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Member Pickop (#269) recently sent your Secretary a batch of "T.H." PERFINs, which are used by the various official departments of the Territory of Hawaii. He apparently has lots of them, for he lives in Honolulu. These have been distributed, two or three at a time to members who have had occasion to write to me. A very nice gesture on the part of Mr. Pickop and if other members are in a position to corner fair sized batches of PERFINs which are duplicates for them and of interest to other members, such donations would be gladly received and distributed freely with the regular correspondence to any members writing in for any reason.

Congratulations are in order - a new PERFIN member (probably #125961) Vivian Florence Fee, born to Mrs. Richard W. Fee, (#289), on February 19th, 1957.

IDEA WANTED.

Our supply of membership cards is almost exhausted and we will soon have to order a new supply. Does any member have a good idea for a distinctive card? Something that will not cost a fortune to print - although if necessary to have a cut made, we will do it. Suggestions are respectfully requested and earnestly solicited. Mail your idea to your Secretary-Treasurer. If you come up with a real good one that we can use, you will receive - as an award - a free membership for one year. Also, if we have a member who is in the printing business and who would like to print our supply of 500, we would like to hear from him quoting a price.

Such popularity must be deserved!! Our good friend and fellow member Flora Clark has been asked to speak again at a Stamp Club meeting. This time it is for the Iowa Women's Philatelic Society, the evening of March 1st.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the oldest clubs in the country, will have their 67th Show and Anniversary party on March 29th, 30th, and 31st. Past-President Jim Lambert will exhibit PERFINs as usual, (he won a Gold Cup Award for a similar exhibit in a previous show). He is a member of our club (#230) and invites any members who live in the vicinity to meet him there. Your Secretary plans to attend, and hopes to meet Jim and our two other Cleveland members at the show Sunday.

This issue of your Bulletin is again prepared by your Secry-Treas, in an effort to take some of the load off your Editor. Much work is being done in preparing revised listings of letters "C" and "D" and it is hoped that this work will be complete enough so that the next issue will have new catalog sheets for all.

Many of our older members recall the name of Hallock Card. He lived in Otselic, N.Y., and was the founder of the Club. His number, of course was #1. A printer by trade, he originally issued the Bulletins in printed form, size 5½"x 8½", and also was responsible for the printing of our letter-heads and membership cards. However, his health and his eyes both failed him, and he was forced to discontinue active work with the Club although he always retained a great interest in its activities. It is now my sad duty to notify members that Hallock Card, our Founder, and first Editor & Publisher, has passed away. Some of you may know that he had a serious automobile accident in the winter of 1950 - his car skidded and overturned on an icy hill. Doctors found no serious injuries, but his legs bothered him ever since, and during the past three years he had hemorrhages of both eyes several times. For weeks at a time he couldn't see further than a few feet, but was able to do some printing with the aid of his wife. (He married only two years ago.) As he couldn't read without the aid of a strong glass, most of his recent papers, stamps, mails, etc., were left unopened. His mother is trying to sell his hundreds of patriotic covers, and first day covers, but his huge stamp collection went to his wife and it is not known whether it has been broken up or not. If any of you have written to Mr. Card within the past 18 months and received no reply, you now know the reason. During that time he couldn't see to write and was confined to the hospital part of the time. Many of us knew that he suffered from diabetes since the age of seven, and was forced to take insulin three times daily. I do not know the exact date of his death, but it was during the last part of October 1956. We extend to his widow and to his mother our deepest sympathy.

PERFIN EXCHANGE

Many of our members do not seem to realize that we now have a fine Exchange Program. Mrs. James G. Newman, 1123 So. Miles Street, EL RENO, Oklahoma, is the Exchange Director. The Exchange is doing well, but needs more members. Here are the few simple rules.

Large used (off paper) U.S. commemoratives may be entered. Three (3) Perfins equal one commemorative.

Any member of the Club may use the Exchange by entering a packet of 105 Perfins. (Five of which are the Director's commission) After the packet is circulated, any remainder will be returned to the member and charged against his account.

U.S. and Foreign Perfins must be entered in separate packets.

A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany each entry and return to the Exchange.

If the rules are not clear, or if you have questions, write direct to Mrs. Newman who has entire charge of this Exchange.

PAYMENT OF DUES!

Dues are coming in fast, and are appreciated. Many thanks to the many members who remitted for periods longer than a year - this saves work on this end, and is appreciated as a fine expression of confidence in the Club. To answer to question we thought all members knew, but which our mail indicates otherwise: Dues are one dollar fifty cents per year. \$1.50 for one year.

If there is a RED CHECK on the cover, near your address, it means that YOU are DELINQUENT. You will receive this Bulletin, but you will not receive the next one which will contain the new Catalog pages. Remit in any convenient form - if you do not have a checking account and do not want to go to the expense of a money order, send cash, mint commemoratives, or even mint commem plate blox @ 15¢ each.

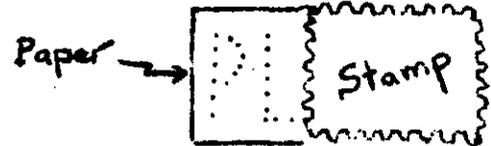
MORE ABOUT MOUNTING

Any member who has a good system of mounting, classifying, or storing, please send it to the Secretary so it can be shared with the other members via the Bulletin. This Bulletin gives the method used by Mrs. Newman (#280). A future Bulletin will describe Jim Lambert's method, and we hope he tells us how he wins his awards. (He is showing 45 pages in the Garfield-Perry Exhibit!)

Mrs. Newman cuts a strip of white paper exactly the width of the stamp, but somewhat longer. The paper is placed OVER the stamp and both are placed on a flat surface - preferably one which light can come through. (A window panes is excellent). Then the Perfin design is traced on the paper with a fountain pen. (No harm can come to the stamp if you do not press too hard, for the pen does not touch the stamp.)

It is easy to do, and the whole assembly can be moved easily when necessary. The paper is placed under the stamp when it is mounted, allowing the portion with the traced design to extend out beyond the stamp. The Perfin can be righted if it is backward or reversed or upsidedown, and even "splits" can be reconstructed with a little care, if desired.

To the right is shown a sketch to help you visualize the completed job on one stamp. These can be mounted with hinges in any album and it is not necessary to use expensive black paper to make the Perfin show.



BACK NUMBERS

Pages of ALL letters, designs, or numerals, as shown in the Catalog have now been reprinted and are available to any member for 2¢ each plus postage. Furthermore - all orders for such pages have now been filled. Unless you sent your order in within the last week, you should have gotten your missing pages by now. If anyone still lacks pages which they think have been ordered, please renew your order, for at the present time there are no unfilled orders on hand. However, it is quite possible that an old order might have been "lost in the shuffle".

With this issue we include two pages of PERFIN identifications. One shows the CUD/AHY - Cudahy Packing Company with the location of the extra holes, denoting use in different branch offices of the parent company. Location of these offices will follow in the next Bulletin.

The other page is a listing of certain "D" PERFINS for which we request members having identifications to write to Mr. Lougee (as was done last month with the "C"s)

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San Francisco Int'l. Airport, SAN FRANCISCO, California.
- 196. R.M. Wittek, 4205 No. Albany Avenue, CHICAGO, 18, Illinois.
- 287. Alois L. Wyman, 505 No. Gay Street, MT. VERNON, Ohio.

NEW MEMBERS:

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- #307. R.W. Macomber, 5215 Andover Road, CHEVY CHASE, 15, Maryland.
- #308. Miss Marguerite A. Finch, P.O. Box #391, CONCORD, New Hamp.

The annual dues to the PERFIN'S CLUB continue unchanged, that is, \$1.50 per year - payable to the Secretary-Treasurer. Response to the request that delinquent members pay their back dues has been very gratifying. One hundred ten annual membership fees have been received since last November 15th. Because of this fine response, it has been decided to allow this one more Bulletin to be mailed to all on the rolls, whether they are in arrears or not. No pressure has previously been made to insist on payment of dues, because the Bulletin had been so far behind. However, it must be plain to all that we have finally come very close to catching up. With the next issue, we WILL be right up to date, and we plan bigger, better, and more interesting and informative Bulletins. With this issue we resume distribution of new and revised Catalog Sheets. Hundreds of new items have been chronicled and it is planned to issue at least four new pages with each future Bulletin. Just as they cry at the ballgames: "You can't follow the game without a scorecard and the players' names!" - so we shout: "You can't collect PERFIN'S without the identification catalog sheets!" To those of you who are in arrears: You will receive this one Bulletin, but no further notice will be sent. If there is a RED CHECK near your address, then you know that your dues are payable at once. If you wish to continue to receive the Bulletin, your dues must be in the hands of your Secretary-Treasurer before the next Bulletin goes out. This will be very soon. As always, you may remit in any convenient form. If you do not care to send a check, there is no use wasting money on money-orders; send mint commemorative stamps. Will even accept commemorative mint plate blocks at the rate of 15¢ each.

CLOSED ALBUMS.

While on a business trip and passing through Williamsport, Pa., your Secretary stopped at the home of our former Vice-President, Charley Metz, and was shocked to learn of his recent death. One of the original founders of our Club (he was #3), Charley was born at Potts Grove, Penna., on October 20th, 1885. A veteran railroad employee, he had retired from the service of the Reading Railroad Company ten years ago because of a heart condition. Less than a year ago, he was forced to give up most of his philatelic activities because of poor eyesight. In addition to his Perfin work, he was active in the Williamsport Stamp Club for many years. He had been their Secretary for ten years, and was a Life Member.

Until his health forced him to withdraw from all activities, he had been neighborhood and district commissioner with the West Branch Council of the Boy Scouts. Active in scouting for over 36 years, he was the seventh man to receive the Silver Beaver Award. When he received that high award in 1941, the honor was given to only one man each year. He continued until his death in the capacity of honorary district commissioner.

Ill for ten years or more, because of the heart troubles, he had been a surgical patient at the Williamsport hospital from Sunday, March 31st, until he died at 1:05AM, Tuesday, April 2nd. A loyal club-worker, his neat, careful, and painstaking research work in the field of Perfins was well known to most of our members, many of whom had often corresponded with him and found him always willing to share not only his knowledge, but also many of his duplicate Perfins. Charles will be missed by all of us, and our deep sympathy is extended to his widow.

His rather extensive, beautifully mounted, well written-up collection of Perfins has been acquired by your Secretary who plans to keep it intact, adding to and continuing it in the same style as it was maintained.

IDEAS WANTED.

How do you house your collection? How about a little memo to the Secretary telling what methods you use. Other members might like to read of what you do, and we can all profit by a mutual exchange of ideas. For example: Charley Greene tells me that he collects Perfins of all values, and the values are in separate albums as follows: Vol.#1 = 1/2¢ to 1 1/2¢; Vol.#2 = 2¢ only; Vol.#3 = 3¢ to 4 1/2¢; Vol.#4 = 5¢ to 8¢; Vol.#5 = 9¢ to \$5.00; Vol.#6 contains the large U.S., such as commemoratives, special deliveries, etc; and finally Volumes #7 and #8 are his foreign ones. He had a total of about 8,000 Perfins, of which over 700 are foreign.

How about ideas and suggestions for design of a new membership card - for which one year's dues are offered as a prize. Many members write in that they would like to help with Perfin work. OK! here's your chance! Have received several good suggestions, (in fact E.R.Welsh sent in three dandy designs), but to be a real contest we should have more entries. How about YOUR idea? Why not send it in to the Secretary NOW !!

Personal visits from members are always welcomed by your Secretary. Recently, John Steele (#278) dropped in for an evening; Stanley Waite (#214), came and stayed several days. 'Phone calls were had from Rev. Garrett, (#206); Mrs. Fee, (#289); and Mrs. Schuck, (#142). If nearby, stop in - or at least give us a call; I'll probably 'phone you when I'm in your neighborhood!

THE PERMANENT CATALOG

With this issue, we begin the publication of the "permanent" catalog. We believe that an explanation is in order.

It should be plain to all that no truly complete catalog can be attained for many years, so we must define what we mean by "permanent". We simply mean that we do not plan in the near future to revise again this edition of the Catalog; when new information is added, it will be by means of supplemental pages.

The main portion of the Catalog lists every Perfin that has been seen and recorded by the Catalog Committee up to the cut-off date. Where the user's identification has been accurately verified, this is shown. Many users' names have been reported without adequate proof, in past years. This leads to lack of confidence in the Catalog if such items are listed along with those that have been fully checked. Hence, all probable identifications awaiting fuller proof will appear in a second part of the Catalog. As these are checked, the catalog user may transfer the information to the main section of the work. There will therefore no longer be any need for the use of the symbols, "*" and "o".

As there will be some who wish to be brought up to date on cataloging practices, we will cover that too. For a fuller explanation, send a 3¢ stamp to the Contact Chairman (C.E. Rhoads, for the information sheet on this topic.

The following procedure will be followed in the "permanent" catalog. The number at the extreme left, is the Catalog Number of the Perfin, type and will not be changed again. New listings will be given a decimal number to place them in proper order.

The second column will show the letters of the design, reading from left to right. If two letters line up even at the left, the upper one is to be read first. Cross references will be used whenever deemed necessary.

The third column will show the style of the arrangement. Items are listed first in the order: H, 2H, 3H, D, Du, A, En, Ex, and M. F, Ov, and Co, are used to elaborate on the main style. Smaller letter groupings are listed before taller ones. Various other devices are used from time to time to aid in distinguishing closely similar styles. It is expected that as soon as practicable, to publish illustration sheets showing all the more difficult types, keyed by Catalog Number.

Heights of letters are given from center to center of holes. We have endeavored to give the most accurate measurements possible, but it must be remembered that there may be uneven paper shrinkage; that there are usually five, and often ten dies of each Perfin on each machine; that wear and tear on the dies may often be uneven.

The Catalog Committee is always willing to consider suggestions for improving the usefulness of the work. However, even though the present scheme of operation is not ideal, no completely new plan could be adopted requiring complete revision of the existing work. Neither do we plan to furnish any scale of values. The Committee is always in need of experienced help in its work. K.F. Lougee is, at present, Chairman.

PLUS C-1 to C-9 (9 pages)

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✓ #310. W.J. Pieterse, 84 Soestdykweg Noord, BILTHOVEN, Netherlands.

The annual dues to the PERFINS CLUB continue unchanged, that is, \$1.50 per year - payable to the Secretary-Treasurer. Now that the Bulletin is finally up-to-date, we will no longer carry any members whose dues are in arrears more than two months. If your dues are now payable, you will find a RED CHECK near your address; this means that you will receive two more Bulletins, but if your dues are not received by that time, we will be forced to drop your name from the membership list. If you are already more than two months in arrears, you will NOT receive the Permanent Catalog part of this Bulletin, and you will be notified by letter that unless we hear from you before mailing of next Bulletin, you will be dropped.

Visitors to Club Headquarters (310 So. Wayne Ave.) this month included #80, Bob Gray, who with his patient wife, stopped in while on a vacation tour. You will understand why we call his wife "patient" when we mention that Bob and your Secretary started to talk, swap, boast, and argue at 10:30AM, and did not stop (except to eat) until 4:00AM the next morning. Both wives gave up at about midnight and went to bed, leaving two railroad specialists a clear track with no time restrictions!

Your Secretary and his wife had the pleasure of a short trip to Cleveland to attend the 67th Anniversary Exhibition and Bourse under the auspices of the Garfield-Perry Club recently. Our fellow member Jim Lambert (#230) was a busy man that day, for not only was he awarded the Past-President's gavel, but was also Chairman of the Banquet Committee. In spare moments he was to be found near his five-frame exhibition of PERFINS, which won one of the Exhibition's awards. His wife had a busy time just trying to keep up with him but she found time to win one of the many door prizes. Jim's display was usually surrounded by curious, question-asking visitors, and it was there that we were delighted to meet member #197, Earnest Schuster. He had journeyed from Kenmore, N.Y., to see the Show, and has just returned from a European Tour.

To celebrate the fact that the Bulletin is at last on schedule, we are introducing a new "nast-head" for our first page. This was drawn and designed by one of the Club's officers, and will match the Club stationery. Comments are invited.

Many of our members have interesting hobbies that are not in philatelic paths. Member #206, Rev. Charles Garrett, is pastor of the Parkside Baptist Church of Camden, N.J. As an interesting side-line he conducts a weekly column in a local newspaper. This column features a Bible quiz, and its popularity can be judged by the fact that 49 persons nailed the correct answer to his question. The question was: "Where in the Bible does it tell us the hardworking farmer ought to have first share of the crops?" And the answer is found in 2nd Timothy, Chapter 2, Verse 6, which reads: The husbandman that laboreth must be the first partaker of the fruits". This verse has been adopted to conditions at the home of your Secretary and has been made to read thusly: "The husband that laboreth shall have first chance at opening the daily mail, so that he can retrieve undamaged any Perfins, Precancels, Commemoratives, or other items of philatelic interest." (Are there other members of our Club whose loved ones cannot open a letter without tearing the stamp in half??)

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500 different Perfins:	\$6.00	\$4.00
1000 different Perfins:	15.00	9.00
1700 different Perfins:	-	20.00
6000 mixed Perfins:	-	2.00

Address: Victor J. VanLint, 8163 Sewell Ave., FONTANA, California.

Your Bulletin this month contains four more pages of the revised "C" letter for the permanent catalog; two pages of listings of foreign countries which use Perfins - specimens of which are all in the collection of Mr. Van Lint, (#172); and one page has been included, particularly for the newer members, entitled "How Perfins are Cataloged". The next issue of the Bulletin will contain the remaining pages of the catalog needed to complete the identifications for the letter "C" - of which there are 17 for a total. The Bulletin will be published monthly during the summer months, and will have letters "D", "E", and "F". The June Bulletin will also contain a splendid article written by Orville Milburn, (#156), and will be "Notes on the Arrangement and Mounting of Perfins". This should be very helpful to those who have not found a satisfactory method of mounting their Perfins. The method may be adapted or expanded to meet any "stampic" condition -- "Perfinic" or otherwise.

PERFINS OF THE NETHERLANDS

Member #172, Victor Van Lint, in collaboration with a few of our members who live in Holland, (#233, H. Snit; #235, E. J. Enschede; and #310, new member W.J. Pieterse) have available a fine catalog (check-list) of Dutch Perfins. Of the 611 Perfins listed, 378 are fully known by name of user and town; for 169 the town only is known, and 54 others are known to exist but are not identified as to user or town. Members desiring to purchase such a list may do so by sending 50¢ plus postage to Mr. Van Lint, and for the extra sum of one dollar, illustrations will be included.

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How Perfins Are Cataloged

Although the cataloging plan now in use by the Perfins Club is not ideal as it fails to clearly describe some $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cases, it is the result of considerable experiment, and it believe to be the best possible short of much complexity or complete illustration.

The complete listing includes:

- a. the letters of the design, arranged in specified order
- b. a code symbol, showing the type of design
- c. the height of the letters in the same order shown in (a), in mm. measured from center-to-center of the outermost holes
- d. the name of the perfin owner
- e. the main office of the owner unless this perfin is limited to a branch office, in which case the branch is given.

In listing the letters, the symbol -&- is placed at the end of the alphabet as if it were the 27th letter and the numerals follow in their order, but 1 and zero must be clearly identifiable as such or they will be listed as I and O.

The diagonal bar -/- is used to show the break between two lines. The underline shows that the letter has a serif; when a letter appears in parentheses, it is enclosed in the previous letter. Extra holes outside the letter will be shown in their proper place with respect to the letter, if possible, otherwise described. Spacing and number of holes in the letters are given when needed for clarity.

The following are the principal code symbols:

- H one horizontal line of letters or a single letter
2H two such lines
3H three such letters
D letters diagonally, left to right
Du same running upwards
A letters arranged in the arc of a circle
Ex Exogram- one letter is larger and encloses others.
En Endogram- letters enclosed in a border such as a circle or other figure, not a letter
M the letters are interwoven

In addition, there are the following auxillary symbols;

- Co shows that the letters are combined
Ov shows that one letter crosses another but not as complicated as a monogram
R a letter is reversed
F letters are script or fancy

In listing two or more letter groupings, where the letters in each are the same, H is listed first; M last, following the order shown in the list of code symbols. If there are two perfins of the same letters and same symbol, the smaller is listed first.

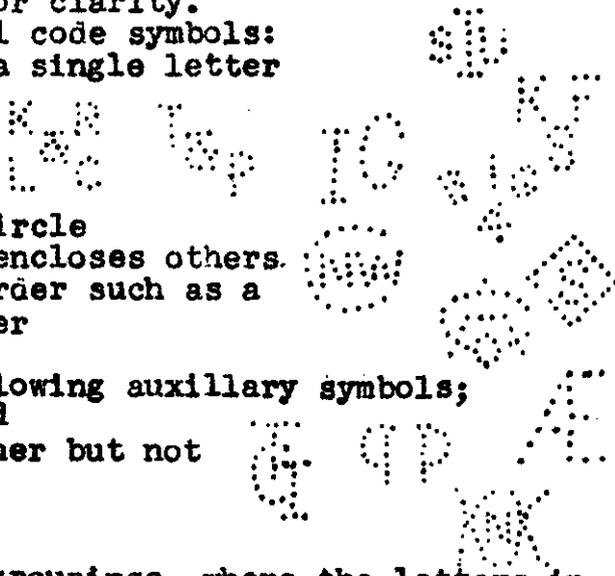
Where a group of letters can be read forwards and backwards the same e.g. AM or MA, it will be listed in the first possible place if identification is unknown. If the identification puts it in a later place in the catalog, there will be a cross reference in the first.

In monograms, etc. the letters are listed in the order that they can be read, from left to right. If two letters extend equally to the left, the one extending farthest upwards is listed first.

Where all the letters in a line are of equal height, the height is given only once and if two lines are of the same height, the same.

The foregoing represents current practice; formerly a few additional symbols were used as Hy and I; these are now treated as H. A few vertical designs, V are now 2H and 3H.

In general, the principle followed is to list the simplest item first.



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~~#112: Sam I. C. Prescott, R.F.D. #1, Box #35, AUBURN, N.H.~~

~~#271. Wm. R. McCallum, 15 Hamilton Ave., SILVER SPRING, Md.~~

Anyone knowing the correct address of either of the following members, please communicate with the Secretary. (Mail is being returned to us undelivered.)

#286. E.W. Hilbert, 1733 Fifth Ave., OAKLAND, 6, California.

#204. Wm. V. DeLong, 22 North Ave., NORFOLK, Connecticut.

The above addresses are INCORRECT, but we cannot learn new ones.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, as of June 26th, 1957.

Receipts:

Cash, Nov. 15th, 1956..	\$249.08
Dues & New Memberships..	\$218.08
Other sources.....	88.82
	<u>\$555.98</u>

Expenses:

Bulletin supplies....	\$ 86.97
Bulletin Labor.....	45.00
Secry's expense.....	31.57
Cash, June 26th, 1957..	<u>\$392.44</u>
	<u>\$555.98</u>

Detailed records of this report, itemized, and with proper receipts, is available for any member who wishes to inspect or check it. A copy will be loaned to you for your inspection if you make request of the Secretary. For those who do not have time to figure it out for themselves, note that our cash on hand assets have increased \$143.36 since November 15th, 1956.

PRIZE WINNERS! Rev. Garrett (#206) was lucky enough to win a first award at the recent "Clothesline Exhibition" held by the Courier Post in Camden, N.J. Rev. Garrett's modest exhibit proves that you do not have to be an expert, nor own a large extensive collection to win an award. Don't be afraid to try - you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. If you need help or suggestions, ask any of the winners we have listed.

Charles Regnier, (#62) our president, captured a special award at the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs Eighth Annual Convention and Exhibition, held in Aurora, Illinois, recently. Fellow member Bob Pritchard (#298), was Exhibition Chairman at this popular show. Another member of our Club, Carl Rhoads, (#159) our Contact Chairman, made a special presentation of a gift from the officers and members of the Federation, to Mr. Ashton Humiston, president, in recognition of his past service to the organization.

"LOCAL" Awards

Your Secretary is pleased to announce that a new membership card has been designed, and even now is at the Printer being made up. The award of one year's free dues to Perfins Club goes to Dr. A. Constantine, (#276), and as soon as the new cards are received he will be mailed the first one - extending his dues for a period of one year. Honorable mention goes to L.R. Welsh, (#219), and he will be mailed the second membership card, which will extend his membership dues for six months. Congratulations fellows, and thanks to all others who sent in good ideas.

MORE IDEAS WANTED:

Many have suggested that the Club obtain a device by which our postage stamps, used in mailing the Bulletin and on other correspondence, can have perforated initials. Up until now, the expense of such a gadget has kept us from it. However, we are now in a position to obtain one without too great a cost. The question now before us is "What design, or what initials, or what lettering should we use." Again, a prize of one year's dues is offered for an idea which can be used. However, all entries must comply with the postal regulations in order to be considered. . Postal Laws & Regulations, Section #716 entitled: "Perforation for Identification" states as follows:

"United States postage stamps to be acceptable for postage shall be without defacement, provided that for the purpose of identification only, and not for advertising, it shall be permissible to puncture or perforate letters, numerals, or other marks or devices in United States postage and special delivery stamps. The punctures or perforations shall not exceed one thirty-second of an inch, ($\frac{1}{32}$ "), in diameter and the whole space occupied by the identifying device shall not exceed one half inch square, ($\frac{1}{2}$ "); The puncturing or perforating shall be done in such a manner as to leave the stamp easily recognizable as genuine and not previously used. Stamps on which ink or other coloring substance has been used, in connection with such puncturing or perforating shall not be accepted as postage."

LOOKING AHEAD.

We have in preparation for future publication in the Bulletin several catalogs covering special fields. For example, one which is devoted to Railroads alone; others are for foreign countries, including Finland, Norway, Sweden, and Belgium. Naturally, those who have worked on these catalogs (they are not all completed yet) are anxious to see them in print and distributed to the members. On the other hand, our catalog

committee has been working hard on the "D", "E", "F", "G", "P", and other letters of the alphabet forming a part of our permanent U.S. Catalog. The question before us is: "Which is the most important?" Do you want your Club to concentrate on the U.S. identifications? Or are you also interested in foreign? Or would you like to receive the Railroad Lists? One other choice is available; would you like to receive U.S. identifications in each issue, PLUS foreign OR Railroads? All future issues of the Bulletin will have more pages of identifications than formerly has been the practice. The question we put to you is: "Which do you prefer?" Please drop a note to the Secretary indicating which ones you are most interested in. A postal will do - and while we do not guarantee to answer all cards, we do promise to be guided by your wishes.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Member R.N. Pritchard, (#298) is affiliated with the Peerless Album Company, P.O. Box #841, AURORA, Illinois. They have designed some attractive pages especially for mounting Perfins. They are printed on a 20# sulphide paper and are labelled "Perfin Collection" at the top. A plain-line border surrounds the page and is broken at the top to include a blank block wherein the user can title his collection page. The sheet is arranged with 25 black squares (on white paper), each square just large enough to mount one Perfin, but each square is surrounded by a neat black line which includes at the bottom, a small space for identifying each individual stamp. This allows a type, or office collection to be efficiently and neatly presented. Any suggestions, comments, or information desired regarding these pages will be welcomed by the Peerless Company. Pages will sell for 2¢ each, or less, depending on quantity ordered.

Non-member Walter W. Buntz, 830 Harrison Avenue, SCRANTON, 10, Pa, has a quantity of stamps perfed by the New York Ontario & Western RR. (This railroad has recently gone bankrupt and discontinued all operations.) The Perfin is identified in our Catalog as "O(W)" and is described as "Ex 12 (11)" He will gladly send you some upon your request, with return postage. (Use commems when you write)

From time to time, articles relating to Perfins appear in the philatelic press. Some of these indicate a sad lack of knowledge of Perfins, and often a desire for more information about them. Others are well written and contribute good information about our branch of the hobby. Most of our members subscribe to one or more of these publications, and it would be much appreciated if such items were clipped and sent to your Secretary. An effort is being made to accumulate all such references in order to build up a permanent file or library for the Club. When sending such items to your Secretary, please give name of publication from which clipped, date of publication, and page number. This information will be recorded with the clipping and the name of the doner, and will be mounted and preserved in a permanent file which will be the property of the Club. If such a file can be built, it will have considerable value as time goes on, and will be available for consultation by any member of the Club engaged in any kind of research work.

This issue of your Bulletin contains three pages of general interest, pages #14, #15, and #16, completing the permanent lists of the letter "C", and one page dealing with Schermack Perfins.

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 - # 68. F. J. Votava, 1460 Park Street, CLEARWATER, Florida.

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COMING EVENTS.

R.P.Foster, (#272), is Vice-Chairman of the 71st Annual Convention and Exhibition of the American Philatelic Society which will be held at the New Hillsboro Hotel during August 22-24th, in Tampa, Florida. There are still a few frames available in the Precancel section - which is open to include Perfins too - and the rate is \$3.00 per frame. Further details may be secured from Mr. Foster, 3911 West Platt St., Tampa, Florida.

(By delayed wire) Our genial Contact Chairman was recently the subject of a three column article, complete with picture of himself, wife, and many of his stamp albums, in the local Sunday newspaper. (Pantagraph, Bloomington, Ill.) (Sunday, March 17th)

Quite a portion of the article is devoted to Carl's Perfin Collecting activities. Mention is also made of the fact that Mr. Rhoads is a charter member and first president of the Corn Belt Philatelic Society, which will hold its 24th anniversary meeting next November. This Club will act as host to the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society at their national exhibition and convention to be held in Bloomington next October 12-13th. He is also co-chairman of the Exhibit Committee, and any of our members having display collections might do well by getting in touch with him. (714 West Walnut St., Bloomington, Illinois.)

MOUNTING HINTS.

Most commercial photographers throw away sheets of thin black paper which comes between their plates. If you are acquainted with any such people, they will give it to you free!

NOTICE

A sheet of "Addenda & Corrections" to the Netherlands Perfins Catalog has just come off the press. Anyone and everyone who purchased such a catalog from Victor J. Van Lint, (8163 Sewell Ave, FONTANA, Calif.), can receive this sheet WITHOUT COST, by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to him.

CLOSED ALBUMS.

We have just learned of the death of William F. Luckenbach, (#226) of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Bill died on July 10th, 1955, after a long illness. Our sincere sympathy goes to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Luckenbach. She wrote to me that Bill was interested in his stamps almost until the end, and they were a great comfort to him and helped through many bad hours. She has not decided what will become of the collection, but for the present is continuing a membership in our Club.

BACK ISSUES.

Several members have missed copies of the Bulletin, mainly thru change of address. However, any member who is missing back issues from ANY cause may secure them by sending postage to the Secretary and stating which numbers are lacking. There has been a Bulletin issued for EVERY month - although some Bulletins may cover more than one month - and members can check their files to see if they are complete by merely noting the months listed at top of first page.

With the Bulletin for January 1957, (issued March 1957), there was included a sheet identifying various "extra holes" used by the Cudahy Packing Company in connection with their design #356. Identification of offices using the "extra holes" was given on the lower half of Page C-16 of the new permanent catalog. The page from the January Bulletin should be placed with page C-16 for a quick and handy reference.

LOOKING AHEAD.

Many members have written to your Secretary that their preference is the publication of the remaining letters for the permanent (US) catalog. Several have asked for the railroad catalog. As stated in the last issue, we wish to abide by the wishes of our members and therefore we will make every attempt to pressure the new catalog listings. Unfortunately, after the proof sheets are made up they must be checked and rechecked, and we are not quite ready with this issue to start a new letter. However, we must get the Bulletin out on time, and so we are sending you the Railroad Listings with this issue. Messrs. Anderson, Chapman, Hoyt, F. Leach, Kaufman, Milburn, and others who wrote in - but whose names I do not have right at hand - need not be disappointed, for the August issue will continue the new and permanent catalog.

Many thanks to those members, who when sending in their dues, have remitted for two or more years. We appreciate this expression of confidence in the Club and your officers will continue to strive on your behalf and endeavor to send all members a large and an interesting Bulletin each month.

INFORMATION NEEDED

A short time ago, Al Bartleson, (#146) sent to our Catalog Committee an exchange of correspondence between himself and Mr. F.R. Brooks, of Martin, Tennessee, a retired postal clerk.

The subject matter was that, prior to his retirement, Brooks handled registered mail from the Federal Department of Agriculture addressed to rural addresses. This mail was franked with the usual "penalty envelope" and in addition, a then current 30¢ stamp, (Scott #830), and the stamp was perforated "US" in a diagonal position - our type "D". Unfortunately, Mr. Brooks failed to follow up and obtain a copy of the stamp.

At the time, postal regulations provided that mail from the various governmental departments would be mailed in the well known "penalty envelopes", EXCEPTING, (1) special delivery, (2) registered, and (3) packages weighing over four pounds. The three exceptions, regulations stated, must bear postage stamps in addition.

The local post office today advises that some eight months or so ago, these regulations were changed to the extent that now, instead of affixing postage stamps, a sticker similar to the mail meter slips, is attached. This sticker reads to the effect that "postage hereon has been prepaid".

The stamps which Mr. Brooks refers to might be considered as in the same official category as the Canadian stamps which bear the familiar "OHMS", or they might be considered to be Perfins. Whichever classification is given them, they certainly are interesting to our group. While Mr. Brooks mentions only the 30¢ stamp being used in connection with the mail which was registered, it is possible that the special delivery stamp might also exist in this perforated state.

The diagram sent indicates that the type was our type "D". Bartleson sent Brooks a copy of the "US" of the "du" type already listed, thinking that this was possibly the one being sought, but Brooks said it was not the same, so we are still seeking the "D" type.

With the idea of locating and verifying the use of these stamps, if possible, members are requested to search their holdings, and if any one has such a copy please communicate with the chairman of our Catalog Committee:
K. F. Lougee, 203 Pierce Avenue, JACKSON, Michigan.

This July 1957 Bulletin consists of ten pages.

Three (3) pages of General Interest; one (1) Introductory page and four (4) pages of Railroad Identifications; one (1) page of Schermack identifications; and one (1) page listing questionable or unsupported identifications of the "C"s.

Any members who have definite proof of the users of any of the "C" items listed on this special page, are urged to contact Catalog Chairman K.F. Lougee. It is not necessary for you to send him your material, but if you can accurately describe it in a memo to him it will be appreciated and will benefit all members of your Club.

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Plus: 5 pages Railroads
1 " (2) Shermacks
1 " Questionable "C"s

MAILLOMETER DESIGNS.

Continued from June 1957 Bulletin.
(Reprinted from March 1952 Bulletin)

		1	2	3	
Using the 9-hole code:		4	5	6	Stamps FACE and HEAD UP.
		7	8	9	
0	Spencer Trask & Co., N.Y.	246			?
1	?	367			?
3	?	379			?
5	?	468			Meyer Both Co., Chicago.
7	?	478			Success Magazine, N.Y.
9	Fidelity-Phoenix Ins. Co. Chi.	579			?
13	Motor Magazine, N.Y.	678			?
14	?	689			Hill Publishing Co., NYC.
19	?	1239			?
25	David Williams Pub. Co. NY	1245			Review of Reviews, also,
28	Detroit Taxpayers' Prot- ective League, Detroit.	1289			McClures Magazine, N.Y.
36	C.A. Strelinger Co., Detroit.	1379			?
37	Burlington Watch Co., Chicago	1469			?
45	Hammacher, Schlermer Co., NYC.	2356			The Osborne Co., N.Y.
46	?	2458			?
47	Ohio Electric Co., Chicago.	2468			?
48	Kabo Corset Co., Chicago.	4578			DeLaval Separator Co.
56	Chalmers Motor Co., Detroit.	4589			?
57	E.F. Houghton & Co., Phila.	4679			?
58	?	5679			?
68	?	5689			John Wananaker Store, NYC
69	Colonial Fire Underwriters (also Nat'l. Fire Ins. Co., Chi.	12456 12469			W.M. Crane Co., N.Y.
79	?	13579			J.L. Hawthorne Co., NYC.
124	?	14678			?
127	?	14689			?
134	Smith & Gray Co., New York.	23456			?
136	?	24568			Austin Nichols Co., NYC.
137	Cosmopolitan Magazine NYC.	24678			?
139	?	24789			David Williams Co., NYC.
149	Detroit & Cleveland Nav. Co	34678			?
179	-- New York City.	45679			?
236	Quaker Oats Co., Chicago.	45689			U.T. Hungerford Barss &
237	?				Copper Co., New York.

This listing is largely due to the efforts of Lester Littlefield however T.W. Blinn, G.P. Howard, and K. Misegades, have added several varieties and identifications. Few, if any, new identifications have been recorded since this list was first published, and as it has been reprinted at the request of various members, it is hoped that new interest has been awakened. If you have any varieties which are not listed above, or if you have information and proof of identification of any items shown above as "?", please write to: J.N. Littlefield, 52 West Emerson St., MELROSE, 76, Mass.

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August 1957

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NEW MEMBERS.

312 Patrick J. Fetla, 420 Somerset Street, SAN FRANCISCO, California.

The annual dues to the PERFINS CLUB remain unchanged, that is, \$1.50 per year - payable to the Secretary-Treasurer. If there is a RED-CHECK near your address on the cover of this Bulletin your dues are in arrears and are payable.

Many members have written to the Secretary during August, either with personal memos or paying thier dues, and unfortunately none have received an answer. This is due to the fact that we have had no time to answer any letters at all. I do work for a living, you know, and a temporary change of assignment sent me to "school" for the month to study the workings of the famous "Univac" the famous electronic data processing machine - sometimes called "magic brain". The course was "rugged" and after schooling all day, it was study all evening - leaving little or no time to answer your letters. (Any spare time was used to get this Bulletin out on time.) However, the pressure is off now and your letters (42 of them) will probably be answered within the next ten days.

Our July issue mentioned the possibility of obtaining black paper from commercial photographers. Keith Misegades writes in and tells us that this paper is also obtainable from printers using the photolithographic printing process. The sheets are often quite large - 20" x 24", for example.

Member Walt Waldau, (#166), made the headlines recently with his philatelic hobby. The July 12th issue of the "Skywriter" (a company publication of the North American Aviation, Inc.) carried a two-column articles complete with a picture of him and portions of his collection. Walt points out that a good collection can be obtained not by investing large amounts of money but by diligence and patience. (This is particularly true of PERFINS!)

Charley Regnier (our president) has entered his collection of "NLY" Perfins at the exhibit and stamp show of the Kentucky Fair, which will be held September 6th to 15th. We all wish him luck!

NEW OFFICERS???? ???

Do you want any of your officers changed? Now is the time to submit your nominations! The nominating committee is: Carl Rhoads, 714 W. Walnut St., Bloomington, Ill. Stanley Waite, 3 Washburn Terrace, Brookline, 46, Mass. JoRo Jung, 4306 So. Derbigny St., New Orleans, La. Send them your choices - or volunteer yourself if you want to help and be more active in Club affairs.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Although most of the membership has not heard from me for almost a year, I have not been altogether idle in the Club. As with most members, time is a precious commodity, and being a farmer I have found it doubly so. I wish that I could be nearer to our Secretary, so that I could have some of the "fun" (?) in getting out the Bulletin. Have you noticed the new make-up? We should be proud of it!

But there is more to getting the Bulletin out than just merely turning the crank of the mimeo machine. There is typing the stencils, and most of all, finding something to type on the stencils. The Catalog Committee helps of course, and that job is another tedious one - checking and rechecking reports, as well as ferreting out new items. There are many letters to answer, some from members, some from prospective members, and still others from people who just plain want to sell Perfins. It is difficult to realize the time it takes to do those tiny but many jobs.

Now I think that the membership should pitch in and help - help make more work for us! Let every member be an ambassador in his own territory. Boost Perfins at every chance you can get! Talk about them at your Club meetings. Do you belong to a nationwide study group, such as Precancels, Japanese stamps, etc., Then work as a liason officer with that club and Perfins. True, there are those of us that collect every item of a particular group, AND, then we may find an American company that has a branch office in that particular country, serving as a bit of background for that Perfin type. An example is the New York Life Insurance Company, (NLY) that has a branch in Argentina, and many branches in Canada.

Another thing we can do is to exhibit Perfins. Choose some special phase, - if you don't have many, just a page or two at your local Club's "Clothes-Line Exhibition" will help bring the subject before the other collectors. If you have never been where Perfins have been on display, you have no idea of the comment they draw, and most of it is excited interest. Your exhibit need not be elaborate in presentation - just informative.

I have been trying to get a meeting of members at nearly every stamp show I attend. Those who do not attend are not gaining anything from staying away - you can exchange ideas that may help you with your collection. Also, it would be nice to have some new ideas for the Club's business. Get together, talk things over, send in your ideas. Who knows what will happen!

Don't forget our exchange - Mrs. Newman, 1123 South Niles St., EL RENO, Oklahoma. She writes that we need MORE exchangers. You can build up your collection with your duplicates! You don't have duplicates? Well then, maybe you can work up a deal with her by trading used commems (large) or precancels, for Perfins. Ask her! Let's hear from you - remember this is OUR Club - yours and mine. Let's keep it that way, and its more fun too!

Meanwhile, those of you who are writers, remember, we have a special edition of Linn's coming up this winter, so get out an article. Let's not make it a one-man deal. Give them plenty to pick from, and if there is some material that they leave out, send a copy in to the editor - he is also on the lookout for new material.

C.H.R.

ADVERTISEMENT.

A sample "PEERLESS PERFIN PAGE" has been included with this issue of the Bulletin for your inspection. This page is designed to meet the need for mounting the most popular of all the PERFINs -- the regular issue PERFINs of most countries.

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CLOSED ALBUMS.

Word has just come to us that Dr. Edward J. Leighton, of 17 Cadwalader Drive, Trenton, N.J., passed away on June 13th, 1955. He had been ill with bronchial pneumonia for only five days. He was greatly interested in the collecting of PERFINs, and was among the first members of our Club - as his number, (28) indicates. Word came to us from his wife, who advises that she intends to continue a membership in the Club and will carry on with her late husband's collections. No doubt she would appreciate hearing from any of our members who formerly corresponded with Dr. Leighton, and although she did not mention it, she undoubtedly could use any surplus duplicates you no longer have use for.

COMING EVENTS.

Marguerite A. Finch, (#308), invites participation in the Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition, October 26th-27th, 1957. An entry fee of \$1.00 includes one 28" x 36" frame with up to three additional frames available at 50¢ each. Entries must be received by October 1st. Prospectus can be secured from Miss Finch by writing to her at: P.O. Box #391, CONCORD, New Hampshire. It has been suggested that Sunday afternoon, October 27th, would be a good time for all PERFIN collectors of the area to get together and meet at the Show. Why not plan to be there and meet a member-friend in person!

HELP!!

Material is urgently needed for publication in the coming edition of Linn's Weekly Stamp News which will feature PERFINs. Past editions featuring PERFINs have been very successful, not only in attracting new members to your Club, but also in bringing into the limelight interesting facts about your hobby. However, none of the old material can be used again and new items are needed. Your contributions will be gladly received by either Keith Misegades, 4615 Rosedale Avenue, BETHESDA, 14, Maryland, or Charles H. Regnier, R.F.D.#2, ASHKUM, Illinois. Your copy need not be a finished gem of literature - either of these members will be glad to help you by assisting to arrange or edit your efforts.

This August 1957 issue of the Bulletin contains ten pages: Three pages of general interest, one sample album page, two pages of note on Railroad PERFINs, and four pages of "Work Sheets for the Revision of PERFINs starting with the letter 'P'". We will continue to maintain a ten-page Bulletin with the September issue, which will finish the "P" work sheets and start a new letter for the permanent catalog.

PERFINS of RAILROADS— in UNITED STATES and CANADA and their non-operating agencies, bureaus, etc., as developed by the Railroad Topical Committee of the Perfins Club, 1956-7

NOTES- Symbols

u- United States c- Canada e- electric railway n- non-operative V- Verified by use on cover or other positive evidence Q- Questionable 5v- 5 vertical holes 4d- 4 holes in diagonal h- hole notation such as B 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ indicates the width of the letter. Dates 08/56 indicates the observed use by cancel or by date of availability of the stamp on which the perfin appears.

General

Some of the items are reported in various measure. These minor differences may be due to shrinkage in paper or to the measuring guage used. The punching heads will show minor differences either from original manufacture or prolonged usage. See photo of #186

Item

- 11 No positive evidence has been produced that this is the Birmingham Southern RR or that it is of railroad origin.
- 19 B&O- There are three or more minor varieties.
- 31 CLA- The Cloverleaf Toledo St Louis & Western RR Co) acquired the Chicago & Alton RR from the Rock Island in 1907 and disposed of it in 1921. This punch has been observed on the issues from 1908 to 1922.
- 39/40 CN/RX.- Has not been seen on cover but is known used on Canada 1917 King George 1¢ precancelled Brantford, Ontario and on U.S. 1¢ perf 11 of 1917 and coil 1917.
- 50/1 Both items are known used on cover by Chicago River & Indiana RR Co.
- 52 C(RCH)- Known on and off cover, completely verified. This was a New York Central Fast Freight Line- Dispatch.
- 85 GTR- One (only) reported- on 3¢ Defense.
- 92 IFA- Also used by Joint Mailing Bureau, Un. Station, Cgo.
- 94/5 95 appears to have been formed by a partial removal of punching pins converting (&) to (-). The (&) was dropped from the corporate title about 1938-40.
- 98 KD- This the C&O Ry Fast Freight Line- Dispatch
- 125 M/STL- There is a constant variety with top hole of L missing caused by a broken or missing pin; see note to #227
- 129 NA/RX- Known with Cincinnati, Ohio precancel.
- 133 NP- One (only) reported.
- 142/4 N&W- Three machines in use over the years. The last was purchased from American Perforator Co in 1940 for \$80.

- Item
- 145 ORY- An oil railroad in Osage County, Okla., extinct 1953
Known on Santa Fe cover- Wichita & Altus RPO, June 3, 1929
Also known off cover with serif at top of R.
- 150 OWR- Oneida & Western RR Co. was a lumber & mineral rail-
road in West Tennessee 1914/54, 38 miles long. There is
negative evidence that this road did not use perfins.
- 172 Q&C- This probably Quincy and (C) Company, a railroad
appliance company.
- 176 RI- (Des Moines cancel) See note on #227. Has been found
se tenant with RI
- 195 SP- Reported but not seen on Canada. See note on #227.
- 211 TRA/SL- A terminal and connecting railroad with 400 miles
of track.
- 215 UNION- (RR Co) Very little evidence on this one. We have
found PRR/CO #163 used 1913 on cover reading-- UNION LINE
The PRR, Penna Co and PCC&StLRyCo.
- 216 UP- See note on #227
- 220/1 V/RV.- Both items are observed with no period after the Y,
due to broken or missing pins. See note on #227
- 223 W- Known with Milwaukee, Wis. precancel and small hand-
stamp-- WDS FEB '41--
- 227/8 WP- This and others, noted above, may be due to missi ng
or broken pins in the punching heads. #227 is found on
1947 covers of the Sacramento Northern, and Alameda Belt
Line, both roads controlled by WP. Other railroad per-
fins listed, found on covers of roads other than the one
given in the list may be accounted for either by control
or by a jointly operated facility, having both stamps and
stationery supplied by two perfin users.
- 232 This has been suggested as Washington Southern and RF&P.
No evidence has been produced.
- 233 Also used by Western Weighing & Inspection Bureau.

Information for this list has been checked through January 1957.
To help us correct and extend this list, please contribute your
knowledge-- Write directly to Walter C. Ayers, 1520 Sherwood Ave.
Roanoke 15, Virginia

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- #313. William H. Martin, Box #742, WALPOLE, New Hampshire.
- #314. Roger W. Kline, Lewis Road, SOUTH WALES, New York.
- #316. Eric A. Gray, 172 West Chestnut Street, SAN GABRIEL, Calif.
- #317. William Burke, 56 Lincoln Ave., WEST BARRINGTON, Rhode Island

CORRECTION

The July 1957 issue of the Bulletin carried a page listing some Mailometer designs. Unfortunately, #25789 was omitted. This one should have been listed as being used by: David Williams Co., N.Y.C. #24789 is shown in the list as being used by the Williams concern, and this is in error, as the user is unknown. Otherwise the list is correct.

CLOSED ALBUMS

We have just received word from Mrs. Elsie L. Pomeroy of the death of her husband, Carl. One of the old-time members (#67) of our Club, Mr. Pomeroy had been ailing for a number of years, and although he suffered very little pain, he was almost totally helpless toward the last. Death came on August 17th, and he was buried on August 19th with a very simple church service. For any of our older members who knew Carl or had corresponded with him in the past, the address is still: 33 Elm Avenue, MILL VALLEY, California.

HELP!

When new members join your Club they are always referred to our Contact Chairman who sends them various things to help them get started, and always includes a small batch of Perfins. With the new members joining this month, his stock of "spares" is rapidly becoming depleted. Any members having surplus duplicates would help new members (and their Club) by sending their surplus to: Carl Rhoads, 714 West Walnut Street, BLOOMINGTON, Illinois.

This September 1957 issue of the Bulletin contains nine pages. Two pages of general interest; one page listing certain Perfins for which identification is requested; and pages #5 to #10, inc., of work-sheets for the letter "P".

FROM ACROSS THE WATERS

The British Perfins Study Group announces the start of the publication of a bi-monthly News-Sheet. The Editors are: C. Carr and J. Munro, at #4 Mount Road, Dover, Kent, England. The first issue - for July-August - had already appeared. Subscription rate is 5/- or about 70¢ per year, and may presumably be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Bowman, 94 Lovel Avenue, Welling, Kent, England. (Mr. Bowman is also a member of our Club, #168)

The first issue contains, besides general news items, a story on the origins of British Perfins, (and therefore of ALL Perfins, since British Perfins were first in time), by the president of the British Study Group, C. Jennings; an explanation of how the British Perfins are cataloged, (a system slightly more complicated than our own); and one page of identifications for the letter "A".

Gentlemen! We wish you the best of luck!

CLUBHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Last week, your Secretary was pleased to welcome two visitors; R.J.Woolley, (#241), of Toronto, Canada. Bob, in addition to being a member of our Club is Secretary of the Canadian Perfin Study Group, a past president of the British North American Philatelic Society, and he is also the writer of the handbook "Canadian Stamps with Perforated Initials". He would welcome correspondence on Canadian Perfins. With Bob was Cyril Woodhead, also of Toronto, and past president (5 years) of the Canadian Philatelic Society. He is now Sales Circuit Manager of C.P.S. and is doing a "land-office" business. The following day we were all in attendance at the BNAPS Convention and Exhibition held at Hotel Sylvania in downtown Philadelphia. Here we also enjoyed an excellent luncheon and were joined by Stephen Rich of Verona, N.J., whose philatelic writings many of us are quite familiar with.

An invitation is again extended to any who may be in the vicinity of Wayne, Pa., when travelling, to stop in and visit with your Secretary. You and your friends will be quite welcome.

INFORMATION WANTED

R.J.Woolley (359 Ellis Park Road, TORONTO, 3, Canada), is interested in knowing the amount of postal stationery that has been seen with Perfins. (That is, postcards, envelopes, newspaper wrappers, etc.) In Canada, three types of "QH/MS" have been seen, all used by the Meteorological Bureau; one of the 5-hole type, and two of the 4-hole type. Bob has a copy of the (U.S.) 1¢ green Jefferson Postcard with four impressions of "LB" (D, 8½) running vertically across the left of the card. This was apparently used by Lane Bryant, 39th Street at Fifth Avenue, New York City. It is postmarked Grand Central Annex, N.Y.C., 1934. No other date.

The Editor recalls seeing one or more wrappers in the hands of collectors. There is also an illustration of a postcard in the Finnish article included in the Perfin Bulletin of November 1953.

Where there are multiple die heads, as is common in the United States, the stationery will show a corresponding row of impressions. Many of the European machines are designed to make but a single impression, - accounting for the single pattern on the Finnish card.

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321. A.F. Linden,	1223 Tenth Avenue,	ROCKFORD, Illinois.
322. Robert T. Kenneth,	P.O. Box #186,	WESTERLY, Rhode Is.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

# 50. Charles H. Regnier,	378 South Alma Avenue,	KANKAKEE, Illinois.
285. Leon Weisel,	320 Sterling Avenue,	MAMARONECK, New York.
306. Robert Anderson,	3414 Fishinger Road,	COLUMBUS, 21, Ohio.

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CLOSED ALBUMS.

We have just received the unhappy news that Mr. August Pinske, (#211), of 1215 South 47th Street, Milwaukee, 14, Wisconsin, who has been quite sick, suffered a stroke on June 1st and passed away on June 15th. Mr. Pinske was a dealer who would buy, sell, or trade anything postally used. He was a member of the following philatelic societies, in addition to the Perfins Club - Precancel Stamp Society of Milwaukee, Badger Precancel Club of Milwaukee, West Milwaukee Stamp Collectors Club, National Philatelic Society, American Topical Association, Christmas Seal & Charity Stamp Society, Wisconsin Chapter #5, A.T.A., and the Milwaukee Seal Collectors Club.

I feel certain that all members of the Perfins Club will join me in sending our sincere and deep sympathy to his widow.

THANKYOU

Your Secretary thanks members Watters and Pickop for sending him very attractive Cachet Covers from the Kentucky State Fair, and the "HOPEX" - Honolulu Philatelic Exhibition.

EXHIBITORS.

Member Pickop (#269) exhibited his Perfins at the "HOPEX" held at the Moana Hotel on August 23-25th, and received an award of "Honorable Mention" for his speciality - stamps of all issues, perfed with "T.H.". This is the design used by the Territory of Hawaii and listed in our catalog as #T-49.

Our Contact Chairman, ~~Carl~~ **Carl E. Rhoads**, (#159), has been very busy as Exhibit Co-Chairman at the 24th Annual Exhibition and Convention of the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society, held October 12-13th, 1957, at the Scottish Rite Temple in Bloomington, Illinois. Hosts were the Corn Belt Philatelic Society. Carl's wife was there not only to check on him but also to act as Cachet Committee Chairman. Congratulations are also in order to Carl, as his good work resulted in his being elected 4th Vice-President of the "TMPS". Your President, Charley Regnier was present at the Show, and he and Carl spent considerable time talking over plans for the coming articles to be published in Linn's Stamp News featuring Perfins. (By the way - have you sent in your help on this project yet? Be sure to send in SOMETHING - mail to either Rhoads, Regnier, or to Misegades.) Member Bob Pritchard (#298) also had a frame of Perfins in competition at this show, using his own album pages. (Remember the sample recently distributed with the Bulletin?) He reports that sales of the pages are going great and the company has had to resort to a third printing to supply the demand.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Walter C. Ayers, (#266) is interested in corresponding with members and is anxious to purchase or swap for the following: PERFIN ON COVER - any railroad items. Also the following railroad items, on or off cover: (Numbers given are the numbers listed in the recently published Railroad Catalog - not the regular Perfin Catalog) #3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 18, 33, 35, 39, 44, 52, 60, 73, 79, 81, 82, 84, 87, 91, 99, 111, 113, 130, 138, 139, 141, 147, 150, 155, 159, 160, 163, 165, 169, 170, 176, 180, 183, 193, 197, 201, 204, 210, 212, 213, 215, 229, 230, 232. His address is: 1520 Sherwood Avenue, Roanoke, 15, Virginia.

Alfred S. Bartleson (#146), wants help to complete a ^{5th Imp.} Perfin Issue Collection. He will purchase, or swap other items for the following needs: Scott Nos. 310, 311, 312, 313, 315, 404, ^{10th Part 10} 550, 618, 617, 619, 620, 621, 629, 643, 644, 646, 647, 648, 649, 651, 654, 656, 659, 661, 666, 668, 679, 680, 688, 703, 733, 915, 916, 919, 920, 921. Also: C-1, C-3, C-4, C-5, C-6, C-13, C-14, C-15, C-18, C-20, C-24, C-27, C-35, C-36, C-37, C-41, C-46; and CE-1, Q-11, Q-12. His address is: 23 Elmwood Avenue, Sodus, New York. ^{P.R. 75}

HELP WANTED

Your Contact Chairman, Carl Rhoads is trying to assemble a Perfin Handbook to be distributed to new members as they join. Suggestions should be sent to him at 714 W. Walnut St., Bloomington, Illinois.

This issue of the October Bulletin consists of two pages of general interest, pages D-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 of permanent catalog, and Page D-7, Supplemental Identifications for letter "D".

Mailed 11:30AM
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Mrs. Elizabeth J. Earl, #324, 160 38th Street, CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa.

Annual dues still \$1.50. If there is a red-check near your address on the cover, your dues are in arrears and payable!

AWARDS

Funny how some Exhibits do things! Charley Regnier (#62), won a 1st award at the Louisville State Fair, but did not know about it until he got the exhibit back -- which was over three weeks after the close of the Fair. Congratulations on your fine collection of NLY Perfins, Mr. President!

Just received word from Bob Pritchard (#298) that when he received his Perfin exhibit returned collect from the CPS Show in Chicago, with it was the following message: "Congratulations on a Bronze Medal Award", from Exhibit Chairman Tony Russo.

So you can see that they DO look at Perfins and these two awards are a credit to Perfin Collecting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (as of November 15th, 1957)

<u>Receipts:</u>		<u>Expenses:</u>	
Cash, June 26 th , 1957	\$392.44	Editor's Expense	\$ 20.92
New Memberships	19.75	Other Officer's Expense	6.50
Dues collected	101.00	Bulletin overhead	105.21
Other sources	4.00	Secretary's Expense	21.49
Catalog Pages	<u>35.47</u>	Cash, Nov. 15 th , 1957	<u>398.54</u>
	\$552.66		\$552.66

Detailed records of this report, itemized, and with the proper receipts, is available, for any member who wishes to inspect or check it. A copy will be loaned to you for your inspection if you make a request of the Secretary.

This November Issue of your Bulletin contains ten pages. Four pages of general interest, and six pages of "L" listings of the permanent catalog. (L-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

ADVERTISEMENT

Start your FOREIGN PERFIN COLLECTION today, with one of these NEW PERFIN MIXTURES - just received, new supplies from Europe! Order by letter and country, sending money-order to:
Victor J. Van Lint, 8163 Sewell Ave, Fontana, California.

Identification	Approximate Count	Mixture of ALL DIFFERENT PERFINS from	
		NETHERLANDS	DENMARK
A	2,300	-	\$15.00
B	1,700	\$15.00	-
C	1,500	-	\$10.00
D	1,200	\$10.00	-
E	1,000	-	\$ 5.00
F	900	\$ 5.00	-
G	800	4.50	\$ 4.00
H	600	3.00	2.50
J	500	2.25	1.50
K	400	1.50	1.25

EXCHANGE

Do you know that your Club operates a fine exchange plan? In the first year of operation, 15 exchange members have added 5,516 new PERFINS to their collections, and many others have added lesser amounts. All members now have selections on hand or in the mail.

One way to use the Exchange is to help in a specialized collection. If you do not have a speciality, here's an idea. Why not try to build a collection of commemorative PERFINS on appropriate stamps? For example: "TH" on the Hawaii stamp, "UC" on Columbia University stamp; "UP" on the Transcontinental Railroad, etc. There are many other combinations you can dream up, all of them interesting! Any member of the Club may use the Exchange by entering a packet of 105 Perfins. (Five of which are the Director's commission) After the packet is circulated, any remainder will be returned to the member and is charged against his account. U.S. and Foreign PERFINS must be entered in separate packets. A self-addressed stamped envelope must accompany each entry and each return to the Exchange. If the rules are not clear, or if you have questions, write direct to:

Mrs. James G. Newman, 1123 South Miles St., EL RENO, Oklahoma.

COOPERATION NEEDED!

Your catalog can only grow if YOU report new items to the Catalog Chairman. Pages will continually be included in the Bulletin headed: "Supplemental Identifications" or "Work Sheets" or other wording indicating that they are NOT a part of the Permanent Catalog. When you see these pages, PLEASE check your holdings. If you can supply positive identification of any item listed, or have items which do not appear with the listings, let your fellow members have the benefit of your information. Write to: K.F. Lougee, (Catalog Chairman) at 203 Pierce St., JACKSON, Michigan. For new items do NOT send your stamps. Give him the following information about them: Letters of the design, style of perforation, size of letters, name of user if known, and in the event a cover is held mention that too. If possible include a pencil point picture of the design, using a piece of paper 1½" square. A good picture can be made by affixing the stamp to a window glass, place the paper OVER the stamp and with a pencil, carefully point in the design. Ordinary care will suffice to give a fairly decent picture of the design. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

FROM THE PHILATELIC PRESS. (or: "WHAT'S IN A NAME!")

The following letter (reprinted in its entirety appeared in the November 19th issue of Western Stamp Collector:

15 October 1957, Tokyo, Japan.

Dear Mr. Wylie:

I enjoyed reading Mr. Pritchard's article of the 24 August issue of WSC, concerning "the collecting of stamps with perforated initials." However, I thought it was ironic that only 4 of the 10 stamps he had illustrated are marked with "perforated initials". The others have perforated markings consisting of names ("Erie), abbreviations (BE RY) "SO.RY", "O.RY", or initials in combination with geometric figures (the encircled W and the W on a flag).

This, I think, amply illustrates that "perforated initials" is not an acceptable name for these varieties, nor for many of the comparable varieties of countries other than the U.S. In the Japanese field, we have the term "perforated insignia" because it is much broader in scope and therefore much more accurate in all cases. Moreover, it has the advantage of fitting the same abbreviation - "perfin" - as the less realistic "perforated initials" does. I suggest that all "perfin" collectors would find "perforated insignia" a much more logical term than "perforated initials".

Sincerely yours,
Robert M. Spaulding

TO THE PHILATELIC PRESS (Sent to "WSC" by your Secretary)

Dear Mr. Wylie:

The letter of Mr. Spaulding, which was published in November 19th issue of WSC - Letters to the Editor Column - interested me because in early days the word "insignia" was often used in reference to Perfins. However, by far, the greater number of "Perfins" are perforated with "initials", and relatively few - when compared to the total of known existing items - are perforated with "insignia".

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, "insignia" is defined as: "distinguished by a mark; striking, eminent; badges, emblems, or other distinguishing marks, as of rank, etc." The same authority defines "initial" as: "Having to do with, indicating, or occurring at the beginning. (2) Designating the first letter or syllable of a word. (n) A letter beginning a word, the first letter of a name."

After reading these authoritative definitions, I take exception to the statement that "only 4 out of 10 stamps" illustrated in Pritchard's article "are marked with perforated initials." Let's check each one!

"B E RY" - certainly the initials of the Boston Elevated Railway.
 "Erie" - the initial word in the name of the Erie Railroad Company.
 "O.RY" - the initial of the name of a railroad. - The Omaha or C&NW.
 "PLE" - the initials of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.
 "CPR" - the initials of the Canadian Pacific RR.
 "So.RY" - the first syllable of Southern Railway System.
 "SFE" - the initials of the Santa Fe RR - A.T. & S.F.RR.
 "W" in circle - Not a circle nor a geometric figure, but the "W" is in an "O", and we have the initials of the N.Y. Ontario & Western, called in railroad parlance the "O & W".

"SL" - the initials of the Soo Line or the M.St.P. & S.S.M.RR.

"W" in flag - the initials of the Wabash RR.

Now, all 10 of the 10 illustrations will come under the definition of "initial", and as long as so few items qualify to be called insignia I see no reason why the name - or meaning of the name of our Club should be changed."

(Comments from members are solicited. Address your secretary DCS)

Mailed 11PM
Dec. 26th 1957

THE PERFIN CLUB

THE PERFIN BULLETIN

December 1957.

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NEW MEMBERS

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SHARE THE FUN!

Among the members of your Club there are many who are a bit advanced in years or who are not as physically spry as they used to be. For them Perfin Collecting is ideal, for it is a hobby that can be worked on in a favorite chair, and the winds and temperatures make no difference. But sometimes it is hard to get Perfins to sort and classify - although many of our members have more Perfins than they know what to do with. How about sharing some of your surplus with others? New member Mrs. Elizabeth J. Pearl (#324), of 160 - 38th Street N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is 76 years young and has been ill and shut in for over three years. Also, Miss Lillian Jensen, Box #192, Schaller Iowa, one of our earliest members, #23, who is a schoolteacher who retired on disability some time ago. Besides Perfins, Miss Jensen collects poster stamps, seals, and view cards. How about dropping a line to each of these ladies, and send them some Perfins to sort? Don't send "splits" and the very common ones - The ones you know are unidentifiable and no good, separate from the others and send them to Miss Alice H. Dean, %Pope Home, 116 West Prospect St., Ottawa, Ill. Miss Dean who is 79, is convalescing from a heart attack, and she can use your stamps no matter how "bun" they are. She cuts the colors from stamps, pastes them down in designs and water colors the background, thus combining two hobbies - philately and art. She will appreciate your "cast-offs". Now here is a good chance to get rid of those splits and duplicates that you couldn't dump on anybody else!

Contact Chairman Rhoads has asked me to thank the many kind members who sent their duplicates to him, to be used in helping and encouraging new members. With the feature articles in Linn's this month, we can expect a large number of inquiries as well as a goodly number of new members - all of whom we like to encourage by giving them Perfins which help them get a better start.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

Polly VanDyke, (#224), writes us that she attended a Herman Herst Jr., auction on August 23rd and Lot #232 was described as :
"#70 U.S. 24¢ fine OG single, mint, with Perfed Initials 'JB', the earliest example of this we have seen." Scott: \$65.00 Sold for: \$33.00

FOR FREE!

Ed Pickop, (#269), says that he has a small quantity of "T.H." perfins on cover - used in Hawaii. He will send some to you if you send him your self-addressed stamped envelope/ His address is: 4815 Matsonia Drive, Honolulu, 16, Hawaii. (Postage rate same as in continental U.S., of course.)

INTERESTING MEMBERS

J. Howard Watters, #192, was at one time the largest mailer in his town - New Albany, Indiana. His mailings averaged on a monthly basis, 25,000 to 35,000 twelve to twenty page catalogs, nearly 1,000 post cards, and about 500 envelopes, containing flyers to filling stations and garages. He ran an auto supply store which employed up to 15 people according to the season. The mailings were supplimented by newspaper, billboard, and radio advertising. However, about five years ago, a serious accident dislocated his spinal column and twisted it so that he has almost continuous headaches. With such a handicap, the pressure of business was too great, so he turned to stamps. Beside being a mail-order dealer, he is Associate Editor and Circulation Manager of "World Philatelic Society", "British Philatelic Gazette", and "Scout Philatelic Gazette". In addition, as a charity project, he was appointed U.S. agent for the Tuber culosis Committee of India, and distributes their Christmas Seals in this country. He is another example of how philately has come to the rescue of one who cannot pursue his accustomed vocation.

COMING EVENTS.

The January Bulletin will contain a complete listing of all members, complete with number, name, and address. There will also be the list of the officers of the Perfins Club for 1958. The work sheet for the revision of letter "Q" will be included, and as many sheets as possible for the revision of the letter "R".

THE CONSTITUTION

Many members have never seen a copy of the Constitution of the Perfins Club - others saw it in the September and October 1952 issues of the Bulletin. However, so many have never seen it that we are reproducing a copy in this issue of your Bulletin. In the future, all new members will be given a copy when they join, by the Contact Chairman.

This December Bulletin consists of nine pages. Two pages of general interest, two pages of the Constitution, two pages of "Additions and Corrections to the Danish List of Perfins", and the three final pages of the "L" listings for the permanent catalog - L-7, 8, and 9.

This Bulletin, and all to follow, will come to you ready punched for a standard three-ring binder - as no member has signified that he wants unpunched copies.

For the newer members who do not have the complete Danish Perfin Catalog which was distributed to all members as a part of the 1956 Bulletin - this catalog is still available. It consists of 15 pages containing 693 perfin types, of which 84% or 581 locations are identified, and 27% or 127 user's names identified. It will be supplied upon request to your Secretary and a remittance of 35¢ plus postage. This fully copyrighted catalog was prepared by Margaret and Victor Van Lint, working with E.J. Enschede of Driehuis, Holland.

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PERFINS CLUB

Article I

The name of this organization shall be **THE PERFINS CLUB**.

Article II

The objects of the Perfins Club shall be: 1. to study and disseminate information about the use of perforated insignia as applied to stamps and, 2. to facilitate contact between collectors of these stamps.

Article III

Membership in this Club shall be had by submitting a written application to the secretary with dues for one year; if the Executive Committee shall not refuse membership for cause within one month, the applicant shall be declared a member. Membership shall cease after two months delinquency in paying dues or, upon the finding by the Executive committee, after full inquiry, that the member has been guilty of such conduct as would cause his expulsion by the American Philatelic Society.

Article IV

Officers, beginning in 1953, shall be: President; Vice-President-and-Assistant-Secretary-Treasurer and Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be elected for a period of one year and shall serve until their successors are ready to take office. They shall perform the duties that normally pertain to such offices. The President shall appoint a nominating committee in September, which committee shall present at least one full slate of officers to be published in the November issue of the official publication; any two members may propose other nominations providing they are submitted in time for publication in November; however, no nomination shall be submitted unless the nominee has indicated his willingness to accept.

Article V

There shall be an Editor and the following standing committees: Executive, Promotion, U.S. Catalog and Contact. Special committees may be appointed as the need arises. All committees shall be appointed by the president (Exception, the Executive Committee) who shall designate one member of each committee as chairman. Except for the Executive committee, none of the elected officers may serve as the chairman of any of the standing committees although they may serve as members. Membership on all committees automatically terminates with the taking office of newly elected officers.

Article VI

The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected officers and the chairmen of the standing committees and shall have the general management of the affairs of the Club. The President shall be its chairman.

Article VII

The promotion committee shall include the Editor; it is charged with the duty of obtaining favorable publicity, both in the general and philatelic press to the end that interest in Perfins will be maintained and new members will be attracted.

Article VIII

The Contact Committee shall include the Vice-President; it is charged with taking an interest in both the present and prospective members, keeping records of the special interests of each and facilitating the exchange of stamps and information.

Article IX

The U.S. Catalog Committee shall have charge of preparing and revising the U.S. Perfin Catalog. The Committee shall establish and publish from time to time, the standards to be maintained in cataloging. It shall maintain for the benefit of its successors and as the property of the Club, a Master Catalog recording the origin of each entry in the catalog and the basis on which it was made. As sufficient interest is shown, additional committees shall be established for other countries.

Article X

The Editor shall prepare for regular publication in an appropriate medium, official notices, news of interest to the membership, original technical articles and abstracts or reprints of technical articles appearing in other publications to the end that the membership shall be provided with the best information on everything within the scope of the objects of the Club.

Article XI

Dues shall be established by the Executive Committee in an amount sufficient to provide for regular publication, the preparation of a catalog and the normal running expenses of the Club. The cost of the serial publication of the catalog may be established separately from the regular dues for those who do not wish to have one, but no copies of the catalog shall be sold to non-members except at a substantial increase over the member's cost, as established by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is authorized to make special arrangements with members in foreign countries where such members have difficulty in making payment in U.S. currency.

Article XII

Additions and amendments to these articles must be presented in writing, proposed by at least three members. The Executive Committee shall review the proposal and both the proposal and the Committee's recommendation shall be published officially. If the recommendation is favorable, a simple majority of the ballots cast thereon will carry the proposal but, if the recommendation is unfavorable, then a clear majority of the paid-up membership shall be required to carry the proposal.

CORRECTIONS and ADDITIONS

to the

PERFINS LIST of DENMARK

December 1957.

Page #1, Corrections

A - 4	A.	16	H	11½	
26					Anderson Jun & Co.
30					Aarhus
B -					
C -					
D -24	DFB & Crown	86			
30	D.F./K.	37	2H	5¾	Kbh (12 hole D)
42	DN/K	37	2H	5½	Sonderborg
49	D/SF	28	2H	5½	Kbh.
E -					
F -					
G - 8	G.C.				Grafisk Co.
13	G.K.	32	H	7½	
H - 3	H				A/S Hantias
36	H.S./V.	32	2H	5½	Vejle
41	H.W.				Henningsen & Wolf-Jurgensen
I - 5	ILKA				A/S Helomit
J -14	J.J.				Jorgen-Jensen
25	Job.	29			John Bigler & Son.
K -14	KH	32	H	8	
19	KL	20	H	6	Kbh.
L - 5	LB	29	H	8	Kbh.
10	L.G/C	35			L. C. Gend & Co.
21					(4 hole K)
25					(5 hole K)
39	LUX	25	H	7½	Kbh.
M -17	M.N.				(76-N)
22	M.R.				A/S Danske Vin og Konserve Fabrikken
					(A. Rasmussens.)
N -					
O -					
P - 5	P.B.				P. Bjornbaks Konvolut Fabrik
14	P.H.				P. Haase & Son.
Q -					
R -10	R.S.	33	H	8	
S - 7	S	15	H	9	Kbh. Oscar Siekeje
12	S.B./&Co	63			
19	S.G.Co	46	H	7	Odense
38	S & A				A/S Schio & Arve
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Designs:					
7	Mushroom				Jattadam Fabriker A/S

CORRECTIONS and ADDITIONS
to the
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Page #2, Additions.

A -	38a	AP	19	H	7	Aarhus
	45a	A/S D	39	H	4½	
	49a	AU	11	H		KChn
B -	4a	B.	17	H	11	
	31a	B&L	35	H	7	
C -	22a	C.J.H.	29	H	5½	
	26a	C.L.	28	H	7½	
D -	30a	D.F./K.	38	2H	5¾	Kbh (13 hole D)
	38a	D.M.	44	H	8½	
	47a	DSB	33	H	6	Kbhn
	54	D/VL	30	2H	6	-
E -	8a	EH	31	H	8½	
	22a	Esso	35	H	5	
F -	21a	FLS	24	H	6½	
	25a	FORD	49	H	7	
	27a	F.R.	30	H	9	
G -						
H -	1a	H	17	H	9	Herning
	12a	HG	30	H	8	
	16a	H.J.	28	H	8½	
	31a	HR	29	H	8½	Kbh
	37	H.S./V.	42	2H	6½	-
I -	2a	I.H.	25	H	9	
	10a	IP	20	H	7	Kbh
J -	18a	JK	21	H	8	Husene
	24a	Job	19	H	7	Kbh. John Bigler & Son
K -						
L -	2a	L	18	H	9	
	7a	LB	27	H	9	Kbh
	39a	L.W.	53	H	7	
	41	L.&S.	37	H	7½	
M -	17a	M.N.	46	H	8	(75 N)
N -	6a	NB	36	H	9	Neks●
	24a	N.P.	27	H	7½	Kbh
● -	15a	OSS	26	H	3	
P -	14a	PH	31	H	9	Kbh
	17a	PK	32	H	9	Birkerod
Q -						
R -	1a	RAS	45	H	7½	
S -	23a	S.K.	33	H	8	Kbh
	40a	S&K	40	H	7½	-
T -	U -					
V -	17	V.& U.	34	H	5½	
W -	X -	Y - Z.				

Designs:

7a Harpoon 16