Many firms initially started out with single die devices. From my studies of the hundreds of copies that I have seen, I have been able to come to the conclusion that many of these single die perforators were mistreated. These devices could not withstand the abuse of being overloaded or of having the operating lever jerked roughly. As a result of breakage many firms which wanted to continue to use perfins shifted to a multi-head device when they outgrew the single die device or when its pins snapped off from maltreatment.

The lack of confirming copies of $\mathrm{G} 72-1 \mathrm{~B}$ is a strong indication that this pattern was punched with a short lived single die device. Since it is rated $A$, members are encouraged to check their copies of G72 to see if one of them may be this elusive pattern.

The 1B pattern has a smaller spacing between the two " $G$ " bar holes. Additionally, if you try matching the bar and the first hole of the letter "G", you will note that the rear holes of the letter G are not aligned. Good luck in your hunt and if you are lucky, please send a photocopy to me and our U.S. Catalog Editor for verification.

For my research work on single die devices, I would appreciate photocopies or stamps in pairs, strips or blocks showing pattern alignments that could not have been made by a multi-head device.

## The TErFins Bullexin

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1918 AIRMAII PEREIN ON COVER

Joe R. Kirker (\#1777), Box 360, Lansing, IL 60438
In the November/December 1987 Bulletin, the author gave examples of known 1918 airmail perfins (i.e., Scott Catalogue numbers C1-3) from his collection. Later in the March 1988 Bulletin an update was provided, thanks to our members who had responded to the earlier article. All of these were off cover examples; however, now we have a documented on cover use of a previously listed perfin on the 1918 airmail issue.

Robert Siegel's auction of February 15-16, 1989 yielded the illustrated C1 cover. The flight is listed a \#118(d) in the American Air Mail Catalog and the perfin on the 6 c orange is listed as P185 in The Perfin Club's U.S. Perfin Catalog. Pattern P185 was used by the Penton Publishing Company of Cleveland, Ohio. Penton published numerous trade journals, including the Iron Trade Review.

RETURNin five oave to
The Iron Trade Review
CLEVELAND, OHIO

## Via Airplane Post



This letter was carried on the first airplane mail trip from Cleveland to New York

Strong \& Trowbridge co., 17 Battory Place मeتा York, ह. Y.

Several missing pins are evident on this example, including two in the "o" of "Co.", but all other pins match precisely. This is the only 1918 airmail issue the author has ever seen on cover.

Crofton, MD, May 17, 1989
Elsemhere in this issue are several Club announcenents. They address the Hallock Card Amard, nonination of officers for the next year, the reworking of the 'haericas' section of the Horld Perfins Catalog, and the neeting in owensboro, Ky later this summer.

We are indeed fortunate that The Precancel Stalp Society extended an invitation to join then at their annual convention. To quote the words of the Jin Kingman, President of the PSS printed in The May 1989 issue of The Precancel forun.:

This year's annual convention in Owensboro, Kentucky, pronises to be particularly special. The presence of the Perfins Club will enable nembers of two similar and likeminded groups to get together to share ideas, experiences, and since our collecting areas truly overlap. even stanps.

Certainly there are fem stanps that offer as much real postal history as precanceled perfins, for front and back alike tell a coherent story. Nor are there two groups of collectors who can share so much information so profitably about each others specialty. He welcone then, and we will learn from then. And lets thank the host Illini Precancel stanp Club for coning up with such a good idea.

Jin has said it all. He thank the Precancel Stamp Society and especially the Illini Precancel Stanp Club for the invitation.

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## NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE . . .

Christian Rueger (\#1834) of West Germany wrote earlier this year to bring our attention to the sale of The Villanova Collection which is considered to be one of the last important vending collections to come to the marketplace. The owner of this collection, which was auctioned by William R. Weiss Jr., at the Collectors Club New York on April 8, 1989 included one lot of great interest to perfin collectors. It was lot 993 and its description follows:

U COLLECTION OF PERFORATED PRIVATE the most extensive collection of no different Companies stamps, 20 covers and 25 duplicate stamps! By comparison, the Cohen Collection contained only 10 covers and 37 different stamps (Realized-\$2,530.). Contains such rarities as; PC36 on \#409, PC28 on \#408 (first I've seen on \#408), PC19 on \#409, etc., also present are the rare $8 \& 12$-hole experimental Mail-OMeter Controls on \#343-4). A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to acquire such a powerful group of this highly-prized specialty .... ENV $\$ 3000 / 4000$...Reserve \$2,000.00

A cover from the lot is illustrated below.


On the 28 th of April, your editor drove to Silver Spring, MD to attend the Capital Precancel Club's 20 th Annual Spring

Precancel Roundup. I met a number of fine collectors, dealers and catalog editors including Perfin Club members Jim Callis (\#2530) of VA, T. George Gilinsky (\#569) of DC and Bob Fifield (\#1652) of NY. This mini-Club meeting was enjoyable as it was the first time that $I$ had met the three gentleman. They, as I, are looking forward to seeing you at the PSS Perfins Club Convention this summer.


One of the nice things about the Perfins Club is the willingness of members to share information. Illustrated to the left (I hope) is another braille stamp. (See TPB, May 1989, page 101) This was submitted by Jacob (Jack) Kisner (\#2168), who states that it is a Finnish braille "stamp" which sells for 50 pennia to aid the Finnish blind. These stamps and "stamps" would, according to Jack, make a nice topical, but they are difficult to reproduce.

Roy Everett (\#2635) reports that A.G.P Ellis (\#1853) is deceased. However, his death occurred shortly after he published Alnis Guide No 7 - Perfins of Ceylon. This is 52 pages of illustrations and information with a scarcity guide. The cost is reported at $\# 4.00$ postpaid in the United Kingdom and sea mail overseas. \#5.20 postpaid by air mail. Order from Andrew Hall, P.O. Box 62, York YO1 1YL, England.

Just in case you did not know, Jane King Fohn (\#2589) is the Editor and Advertising Manager of The Texas Philatelist. Of interest in the March/April issue was a display advertisement for Perfins, stamps-post cards-baseball cardscollectibles. Joe Balough (\#497).

Perfins Watch! Jacob Kisner (\#2168) reports seeing two perfin items in the William R. Weiss Jr. auction catalog for May 20, 1989. This sale will be held at the Collector's Club of New York City. The first item is lot 2816: Shipping tag from San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank, with 7 copies of Scott Catalog number 518, all with perfins. Starting bid $\$ 75.00$. The second item is lot 2820: Shipping tag with Scott Catalogue number 547 tied with a pair of Scott Catalog number 516, all with Boston "FRB" perfins. Starting bid is $\$ 300.00$. The illustrations clearly show perfins F170 ( $\mathrm{FRB} / \mathrm{SF}$ ) and $\mathrm{F} 161(\mathrm{~F} / \mathrm{RB})$ respectively. On lot 2820 , the starting bid is just under one-half of catalog value for the stamps -- which reveals that the perfinned stamps suffer no liability as to value.

HALLOCK CARD AWARD - President Richard Mewhinney announced the appointment of Ralph W. Smith as chairman of the 1989 Hallock Card Award Committee. The Hallock Card Award is given to the Club member who has made the most significant contribution to the Club during the past year and/or to a member who has consistently assisted the development and growth of the Club. It is named after the Club's founder, Hallock Card of Otselc, NY. While the selection criteria are entirely left up to the committee members, traditionally, no one has been selected twice. In addition to Ralph, former winners are: David C. Stump, Leonard H. Paul, Dorothy H. Savage, James P Harris, L.R. Murray, Richard L. Mewhinney, Vojtech Maxa, Ivan Ley, Floyd A. Walker, Robert J. Wolley, Joe and Dorothy Balough, Jack Gooding, Robert J. Schwerdt, Rudy Roy, John Johnson, Gary Tomasson, Paul Mistretta, and Harry Rickard.

Members are encouraged to submit their nominations for the award to Chairman Ralph Smith at R.R. 1 Box 5645 , Dryden, ME 04225 as soon as possible.

If you are reading this announcement and you have not made your 1989-90 dues payment, you are in arrears. Get your check in the mail before you are dropped from the roster. Send payments ( $\$ 7.00$ U.S. and Canada and $\$ 9.00$ elsewhere) to: Ralph Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED - President Richard Mewhinney announced the appointment of a nominating committee for election of officer's for 1990-1993. F.R. Ellwanger has been appointed chairman. He will be assisted by I.W. Holloway and F.J. Miller. Two positions are up for election this year: Vice President and Secretary. Any member wishing to make a nomination should contact Committee Chairman, Bob Ellwanger, 904 Miami Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15228 prior to September first at which time nominations are to be closed.

One of the problems faced by new members is the difficulty in obtaining copies of the World Perfins Catalog pages that were published in the Bulletin prior to their joining the Club. Secretary Ralph Smith may be able to help you with back issues. Contact him for details and costs. The Americas section of the World Perfins Catalog was issued a number of years ago and numerous Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages have been printed since the original issue. The Club currently has a project to publish an updated version of the Americas section of the World Perfins Catalog.

President Dick Mewhinney has designated Foreign Catalog Editor, Bob Schwerdt, and Harold Hagreen as Co-Editors for the remaking of the "Americas" section of The World Perfins Catalog. Bob developed these pages starting back in late 1982 and they came out to the membership in Bulletins through 1984.

Much interest has been shown in revising the material for the "Americas" section to include all Additions and Corrections pages material in their proper place. It is hoped that this revision can be completed and offered as a major section in the yet to be completed World Perfins Catalog.

ANNUAL MEETING - August 8 th. draws near. Have you made your plans to join us at the PSS Convention at the Executive Inn Rivermount, Owensboro, Kentucky. While the official dates are August 8-12, "Early Birds" are welcome on the 7 th. "Early Birds" can meet in the Arizona Room on the seventh and "Die Hards" can use the same room on the thirteenth. In between these two days the same room will be available for trading and swapping.

A block of 100 rooms has been reserved for the convention. Room rates and details were printed in the Bulletin last month. You may make reservations by calling 1-800-626-1936.

See you in Kentucky.
W.J Hanson (\#2651), of 3 Elgin Close, Vicars Cross, Chester, Cheshire CH3 5JS, United Kingdom submitted the illustrated Oleomargarine Tax paid stamp with punch cancel in the "Giant Perfin" category that was sparked by "A Giant Perfin" TPB, March, 1989 , p. 58.


We have to admit that it is big (2-1/4 $\times 3-3 / 16$ ); however, it does not quite qualify as a perfin, by U.S. Postal Standards. First of all, the pins are larger than permitted by regulations and the pattern occupies more than the permitted one-half square inch area. This revenue has been "canceled" by a punch perforator. The upper line " $10 \cdot 1{ }^{\mathbf{s t}}$. ILL" is untranslatable, at least by me. The second line "+3.22.41" is the date, in American notation, March 22, 1941.

If you can answer the other question, "Could anyone enlighten me as to the period of use of this particular item?" or should you care to exchange U.S. Stock Exchange and Revenue perfins for U.S. railroad perfins, please drop Mr. Hanson a line.

Publisher Helen Ratzer (LM-47) suggests that you might want to consider using two empty egg cartons when sorting perfins. The 24 compartments can be labeled with the letters of the alphabet. Try combining $R / Q$ and $Y / Z$ or just label the last one "XYZ".

## WANT ADS AND NOTICES

Yant ads and notices are published vithout charge for Club nenbers on a space available basis. Non-nenber's itens are accepted if they are considered to be of interest. While the Perfins Club askes every effort to insure that ads are accurate, the Club can not assune responsibility for these vant ads and notices.

If you vish to place an ad or notice in the Bulletin, please nail it to the editor: John P. Lyding, P.O. Bor 3342, Crofton, MD 2114-3342, USA.

> VANTBD - The Polloving U.S. 1938, 3c Presidential stanp itens: Used or unused perfin multiples, any design ok; precanceled perfin multiples, any design is ok; bulk singles. Valt Cole ( $\ddagger 2689$ ), P.O. Boi 340 , French Gulch, CA 96033.

TRADR PBRPINS - Have all different U.S. Duplicates lists of over $1,800 \mathrm{D}, \mathrm{B}$, and $\mathrm{F} ; 400 \mathrm{C}$ and 350 A and B perfins to trade. Send your lists for mine. Will also trade vorldvide. Dick Scharlach ( $\ddagger 1984$ ), 284 St. David Drive, Ht. Laurel, NJ 08054.

TRADB - At this tire, I an looking for Japanese perfins and vill exchange by offering better rated U.S. perfins, or cash if desired. Por acceptable copies, I vill offer C rated U.S. copies of for erceptional Japanese that catches ny eye, I will offer B rated. The comoner Japanese patterns are not needed. If you are unavare if yours are comon or not, please send for exarination. I still need plenty. Harry Rickard ( $\$ 1802$ ), 1887 Altozano Drive, BI Cajon, CA 92020 .

POR SALR - Thousands of Netherlands perfins in lots of 100 for Pl 110.00 or $\$ 52.00$ per 100. Payment with your order. J.A.C. van Rijswijk (LM-88), Asselsstrrast 56, 7311 BN Apeldoorn, Netherlands.

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NRBDBD - Oil company and natural gas utility or company perfins on COVBR or ID strips. Please send with your prices or advise first for prepayment. [ have a few nice RR \& others for trade. Thomas C. Hughes ( $\$ 2488$ ), 1740 SV 84 Avenue, Miramar, FL 33025-2127. (305) 437-0039.

## A253 USER IDENTIEIED

The user of pattern A253 has been positively identified, thanks to member John G. Funkhouser (\#1638). John has submitted this cover showing the user as the "American Steel Export Company, 3004 Woolworth Building, New York, NY." Please make this correction to your U.S. Catalog on page 19.

There are two ASE/Co patterns. A253 was probably a multihead replacement for a previous single die, A252.5. However, until a positive identification is made that theory must remain just that, a theory. It is also possible that both were single dies, but short usage of 252.5 indicates that a change was made. In the 1981-82 survey, only five copies of pattern 252.5 were reported while 18 copies of pattern 253 were noted.

After 5 days, return to
Haddridan STEEL EXPORT COMPANY, 3004 Woolworth Building, NEW YORK, N. Y.


> Sangamo Electrio Company,
> Springfiold, ill.

Echos From The Past - IV
Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road, Raritan. NJ 08869
I found out that Mrs. L. Atwater was our thirteenth member from an old edition of Perfins. In addition, I found this interesting article on "Photographic Reproduction of Perfins" by Walter Jackson. According to past U.S. Catalog Editor, Harry Rickard, the process has not changed; however, newer materials are easier ${ }^{*}$ use.

## "PERFINS"

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PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRODUCTION OF PERFINS

Walter Jackson
I have read with interest of the various ways that members display their collections of Perfins, and I have experimented with several. However. 'I am fully convinced that photographic reproduction of the designs gives the neatest, clear-cut display of all. An additional advantage is the ability to rapidly identify incomplete designs and minor varieties by merely superimposing the specimen on the photographic print and checking whether or not the perforations coincide with the black dots.

I print nine average size stamps at a time on a $4 \times 5$ inch sheet of No. 5 Glossy Single-Weight Velox. The stamps are first arranged in an ordinary printing frame so that the designs will print normally, rather than in reverse. At least $\mathrm{s}_{8}$ inch margin is left between stamps. The Velox sheet is carefully placed over the stamps, the frame closed, and exposed to Mazda light sufficiently so that the resulting print will have an intensely black background, but, with no trace of gray in the body of the stamps. Development in D-72. fixing and washing are conventional. The prints are rolled on ferrotype plates and dried. The individual specimens are trimmed from the sheets, allowing $1 / 8$ inch black margins around each stamp.

To display the prints, I divide an $81 / 2 \times 11$ ruled notebook page into quarters by bisecting it horizontally and vertically. Each "box" is used
for a different design. After preparing a print from the clearest best centered example of a given design. I mount the print in the upper left corner of the box alongside of the Perfins designation and, where known, the name and address of the company using the design. Below the print I list all Scott varieties on which I have found the design, with such information as identifiable postmarks or precancels which might help to trace the source of tile perfin. The stamps I file in envelopes according to the alphabetical sequence of design.

For those that are photographically inclined, the process is simple. rapid and inexpensive. Those not so inclined can usually find a friend wiling to do the printing very reasonably. Should any member wish me to, I will be glad so far as my time allows, to prepare prints for him. The cost would be about $\$ 1.50$ per hundred normal-sized specimens. plus postage. It is not economical to accept lots of less than fifty stamps. The stamps, of course, would be returned with the prints.

It is interesting to note that Perfing vas the forerunner of The Pertins -....Bulletin. The Bditor and Publisher of that Journal vas Hallock Card, a printer, fron Otselic, NY.

The Perfins Club annually presents an avard in Mr . Card's nenory to the nenber who has nade the greatest contribution to the Club during the past year or who has consistently contributed to the Club over a period of years.

Por details of this years conpetition see page 125.

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## POSSIBLE MISUSE OE W199-5

William C. Allen (\#629), Box 6051, East Lansing, MI 48826 submitted this interesting pair of postcards illustrating the possible misuse (See TPB, May 1989, pp. 103-4) of pattern W199-5 on a pair of postcards. Does this mean that the as of yet unidentified location of this Western Union Telegraph Company branch office was near Humphrey's Bridge, Alexandria VA or that Harry was just visiting? Note the, "I am going to Wash one more time."


## A NEW USER OF M238

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive El Cajon, CA 92020

The U.S. Perfins catalog shows the Michige, Boat Works as the user of perfin pattern M238. The cover illustrated below with an early usage of MSB is an entirely different name. The Detroit Engine Works does not match the MSB pattern.

RETURN TO

detroit kerosene PORTABLE STATIONARY ENGINES use
Gasoline. Kirobene, [Coal Oil] ALCOHOL, DISTILLATE AND NAPHTHA
Cable Address "MOTORCAR" Detroit.

R. J. Butts,

Edgerton, Minn.

It is possible that the firm operated several different businesses and that neither Detroit Engine Works, nor Michigan Boat works were the parent company's name. The fact that "MOTORCAR" is used as the firm's cable address, indicates that additional businesses, including motor vehicles. Does anyone have any information that might help solve this mystery?

This cover is shown through the courtesy of Joe Laura (\#1238).

Don't get left behind, make sure that you have mailed your 1989-1990 Dues Check to: Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225.

If you are interested in buying perfins, write to: Perfins Sales Manager, Sal Guarini, P.O. Box 1502, San Mateo, CA 94401. For perfin covers write to: Paul Jackson, 10 Brentwood Avenue, Raritan, NJ 08869.

## FRIPS, s! AGAIN!

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By: Bill Bullard \& Buz Oering

Yes, we know this subject was touched upon in the June Album Page but by popular demand we have brought more sophistication to the subject than heretofore.

You will recall that a FRIP is a thin wafer mechanically punched out of a sheet to facilitate the separation of segments of the sheet, as in postage stamps. Below are FRIPS punched from such stamps. Commemorative stamps measure 40 $\times 25$ millimeters, approximately, and definitives about $21 \times 27$ mm or vice versa, of course.


The FRIPS therefore measure about $1 / 4 \mathrm{sq}$. mm each, with about 65 per commemorative stamp and about 48 per definitive, or a total of 16 $\mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{mm}$ per commem and $12 \mathrm{sq} . \mathrm{mm}$ per definitive in total FRIPS area. An issue of $920,000,000$ commemorative stamps would produce some $11,000 \mathrm{sq}$. meters of FRIPs, a waste of about 5,0000 pounds of paper.

Be that as it may, FRIPS are eminently collectable. A purist collects the whole thing--the entire hole, the whole hole and nothing but the hole.

FRIPS come in basic white, though blue varieties are known. Paper varieties abound and gum typing is another special area of expertise. It is true that circular FRIPs are the most common but not in any way the only shape to be found.

A technical point is that FRIPS are collected only in mint condition. This mysterious practice can be explained in terms of the definition of philately, itself, which is the collection of the evidences of pre-payment of postage. Cancelled FRIPs are not valid for payment of postage, of course, and are not collectible thereby. Off center

overprints are a cause of great debate in FRIP collecting as parts of the OP may appear on FRIPS.

This brings us to EFO collecting (Errors, Freaks and Oddities, that is). It is a chance for the specialist to work with misperfed items from the non-FRIP perfin punches, specimen punches, watermarked papers and other such varieties. It is also an extraordinary opportunity for artistic expression.

Astronomy is one of the more appropriate topicals for FRIP collecting, as in the case of planet, star, crescent and moon displays above. This sort of
presentation is not for everybody. Only a clean living collector will have the steady hand and good eye necessary. It is an area of philately that should be started at a young age, and then one could expand later into the easier general stamp collecting.


Gum collectors are not unknown but most collectors think in terms of the front of the stamp without a thought to the sides. Obviously they have missed much of the thrill of the hunt.

We demonstrate below that the hidebound stamp collector simply lacks imagination and should be ashamed to be so onedimensional.

Bill Bullard is an acknowledge mental giant of philately, a description for which Buz takes responsibility. Below are samples of his selvedge and used hinges collections.BB \& BO


## 1 VERY UNUSUAL PATTERN

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive El Cajon, CA 92020


At first glance one might wonder what the pattern is. It does happen to be a double punch but, let's figure out what the odd looking pattern might be.

For whatever reason, the "B" was placed far from the remaining letters which are certainly bunched into a compact mess. The easiest way to determine what it is supposed to be is to lay the stamp on a blank piece of paper and then to mark each hole with the point of a soft lead pencil.

When you are finished you will have a compact set of three letters with a "T" in the center and a "C" and "O" at the sides. The "C" is slightly larger than the "O", which one might assume is for Company. However, with the "B" and the "T" in proper alignment, the small letter "o" precedes the larger "C."

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The layout would read "B O T C" in consecutive order, with "C" in reverse. I must presume that it was intended to read as "B T Co" unless we have an Irish name which would have a small "o" for other than company.

Anyway there is no pattern like it in the U.S. Catalog and it is a shame that the second punch was not placed on another stamp instead of crowding it with two patterns.


On a piece of paper, using a soft pencil, I placed a point in each hole to give the complete pattern. Then, I individually made each letter, thus giving a better idea as to the pattern picture. No missing holes, just difficult to decipher.

PATTERN B128

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive
El Cajon, CA 92020


The illustrated B-H pattern is an early one on a perforated 12 issue. The U.S. Catalog photo is of a perforated $11 \times 10$ of a much later period. You will note that pattern is at a slight angle, which is usually indicative of a single die device punch. This would explain why there is a slight difference in this copy compared to the catalog picture.

If your copy is of the later issue and it fits the catalog photo, then match the outside six holes of the "H" on this page with your stamp. It should then show why this copy is not B128. That leg was made at an angle instead of vertical as on B128.

Whether you have B128 or this new, earlier pattern, both are uncommon as only 11 copies were reported in the recent survey. Whether this potential B128A or B128 is the scarcest, will only be known after the next survey for Additions \& Corrections pages.

PATTERNS V27, VZ7A,V28 AND V28A
Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive El Cajon, CA 92020

Examine closely, each of the four Virginia Railways patterns listed in the U.S. Catalog (V27-V28A) and you will notice that all four have the exact same close spacing of the two pins where the leg of the $R$ meets the rounded portion of the R. It is an indication that all dies are the same.

When the pair illustrated above was found, it resulted in the deletion of V27 with two holes missing on the top of $V$, plus V27A which also has a small V like the pictured copy.

No pairs have been found of V28 and V28A together. In view of the present pair showing a 7 hole and a 9 hole $V$, all having the same close spaced curve in $R$ and patterns matching exactly on all, I suggest that the U.S. Catalog Editor consider deleting V28A with the next A\&C pages.

## CATALOG DECISIONS

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Any decisions made by catalog editors of the past, present or future, are made from their available knowledge. Should any member know of a decision that may be incorrect, it is your duty to contact the catalog editor regarding this knowledge.

Having correct information in our catalog is important. Do not be bashful about offering advice or information to correct a possible error. It will be investigated.

A wise man will always listen to opinions or information from others. Only a fool would think that he knows everything and will close his mind to others. Write me about mistakes that I have made or others that you know about.

Our new U.S. Catalog editor has not had much opportunity to make any mistakes as of yet. So, any errors in the U.S. Catalog are mine or those of earlier editors.

Give a catalog number of the proposed correction and whether it is in the catalog proper or on Additions and Corrections pages and detail what is wrong so that it may be investigated. The results will be passed on to the new editor for him to do what is necessary.

## CATALOG CORRECTIONS



CARTER WHITE LEAD CO. chicago


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We acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of your favor of
 enclosing remittance for \$
 which we apply as noted below: Fir settlement of

$\qquad$ 120
$\qquad$
Yours truly,
CARTER WHITE LEAD CO.
At a recent stamp show in Houston, Texas, member Gerald Kendall (LM-96) acquired the card and cover shown here in abreviated condition.

Each of these provide information for the U.S. Catalog. The first is pattern C6: Change the location to Chicago, IL. The second is pattern H26: Change the location to New York, NY. Franklin Sq. was a station location.


The Secretary's Report
The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645
Dryden, ME 04225

## NEW MRMBERS:

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2688 Milne, David B.; 3001 West Elmwood Drive, Grand Forks, ND 58201
        U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2689 Cole, Walt; P.O. Box 340, French Gulchs,CA 96033
        U.S., 1938 Prexies . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2690 Henry, Richard A.; P.O. Box 182, Beloit, WI 53511
        U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2691 Smith, Harry C.; 13300 Indian Rocks Road #2104, Largo FL 34644
    U.S. and Great Britain . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2692 Cabbage, Kevin J.; P.O. Box 28240, San Jose, CA }9515
    U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2693 Weihrauch, Dorothy E.; 9 Island Avenue #906, Miami Beach, FL
    33139
    General and Tennis Thematic By: Smith (LM-87)
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## REINSTATED:

2047 Zrobok, R.; Box 1442, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5J 2N5 RESIGNED:

1957 Jenny, John H.; 10 Briar Road, Wilmington, DE 19803
Address Changes:
1041 Fentin, Arthur; 614 Loveville Road \#B5B, Hockessin, DE 19707
2575 Wagoner, George A.; 333 Surburban Road, Knoxville, TN 37923
2630 Hill, Robert W.; SSG; 20TH QM $\propto$ (Petrol), APO San Francisco, CA 96218
2536 Hoffman, Glenn A.; 21 Merrydale Road Apt 15, San Rafael, CA 94903
2674 Slocum, Phillip R.; 3354 Fitch Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205

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Number 2 - DATES OF USAGE
William Allen (\#629), P.O. Box 6051,
East Lansing, MI 48826
From these two cards the dates of usage for Pattern Number 2, used by The First National Bank of Chicago, extend from at least October 27, 1910 to April 1912. Note two different issues of stamps and the 1912 card has a printed address. The FNB must have sent a lot of cards to the Manistique Bank, Manistique, MI.


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## LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

## Paul H. Gault (\#744), 140 West 18 th Avenue Columbus, OH 43210

In TPB of March 1989 (pp. 49-51), I reported the finding of a cover addressed to the Brand Brewing Company containing a nicely tied perfin pattern F224. At that time, that cover was the earliest known perfin usage. This replaced the so called "Bartelson Identification strip." The cover illustrated below came from the same source as the Fuller and Fuller cover postmarked June 22, 1908.


EARLIEST KNOUN USE OF U.S. PERFIN
B. F. CUMMINS CO., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

MAY 26, 1908
This new find pushes the earliest known usage date almost a full month to May 26, 1908. The perforated cover is "Cummin/Chica" with a few holes of the letters "s" and "o" of Cummins and Chicago showing. Could this letter have contained an advertisement and announcement from the manufacture of perforators that usage on U.S. postage stamps was now permitted? The perfin, tied with a Chicago, IL postmark of May 26,1908 is U.S. Catalog number B110.

Crofton, Mo, June 15,1989
As far as many stanp collectors are concerned, this is the last issue of the year. Perhaps, I should say season. The philatelic press has long considered Septenber to be the beginning of the season. If you will note, the first issue after Labor Day is rather thick, at least with advertiserents

I hope to be able to get avay for several days this sumer and make the PSS Convention. The attraction is obvious as this year the Precancel Stanp Society has graciously invited Fhe Perfias Club to attend their convention. This vill be the first neeting of the Club in several years and the first one that I have been (hopefully) able to attend. I an looking forward to neeting as nany renbers as possible in owensboro. On the other hand, if you are unable to aake it to Owensboro, renember that your Club and the club officers are only as far away as your nailbox.

The Perfins Bulletin is looking for soneone to write a 'Beginner's' colum. If you would like to be an author, please drop ne a note.

Just in case, if you are reading this colun and have not paid your club dues for the $1989-90$ year all the irfornation needed to nake out the dues check is on this page. Don't get left behind.

JPL

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Shown below are two other Cummins covers illustrating some of the various perforators that company made. The upper cover has the full "Cummins/Chicago" corner perforation that is partially missing in the June 22, 1908 cover. The second cover is punched "The B F Cummins Co/ $+4: 15: 03 / \cdots$ CHICAGO ...".

This is an interesting use of the perforators which were the company's mainstay. Because of the excellent alignment it appears that the entire "corner card" apparently was punched with a single device.


For some reason that $I$ have never been able to fathom, date perforators frequently make use of a "+" sign. If anyone out there has any ideas on this subject, please drop Bulletin editor, John Lyding a note so that we can share it with the Club.

## Notes from here and there . . .

Dick Mewhinney has recently found a stamp of the United Nations with the perfin of the First National City Bank of New York, pattern N44 on Scott Catalogue number 6 .

UN perfins have never been reported in Bob Schwerdt's foreign surveys. Do any members have any knowledge of any perfins of the UN in their own or others collections?

There is also known a punching on UN postal stationary AC2 that reads D\&S/SAMPLE. This is not really a perfin. The most recent price noted for this item at auction was $\$ 65.00$. Both Dick and Bob Schwerdt have copies of this item.

Once again -- if any members have knowledge of any UN perfins, drop Dick a line at 33 Carlton Avenue, Washington, NJ 07882.

Roy Everett (\#2635) author of "Colne Valley and Halstead Railway", TPB, May 1988, pp. 81-4, provided the following illustrations as a follow-up to that article.


HOW TO FIND US
5 Miles North of Halstead on the A604


Nearest B.R. Station


Braintree
Bus service from Braintree Mon - Sal. Hedingham Omnibuses.


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Elwood Meschter (\#1966) dropped us a short note with the hope that:
... writers might show a little more restraint when labeling all aberrant usages of perfins as "illegal," unless, of course, it is unmistakably a violation of the law. Perhaps you might develop some softer words, like "misused," to describe off-beat applications.

I will point out that the City of Chicago has used the perfin "I WILL" for many years, and I see examples on current stamps from time to time. As far as I know neither the Post office nor the FBI have taken any action against the city even though the length of the perfin clearly exceeds the regulation inch.

Many years ago a city employee was caught actually selling sheets of stamps with "I WILL" to various local enterprises and $I$ have several examples. Now that is what I consider to be illegal!

Ed, Note: The use of corporate stationary and meters at one company that I worked for was termed "Unscheduled Benefits."

Foreign Catalog Editor, Bob Schwerdt (\#505), has provided additional foreign terms for "perfins" that were submitted by members in response to TPB, February 1989, p. 31:
T. Lagerwall (\#1167)
W. Baekers (\#2441)
G. Fisher (\#1152)

Denmark Sweden Germany Norway

Netherlands Japan

Firmaperforeringar Skyddsperforeringar Firmenlochungen Gjenomhullete Frimerker Firmaperforaties Senko

Jack Brandt (LM- 14) noted mention in TPB, April 1989, p. 86, of the Italian Exhibition Perfin RFPV. 46 ( $V$ not $U$ ). He does not have much to add, but has this on cover, as illustrated below. He also reports that he has unused copies of the 2 L (as on cover) and also the 25 L value. He purchased the 25 L value from a U.S. approval dealer who stated they were for "French and U.S. Airmail use," which was a good sales ploy. Of course, later he found the dealer to be ill informed.


Al Gerstenberger (\#1067), P.O. Box 909 wrote to tell us that Alan Miskimin (LM- 8) reports that he has over 23,000 all different denominations in 3,800 companies. WOW!. Member Gerstenberger, P.O. Box 909, Glendale, AZ 85311 is a renowned precancel dealer, and his stationary proclaims two of his standing offers: 200 well mixed precancels $\$ 2.00,50$ better grade $\$ 3.00$.

The Great Britain Collectors Club, P.O. Box 4588 , Portland, OR 97208 is recruiting for a Circuit Manager for the Perfins Circuit. If you are interested, please contact Frank Koch, 4769 Silverwood Drive, Batavia, OH 45103.

If you had a RED DOT on the mailing label of your June issue of the Bulletin and you have sent us a check which arrived in Dryden, Maine after May 18, 1989, your membership dues have been recorded and we are sorry about any inconvenience. On the other hand, if you have not mailed that dues check yet, please send it to: Ralph Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645, Dryden, ME 04225. DO it today, don't delay.

Our publisher, Helen Ratzer, spent two days in Owensboro, Kentucky, site of the joint PSS/Perfins Club meeting in August. Here is her report:

Bring comfortable shoes... The Executive Inn is really big. We wished we had brought our binoculars to better enjoy the sights of a working river. The Ohio River is quite wide at Owensboro with barges plying up and down the river.

Best of all is the incredibly good food. I do not think that there is a meal for over $\$ 9.00$ in the main dinning room, but you cant beat the price of six dollars and change for the buffet which offers roast beef, shrimp, fish, ham, chicken, etc. There is a big gorgeous salad bar to go with it plus an assortment of fresh fruit and desert. They even have a buffet breakfast and lunch for those with big appetites. There is another restaurant, "Mr. G's Cafe Americana," if you want to live it up with the likes of Veal Oscar or Chateaubriand.

Helen also wrote that there will be a get together for nonphilatelic spouses. She reports it will be an opportunity to make new friends and a way of finding a "buddy" to go exploring. There is an antique mall with 75 dealers near by, plus museums and stores.

According to our intrepid correspondent: the Executive Inn also has a dinner theater that features name entertainers on the weekends. The act for August 12 is unknown at this time; however, if you are interested in a grand finish to your week of stamping, she suggests a call at least 6 weeks in advance to find out what is playing and to make reservations. Call 1-800-626-1936.

The Perfins Club is hosting a "Bon Voyage" cocktail party before setting off on the dinner cruise Friday night.

David W. Andersen (\#1898), 260 Hawkesbury Road, Winamalee, NSW 2777, Australia provides the following information about the Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia:

> The Perfin Club of New Zealand and Australia continues to function and to grow. Bulletins were issued in September 1988 and April 1989 and are now expected to be regularly issued quarterly. David requested that the Bulletin publish the following notice:

- any members who have sent letters or funds to David Dell since the end of 1987 should contact David Andersen at the address given above, if they have not already done so.

David also provided a copy of the SOUTH PACIFIC PERFIN BULLETIN This is a twelve page, stapled printed document containing club news including the "...number of matters that require urgent attention...," and how these will be sorted out. Also noted are:

A review of Derek Pocock's article, "More on the DJF perfin, "Black Swan, December 1988. "OS Variations" by the editor. This illustrated article describes reputed OS forgeries and an interesting three page article on "The Private Perfins of Western Australia." I have written to David requesting permission to reprint the latter article.

Subscriptions to the SOUTH PACIFIC PERFIN BULLETIN are: A $\$ 10-00$ per year (includes 4 issues). Airmail postage to non Australian/New Zealand members is extra (to U.S./ Canada add A\$2, to UK/Europe add A\$3.) Remittances in other than \$A funds should include sufficient funds to cover bank charges.

Harry C. Smith (\#2691) was wondering if I was holding back on the answer to question \#3. The reason is that I have not received a satisfactory answer. At the same time there are two other questions in the hopper.

Question \#3 (See TPB, March 1989) remains unanswered. Does anyone out there know why a hole count is provided in British Catalogues and not in U.S. Catalogs?

Question \#4 From: David Andersen (\#1898) of NSW, Australia. When multiple sheets are perforated, why are the holes of the stamps in the lower sheets larger? Could this be the reason for some so called "varieties?"

Question \#5 Since we know that both illustration sizes and stamp sizes can vary with time and environmental conditions. Why has the Additions and Corrections pages to the Catalog of U.S. Perfins dropped the measurements that are used in all other perfins catalogs and in the U.S. Catalog?

Question \#6 From: Helen Ratzer (LM-47). This is total frustration. I do not have all that many A-rated perfins, and here is one (C188.5) on a personal postcard.
"The Hermitage," Home of President Andrew Jackson, Nashville, Tenn.


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To top it off C188.5 is not identified in my Catalog, so the postcard does not help. Do I:

- Steam the stamp off, put the perfin into my perfin collection;
- Leave the stamp on and stash it with my perfin covers; or
- Add the postcard to my little postcard collection?

Answer \# 6 What ever you do, DON'T TAKE THE STAMP OFF THE CARD! Fortunately, we know that Helen is asking a rhetorical question. If you are in the horns of a dilemma about a perfin on cover, don't take the perfin off the cover. If the cover is too large to fit in your album, don't trim the cover. Don't convert that perfin cover into one of those "identification strips" that once were previously popular. Every time that someone does that, we loose a bit of history that can never be replaced. If it is out of the ordinary, you might try sharing the item with the Club's membership, by submitting it to the Bulletin.

Robert E. Gagnon (\#2698) wrote with several questions.
The first question concerns the perfin illustrated to the left. It appears in a US $\$ 1.00$ Candleholder and it looks like pattern I5, but is it T/T. This one threw me for a while, until $I$ used a five power magnifying glass. By careful observation, one may note a slight mismatch in the double punch of pattern I5 noted by an arrow. However, it still is an interesting item, and $I$ wish that it were in my collection.

The next question concerns what appears to be pattern C128 (illustrated to the left) on a two cent red Washington head. Is this really
 an A-rated perfin. Answer, I tried to match this perfin with the illustration of C128 in my U.S. Catalog and was unable to fit the perfin to the Catalog photo. The "CFI" matches the "CFI" of pattern C130. But, there is no "Co" on the stamp. My recommendation is that you submit this stamp to the U.S. Catalog Editor for examination and potential identification as a new perfin.
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A. Commercials


NOTES:

The third concerned a Post Card bearing a ac Admiral perfinned MC/RR Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials, Johnson \& Thomasson's catalog number M7 and the user is listed as the Michigan Central RR. His question, is this a private use of the perfin. The obvious answer is, yes, it is a private use. However, is it an illegal use? We have no way of knowing (See the contributions by Elwood Meschter (\#1966) in TPB, May 1989, pp. 103-4 and above). I suspect that "Uncle Pat and Aunt Margaret" probably acquired the stamp while they were traveling on a Michigan Central train.


NOTICE: Because he found a portion of a catalog review in our Bulletin did not suit him, J.M. Rucklidge, of the British Perfins Society, now refuses to sell copies of the British Perfin Catalog to our Catalog Chairman for sales to our members.

The material that Rucklidge found objectionable was a portion of a review of Roy Everett's Portuguese Catalog in TPB, February 1989, pp. 44-5. Evidently Rucklidge thought that the Catalog of British Perfins that the society is attempting to produce was faultless and decided that our club should be punished for having the temerity to criticize it.

I quote from his letter to our Mrs. Ryan:
In view of this comment, which I can only assume is the general view of your members, there does not seem to be any point in your continuing to obtain further installments. Perhaps a few of your members will not regard it so baleful. If so, I would be willing to supply them individually.

Therefore, if you still wish to receive installments of the catalog of the society, it will be necessary for you to contact the Society directly to work out a deal. The necessary address is J.M. Rucklidge, 13 Moncrieffe Road, Sheffield, England, S7 1HQ.

John M. Randall (\#1336), who is a precancel dealer with stocks of perfins, wrote to remind us that:

Precancel collectors have been having a ball for decades. They get together for a whole week and forget the outside world while they trade, buy, talk and even dream stamps. There are few formalities, just a lot of fun seeing friends and wheeling and dealing. There might be a small exhibit at the PSS Convention, but most of the space is taken up by traders tables and dealers tables. Why limit this fun to precancel collectors. Some of us have always wanted to get the Perfins Club involved, for a large percentage of precancel collectors also collect precancels. With the Perfins Club attending the Convention there will be even more collectors, more stamps, and more fun.

So collect all of your duplicate perfins and precancels and come to Owensboro. I can promise you a warm welcome and lots of perfins to take home. In addition to myself, Joe Laura (\#1238) is bound to have a large stock of perfins on hand.

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VANTBD - Perfins on cover (worldvide) with identifying corner card or other ask. Bven one cover will help ny
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada, k4T 1 A9.

POR SALB- "Beginner's Collection" - 725 All Different ...mounted on black pages ... ( $A$ 's $-1, B ' s-45, C ' s-54$, D's-193, B's 371, F's -61). Best offer over $\$ 200.00$. Send no money with offer, I vill pay postage and insurance. Bdward S. Hoyt (I292), 225 V. Coover (Rear) I2, schanicsburg, PA 17055.

TRADB - I an looking for Japanese perfins and private control overprints and vill exchange for better rated U.S. perfins, or cash if desired. I offer "C" rated US or for exceptional Japanese that catch ny eye, I will offer "B" rated. For accumulations of comnon Japanese patterns ve can negotiate a deal. If you are unaware of whether your copies are common or not, please send for exanination. So, dig out your Japanese and lets make a deal. Harry Bickard ( $\$ 1802$ ), 1887. Altozano Drive, Bl Cajon, CA 92020.

WANT - following U.S. 1938, 3c presidential stanp perfins; used or unused nultiple, any perfin design ok; used or unused precanceled perfin nultiple, any perfin design ok; bulk singles, I an looking for different eramples. K. Cole ( $\ddagger 2689$ ), P.O. Boi 340, French Gulch, CA 96033.

NAMTBD - Vanted to purchase - tennis-related perfins on or off cover. Por example, TRB/TORN perfin on high values of Romania 1935-40 【ing Carol set (at left). Also any other perfins with a tennis connection of any country, as equiprent nanufactures such as Dunlop, Slazenger, Vilson, Penn, Nike, Converse, Snauvsert. Dorothy B. Meihrauch ( $\ddagger 2693$ ), 9 Island Avenue, Apt. 906, Miani Beach, PL 33139

PSS COFVBMFION - Core to the PSS Convention for lots of perfins. I shall be there with a large stock of U.S. perfins. I also have a hugh stock of penny reds, plus other British and other foreign perfins. So, there is no need to vorry about finding perfins at the Convention. Also wanted to buy perfin collections and accunulations fron the whole vorld. If you can not get to Owensboro, write or call. John Randall ( 11336 ), 2540 Carquinez Avenue, Bl Cerrito, CA 94530. (415) 233-6647.



NEW ONES TO LOOK EOR


Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive
El Cajon, CA 92020
In a recent Bulletin, a reduced size cover was shown of pattern W128. The article was intended as a catalog correction changing the address of the user from San Francisco to South San Francisco, a different city.

This reminded me that $I$ had put aside a couple of copies that seemed different and needed the time to check them closely, I do find them different than the U.S. Catalog photo.

Evidently the firm had more than one single die perforator. The vertical stamp shows the $W$ as being flared and slightly larger than W128. It is on a copy of Scott Catalog Number 634 with a California cancel.

The other copy, with a complete patten and a portion of a pattern, is on a copy of Scott Catalog number 718 , the 3 c Olympics, which was held in Los Angeles in 1932.

The pattern designer may not have been experienced as portions of the $W$ and $M$ are not quite as straight as they should be. Look over your copy or copies and see which ones you have.

Bill Allen (\#629) provided us with this cover which illustrates an early (August 1911) use of the State of Michigan perfin,


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## PERFIN QUALITY

Bob Murrin (LM-2), P.O. Box 10100 , Saint Petersburg, FL 33733
I have grouped US perfins into nine categories according to the condition of the stamp and the condition of the perfin pattern as a supplement to the letter ratings assigned to perfins. While these quality grades are used in my mail price lists, the Perfins Club may desire to adopt the system.

The condition of the stamp and of the perfin is determined by looking at it from the reverse. Centering and cancellation of the stamp are therefore not considered. Since perfins are generally mounted face down, the stamp is secondary to the perfin. The ratings illustrated below use numbers. from 0 to 8 as grades as I use in my mail lists. However, one could as easily use two letters, the first to indicate the perfin and the second the stamp.
0 - A good perfin on a good stamp. No problems.
1 - A fair perfin on a good stamp. Pattern at edge, or an easy split, missing a few holes.
2 - A poor perfin on a good stamp.
Incomplete design, bad split.
3 - A good perfin on a fair stamp. Creased, wrinkled, small thin.
4 - A fair perfin on a fair stamp.
5 - A poor perfin on a good stamp. Great if you really care about the stamp.
6 - A good perfin on a poor stamp. Piece missing,
 large tears, thins.

7 - A fair perfin on a poor stamp. Not the best, but easily identified.
8 - Poor on poor. Better than nothing.


LARGEST \& SMALIEST U.S. PERFINS?
Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive El Cajon, CA 92020

At the time that I came across these two patterns, I wondered if they might be the largest and smallest stamps to be found with patterns other than personals?


Now, that I have rediscovered them, I will share them with fellow members. Someone working in an Illinois State office must have been a stamp collector. Ordinarily, stamps this size are not used by businesses. The pattern is on an 8c Scott Catalogue number 1464, one of four patterns in blocks of 4 .

I never expected to find such a tiny perfin as this P 236 , which is on a 15 c Dolly Madison.

FOREIGN EXHIBITION SHEET
James A. Miline (\#809), 3485 Banning Road Cincinnati, OH 45239

The illustrated sheet was originally made up for a perfins exhibit in Germany about 15 years ago. The English translation was added when I exhibited the same material in Singapore. That is a lot of milage out of a single sheet.
(Sheet illustrated as page 165)

## Durchlochte Marken amerikanischer Eisenbahnfirmen.

Selbst die Durchlochung konnte vor Portokassendiebstahl nicht schützen. PERFORATING DOES NOT ALWAYS PREVENT THEFT.


Durchlochte Marken der .. Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus \& St. Louis Ry." auf einer privaten Postkarte.


Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive El Cajon, CA 92020


Over the years, when checking thousands of perfins, one is bound to find many unusual results from the patterns that have been punched into the stamps.

Douglas Cutler (\#2113), our U.S. Catalog Editor, found the pictured copy among his collection and I would say that it is one of the most unusual that $I$ have ever seen. Study it closely before reading the rest of this article.

What deductions did you make?
First, I would surmise it was made by a single die device. The first punch made a complete pattern punched from the face side.

Second, the clerk had either a pair or strip in his hands and he flipped it over. The second punch partially perforated the stamp illustrated an partially perforated an adjacent stamp. One pin broke with the initial operation and this resulted in the second or partial punch, with only one control hole.

So, the pictured stamp is the only one known with normal and reverse on one stamp, plus showing the before and after example of pin breakage.

The original die I91-14, then became I91-17 and you now see them both on one stamp. One way of keeping up with such developments is to ensure that you have all of the Additions and Corrections (A\&C) pages to your U.S. Catalog.

Supplements to the Catalog of United States Perfins are available from the Catalog Sales Division c/o Jackie Ryan. Jackie's address and the address of all of the Club's Officers are published on the second page of each issue of The Perfins Bulletin.

The Secretary's Report
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2694 Boskus, Charles W.; 713 Columbia Avenue, Mountain Home, AR 72653 Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
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2696 Jensen, Robert B.; 8 Heather Lane, Reading, PA 19601 Hungary Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Walker (LM-32)
2697 Brody, Roger S.; 2053 Arrowwood Drive, Westfield NJ 07090 U.S. Beginner . . . . . . By :Gerstenberger (\#1067)

2698 Gagnon, Robert E.; 1858 Aime Leroux, Laval, Quebec, Canada H7L $2 Y 2$
U.S. . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)

2699 Rice, Donald N.; RT \#2 Box 186, Contoocook, NH 03229
China . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2700 Drake, Harold; P.O. Box 2007, Seattle, WA 98102 U.S. . . . . .. . . . . . . . By: Brown (\#2652)

2701 Weesner, Ray T; 2160 Lois Blvd., N.W.; Winter Haven, FL 33881 Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . By: APS

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1899 Baxter, James A.; 1909 Robison, Ardmore, OK 73401
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2384 Jones, Gary H.; 2332 Driftwood Lane. Saint Louis, MO 63146
Address Changes:
2574 Coulbourne, Joseph C.; ER Division, USS John F. Kennedy (CV67) FPO New York, NY 09538

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Reinstated +4
Members as of April 30, 1989788

Correction: In the June issue a new member's address was incorrectly reported. The correct entry is:

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NOTE: In case you did not notice, "A VERY UNUSUAL PATTERN" TPB, June 1989, pp. 139-140 was written in the same vein as the article it followed, "FRIP's AGAIN." Try comparing the author's results with the pattern. used by the Bell Telephone Company, Saint Louis, MO (Catalog of United States Perfins number B237).

The cover illustrated below showing use of pattern K72.5 was provided by the U.S. Catalog Editor.

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## PEREINS CLUB MEETING ATIP.S.S.CONVENTION

The Perfins Club participated in the Precancel Stamp Society Annual Convention held at the Executive Inn, Rivermount, Owensboro, Kentucky, August 8-12, 1989 was evaluated as a huge success by Club President Richard Mewhinney. Shown below are a few of the Perfins, Club members who attended.


Front row, kneeling: John and Marjorie March.
The rest, from the left: T. George Gilinski, John Lyding (Bulletin Editor), Earl Ratzer, Helen Ratzer (Bulletin Publisher), John Foster, Dick Mewhinney (President), Edwin Swaford, Roberta Coltman, Robert Vorhis, Barbara Foster, Dave Smith, Jackie Ryan (Catalog Sales Manager), John Randall, Marie Garner (non-member), Charles Pearson, Bob Fifield, Shirley Fifield and Gary Hendren.

Unfortunately the quality of the photograph leaves something to be desired and identification was complicated by the fact that the group was standing on a floating platform in front of the RIVER QUEEN which is used for dinner cruises.

Crofton, VO, August 20, 1989

As far as many stamp collectors are concerned, this is the first issue of the year. Perhaps, I should say season. The philatelic trade and press has long considered September to be the beginning of the season.

I vas very fortunate earlier this month (August) in that I vas able to get avay for a fer days to attend the joint meeting of the Precancel Stamp Society and the Perfins Club.

Our participation in the P.S.S. Annual Convention was a double header for me and several of our members who are members of both organizations. This is a meeting with swapping, talk, the development and reneval of friendships. It is unlike any other 'Stamp Shov' that you have ever attended.

There is a great deal to be learned from this cooperative effort according to Robert de Violini, Chairman, APS Affiliate Coordination Committee, in the August 1989 edition of The American Philatelist:

This is a good example of clubs with somewhat special interests being able to exchange information and ideas. And it's something that might be considered by other organizations, too.

There were a lot of precancels in owensboro, but there also vere a lot of perfins to be had. I knor of at least four large collections that changed hands in addition to sales and trades of numerous smaller lots and single perfins.

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Perfins Club members present included (in order of signing in at the Perfins, Club Table): Robert C. Vorhis, Lithonia, GA; T. George Gilinsky, Washington, DC; Helen Q. Ratzer and Earl M. Ratzer, Kettering, $O H$; James R. Callis, Oakton, VA; Gary G. Hendren, Saint Louis, MO; John C. Foster, Cincinnati, OH; David W. Smith, Rochester, IN; Joseph Laura, West Wareham, MA, Edwin Swafford, Kirkwood, MO; John Randall, El Cerrito, CA; Marlyne Valencia, Fairview Heights, IL; Robert Fifield, Valley Stream, NY; Marvin H. Mech, Lombard, IL; Richard L. Mewhinney, Washington, NJ; John S. March, Chantilly, VA, Roberta M. Coltman, Clearlake, CA, William R. Bartlett, Bartlett, TN; Robert N. Andrews, Elizabeth, PA: John F. Lyding, Crofton, MD; C.J. Townsley, Blue Mound, KS; Melvin W. Bundy, Springfield, IL; A.B. Spear, Louisville, KY; Robert D. Balcome, Kenosha, WI, Alby Rick, Auckland, NZ; Ralph W. Smith, Dryden, ME; Charles T. Pearson, Cincinnati, OH; Jackie Ryan, and new member Ron Brinkerhoff, Cincinnati, $\mathrm{OH}_{0}$

If anyone arrived on Saturday morning, their name is not included above. However; if you did not pour though the attendance list, Alby Rich (\#2028) of Papatotoe, Auckland, New Zealand, was awarded the prize for the person who traveled the longest distance to attend the convention. The presentation was made during the dinner cruise on the RIVER QUEEN on Friday evening.

The Perfins Club held a short business meeting on Thursday evening. President Dick Mewhinney noted that this probably has been the largest gathering of members in a single location in the Club's history. And it was the first time that many of the officers present had met each other. The Club has requested that we be invited to participate in the Precancel Stamp Society's next annual convention which will be held in New Hampshire.

Robert Balcome (L106) passed out samples of his company's ZC/DB perfin. ZC/DB stands for Zion Church Designers Builders. Alby Rich (\#2808) provided members with a complimentary folder produced by the New Zealand Philatelic Federation. This item contains a 1 c New Zealand postage stamp bearing the perfin "THANK/YOU". These items will be illustrated in a future issue of the Bulletin. Helen Ratzer (LM-47F) and Roberta Coltman (LM-27) provided their perforators as display pieces on the Perfins Club table.

Several other items of interest to Club members were presented at the meeting. Most prominent of these were an announcement by John Randall (\#1336) of the formation of a Northern California Chapter. See want ads and notes for details. Two members have volunteered to prepare regular columns for the Bulletin, one for beginners and one containing a "PERF-O-METER". Details to be announced.PERFINS CLUB LIST OFAVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS
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No unlimited bids will be accepted. No single bids for groups of lots will be accepted. Please make your bids in multiples of $\$ .05$. In case of tie bids, the first bid received will be accepted. Cash deposits on bids are not required. All single perfins are complete and in good condition unless otherwise specified. Straightedges are not considered damaged. In larger lots, mixes, etc., incomplete perfins, splits and duplicates are to be expected.

## BID BY LOT NUMBER NOT BY CATALOG NUMBER:

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|  |  |  | ABBREVIATIONS: |  |  |
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| bik. | block | no | hole out at | pr | pair of stamps |
| blk4 | block of 4 |  | margin, not | prov | provisional |
| cc | corner card |  | complete | pp(s). | pulled perf(s) |
| cd | post card | inc | incomplete | SC | scuff of stp face |
| cl | clipped | iss | issues | se | straight edge |
| co | company | LL | large letters | S1 | small letters |
| CP | clipped corner | 1p | light punch; hole | Sp | split perfin pat |
| Cr | creased stp |  | barely seen | stp | stamp |
| CV | cover m | m | mint | str | strip of stamps |
| dam | slight damage mb | mb | minimum bid | st | stock transfer |
|  | such as tear; mg corner off | mg | monogram | th | thinned stamp(s) |
| diag | diagonal pat $n$ | $m x$ | mix | tp | triple punch |
| dif | different of | off $f$ |  | tr | tear in stamp |
| dp | double punched o | ovpt | overprin | $v$ | unlist |
| dup | duplicate p | pat | pattern(s) | $\gamma$ | variety; 1 or more |
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| 366 | 1171 se, hi | B Q9 | 415 | N113 64 E dups |  | 455 | mix 450 's |  |
| 367 | 1171 se(2) | B Q9 | 416 | N131 | E 303 | 456 | $20 \mathrm{diff}, 13 \mathrm{E}^{\prime} \mathrm{s}$ |  |
| 368 | $\mathrm{H9O}$ | E 398 | 417 | P24 | C 424 | 457 | 24 diff ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ E' |  |
| 369 | H187 Pp's | B 425 | 418 | P230 | C 425 | 458 | 6 diff E's |  |
| 370 | M 197 se | 8499 | 419 | Q1 | C 720 | 459 | 20 diff E's, PC |  |
| 371 | M275 se(2) | B 371 | 420 | S62 blk 6 | D 634 | 460 | 115 nix E Comm |  |
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## A. Commercials



## NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE...

Edward S. Hoyt (\#292) reports that Bryan Toop (\#2684) a new member from down under wrote to say that in Australia, they collect perfins differently from other countries! i.e., VG perfins -- there are four different types of this item, and in Australia, they collect every known stamp that has a VG on it. I explained to him that in this country, we call that, "Series Collecting." He would like to correspond with anyone interested in Australian perfins. Also, if anyone would like any VG perfins, he would be happy to send samples free of charge. Write: Brian Toop, 2 Baxter Street, Timboon, Victoria 2268, Australia.

Ed also suggest that the answer to Question Number 3 is that one needs to consider the number of perfins involved. The U.S. has but $6,000+$ perfins while there are $16,000+$ in Great Britain. There are so many companies using the same combination of initials, that you just can not say that they are 4 mm high, and 13 mm long. You have to check the spacing between the letters as well as between the lines and you may have to count the holes in each letter for a positive ID.

Roy Everett (\#2635) wrote to update his article, "The Perfin - What is it Worth" (See TPB, March 1989, pp. 70-71.

By the time I got down to reading the April and May issues of the Bulletin $I$ also had to hand the details for the 1988 Perfins Society results. I thought that the members might like a comparison of the results.

Perfin Society Auction Results for 1988.

| No. | Lots | U/S Proceeds | High | Low | Average |  |
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| 1 | 150 | 14 | $\# 776.55$ | $\# 61.00$ | 50 p | \#5.70 |
| 2 | 185 | 2 | 810.10 | 44.50 | 20 | 4.43 |
| 3 | 203 | 8 | 886.95 | 42.00 | 10 | 4.55 |
| 4 | 207 | 10 | 873.85 | 36.00 | 25 | 4.44 |
| 5 | 214 | 13 | 788.95 | 22.50 | 30 | 3.93 |
| 6 | 200 | 9 | 1090.40 | 205.00 | 20 | 5.70 |
| 7 | 216 | 7 | $\underline{1367.15}$ | 175.00 | 20 | $\boxed{6.54}$ |
|  |  |  | $\# 6593.95$ |  |  | $\# 5.04$ |

Perfins Club Auction Results for 1988.

| 41 | 772 | 22 | $\$ 1449.75$ | $\$ 38.30$ | $5 c$ | $\$ 1.93$ |
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The realizations were, to recap, \#3.74 (1985), \#4.08 (1986), \#4.47 (1987) and the results for 1988 being \#5.04 the prices are still rising in Great Britain whereas the prices in the Perfins Club are roughly equal. The Perfins Society returned \#6593.95 less 10 percent commission to its members and the Perfins Club returned the equivalent of \#900.00 less commissions to its members.

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Editor's note. One of the difficulties in working with averages is that it is extremely difficult to determine just what is being compared. (An example often used with students is how a person can drown in a lake with an average depth of one inch.)

Erwin E. Naegele (\#2522) dropped us a short note to say that his three frame perfins exhibit was awarded a gold and a silver ribbon in the 1989 COMPEX Stamp Show held in Chicago May 26-28. Congratulations!

In this award winning exhibit Erwin has a Knight of the Maccabees of the World viewcard like the one shown in TPB, February 1989, pp. 32-33). What makes this card special is that it is addressed to the same person, as you can see below. This card was mailed on the same day of the month and only three months later.


For those who like Jacob Kisner wondered what the Knights of the Maccabees were Erwin reports that they are now the Maccabees Mutual Life Insurance Company, 25800 Northwestern Highway, P.O. Box 2165, Southfield, MI 48037-2165. The Maccabees were founded in 1878.

Just a reminder about the Perfins Publicity Project. The Club still needs donations of your duplicates of those common perfins which are included in the set of 24 used in the folder. The perfins are:

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1. American Telephone and Telegraph - ATT
2. City of Boston - B
3. Board of Education, New York City - BE/NY
4. Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania - BT/PA
5. Boston and Maine Railway - \(B^{\iota} M\)
6. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad - B\&O
7. E.I. duPont deNemours Company DU/PONT
8. Federal Reserve Bank - FRB
9. First National Bank of Boston - FNB
10. Great Northern Railway - GN
11. State of Illinois - old design - I
12. State of Illinois - new design - (I) map
13. City of Chicago - I/WILL
14. State of Michigan - (M) circle
15. New York Central System - NYC
16. Norfolk and Western Railroad - N/\&W
17. Pennsylvania Railroad - PRR
18. Reading Company - RDG/Co
19. Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad - SFE
20. State of New Jersey - S/NJ
21. University of Kansas \(U(K)\)
22. University of Missouri - U(M)
23. University of Michigan - UofM
24. Wabash Railroad - W (flag)
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Kurt Ottenheimer reports that he has loads of the S/NJ and BE/NYs, but we can use any of the others. Send your donations to: Kurt Ottenheimer, 462 West Walnut, Long Beach, NY 11516.
W. MacDonald (\#2520), who has a want ad elsewhere in this issue to fill gaps left after buying a bunch of $D$ and E rated material from the sales department, suggest that you might want to drop Sales Department Manager, Sal Guarini, P.O. Box 1502, San Mateo, CA 94401 a line with your needs.

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An speaking about winning awards Ed Fisher (\#2220) Mexican Perfin ( $\mathrm{RB} / \& C$ ) has received the Grand Award at two shows.

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While we are on the subject of awards, Fran Adams (L 114) who is the POWPEX'89 Single Frame Exhibit Chairman, sent us a notice that this San Diego, CA show will provide a national forum for single frame exhibitors in addition to standard multiframe exhibits. Category 5, Special Studies, includes
perfins, precancels, EFOs, Meters and Permits is made for our hobby. Any one wishing to participate should request a prospectus from: Fran Adams, P.O. Box 24308, San Diego, CA 92124.

Our member, Gary G Hendren (\#2490) has been selected as President of the Missouri Precancel Club. Our good wishes to Gary in this new position.

## Northern California Chapter of the Perfins Club Forms

We have just formed the Northern California Chapter of the Perfins Club and will hold the first meeting on Saturday, October 7, 1989. The location will be at John Randall's home, 2540 Carquinez Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530. If you have questions, call(415) 233-6647, I'll be happy to give you directions. Bring your want list and all your duplicate perfins and spend the afternoon swapping.

THE PERFINS CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT PERIOD ENDING 6/30/89

## INCOME

ASSETS

Dues Receipts
Catalog and Pub. Sales Sales Circuit Receipts Auction Receipts Interest Income Donations Total Income

EXPENSES
Bullet in
Editor's Expenses Publisher's Expenses Secretary's Expenses
Treasure's Expenses Other Officer's Expenses
Catalog Expenses
Publicity Expenses
Awards \& Show Expenses
Total Expenses
Net Income (Loss)

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\begin{array}{rllr}
\$ 1,311.56 & \text {. } & \text { Total LM Savings } \$ 10,391.54 \\
1,327.78 & \text { Total OP Fund } & \frac{22751.63}{220.78} \text {. } & \text { Total Assets } \\
289.25 . & \\
1,064.73 . & \text { CAPITAL \& LIABILITIES } \\
\frac{6.00}{} \cdot & \\
\$ 4,220.10 & \text {. } & \text { Surplus } \\
& \text { Year to Date P\&L } \frac{(1,994.13)}{} \\
& \text { Potal Cap.\& Liab. } \$ 33,803.27
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PENNY AEDS - 20 different penny red perfins, $\$ 4.00 ; 40$ different, $\$ 12.00 ; 75$ different, $\$ 35.00$. Be advised that, as is normal in old British, that clipped stamps are prevalent. John Randall ( $\mathbf{1 3 3 6 6}$ ), 2540 Carquinez Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530. (415) 233-6647.

COLLECTIONS FOR SALE - At age 86 and with poor eyesight, I am forced to give up perfin collecting. Lot $\mathbf{1 1 \text { : Wore than }}$ 800 perfins hinged on perfin album sheets. Nost were purchased through other members. Perfins and Album $\$ 125$. Lot 12: Nore than 900 U.S. perfins which have not been cataloged or hinged. $\$ 100$. Lot $\$ 3$ : Nore than 600 Great Britain perfins, not cataloged. \$100. Yorris E. Selby (Former Member 11507), 4015 21st Avenue, S.E. Apt 111, Lacey, WA 98503.

WANTED - Worldwide perfin airmail stamps on cover. J.C. Boonshaft (i772), P.O. Box 531, Huntingdon Valley, PA 196006.

TRADE - Unvanted foreign Perfins? Send $50 / 100 / 200$ foreign perfins your choice for twice as many UNPERFINNED foreign stamps my choice. Better stamps sent for any perfins included from scarcer perfin countries. Undamaged material both ways. Jacob Kisner (2168), 254 Park Avenue South, PHF, Ner York, NY 10010.

FOR SALE - Denmark perfins - all different: 37 patterns \$3.75. 240 stamps, 1 to 29 different issues on 56 different patterns $\$ 20.00,120$ stamps 1 to 26 different issues on 26 different patterns $\$ 10,00$. All offers postpaid in the U.S. and Canada. J.F. Schmidt (1997), 805 W. Hermosa P1., Green Valley, Az 85614-2014.

TRADE . I need most U.S. perfins and would appreciate trading for my non-perfinned world-wide stamps. Thanks. W. NacDonald $\{\mathbf{1 2 5 2 0}\}, 29$ Canadian Oaks Drive, Whitby, Ontart10, Canada LiN $6 \times 5$.

FOR SALE - Tro Stuntzner exhibits: Perfins: Their Origin and Usage and Special Perfins of Illinois. The former exhibit has won an International Bronze and both have been extensively shown. Includes early penny reds, O.U.S. overprints on cover, underprints, overprints (printed on gum), U.S. 7505, and numerous other significant items. I rould prefer not to break up these exhibits. Best offer recelved by December 31, 1989. For additional details or to make offer write Dave Smith ( 12715 ), P.O. Box 8235, Cranston, RI 02920

WANTED - Svedish perfins on or off cover. I am beginning a collection of Sveden, and have no Svedish perfins at all. I an interested in buying single items, collections, or mixtures to get started. Can trade non-perfin plate number coils. Ed Denson (\$2275), P.O. Box 158, Alderpoint, CA 95411.

WANTED - U.S. and foreign music company perfins on cover. Albert Spencer ( $\$ 1261$ ), P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

WANTED - Collector of Scouts on Stamps looking for any perfins or precancels relating to Scouts (U.S. Scott Catalog numbers $974,995,1145,1199)$. Send with price to W. A, Hartman Jr. ( $\$ 2721$ ), Box 2625, Oakland, CA 94614.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER VEETING - October 7, 1987. Full notice on page 186 or call (415) 233-6647.

## ) TONG IN CHEEK



THE RAILROAD CATALOG NEEDS AN INSIDE POCKET

> Edward S. Hoyt (\#292), 225 W. Coover (Rear) Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Using a large envelope (about $7 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ wide), measure $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " from the bot-
 tom, and cut the top off. Now, from the open top (bottom portion), measure $1^{\prime \prime}$ and draw a line. Here, you only want to cut thru the face of your "pocket" (laving the back panel $1^{\prime \prime}$ higher than the front).

Now, you are ready to mount the "pocket" on the inside of the Railroad binder-cover.
Cut an $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " $\times 6 \frac{1}{2}$ " piece from a roll of "Clear ConTact" covering. Measure $1 \frac{1}{2}{ }^{\prime \prime}$ from the top and draw a line from side to side (you are marking on the paper backing of the plastic)...and, by using the "pocket" as a guide, you can tell how long to make a "slit" along this line...(centered, of course).

Then...after lining up the "slit" with the top of the "pocket" front; peel only enough backing to allow yourself enough freedom to
 adhere the plastic to the top edge, around the "slit" and onto the cover. Then you may peel off the balance of the backing, carefully, as you firmly press down, sliding your fingers from side to side to assure a good seal.

LONDON, TILBURY \& SOUTHERN N RAILWAY Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex CM7 7SJ, England

Another railway to serve the Essex region prior to the Nationalization of the rail network was the London, Tilbury \& Southend Railway (L.T.S.R), This in it self had been gobbled up by the bigger concern of the Midland Railway before Nationalization by act of August 7, 1912, but in. general the whole of the L.T.S.R. system still survives under the
auspices of British Rail. This is due to the area it serves and the ancillary amenities of that area. It was, and still is, a fact that workers are needed for London, but London could not and can not house them all. Also, those living in London required leisure spots for their days off and vacations. The two met conveniently with the setting up of the L.T.S.R. With termini in the capital at Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street stations, by arrangement with the Great Eastern Railway, and stations inland and along the Thames Estuary to the North Sea it enabled Londoners an easy access to the countryside and commuters a convenient mode of transport to their work. Southend has for long been what Blackpool is to the Northerners, the seaside away day spot. If fact, so popular was Southend that two routes were established to the town with two different terminating stations, and such exists today.

The L.T.S.R. headquarters were at Fenchurch Street station within London and their remit was to establish rail links between the capital and the Thameside ports and lower Essex resorts, and to commence a working steamboat service linking Tilbury, Essex with Gravesend, Kent, such being duly authorized by Act 15 of June 17 th. 1852 and Act 19 of June 5 th. 1856 of Queen Victoria.


Two established railways were contracted to construct the line, the Eastern Counties Railway and the London \& Blackwall Railway, and a line was established from the Gas Factory Junction near Bow and the junction with the Great Eastern at Forest Gate. The former linking into Fenchurch Street and the latter into Liverpool Street, to Shoeburyness via Dagenham, Rainham, Purfleet, Grays, Tilbury, Stanford-le-hope, where a junction leads to Thames Haven, Pitsea, South Benfleet, Leigh and Southend. Later a line from Rumford on the Great Western was constructed to Grays via Upminster and South Ockendon to facilitate North Essex access to Thames Ports without the need to shunt in and out of London. This was followed by the docks rail network at Tilbury. The Whitechapel (London) warehouse and depot for freight opened in April 1886. Then a quicker route from London to Southend opened in 1888, running from a junction with the first route below Barking via Dagenham second station

(Dagenham is a center for the vehicle industry), Elm Park, Hornchurch, Upminster, West Horndon, Laindon, Pitsea, then the old route to Southend. Also at this time, the ferry boats were established between Tilbury and Gravesend and such boats saw service as tenders to passenger liners, conveying passengers to the stations of L.R.S.R. so that they could continue to London.

The L.T.S.R. only really took over running the line in 1875, having leased the network out for 21 years to the constructors. Once they took over, they soon added to the network and it was a profitable concern returning \#2.8 million to the share and stockholders from 1875 to 1911.

The badge shown on this page is for Locomotives and on the previous page for carriages. These denote the name of the line and incorporate the Tilbury Fort Gateway in the center.

Perfin details known as of this date for this line are as follows:


QV 1881 1d lilac
Cat. No: L. 550
1887 d Jubilee
5/4 8,9/11,12
Earliest: Oct. 1, 1889
Latest: Dec. 15, 1900

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Cat. No: L. 548
$47,7,10,11$

Die ii
(Continued on Back Cover)

## The Secretary's Report

## The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645 Dryden, ME 04225

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NEW MEMBERS:
2702 McIntosh, Ladd; 7712 Alcove Avenue; North Hollywood, CA 91605
    U.S. . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (1M-87)
2 7 0 3 \text { Saner, Frederick; 192 Good Hill Road; Oxford, CT 06483}
    U.S., Germany, England & Belgium . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2704 Anderson, Donald E.; }3611\mathrm{ Equestrian Drive, Dover, PA }1731
    U.S., Hong Kong, Beginner
2705 Kotek, Jerry A.; 424 Corbin Road, York, PA }1740
    Czechoslovakia and Australia, Beginner . . . By: Hoyt (#292)
2706 Pawson, Barry; 34 Maire Street, Inglewood, New Zealand
    Great Britain and World . . . . . . By: Ryan (#2601)
2707 Pierce, Richard A.; P.O. Box 13418, Albuquerque, NM }8719
    U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM87)
2708 Fox, Diane E.; P.O. Box 5024, Arvada, CO }8000
    U.S. . . . . . . . . . By: Unknown
2709 Fordham, John N.; P.O. Box 138, Islington, NSW, Australia
    General Beginner . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM87)
2710 Gibb, Robert E.; 9 Phenix Drive, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada,
    M1N 3H7
    General Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Walker (#849)
2711 Atkins, Charles E.; 4219 Madera Drive, Shreveport, LA 71119
    U.S. . . . . . . . . . . By: Hoyt (#292)
2712 Thaden, Michael E.; 7 Orchard Way North, Rockville, MD 20854
        General Beginner . . . . . . . . . By: Gerstenberger (#1067)
CLOSED ALBUMS:
1853 Ellis, Albert G.; 39 Newlands Crescent, Northowram-Halifax, West
        Yorkshire HX3 7HU England
    933 Maxa, Vojtech; PS 50, Praha 170 00 Czechoslovakia
RESIGNED:
2570 Roberts, Harry C.; 2208 NE 60th Street; Kansas City, MO 64118
1 7 8 0 \text { Davis George R.; 31 Timmerman Street, Dolgeville, NY } 1 3 3 2 9
    53L Marlowe, Monroe; P.O. Box 2877, Van Nuys, CA }9140
1164 Feder, Lee M., 6214 8th. Avenue South, Gulfport, FL }3370
1 9 5 6 \text { Beutel, Phillip R.; 3 Chase Lane, Colorado Springs, CO } 8 0 9 0 6
2496 DeBonis, Joseph N.; 923 Lincoln Street, Waterloo, IA }5070
2377 Sears, Keith; 3197 Bewicke Avenue, North Vancouver, BC, Canada
    V7N 4B7
    5 1 9 \text { Stuntzner, Edwin L.; 1003 Exchange Street, Emporia, KS 66801}
Address Changes:
2401 Sager, Phillip M.; 411 South Sparta, Ruston, LA 71270
2657 Sheridan, Calvin; 2913 Willetts Way, Ceres, CA }9530
2643 Beversdorf, Richard A.; 1206 Hillcrest, Grandview, MI }4941
    455 Whitney, R.B.; P.O. Box 372382, Satellite Beach, FL }3293
1788 Oregon stamp Society; P.O. Box 82121, Portland, OR }9728
252* Berryhil1, James; 1700 Plum Circle, Waco, TX 76706
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P.A. MISTRETTA

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STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30003

2451 Rutler, Gregory J.; RT 2 Box 236, Glyndon, MN 56547
2590 Trent, Mary Lou; 7912 Charles Thompson Lane \#3, Annandale, VA 22003
LM110 Van Norstrand, A.F., LCDR; P.O. Box 221, Valentine, NE 69201
2596 Moose, Frederick L.; c/o Union Pacific Resources, P.O. Box 7, MS 3700, Fort Worth, TX 76101
1363 Stiles, Everett; 725 West Thorton Avenue \#95, Hemet, CA 92343
SUMMARY: Members as of April 30, 1989788
New Members +11
Closed Albums -2
Resigned - 8
Members as of June 30, 1989


QV 1881 1d lilac Cat. No: L. 549
1887 d green Jubilee 5 6,7/10,11
E VII d blue green
d yellow green
d red Earliest: Jun. 1901
Latest: Dec. 9, 1910
Die iii.
Club members are requested to report details of their holding to: E.W. Francombe, 70 Salisbury Road, Reading, Berks RC3 2BL, England who is working on a comprehensive catalog of British Railway related perfins.

## The Enfis Bulletin



The folded letter sheet illustrated above has three perfins, a pair of $1 d$ reds with letters in all four corners (Scott Catalog number 33 ) and a single halfpenny rose (Scott Catalog number 58). The letter was postmarked London, December 4, 1878 and is backstamped "Paris/2/ (DISTxIBxx)/27), where "x" indicates an unreadable character. The center of the circular backstamp apparently contains the time and the date (5/DEC/78). A transit time of one day London to Paris in 1878 must have been out of the ordinary.

The pair of penny reds are from plate 210 positions NC \& BD. The plate number on the halfpenny stamp is indistinct; however it appears to be from plate 19 , position RB. All three stamps are punched "D/R \& $C^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ which is assigned Tillies Catalog number D416. The perfin is described in The Perfins of Great Britain: A Catalog-Album as $11 / 13 / 14 / 8 / 6,4 / 5$ and the user is not identified.

Since this letter consisted of a folded letter sheet, the contents were preserved and they are shown below. This fortunate circumstance permits us to identify the user as D. Radford \& Company, London E.C. From the letterhead and contents we can determine that they were Coal Merchants.

There have been many changes this year. I find it difficult to comprehend the sudden change in Soviet-U.S. relations, the fact (as of this date anyhor) the Baltimore Orioles are still in the thick of the American League Eastern Oivision pennant race, and Scott Catalogue's ner net pricing methodology.

We, as a club have also undergone changes. We met at the PSS Convention at Ovensboro, Ky and we are planning to participate in the 69th Annual PSS Convention at Bedford, NH in August of 1990.

An other change ras the date of the earliest known U.S. perfin cover. Menber Paul H. Gault managed to turn up a cover that was earlier than the 'Bartelson Strip'. Later, he acquired an even older cover. This find, an early malling from the Cummins Company, is especially important to the Club because it the envelope is punched with the Cummins name as a corner card.

At this date, the tobacco crop is 'topped out' in Varyland. The crop vas apparently not badly damaged by the rain and vind accompanying hurricane Hugo, which passed mostly to the vest of us. Unfortunately, South Carolina and Charleston in particular vere not as lucky. Our heart reaches out to those Who have suffered loss in this storm.

It also makes me wonder, how our six South Carolina members fared. It also makes me wonder hov my stamp collection and files would withstand the ravages of the veather.

JFL

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Illustrated below are an enlarged view of the perfinned stamps, the Paris backstamp and a reduced size copy of the lettersheet.

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NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE . . .
Valentino D.B. Mazzia (L-107) provided this clipping and
translation from the Catalogo Enciclopedico Italiano: 1989/90.

## PERFORATI

«PERFINS»


Le grandi ditte, affinché impiegati infedeli non sottraggano $i$ francobolli, possono, dietro autorizzazione delle autoritả postali, perforare con le inziziali della ragione sociale i francobolli per la propria corrispondenza. I primi esempi si ebbero già alla fine del secolo scorso. Oggi ifrancobolli perforati, o eperfins», una volta negletti, sono ricercati dagli specialisti del settore. La maggior parte dei raccoglitori di "perfins" ricercano if rancobolli perforaticon le iniziali di due banche che sempre hanno adottato il sistema, la Banca Commerciale Italiana (B.C.I.), ed il Credito Italiano (C.1.).
Esistono, oltre alle perforature normali, perforature capovolte, verticali e specula-
I francobolli perforati valgono almeno quanto quelli non perforati, usati. Su busta sono rari, nuovi con gomma sono rarissimi . Con perforazione sono conosciuti i francobolli di posta ordinaria, di posta aerea, di espressi, per recapito autorizzato e per pacchi.

TRANSLATION: Large corporations, in order to prevent dishonest employees from stealing stamps, may, under authority of the postal service, perforate with appropriate letters stamps for their own mail. The first usage was at the end of the 1800's -- Today perforated stamps - at one time ignored -- are sought by specialists in this field. Most collectors of perfins seek stamps perforated with the initials of two banks which have always utilized this system .- The Italian Bank of Commerce and Italian Credit .. There are -- besides the usual perforations -- inverted, vertical and (speculari (?) perhaps unofficial or illegal usage?).
Perforated stamps are worth at least as much as those non perforated if used .- On cover they are very rare .- unused with gum intact they are very rare -. Among the stamps which have been perforated are ordinary postage, air mail, express mail, return postage guaranteed, and parcel post.

Albert De Lisle Jr. (\#1684) is the editor of The Belgiophile, the bulletin of the American Belgian Philatelic Society.

Ed. Fisher (\#2220) sent the contribution below. He also noted, "No wonder Sherlock Holmes used a perfin in one of his stories. It takes a few postmarks and perfins to arrive at part of a solution. As Paul Harvey, and now you know the rest of the story'. Wish someone could unravel the whole story."


BEFORE THESE POSTMARKS WERE PIECED TOGETHER, IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE " 5 " PERFIN DESIGN WAS USED FOR OFFICAL BUSINESS. THIS INDICATES IT WAS USED FOR 2d CLASS MAIL (BUNDLE OF NEWSPAPERS OR MAGAZINES. EF

In the April 1, 1974 edition of Mexicana, Charles Brock asked for someone to identify the "5" perfin design. Almost 15 years later, here is a partial answer. Maybe in another 15 years we can find out which publisher used a "5" in their masthead, logo, etc.

Kel Vicary (\#2434) of Queensland, Australia mailed in a two year renewal from New York which is one of the ports of call in his 14 week around the world trip.

The Owensboro, KY PSS Convention is now history, and by all accounts, another superlative show for almost everyone. For the first time ever, The Perfins Club joined this event for a week. It was a revelation to our members who had never been to a PSS convention, as their comments changed from, "What are we going to do for a week?", to "One week is not enough!" The big news is that the 1990 Convention is now offically scheduled for Manchester, NH. The Perfins Club has officially requested to be considered a participant at this event.

If we learned anything at Owensboro, it was that Precance1 and Perfin collectors have a lot in common. In that vein, you may wish to consider attending one of these other precancel roundups:

October 14-15 EPPS, Fiesta, Motor Lodge, Rt. 611 and PA Turnpike, Willow Grove, PA.

October 27-28 Illini Precancel Stamp Club, Ottawa Inn, Jct. I80 and IL Rt. 23, Ottawa, IL.

Tickhill
United Kingdom
8th. September 1989
Open letter to the members of the Perfins club
I was sorry to read on page 160 of the July/August issue that Mike Rucklidge of the UK Perfin Society had reacted to a review in your pages by refusing to supply copies of the "Catalogue of GB Perfins" to the Perfins Club. I am no longer the editor of the catalogue so can not do anything about it but apologize to the members of the Perfins club. Any review is the opinion of its author, and in any event I (as then editor of the catalogue) saw no objection to it. In fact it was quite useful I thought. We should always be ready to listen to criticism and able to evaluate it and act upon it without being petulant or vindictive especially against those who had no hand in the review.

As the past editor I can assure you that we at the Perfin Society do not see our work as faultless and normally try to react constructively to critism.

Regards
Dr. T.A. Llewellyn-Edwards
(Ex-Editor of Catalogue of GB Perfins)

EDISON ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING
Douglas Cutler (L-126), U.S. Catalog Editor R \#2, 473 North Rush Street, Pentwater, MI 49449

Pattern E20 has a positive identification of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Brooklyn, NY. Please note three different street addresses. The sales department was located at 360 Pear 1 Street, Brooklyn. The 5114 Fifth Avenue and 884 Broadway addresses are evidently branch offices. Collectively, the company was known as

Edison Service, Edison Light and Power. The photocopy of the cover is from a reply postcard which has been recut and pasted-up for fitting and easier viewing. My thanks to Mr. Herman Heller, a non-member, for the cover. Mr. Heller replied to an insert that I did for STAMPS in February 1987. If more members wrote to the editors of various national stamp publications, more interest would be generated in the perfins field. You also get all sorts of contacts with non-perfin collectors. (Illustration on Page 200.)

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U.S. WANTLISTS - I have a large stock of better U.S. perfins and precanceled perfins. Please send me your wantlist or contact me directly. I vill be glad to trade for precanceled perfins or for U.S. or foreign perfins I need. John Randall (\$1336), 2540 Carquinez Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530. (415) 233-6647.

WANTED - Any and all Portugal and Portuguese colonial perfins you have to spare. I have some swaps and maintain a collection intended to cover all perfin types on all different stamp issues. Maurice Hogg (Nonmember), 5 Weavers Close, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 4LT, Essex, England.

WANTED - Any perfin material related to Mozambique. Doug Smith (Nonmember), No. 21 The Glen, Silversides, Fish Hook, 7995, Cape, South Africa.

WANTED - Swedish covers with perfins on numeral type stamps. Also wanted covers with following U.S. perfins: H98 (HL), L20.5 (LA/VAL), L21 (LA/VAL), L22 (LA/VAL), L23.5 (LA/VAL), L65.5 (L(DE/LAVAL)), S27 (SAL), S165 (SKF), S166 (SKF). Stellan Swenson (\$2654), Odonbarsvagen 32, S-293 00, Olofstrom, Sweden.



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Echoes From the Past
    Paul Jackson (LM-5), 10 Brentwood Road
    Raritan, NJ 08869
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This article from Perfins is a tale worth retelling; however, because of the quality of the copy, it has been retyped rather than being reproduced here. The original Perfins' editors note has also been shown at the end of the article.

## MEMBER'S HOBBY ENABLES DEALER TO FIND CLIENT

(Condensed from an article by Ernest Kehr in the New York Herald Tribune for July 1942. Courtesy of Charles Metzs.)

Because of perfins, a New York dealer was able to reach a client in real detective fashion when accepted methods had failed.

A few years ago a New York dealer received a letter in answer to his ad, in which the writer signed his name, but failed to give an address. Later, he mentioned the incident to a collector and showed him the letter an envelope. The envelope was franked with a two cent presidential perforated with these letters: RICo(in C)/LD and cancelled at Church Street Annex Office.

Seeing this clue, the collector suggested that the dealer send the envelope to Dr. Louise D. Larimore. Within two days the envelope was returned with a note identifying the concern that used those initials. A telephone call to the firm located the writer and the dealer was able to purchase the material offered.

Dr. Larimore, now affiliated with the Greenwich (Conn.) Hospital, formerly was a resident of New York and during her stay there, was instrumental in organizing the Women's Philatelic Society, now regarded as the country's foremost feminine stamp collector's group.

Her philatelic interests embrace several fields but like most general collectors she has a specialty in which she can do research without great cost. Several years ago, Dr. Larimore started collecting perforated initial stamps and since they are outcasts her friends gave her all that came their way, later she began to classify and identify them as to the firms using each design. At present, she has what is probably the largest collection of its kind and as few have not been identified it is possible for her to tell exactly what firm uses each design.

In addition to United States issues, she has several albums of foreign perforated initial stamps. The foreign are divided into two groups, those punched by business firms, and those punched by the governments for use on official business. Most Br. Colonies use $\mathrm{OH} / \mathrm{MS}$ an abbreviation for "On His Majesty's Service." Many foreign governments employ the practice of perforating initials instead of overprinting, and they are not 1 isted in U.S. catalogs. Dr. Larimore urges collectors to watch for such items, as they are relatively scarce and listed at premium prices in foreign value guides.
(Charles Bein, our English member has 28,000 perfins with 6,700 different dies all on stamps of Great Britain. .. Ed.)

CINCINNATI PERFIN CHECK LIST
Adapted from a list prepared by V. Fisher (\#853), 3091 Riddle View Lane \#3, Cincinnati, OH 45220. Adaptions by Douglas Cutler and John Lyding.

| Catalogue Number | Perfin | User |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A37 | AB/Co | American Book Company. |
| A135 | AGS | A.G. Schwab and Son. |
| A221-23 | AR | American Radiator |
| A270-6 | ATF/Co | American Type Founders Co. |
| A291 | A\&D | Alms \& Doepke |
| B116-15 | BFG | B.F. Goodrich |
| B120 | BFG/CO | B.F. Goodrich Company |
| B129 | $\mathrm{B}(\mathrm{H})$ | Birmingham Southern RR. |
| B139 | BIG/4 | Big Four Lines. |
| B203 | BR/C | Unidentified. |
| B277 | B\&O | Baltimore \& Ohio RR |
| B279 | B\&O | Baltimore \& Ohio RR |
| C80 | C(C) L ) | Chicago, Cincinnati \& Louisville RR. |
| C134 | CFC. | Freishman Transportation Company. |
| C151 | CHD | Cincinnati Hamilton and Dayton RR. |
| C152-6 | CHI | International Harvester Co. |
| C203 | C/MM | Cincinnati Milling Machine Co. |
| C261.5 | $C(P)$ | Unidentified. |
| C293 | C (RO) | Cincinnati Regalia Co. |
| C319 | CSN/O\&P | Cincinnati Southern New Orleans + Texas Pacific RR. |
| C402 | C\&O | Chesapeake \& Ohio RR |
| C424 | C(10) | Crane - Hawley Company. After 1915 Crane Co. |
| D128 | DUN | Dun \& Bradstreet. |
| E42 | EGAN | J.A. Fay \& Egan Co. inued on Page 207) |


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KEY: 1 Cape Of Good Hope
    2 Natal
    3 Orange Free State [OFS], British Occupation [BO], Orange River
        Colony [ORC]
    4 Transvaal
    5 Union Of South Africa [UN], Republic Of South Africa [REP]
Cat. \# Pattern Key Company Location
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Unknown 2 ?S. ..... 4
Unknown 3 ? ..... 5
Unknown 4 ? ..... 5

NOTES:
Unknown 4 - This stamp is found with DOUANE overprint; consequently, the perfin may be of overseas origin.

| E73 | EM | Edwards Mfc Co. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| F37.5 | FB/Co | Fecheimer Bros. Co. |
| F190 | F. S/Co | Unidentified. |
| F205 | FU | Fenton United Cleaning and Dyeing |
| Co. |  |  |
| G14 | (G) Watch | Gruen Watch Co. |
| G50 | GCC | Grasselli Chemical Co. |
| G68 | $G(D(C))$ | Garden City Tailoring Co. |
| G72-18 | G(E) | General Electric Company. |
| G86 | GGN/ \& | Greg G. Wright \& Sons. |
| G162 | GS/CO | Globe Soap Co. |
| Dept. Store. |  |  |
| H183. 5 | HS/P | Unidentified. |
| I66 | I. O/L | Inter-Ocean Casualty Co. |
| I82 | IRC(O) | Indian Refining Co. |
| J96-4 | J M M | John-Manville Co. |
| K3 | K | Kroger Baking and Grocery Co. |
| K25 | KD | Kanawa Despatch (C\&O RR). |
| L55-4 | LC/CO | Liquid Carbonic Co. |
| L56.5 | L/CO | Unidentified. |
| L57 | L/Co | Lukenheimer Company. |
| M117 | MFM | Unidentified. |
| M239 | MSC | Maryland Steel Co. |
| M239.5 | MSC | Unidentified. |
| N20 | NA/RY | Northern Alabama RR. |
| N113A-8 | NL (Y) | New York Life Insurance Co. |
| N113C-6 | NL (Y) | New York Life Insurance Co. |
| O33 | OHIO | Standard Oil Company of Ohio. |
| 053 | ONC (O) | The Oskamp Nolting Co. |
| 060 | O(PIC) | Phoenix Insurance Company. |
| P55.8 | PD | Park Davis |
| P91 | PG | Phillip Gross Hardware Co. |
| P91. 5 | PG | Unidentified. |
| P253 | P\&G | Proctor and Gamble. |
| Q2 | QSC/CO | Queen City Supply Co. |
| Q9 | Q\&C | Queen and Crescent Route. |
| S21 | SAC | Samue1 A. Crocker and Co. |
| S134 | SH | U.S. Calendar Co. |
| S155 | SIW | Stewart Iron Works Co. |
| S198 | SO/Co | S. Obermayer Co. |
| S203 | SO/RY | Southern Railway |
| S204 | SO/RY | Southern Railway |
| S204A | SO/RY | Southern Railway |
| S204B | SO/RY | Southern Railway |
| S204C | SO/RY | Southern Railway |
| S259 | SS/Co | Storrs-Schaefer Co. |
| T81 | TRAV | Travelers Branch Office Insurance |
|  |  | o. |
| U13 | UCL | Union Central Life Insurance Co. |
| U82-7 | US/MC | United Shoe Machinery Co. inued on Page 208) |


| U84 | US/MT | U.S. Motor Truck Co. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| W12 | (W) flag | Wabash RR |
| W72-83 | WE | Western Electric Company. |
| W79 | WEH | Unidentified. |
| W122 | WL(S) | Radio WLS (Sears and Roebuck Co.). |
| W122.5 | WL(S) | Radio WLS |
| W164 | WPM | Unidentified. |
| W165 | WPM | Worthington Pump and Machine Co. |
| W166 | WP/MC | Worthington Pump and Machine Co. |
| W199-17 | WU | Western Union Telegraph Co. |
| W203-6 | WUT | Western Union Telegraph Co. |
| W203-8 | WUT | Western Union Telegraph Co. |
| No. 27 | $(5 \cdots 3)$ | Fifth \& Third National Bank. |
| Des. 13 | (Tri)Cir | Ferdinand Westheimer and Son Co. |

## H1O2 - CITY AND ADDRESS

William Allen (\#629), P.O. Box 6051, East Lansing, MI 48826
Unfortunately, this is a cover front and if the users name was on the envelope flap it has been lost. The handwritten notes on the back have bled through, but they do not help. However, the return address of third floor, 217-219 State Street, Chicago, IL and the 1902 cancellation are clear. Hopefully, a member with access to on old city directory could be able to identify the name on the "HLJ" of pattern H102 which is currently unidentified.


## WFEDS CAN GROW IN MY GARDEN

Robert J. Schwerdt (\#505), 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
In my salad days of perfin collecting, I would follow every lead, even driving to nearby states for material. But now in my retirement years, I prefer to hunt my quarry with the aid of the USPS.

This however, is an account of an early experience in my quest for perfins -- an account which some few readers may find amusing. A few of the facts have been changed slightly to enhance (if I may be so bold to say) the entertainment value.

Let me begin at the very beginning. I had developed a swapping technique with a new-found correspondent. While he specialized solely in U.S. perfins, I collected perfins of the world. He was a heavy advertizer in the swap columns of the philatelic journals, and in the process he accumulated unwanted foreign perfins which I always had first chance at.

On one occasion, he sent a large manila envelope crammed with perfins just as it had come from his swap partner. The envelope yielded very few items for me except one envelope stuck at the bottom of the envelope. That item was a rather scarce one from Uruguay, which I lacked. On a hunch, I decided to write the original sender since his address was with the enclosed material. What struck me as unusual was that his initials were U.S.A. And, that is how he signed his correspondence. His prompt response indicated that he has hundreds of albums which he was striping to rid himself of the more salable pieces, but that I would be welcome to visit and search through his material. He wrote that he had a five volume "weed" collection that he had not examined for years.

Well, if you have ever seen sugar plum fairies dancing, that was the time they did for me! Weed!! . . . these were the uncharted seas of perfin collecting ... fiscals! labels! seals! forgeries! cinderellas! non-Scott items! ... perhaps even some stationery! and dealing with a man who had the initials U.S.A, how could I loose? There just had to be some perfins in those volumes, I knew it. It is the same feeling one gets when he knows three bars are due up on the slot machine or that a large trout is about to strike.

After getting the directions to his place via the interstate highway system, I started out accompanied by a non-perfin collector friend who was interested in examining the material which had been accumulated over a lifetime (U.S.A. was an octogenarian at the time). The car ran well, the day was fine, we had packed a lunch and we were anticipating and experiencing that euphoria which come to small children the week before Christmas.
U.S.A. turned out to be a short, portly, jovial fellow, who had been
retired from a large corporation. He seemed more interested in our companionship than in selling his stamps. He literally did have hundreds of albums, some locked in a huge safe in his basement garage and others stored in his attic. He explained that he needed a dumpster to remove all the junk so we could maneuver a tricky flight of attic stairs. We had to carry the albums down to the garage where we could examine them on a picnic table which he had set up for us. How he had amassed all those volumes, I never did learn. I suspected that U.S.A. collected albums rather than stamps. There were all sizes, shapes, colors, and thicknesses. These were old, old, OLD. A scuba diver could not have been more excited at finding pieces-of-eight than we were when we started to turn the first pages. Those sugar plum fairies were not just dancing, they were jitterbugging!

I picked up the first "weed" album ... remember now, they had not been picked over, not even opened for years. The age of the books suggested that nothing had been entered in them since 1920. Upon opening the first album, I was surprised to find illustrated pages. My thoughts were that back-of-the-book material would be on plain pages. By now, here was Abyssinia and half a dozen scattered regular issues. What? No "Weeds?" I flipped through the rest of the album and then the other four, but all were the same ... some regular stamps scattered throughout, but no "weeds." Finally, I did go through those five albums page by page and found perhaps a dozen perfins on regular issues, all of which I kept, but most of them were in my collection. What a disappointment! The sugar plum fairies had long since become immobile.

I was wondering how I could have been so mistaken? I had carefully explained in our correspondence that my only interest was perfins. Could U.S.A. have misled me just to have some company for a Saturday afternoon?

Deciding to have one last look, I flipped open the front cover of one of the albums, and there was my answer. The bookplate contained the following plate:

## EX LIBRIS

Ronald W. Weed

I smothered a laugh and hid my chagrin, since the feelings of this kind, old gentleman who had opened his home and his albums to strangers were not to be offended.

Later, looking in a box of loose material, I did find some of the "weeds" for which I had made the journey. In fact, as a result of that visit, my collection boasts the only reported Belgian local perfins.

My companion and I paid a second visit to U.S.A. some time later, but not with the same enthusiasm as that of our first trip. In the years that followed, I like to think that he opened his albums to other collectors as he had done for me and that he had managed to dispose of his albums before he passed away.

To this day, I cannot recall what price I paid for those perfins, nor even remember the month of our first visit to U.S.A. I like to think it was early autumn, for that is when weeds take over the garden.

## WHEN BIG WAS BEITEER

Harry Rickard (\#1802), 1887 Altozano Drive
El Cajon, CA 92020


The Perforations made by this machine conform to the requirements of the Post Office Department, i. e., Holes not over 1.32 inch in diameter. Total space not over $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. square.

Industrial designing has made great advancements since the pictured perforator was built. Once in place, this 500 pound behemoth of the office was there to stay.

Note that the information given includes the Post Office size limitations for pattern and the maximum hole size. Collectors may come across some perfins with larger size holes. There were not many of these made as the large hole size had limited use. Some of these large holes may have been made with perforators not intended to punch stamps.

Since so many perfins are found punched in many positions on all portions of stamps, one wonders if it was that the operator did not care or if some machines did not have side guards or advancing equipment. Perhaps price dictated what came with the equipment,

This bulky 500 pound unit was not for everybody.

The two most popular Cummins models were the five die No. 52 and a later single die unit. The latter was not convenient for large users.

## PERFINS OF PORTUGAL

Roy Everett (\#2635), 2 Coldnailhurst Avenue, Braintree, Essex, England CM7 7SJ

A brief update for owners of this catalog (See TPB, February 1989, p. 44)
Nos. 9 Now have on cover. - Additional address:
90 A 96 Rua da Vitoria, Lisboa.
No. 86A A new item - CRAF 91/2 $13,15,13,10$ used in the 1940 s. No other information available.

No. 99 A letter from David Whitehead Ltd. of Zimbabwe has not shed any light on the user of this perfin. It could be, as it was used at the turn of the century, than no one recalls the its usage now, not they state that at this time near a factory of theirs situated in Lourenco Marques - but they did trade in what is now Martinique at one time.

No 157A A new item - N.G. 71/2 20, 16 only found so far on the fiscal issue overprinted "Contribuicao Industrial E $0 \$ 01 \mathrm{DE}$ DE"

No. 164 New item - a partial "P" 13 mm high of an expected PAGATO full die perfin.

No 169 A letter to Edwardo Favia and Mova(?) Linitada(?) - the owner now of the maker (?) of the P.M.T. perfin machine Brito(?) and Irago (?) Suct.(?) - elicited the response that the records of what perfin machines and for whom they were made did not survive the clearout when the firm was taken over. However they informed us of another maker based in Lisboa - VISCO MORATALLA \& COMPANHIA LIMITADA of 72 Rua de San Juliao, 1100 Lisboa - and a letter is currently out to them in relation to the unidentified users of perfins in the catalogue. It will be noted that Lisboa usage is known for a lot of these, a Lisboa maker could provide a lot of answers if the records survive.

No. 223 Now have on cover. This perfin will only be found on the $21 / 2$ cent violet Cares(?) stamp and also on the postal stationery patented(?) by the user - MARTINS, MORAIS \& COMPANHIA LIMITADA - and being "Carta Postal - Secreto (?) - advertising postal letters. Add usage in the " 1920 " section for this perfin.

No. 224. Now have on card. This perfin is not as expected, it is a small cross 4 mm high, and was only used on the $E \$ 01=1$ cent - green Cares(?) issue on the patented (?) "Billhete Portal -Secreto (?)" for the user ALMEIDA \& GONCALVES (the business run by VIRGILIO DE ALMEIDA E JOAO GERMANO GONCALVES JR.) - advertising postcard.

A new item - one single round hole 5 mm diameter - to be used only on the protected "Bilhatais, Sere Nacional" advertising postcards of JORGE EDUARDO DE ASSIS PAVCAO and also on the 1 cent green Cares (?) issue. (The finding of this item does put into doubt the attribution of the user of No. 161 in the catalogue).

Collectors are reminded than any extra usage period details found when the catalogue is compared with their collections would be appreciated by the compiler or Bob Schewrdt.

## NBC PERFIN NO

William Turney (\#1538) of North Vancouver, BC submitted this cover for our inspection. Seems that a fellow member of the NORTH SHORE STAMP CLUB (embraces North and West Vancouver) found this fuzzy and grey cover with perfin usage. Apparently, the post office returned the letter to NBC in New York for Lc additional postage. NBC added a perfinned Lc Taft stamp, the post office used a truck tire for a canceler and sped the letter on its way to Canada. The Bc airmail was not perforated. Does this mean that NBC did not protect airmail stamps or that a different mail room or office handled the letter when it was returned? (Ed's note: The original is a commercial size cover, I have taken the liberty of illustration portions of the cover. JFL)


Edward S. Hoyt (\#292), 225 W. Coover (Rear) \#2 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

I have become quite perturbed with having to mount cover "fronts" in my exhibits. But recently, I was taking inventory of my covers -- and found, I believe, the answer to the "FroNTS."


Illustrated above are the front and rear of a cover of a James B. Clow \& Sons envelope dated 1913. It seems that at that time, the "backs" of certain envelopes were torn off and notations for office use were written or handstamped on the "back-of-the-front", as you can see. Now, I wonder if it was a regular practice to file cover fronts as a means of keeping records straight. As a possible confirmation the front and back of a cover of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company of Boston, MA is shown on page 216.

## The Secretary's Report

The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645 Dryden, ME 04225

NEW MEMBERS:
2713 Johnston, Stuart A.; 6115 Mudwood Dr. Fort Wayne, IN 46835U.S. BeginnerBy: Ratzer (LM-47)
2714 Stevens, Elva L.; 446 E. Wright Blvd., Universal City, TX 78148
Beginner By: Murrin (LM-2)
2715 Smith, David J.; P.O. Box 8235, Cranston, RI 02920U.S. Beginner . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2716 Ebel, William; 209 Leeward Court, Cary, NC 27511
U.S. Beginner By: Smith (LM-87)
2717 Stone, Thomas M. ; 38 Commodore, Salem SC 29676
U.S. Beginner ..... By: Smith (LM87)
2718 Schultz, John A.; 51 Puma Drive, Hendersonville, NC 28739Beginner . . . . . . . . . . . By: Estes (\#2649)
2719 Settgast, Jurgen; Wundstr, 38; 1000 Berlin, West GermanyEgypt and Germany . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM87)
2720 Sommer, Helen G.; 19411 Brassie Place \#201, Gaithersburg,MD 20879
U.S. \& Scandinavia Beginner ..... By: Smith (LM-87)
2721 Hartman, W. Alfred, Jr.; Box 2625, Oakland, CA 94614
U.S. Beginner \& Scouts . . . . . . . . . . By: Smith (LM-87)
2722 Fox, Anthony W.; A-5 Hillside House, Norwich, NY 13815
U.S. Beginner \& U.K. .....  . . . . . . . . . By: Walker (\#849)
REINSTATE
2275 Denson, Eugene C.; P.O. Box 158, Alderpoint, CA 95411
RESIGNED:
2673 Kummer, John F.; 503 First Ave West \#303, Seattle, WA 98119
2585 Morris, Don A.; Box 216, Lapeer, MI 48446
ADDRESS CHANGES:
2374 Ney, Thomas D.; RR\#1, Box 141C, Saint Johnsbury, VT 05819
2645 Brown, S. David; 16 Meridian Street, Melrose, MA 02176
1481 Repeta, Louis E.; P.O. Box 16058, Charleston, SC 29412
1533 Adams, Billy M.; 1822 Oehrle Drive, Louisville, KY 40216
1847 Nuremberg, Bradley J.; P.O. Box 86465, Terminal Annex, LosAngeles. CA 90086
2578 Squire, Charles E.; 9914 Sun City Blvd., Sun City, AZ 85351
1922 Randolph, Virginia; 347 "O" Street SW, Washington, DC 20024
SUMMARY: Members as of June 30, 1989 ..... 789
New Members ..... $+10$
Reinstated ..... $+1$
Resigned ..... $-2$
Members as of July 31, 1989 ..... 798

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STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083

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CHECKLIST OF U.S. PERFINS

The Club has received many requests from members to develop an updated list of U.S. perfins. Many changes of ratings have taken place over the years with the many additions and corrections that have been made and consequently it has become more and more difficult to locate the correct ratings. The list published in this issue of The Perfins Bulletin replaces all previous ratings. It is effective immediately and it is the official rating list for U.S. perfins.

Rating changes which were published after January 1, 1988 are not included. The reasons are provided below.

An extremely large list of changes of ratings, primarily upwards, was presented in the March 1988 Bulletin. Well over 1,000 C rated perfins were rerated to B. In September, the Bulletin Editor was provided with another list of 660 additional C rated values which were to be rerated to the B level. All of these changes resulted from 1987 U.S. survey. At this point it was noted that $C$ ratings had virtually been eliminated. At the same time a D rated survey was being started. At this point, we put a hold on all changes until we could check things out.

We found that the response to the 1987 survey of C rated perfins did not contain reports from several of the large collections and only the responses received were used to establish known quantities. At this particular time, I was in the midst of working over the huge Kloss accumulation and also the duplicates of several other large collections. None of this material had been reported nor had I reported any of my own duplicates. I soon found with just the material that I had on hand that a fair number of those items raised were available in substantially large quantifies.

At this point, the complaints and questions started coming in from various members indicating that they too found the increased ratings to be out of line. Evidently, we could not expect accurate results when the membership had not provided the information that was needed. Since Paul Mistretta had been asked to prepare a complete listing as this one, the opportunity was present to do additional checking.

The problem was discussed by the Executive Committee and then by the nearly 20 Club members who attended the PSS convention in August. All of the members of the Executive Committee and all members present at the convention meeting agreed that it was necessary to return to the ratings as of January 1, 1988. The Executive Committee voted for in favor of this action.

It has been further decided that no ratings changes will now take place for at least one year. Should you have any particular disagreements with individual items, please contact the U.S. Catalog Editor, Doug Cutler as only he can request that such changes be made, and these are subject to approval of the Executive Committee. (Continued on the last page)

Crofton, MD, October 22, 1989

Last month, I wrote about changes on this page. Perhaps I should have raited until this month to discuss changes. While I vas sorry to see Baltimore loose out on the next to the last day of the season, no one could have foreseen the problems that rould be associated with the World Series.

Our hearts and minds reach out to those who have suffered losses in the natural disasters associated with two major hurricanes and the California ear thquake.

The combined list which makes up the majority of this issue represents a great deal of rork. Former Bulletin Editor, Paul Mistretta deserves our thanks. I knov that this issue vill be invaluable in establishing my collecting habits and I an sure that you vill also find it extremely valuable.

One of the disadvantages of computers is compatibility. Paul's system is an Apple and mine is an IBI. These tro machines can not simply transfer discs because of compatibility problems. This means that Paul has become the guardian of future combined ratings lists. We are fortunate that we have members, such as Paul, who are able and willing to pick up part of the load for the rest of us.

We have been the fortunate recipients of Indian Summer (warm period after a killing frost). I hope that my crops, two tomato plants will produce one more crop.

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# CHECKLIST OF U. S. PERFINS <br> (FIRST REVISION) 

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In May of 1988 Doug Cutler became U. S. Catalog Chairman replacing Harry Rickard. Harry had been very active, researching many new patterns and attempting to review the ratings of many of the patterns in the current U. S. catalog. With the change of editors I felt that this would be an ideal time to update the checklist of U. S. patterns published in the Perfins Bulletin between October 1983 and February 1984. Since Harry's time as editor had been a very active period, many changes were necessary even before attempting to create the listing. The checklist, presented complete in this issue of the Bulletin, represents a compilation of all patterns as they were rated on December 31, 1987 (see the Presidents Mewhinney's letter in this issue).

There are several patterns which had become confused in the catalog updating (A\&C) process. Some are, as yet, unresolved. The checklist reflects (at least tentative) resolutions (all previously cleared through Catalog Chairman Doug Cutler) to these problems as follows:

A121A/121.3 -- Photo in A\&C (5/85) is retained as A121.3. Delete A121A according to A\&C \#4. This unscrambles the confusion found for these patterns.
B116.5 -- Rerating to A has been questioned due to apparent confusion with pattern B116-5. Resurvey of this pattern is needed to clarify the ratings of both .5 and -5 .
B164/B165.7 -- Patterns B165.7 was deleted and subsequently reinstated. Ratings of both patterns are confused as a result of the reinclusion.
C31.5/C31.5A -- Both are retained in the checklist despite being illegal size patterns. C31.5 has an A rating, while C31.5A (a current pattern) is unrated.
C149A/C149.5 -- Conflict of numbering here resulted when C149.5 was inadvertently assigned to a new pattern in A\&C\#1. Problem was identified in A\&C\#4 but confusion persisted. C149.5 in catalog is A rated; C149A in A\&C\#1 (as C149.5) is a D rated pattern. Fix label in A\&C \#1.
C152C-5 -- Problem unresolved; pattern and rating have been retained.
C152-13A -- Mistake in identification in A\&C \#3. Should have been labeled C152A-13A; B rating applies to the latter pattern. Delete reference to $-13 A$.
C214.5 complex (numbers C214 - C219.5a) -- Severe unresolved problems here, probably result from the use of a multiple die machine rather than different machines. This checklist reflects the changes made over time, which include substitution of patterns, reratings, etc. but the catalog section is no longer of much use for pattern identification. As an indication, my notes read "Old 216 became 214.5 and 214.7 (photo identical), new 215.5 fits new 216, new 216 is 219 without control holes, 216.7 is 219 without control holes, old 219 is now 219.5, -confused yet?

D82.5/115.7 -- Same pattern with a confused listing. It will be found under D115.7 where it belongs alphabetically and following the traditional alphabetizing pattern.
F20.5 -- Became confused with 20.2 in the ratings game. Both patterns are rated A in the checklist.
I7 -- Pattern is problematic. Retained for now as 17 despite the reversible pattern (IA // AI) being properly filed (or minimally cross-referenced) as a pattern under the letter A.
I77 -- This pattern was originally placed in the section of "Number" patterns as pattern Num. 4.5 (A\&C pages to previous catalog. This was based on the fact that the first character has a sloping half serif at the top -- suggesting a "1" rather than an "I". Removal from numeric patterns to I patterns was not adequately explained. Problem has already been pointed out to Doug as needing attention.
I78 complex (I78 - I80.5) -- Patterns all could be from same machine with pins deliberately removed. Different cancels -- which are consistent by pattern -- suggest that these were truly branch office patterns. Despite deletion in two places (1986a and 1986b), these patterns are retained at previous ratings (both Harry and Doug concurred with this reinclusion). Further study is needed to determine the relationship of these patterns.
I91 -- Patterns -2, $-3,-4,-6,-8,-9$, and -12 are retained in this checklist despite strong evidence that they are deliberate forgeries (Perfins Bull. 39:172). -17 was officially deleted in A\&C \#5 and is therefore not contained in the checklist.
M40A/M40.5 -- Problems arose with the deletion of pattern M40A (A\&C \#2). It is
reinstated in the checklist (rated B) based on input from both Doug and Harry. Note -- while not yet published officially, pattern M40.5 is a partial of V29 and needs to be dropped.
M162.7 -- This pattern appeared in the Bulletin ([Rickard] 1988a) in error. Rating of A applies to pattern 167.7; there is no pattern M162.7.
N113 -- Overall renumbering of this pattern proposed in the Bulletin (PB 41: 94. 1988b) has been disallowed. See President's letter in this issue.
N113C-5a -- Pattern incorectly cited in A\&C\#1. Photo is of N113C-5; there is no pattern N113C-5a.
N113-9a -- Same basic problem. Pattern is -9; note in A\&C\#1 citing N113-9a is in error.
N175/N175A -- Distinct die varieties; both are listed in the checklist.
086/V20 -- Same pattern listed in two places in the 1966 catalog. 086 deleted in A\&C\#1. Since the two letters are interchangable (front to back) the pattern should be listed as "OV" and 086 should be its location. However, consistent with the A\&C pages this pattern is now listed as V2O ("VO"). There are several other misplaced patterns (including such biggies as Western Union which should be filed as "UW" since the letters are reversible in the pattern, but more on that some other time).
P2a -- After being identified as a new pattern (A\&C\#1) this pattern was found to be P2 and was deleted by the statement "Photo is P2" (Rickard 1985c).

P137/137.5 -- "Photo replaces P137 which is a die variety of P137.5" (Rickard 1985c; A\&C\#2). Intent, to create 137.5 and include 137 has not been followed. P137 is retained with the P137.5 photo. P137.5 is not allowed as a designator in the checklist.
R75/75A -- Illustration for 75 A in the catalog is 75 with missing pins. Illustration only should have been deleted and pattern R75A in A\&C\#1 new issues was simply a replacement photo for the pattern. Later deletion (A\&C\#3) and then rerating of the pattern led to serious confusion. Ratings as stated in the checklist are current. Both patterns are real patterns.
U91/U91.5 -- became confused with deleted photo notes in A\&C \#2. Both patterns are current as are the ratings.
V22.6 complex -- V22.5 is retained, V22.6 and V22.7 are deleted in this checklist.
V28 complex -- Only V28 is retained in the checklist despite the fact that only V27 was officially deleted.
W7E -- Pattern deleted as the same as W7I. My sense of the pattern and cataloging is that W7I should have been deleted in favor of W7E, but that (again) was not done.
NUM 2.5 -- To borrow a phrase -- "for the record" referring to reference 1988a -- Num 2.5 is a typo in the list; should have read Num 25.

The remainder of the new patterns and reratings were relatively simple to locate in the various publications cited at the end of the checklist.

While the presentation of a unified updated listing of recognized patterns and their ratings is useful, there is a second use for this listing -- the "checklist" function.

For those new to checklists, they are simply record keeping devices. In the space provided at the front of each record you place a symbol to designate that you have a particular pattern. You can even get fancy and use a code in the space provided. I use a very simple code in my personal checklist: means that I have an good copy of the perfin; [.] means that I have a poor copy needing replacement; and, $\square$ means that $I$ have a good copy of the pattern - but it is on a revenue and not a postal stamp. Lots of equally simple but effective coding schemes can be worked out depending on your needs as a perfin collector. Using the checklist means that you don't need to scribble notes in your catalog. It also lets you see at a glance where you stand as far as "completeness" of collection is concerned (actually in this cast it is 24 glances -- but that is a lot fewer than the 250 or so glances required to get this information out of the catalog).

Before closing I wish to thank Harry Rickard, Doug Cutler, Jackie Ryan and Dick Mewhinney who reviewed an earlier draft of this checklist, all 20+ pages of it. Their help has kept the number of errors down (though I take full blame for any you find). Without the help of these four reviewers several, now corrected, errors would have not been fixed. Thanks!! And thanks again to Doug and Harry for their patience with questions about some of the confused patterns. 'Very few are still problematic.

Now enjoy inventorying your collections!! I hope you find stamps that you didn't know you had -- and they are all A rated!!

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NOTE
The 1988a and b citations have been disallowed.
Also, there are a couple of deletions and renumberings scattered throughout the written portion of A \& C \#1 and also in Rickard 1986a. They are included.

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PRICELIST - Bob Murrin (LU-2), P.0. Box 10100, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.0100 will be happy to send his current 3 page U.S. perfin pricelist to any member requesting it. All responses will be franked with his perfin pattern.

FOR SALE - C254 'CONN' perfin on 2c Parcel Post stamp (Scott Q2) on Conn pictorial advertizing cover. Stamp repaired-not affecting the perfin. $\$ 22.50$ or will trade for other music advertizing covers vith perfin. Albert Spencer ( $\$ 1261$ ), Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305 .

FOR SALE - Set of five 1988 Scott Catalogues. Barely used. $\$ 32.50$ postpaid. Also available set of 1989 catalogues. Albert Spencer, P.O. Box 6, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305.

WANTED - United States Railroad Covers with perfin Stamps. Erwin Naegele, 5847 W. Eddy Street, Chicago, IL 60634.

WANTED - Information or possibly a photo copy of perfins on the stamps of Liechtenstein prior to 1920 or on Austrian stamps used in Liechtenstein during this same period. John J. Nussbickel (2002), P.O. Box 596, St James City, FL 33956.

## notes fram here and there

A second United Nations perfin has been reported by Jacob Kisner (\#2168) of 254 Park Avenue South, Penthouse F, New York, NY 10010. The Perfins Bulletin recently carried a news item announcing discovery of the first perfin known on a United Nations, NY stamp. Since Jack has occasionally done mailings from the United Nations post office in New York City using UN stamps, he decided to add a second perfin to the UN issues.


Illustrated to the left is U.S. Design 35.2, "Star of David" perfin used in a vertical pair of a 1c United Nations stamps, Scott Catalogue number 291. This issue was first used in 1978. To legitimize this perfin, Mr. Kisner intends to post several of his sales lists using his perfin from the UN post office.

Collectors desiring examples of this new UN use of a perfin can obtain a mint pair from Jack for a service charge of 50 c in mint U.S. postage stamps. Mint blocks of four are available for $\$ 1.00$. He expects to limit this issue to 200 copies.

Received a note from U.S. Catalog Editor, Doug Cutler, letting us know that in Auction \#42, on page 177 we used the "new" numbering system for the N113 patterns, Lots 388 through 401 and lots 406 through 409 . This new numbering system was never officially adopted and will probably be disallowed by the Executive Committee. I am sorry for any inconvenience.

# The Secretary's Report <br> The Secretary is Ralph W. Smith, R.R. 1 Box 5645 <br> Dryden, ME 04225 



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THE SECRETARY'S REPORT (Continued)


I am sure that some members will be upset by these decisions, but it is believed that this is the fairest settlement that we can make at this time.

If you wish to buy additional copies of this Bulletin, they may be purchased from Jackie Ryan, our catalog sales chairman. The price will be announced by her as soon as we can determine the cost of producing this issue.

My sincere thanks to all those who have participated in this project, particularly Paul Mistretta, our former editor, who spent many hours bringing this all together.
/s/ Dick Mewhinney


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