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We are glad to welcome these new members to our Club. By now, all members should have received the special issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News which featured Perfins and Perfin Collecting. Many of the new members came to us as a result of this publicity.

**PERFIN OFFICERS FOR 1958.**

During the latter part of 1957, President Chas. Regnier appointed Stanley Waite, (#214); Jo Ro Jung, Jr., (#152); and Carl E. Rhoads, (#159); to act as the nominating committee for officers for the year of 1958. The committee met (by letter) and the 1957 efforts of the Club Officers has met with the satisfaction of the membership. The Committee was indeed well pleased, and is recommending the following officers for the coming year 1958:

- President: Charles H. Regnier, KANKAKEE, Illinois.
- Vice-President: Lois S. Crosby (Mrs. Frank) MANHATTAN, Montana.
- Secretary-Treasurer: David C. Stump, WAYNE, Pennsylvania.
- Ass't. Secy-Treas: Leonard H. Paul, BALA-CYNWYD, Penna.

Members will note the addition of the office of "Ass't. Secretary-Treasurer. Because the Perfins Bulletin is written, assembled, and mailed, from Wayne, Pa., additional help is needed. Mr. Paul, living nearby, has been helping quite frequently, and seemed best qualified to fill the vacancy.

The Committee Chairmen, seemingly tireless in the pursuit of their duties, have all been asked to continue with their fine work. They are as follows:

- Contact: Carl E. Rhoads, BLOOMINGTON, Illinois.
- U.S. Catalog: K. F. Lougee, JACKSON, Michigan.
- General Foreign: Victor J. Van Lint, FONTANA, California.
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"We are starting a new year, and my fondest hopes are that we will have as successful a one as the past year has been. I do not claim any credit for our achievements because it has been the overall effort of many members, and the down-right HARD WORK of several. No one can work alone - he must have the help of others, even though it may seem trivial at the time.

Each time a member interests someone in our efforts, he is furthering the Club just a little bit - remember, we are still considered 'step-children' of philately - for there are still many who look with askance at our chosen field. There are also those who did not know until recently that there was such a branch of philately, and when they heard, they became quite interested and very active members of our Club. There are many other potential collectors in the hinterlands, and it is up to us to seek them out.

The compilation of the Railroad Listings was no mean effort - it took the work of several members, and our hearty thanks to them for their initiative. Their work could be a model for other groups. Does some other group want to start another list? There are those who collect only Officials, Insurance Companies, Schools, etc. Your Club needs more of these Topical Listings. Wouldn't you - or couldn't you be the one to start. Once the start is made and the ball gets rolling the hardest part is over!

The regular catalog is due for its share of praise. Only those who have worked on it can really begin to understand the problems faced, AND the tremendous amount of time and work involved. I am happy to say that the Catalog is nearer, by far, to publication than we are willing to admit openly. I predict that when it is sold to the public we will have plenty of sales. Then our work will be heavier, and many a scarce item will be unearthed among our non-member collections, causing us to start revising frequently. Mark this down among the predictions, and see if I am not right! Anyway, Mr. Lougee, you will still have lots of work to do - as if you haven't already!. Our thanks to you for a fine job well done.

While I am in a thanking mood, I want to thank those who have helped in the background. You know who I mean - the little woman, the patient husband, and other members of the family. They clean up behind us, or pitch in and help us. Suppose we had to do all that by ourselves. I recommend a vote of thanks to them!

A big sideline helper, although a member, is Leonard Paul. His help has been most appreciated by our Secretary and our Publisher, Dave Stump. Someone is needed to turn the mico crank, to assemble, fold, stamp, address, and sort the mailings. It was partly for this and partly for his proximity to Dave that the executive committee appointed him Ass't. Secy-Treasurer. Since the funds of the Club are deposited in the Bryn Mawr Trust, (Bryn Mawr, Pa.), he will be able to take over their care, should our Secretary be suddenly incapacitated. (That is one case where we are one up on the Federal Government. Ike doesn't have an Assistant Prexy!)

In the year to come, flood the Shows with Perfin entries. seek out new items and report them to the Catalog Chairman. Linn's has already invited us to make another special issue, so be thinking one up we want Linn's to be proud of us! Remember, anything you do, even if it is just ONE identification for the Catalog, you have helped more than you realize.

Chas. H. Regnier, President.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY.

As your Secretary starts his 6<sup>th</sup> year in office, a slight pause seems to be in order, to allow a retrospective glance. A member of the Club since 1945, I have seen it grow from a few dozen members until now our active dues-paying membership is nearly 200. Experts have come and gone, and in passing have left their mark. Curiosity seekers, fadists, and others with short enthusiasm have also come and gone - but it is curious how the bigger and more serious philatelic members have stayed. Most of the serious collectors, those who have helped with real research work, are still with us - those who are not, have passed on to a more happy hunting ground. We will always miss them, even as we continue to benefit from their work. Travell, Parsons, Metz, Card, Dr. Larimore, Pomeroy, - to mention a few, in no particular order - have all closed their albums and been taken from us, but the contributions they made in labor, thought, and time, can never be taken away. The fadists we will not miss. Every Club has their quota of them. We tried to help them but they contributed nothing and their interest soon waned and they fell by the wayside. One cannot collect Perfin alone, no more than can one collect anything without the fellowship and exchange of thoughts with others having similar interests. It is very true that you get out of things just what you put into them. If you put nothing into Perfin Collecting, your interest will soon disperse and you will seek other fields which apparently offer more charm. However, if you are active and share your knowledge with others you will find that your interest will grow with leaps and bounds. The best way to contribute is to constantly check over your collection and report any items not listed in the Catalog - or items you think are incorrectly listed - to the Catalog Chairman, Mr. Lougee. We need your help, just as we need his. We must have a central place where accumulated knowledge can be checked, tabulated, and distributed to the members at large. That is the prime job of the Catalog Chairman, but without your active participation he cannot do his work. Give him your support, for by doing so you are not only helping him, but also helping the Club and helping yourself.

About a year has passed by since Len Paul and I took over the writing, printing, and mailing of the Bulletin, and while at times it has been a chore, we can still say that it has been fun. The work is all done in a room which has been set aside and is only used for Perfin work. During the year we have been glad to welcome many members who have visited with us, and we hope that others will avail themselves of the opportunity to stop by for a few hours (or days) of philatelic fellowship during 1958. We thank members for helpful suggestions that have been sent in - your letters have been encouraging and stimulating.

We have made changes and (we hope) improvements to the Bulletin. A standard format for first page - paragraph headings - listing in each Bulletin the contents - punching for 3-ring binders - doubled its size - and finally, we have succeeded in posting your Bulletin on a regular definite schedule. We think these improvements have been beneficial and have strengthened both the Bulletin and the Club in the philatelic world. We hope that if you have ideas for further betterment, you will feel free to write to us about them.

We thank all members for their fine cooperation, and wish to give a special thanks to the Catalog Committee. They have labored long and hard to send us pages for our permanent catalog - without which we could hardly pursue the chosen branch of our favorite hobby.

D.C.S.

BELATED WISHES

Your Secretary wishes to thank the many members of the Perfins Club who sent him Christmas Greetings. To know that such a large number of our member took time off in the midst of a busy season, not only to send Greetings, but also to enclose personal notes and good wishes, is very gratifying and much appreciated. We regret that it is impossible to acknowledge each and every card personally, but, take this means of thanking our many friends for their thoughtfulness. It is our hope that 1958 will prove to be a successful and happy year for all of you.

INTERESTING BUT NOT IMPORTANT.

From "Literatur-Nachrichten" a German Philatelic Digest, comes the word that during the year 1956, 57% of all prepaid postage in the United States used meters. There can be no doubt that the use of Perfins must be decreasing in direct proportion with the decrease in use of adhesive postage stamps. Soon we may have no Perfins?? Well, hardly that bad! Certain companies, for example Railroads, will use Perfins for a long while, because of their many small stations, office agencies, etc. To place meter machines in such small installations is at present not feasible.

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Starting the New Year off right, Arthur Krauss, (#254) and his good wife, who were visiting in the vicinity, stopped in at "310" on January 2nd, and had dinner with your Secretary and his family. After dinner, Len Paul, (#277), stopped in, and we all had a fine time talking and swapping Perfins. The Krausses live in Uniondale, N.Y., and were in the midst of a little winter vacation. Plans were made for the Stumps to play a return engagement at the Krauss home this summer.

On January 12th, John Steele, (#278), from Wynnewood, Pa., paid us a short visit, and again Perfin talking and swapping was enjoyed. John always has interesting things to show us, resulting from the operations of his own private mail-control system.

THE WIND-UP

This January 1958 issue of the Bulletin contains 4 pages of general interest; 5 pages of the Perfin Roster; 1 page of Work Sheet for the Revision of letter "Q". Total TEN pages.

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### MORE THAN A COINCIDENCE!

Did you read the "Who-dun-it" story in Linn's Weekly Stamp News of February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1958? It is a "Markman Adventure" - that is, it is a story about the famous philatelic detective Markman, and how he is requested by a Herbert Vanloom to recover an album of Perfins stolen from his wife, Polly. The location is in St. Petersburg, Florida, where the Vanlooms operate a large Motel on the Gulf. Everything ends well however, and Polly gets her album back and is free to help Herbert run the Motel again. Funny part about this story is that we have a member (#224) whose name is VanDyke, and who is known by her friends as "Polly". Her husband isn't called Herbert, but his first initial is "H". They live on the Gulf just outside of St. Pete and own a beautiful Motel. Is this "More than a coincidence" ?

### AWARDS

Bob Pritchard, (#298) exhibited two frames of six pages each at the Michigan Stamp Club's 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition held February 8<sup>th</sup> at Detroit. His exhibit drew much favorable comment for our branch of philately, and won the Second Prize Award in the Specialties Division. That new page of commemoratives, Perfined precancels, and air-mails, must have looked great. It shows how specialization can be had with Perfins. We hope other members are preparing exhibits for the various Spring Shows, - every exhibit we put up around the country is a silent salesman! Why don't YOU try??

OTHERS COMMENT

Western Stamp Collector of February 15<sup>th</sup>, in column called "Our London Letter" written by W. Dennis Way, (a chap who hates Perfins and all people who collect "holes") mentions Perfins on page 11. Mr. Way answers a letter from your Secretary taking him to task. He ends his reply by expressing the hope that those people who collect holes should try to understand those who collect stamps!

IN A HURRY?

Your February Bulletin will be mailed at Wayne, Penna., at about 9:00PM Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Those of you who live at great distances from Pennsylvania can have their Bulletins sent to them via 1st Class mail if they will pay the difference in postage. This would amount to 50¢ extra per year, to be sent to your Secretary with your request for this special service. One or two members now receive their copies via 1st Class, and while we do not look for extra work, we will be glad to honor any additional requests. You can tell how long the Bulletin is in transit by noting date of receipt. By the way, is everybody receiving their Bulletin OK? Your copy is ALWAYS mailed during the last week of the month, so if not received in reasonable time, ask your secretary for a replacement.

YOU SHOULD KNOW HIM

Daily newspapers and philatelic magazines have recently devoted much space and many pictures to a prominent philatelist, who although a member of your Club since August 1946, may not be so well known to you. In that case, let me introduce the Rev. Dr. Floyd S. Leach, #81, a long-time member of E.I.A., an honorary life member of the Greenwich Stamp & Coin Club (Conn.), and founder, honorary life member and life time Chairman of Ye Olde King's Highway Stamp Club. The latter recently celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a dinner honoring Dr. Leach and presenting him with a pair of gold stamp tongs.

But 25 years is only a short time in the life of this busy octogenarian. Last year he celebrated two golden anniversaries - his 50<sup>th</sup> year as an Episcopal clergyman, and his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. In addition he has been active Masonically for 55 years, holds 43 Masonic Degrees (including the coveted 33<sup>rd</sup>) and is a member of the Royal Select Masters. Furthermore, he also holds four earned college degrees and is a charter member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, whose chapter house at Wesleyan University he made possible.

Although his main hobby is stamp collecting, his home bears mute testimony of many others. For example, book shelves filled to over-flowing with volumes on every subject; a collection of over 2,000 negatives in the attic; a large garden planted and maintained by him all summer; and a completely equipped wood-work shop in the basement. A native of Pennsylvania, he long ago migrated to Connecticut and lives in a brick house designed by his wife and finished by him. "Finished" means laying all the floors, doing all the cabinet work, completely pine-panelling six rooms and finishing the ceilings, painting, and in addition to clearing the land around the house, doing all the landscaping. Truly a versatile man, the good reverend even finds time to send your secretary helpful suggestions to keep the Perfins Club running smoothly! You should know him!!

RECAP

This February 1958 Bulletin contains two pages of general interest; one page of membership roster; eight pages, a complete revised list of Perfins starting with letter "J", plus one page of the Tentative Identifications for "J". A total of TWELVE pages.

Note:

Please substitute this page for Page #5 of January 1958 Membership Roster. (Old Page #5 may be discarded, as all names are repeated here.)

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### AUTOMATION AT WORK

A machine, called the "Perf-O-Reader, made by Cummins-Chicago Corporation reads legible perforated numbers and letters and translates them into any form of "machine language". It serves as input for computer systems, tape-to-card punch machines, transceivers, and electrically actuated printers, listers, and calculators. The new machine can handle inventory tickets, installment payment coupons, insurance premium devices, case work tickets and other routine coded documents. (From: "The Controller", January 1958.)

Your Secretary, having thousands of unsorted and unclassified Perfins, has asked the Cummins-Chicago people to send a salesman to his home to give a demonstration to determine whether or not this machine will sort and classify them alphabetically for him!!! It is feared, however, that the cost -(or even the rental)- of this machine would more than equal the value of all the U.S. Perfins now in the possession of our members!

FOR FREE!

Dr. Gilbert Thiessen, (#108), of 6401 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh, Penna., has some British "HM/SO" perfins and he will be glad to send a few to anyone sending 3¢ for return postage. I believe these are official government Perfins used by: Her Majesty's Stationery Office.

HELP A PIONEER

Miss Flora Clark, (#11), 1325 East Court Ave., Des Moines, 16, Iowa, is going to specialize in Perfins used by schools and other educational institutions. She is planning to compile a check list similar to the one we have on Railroads. Any help you can give her she will very much appreciate, and ultimately, so will everyone else in the Club, as the list will be distributed to all members as part of a future Monthly Bulletin. These lists are not hard to work up, but they do take time, patience, and help from others. "Give the little girl a hand!"

WANTED

We have a request from a non-member residing out of the country for a Perfin formerly used by the Panama Railroad. This is listed in our U.S. Catalog as #101, RPR, H, 5½, 12, 5½; and is listed in the Railroad Catalog as #177, H, 5½, 11½, 5½, Panama Railroad Co., New York City. If you have a duplicate for sale, please send it to your Secretary and name your price. Payment will come by return mail.

ATTENTION, OLD-TIMERS!

In attempting to gather together and preserve in the archives of the Club, information and historical facts, your Secretary is now making a list of all persons who ever were members. The following numbers were once assigned to members - all of whom have since left the Club for various reasons. No records on hand at present show names of persons who were assigned these numbers. #134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 144, 148, 153, 154. Please look through your dusty records and files and see if you can send me the names of any members who were issued these numbers. Not interested in any other numbers, as I have them all identified.

THANK YOU.

The December 1957 Bulletin carried an item making a general request of all members to share their duplicates with several ladies who are partially disabled. Mrs. Earl, (#324), Miss Lillian Jensen, #23, and Miss Alice Dean, non-member, have all written and expressed their sincere thanks to the members who so generously sent donations. I have not the space to reproduce their letters here, but they have asked me to convey thanks to the members who thought of them. I add, my thanks, and suggest that you do not let it stop now, but send some again when they accumulate, and those who have not sent yet, please do! For their addresses and specialities, look at page #1, Dec. 1957 issue.

RECAP

This issue of the Bulletin will carry six pages illustrating all of the railroad and affiliated company Perfins. Each design is numbered to correspond with the number of the Perfin as listed in the Railroad Catalog. For those who do not have the Railroad Catalog that was issued with the July 1957 Bulletin, (One Introductory page, and four pages of Railroad Identifications), and the August 1957 Bulletin, (two pages of notes on Railroad Perfins), copies of these (7) pages may be had by sending the Secretary 20¢, which includes return postage.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Art Krauss, (#254) gave Perfin Collecting a fine boost when he wrote an article that was printed in the March 8<sup>th</sup> issue of "The Air Force Times". The article was headlined: "For a Good Side-line Try 'Perfins'", and in addition to quoting general facts about our branch of philately, requested interested parties to contact him. Maybe Chief Warrant Officer Krauss will be introducing some new members soon!

Clarence Hiorth, (#296), also helped spread the story of Perfins by giving a talk before the Chester (Pa) Stamp Club, a couple of weeks ago. Each member who was present was given several mimeographed pages of information about the Perfins Club and our activities.

From the "Western Stamp Collector" we glean the news that Bob Pritchard, (#298), won a second place award at the Michigan Stamp Club's 44<sup>th</sup> annual exhibition in Detroit recently. His entry was titled "What is a Perfin?", and attracted much attention. At the same show, C. Wesley Quinn, (#157), won recognition for his display of 3¢ Stuarts.

This week's mail brought an interesting letter from Mrs. T.S. Farquharson, (#51). Just before I opened it, I had been sorting a few Perfins and was muttering to myself about the difficulty in trying to decide if one initial was really  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm larger than another, or was it just my eyes or my imagination. Wearying of such details I started on the mail, and Mrs. Farquharson's letter was the first I opened. She tells me that she is 91 years old, and I wonder if my eyes will be able to even see the stamp - let alone the holes - when I get near her age! Her letter tells of how she well remembers when this country first started to use Perfins, and I made haste to write to her and ask if she can tell us more, or if she has any anecdotes on this topic that she will pass on to us.

Jim Lambert, (#230), has been asked to be Chairman of the Judging and Awards Committee at the annual show given by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club in Cleveland. Their 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Show will be held on March 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup>, this year, and while I have not heard whether or not any of our members will exhibit Perfins, I do recall that a few frames featured Perfins last year and aroused considerable comment. Perhaps I will be able to tell you more next month.

THE WINDUP

This March 1958 issue of the Perfin Bulletin contains 3 pages of general interest, plus six pages of illustrations of the various Perfins used by railroads and affiliated companies. The illustrations are numbered to correspond with the numbers used in the Railroad Catalog which was issued as a part of the July 1957 Bulletin. Any members who do not have a copy of this specialized topical listing may procure one by making request through the Secretary and enclosing twenty cents.

May 5<sup>th</sup> - 11:30/AM

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### CLOSED ALBUMS

We are sorry to learn of the recent death of Donald L. Wampler, (#309), of East Chicago, Indiana. We have no details, and only heard this unhappy news when his March Perfins Bulletin was returned to us marked: "Deceased". If any members can supply further details we would be glad to have them and will report them in a future issue.

### VISITORS

Your secretary was pleased to entertain at his home George T. Turner, (#194), of New York. George brought part of his Perfin collection along and we had a fine time swapping stamps, being joined later in the evening by Leonard Paul, (#277). Perfins are just one side of Mr. Turner's many faceted philatelic life - his main forte being the collection of philatelic literature, and his collection ranks among the largest in the world. To give a brief outline of its coverage would take reams of paper, but let me mention that what portions are not contained on 1,000 feet of shelving in his club-basement, or in 154 steel filing cabinets, will be found in three garages! Among his Society affiliations are: B.I.A., Sustaining Member; Fellow - Royal Philatelic Society; President, American Philatelic Congress; President, Philatelic Literature Review.

## A THANKYOU!

Readers may recall an item your Secretary wrote in the December 1957 Bulletin asking readers to send damaged stamps to Miss Alice Dean who chops them up to make pretty pictures. A letter recently received from her is interesting enough to quote from. ".....I have had response from Chicago (2), Missouri (1), California (2), Pennsylvania (3), one each from So. Carolina, Maryland, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and Iowa, and my last one came the other day from Holland. I almost require a secretary to answer my many inquiries and send my 'thank-yous', and really do have one of the ladies here at the Hope Home who helps me with sorting. So, do you wonder that I want to express, in my poor fashion, my gratitude to you all!"

## AWARDS

Mrs. Fredetick Stitzel, (#302), entered one frame (6 pages) in competition at the Clark County Stamp Club of Springfield, Ohio. The pages illustrated the various ways of collecting Perfins. One page was Perfins by Type; next page was Topical Perfins, (Railroads); next page was entirely General Electric, showing various branch offices; Pages 4, 5, and 6, were devoted to the A.T. & S.F. RR, C.B. & Q. RR, and U.P. RR, respectively - showing Perfins on cover, and strips with many different issues etc. For her effort she was awarded a second prize, which was the silver philatelic medal. This was the first time Perfins had been exhibited at this Club and they attracted considerable interest among the people who viewed the exhibit. Numerous questions were asked about the various pages. Congratulations, Mrs. Stitzel!

Bob Pritchard (#298) is still entering exhibits and winning too! This gives credit, not only to his choice of material and methods of mounting, but also to the printed sheets he has designed especially for Perfins. Some of our members who attended the Illinois Federation Exhibition, March 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, saw his entries there, where he won a first award, and I believe that this is the first time that Perfins were given such prominence and recognition to be actually given a division of their own in an Exhibit. His next display will be at the Minnesota Centennial Exhibit where he will display foreign Perfins. Good luck, Bob!

## COMING EVEN TS

How many members living near Chicago plan to attend the COMPLEX SHOW?? (Held May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, & June 1<sup>st</sup>) It will be at the LaSalle Hotel and your secretary is definitely planning to be there and would surely like to personally meet as many Perfin members as possible. Due to the distance I must travel, I can only be there on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup>. Will be near the B.I.A. Booth, or Linn's Booth, or of course any Perfin Exhibits. Your president, Charley Regnier will be there, and our Contact Chairman Carl Rhoads is making plans to attend too! Pritchard will be there "with bells on" - his "Peerless Pal" is to be distributed to the first 1,000 registrants! (The "Pal" is a template which helps position stamps on envelopes so they will be "socked on the nose". It works too!) Look for us, we will be looking for you - and each other! Let's make Saturday a "Perfins Day at the Show" !

## RECAP

This April 1958 issue of the Perfins Monthly Bulletin contains: two pages of general interest, and ~~three~~ pages of the long awaited "B" listings. Remainder of the "B's" will appear in the May Issue. Next letter will be "M", probably followed by "R".

May 30<sup>th</sup> 11 25/PM

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The supply of Perfins - "unpicked mixtures" is apparently becoming scarcer, based on the number of members who have written to me for sources of supply. If any members know dealers or mission houses who have Perfins for sale, please notify the Secretary so that the information may be passed on to other members. Curiously enough, although the use of meters accounts for more than half of the post office's revenue, more postage stamps are being used today than ever before. It does not necessarily follow, however, that the same people are using postage stamps, which may account for a drying up of supply. There is an old quotation which goes: "Attach yourself to an unpopular cause in its youth, and grow strong in its defense." So latch on to all the Perfins you can find now, for tomorrow there may not be many.

The Peerless Album Company, Box #841, AURORA, Ill., have recently introduced four new pages designed to be used in any branch of stamp collecting. Ideal for Perfin mounting, the pages are available in black print on 20# bond, and in gray print on 32# ledger paper. Black or gray mounting spaces number 30 for regular size stamps, 15 for comems, and 25 for Famous-American or foreign sizes, and a small titling box is printed beneath each space. Sample pages will be sent to any who send 10¢ to cover postage and handling.

Vic VanLint, (#272), has produced - at his own expense - a most excellent and nearly complete book of illustrations of nearly all the U.S. Perfins. Return postage will probably get you a sample page of this valuable aid to Perfin Collecting. Too much praise cannot be given "Van" for his hard work in finally producing an item that can be used by any Perfin collector, and no one should be without this handy help. With the picture before you, it is easy to identify the hardest designs. The illustrations are all life size, and can be had either with white dots and black background, or black dots against white background. Van tells me that this is just a "starter" and that he plans to continue with illustrations of Perfins of foreign countries. Better look up his "ad" on the next page and order a copy - a special price is made if you order two copies; one to use as reference, the other to cut up and mount opposite your own Perfin stamps. This will pay for itself by saving you time in making drawings or tracings!

### OUR PREXY COMMENTS

Charley Regnier, our President, has the following words to offer, particularly for the benefit of some of the newer members,

"We, of the older group in the Perfins Club, have become so engrossed in our ways that we seem to have forgotten that the newer members do not always understand the methods we use to identify our Perfins. Some of the sheets that are now being distributed as the catalog are in reality some of the work sheets that were in use. These are so labeled, and of course they will be, in time, superseded by the permanent catalog sheets.

One of the first questions that a new member asks is what the numbers stand for in, say, the "AR" or American Radiator Company. The arrangement of the numbers in the shape of an "A" and an "R" (as shown in the catalog page), seem to baffle the newcomers. What it boils down to, (and then it is so simple after we are told!), is that there is an extra hole off to one side of each of these numbered holes. For example, if the Perfin has the usual number of holes, and in addition has an extra hole by #1 hole, another by hole #10, and another by hole #24, it signifies that it came from a branch office of the company. In this case ("AR"), it came from the office located at Springfield, Ill. In most cases, the Perfin with no extra holes is one used by the home or main office; those with the extra holes are definite branches of the firm. These extra holes usually take on the number of the nearby numbered hole.

A few more symbols that may perplex the uninitiated are these:

- "PreX" Indicates location identification has been made from a pre-cancelled stamp.
- "PM" Indicates a stamp has been viewed with the postmark of the identified city location.
- "Cover" This means that the catalog committee have seen a cover bearing the return address of the user firm, used with the Perfin in question.

Later on, we used the following symbols, placed ahead of the number of the Perfin:

- "o" Showing that the Perfin's existence has been noted, but definite proof of the user is lacking.
- "\*" Showing that your catalog committee has definite verified proof of use by a certain firm.

If there is some question as to the best way to mount these kinds of Perfins, try this: Mount the usual way, face down on a black mat, and then mount small arrows pointing to the extra holes."

### ADVERTISEMENTS

A complete set of illustrations of U.S. Perfins, printed on paper the same size as your catalog pages and punched for 3-ring binder, may be procured by sending \$5.00 to V.J. VanLint, 8163 Sewell Ave, FONTANA, California. Cost includes postage to you.

This May 1958 issue of the Perfins Bulletin contains two pages of general interest, and the remaining six pages of letter "B" identifications - eight pages total.

Your secretary apologizes for the lateness of the April Bulletin. We all have "bread-and-butter" jobs, and this time ours interfered, causing the Bulletin to be posted about ten days later than its usual date. We hope it will not happen soon again, but it is a constant battle against time - and we can't always win!

June 27<sup>th</sup> - PM

# THE PERFINS CLUB

## THE PERFINS BULLETIN JUNE-JULY 1958

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*stop!*  
This issue of the Bulletin is a combined one; two months at the same time, and accordingly, twice as big as a normal one. The reason for this is to get the Bulletin to most of our members in the same month as it is printed. Normally, the Bulletin is printed during the third week of each month; then it is collated and mailed during the last week of the month. This means that most members get their copy during the first week of the month following date of Bulletin. The issue you are now reading was printed on this schedule; that is, it was printed on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and mailed on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Therefore most members will receive it during first week of July. Next month we will follow the same schedule, and during the first week of August you will find the August Bulletin at your door. From then on, the first week of each month will bring you the Bulletin of that month. For those of you who live far away from Pennsylvania, naturally the Bulletin will take longer to reach you - over that we have no control, except that those who are in a hurry can arrange to receive their copies via first class mail by paying the additional costs. This amounts to an additional 4¢ per copy, or 50¢ per year, at the present time - but when the rates advance, it will necessarily have to be more. First class copies are mailed the same night as printed, and thus have a week's headstart in addition to faster handling by the Post Office. We are not urging any one to request this additional service, but it is there if you desire to have it.

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COOPERATION NEEDED!

It must be true - Perfins are getting scarcer, sources of supply are vanishing, prices are going UP! Last week we asked members to notify the Secretary of addresses where mixtures of Perfins could be bought, and not one reply was received. Is this lack of interest, or lack of information? Can your Secretary tell the members where to get Perfins if none of the members can tell him where to try? Sure he can - that's easy! You fellows can easily help yourselves!

If you find it hard to locate new supplies, why not let your Club help? We have an excellent Exchange Program under the leadership of Mrs. James G. Newman, 1123 South Miles St., EL RENO, Oklahoma. Any member of the Club may use the facilities of the Exchange - to start, write to Mrs. Newman and send her a self-addressed envelope and a packet of 105 (or any multiple of that number) Perfins. The five extra Perfins are Mrs. N's commission, the balance are sent out among members who are enjoying the Exchange Program. None will ever be sent to you unless you start the ball rolling by sending in your 105, or 210, or 315, etc., Perfins. Then you will begin to receive selections and while members are sorting over your duplicates, you can be inspecting theirs. For further details,(if necessary) address Mrs. Newman.

Now there is no valid reason why the Exchange Program should be only for the benefit of beginners, however, we find that the members who are building up their collections quickest are the new members. We definitely need more help from the older members who have thousands of duplicates stacked away. Member John Hinrichs, (#282) writes to me: "Mrs. Newman is doing a swell job with the material she has to work with BUT practically all of the members that use the Exchange have Club numbers starting at about #300. On the surface, that looks like new members are the only ones who are helping each other. There are surely a lot of members from #1 on up that must have some duplicates that they could throw into circulation. They may not get many new "types" for themselves, but will certainly be able to get "issues" and "specialities" that would help them along.

John is right, the older members must pitch in a bit and help maintain our hobby. It is foolish to hoard duplicates when they can be made to help others and also help yourself! Unless collectors have a chance to add frequently to their collections their interest will wane and soon they will be attracted to another field. When this happens your Club loses a member, and if we lose enough members, YOU will lose your Club!

Possibly Perfins ARE getting scarcer; we know that the prices are going up - and as the law of supply and demand sets in, prices will go higher still. However, if you enjoy the privileges of our Exchange Program, then prices hold no worries for you. So now your Secretary gives YOU a GOOD source of supply. Help yourself, help your collection, help your Club, and help your fellow members by sending your duplicates to Mrs. Newman for entry in the Exchange. Many write to me offering help and asking how they can help to Club. OK, fellows, here's your chance! And particularly the older members - GET BUSY! "Cooperation speeds each one to his destination!"

UNDER THE HEADING OF "PROGRESS"

Your Secretary is pleased to announce that a complete file of all stencils needed to reproduce the listings of any letter, numeral, or design page, of the U.S.Perfin Catalog, is now on file.

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We appreciate the patience shown by many of the newer members who purchased complete catalogs and were forced to wait several months for certain letters needed to give them complete coverage. Every order is now filled; no member should be lacking any pages that he has requested. If you have ordered any item and do not have it by now, better reorder, for no unfilled orders remain on the books. All prices continue to remain the same - any catalog pages for 2¢ each plus postage, or the entire U.S. Catalog for \$3.50 postpaid. Supplies of the Railroad List and accompanying illustrations, the Danish Catalog, etc., are all on hand in ample quantity to immediately fill any requests.

### CHICAGO and the COMPEX

Your Secretary journeyed to Chicago and the LaSalle Hotel to visit the COMPEX on May 31st, and believe you me, those ten clubs sure do know how to put on a Show. Each Club had an individual table from which was distributed literature and application blanks, making it easy to join any whose specialities attracted you. First day sale of the new ".I.G.Y." stamp was evidenced by three steady lines of buyers. There was waiting time, but not too long, and collectors were able to buy many other commemoratives as usual, as well as to hand in and get back quickly non-addressed FDC's. About 30 dealers lined two sides of the main room, with the usual assortments of tempting offerings.

Keeping a weather eye out for Perfin members, we managed to meet up with our President, Charley Regnier (#62), our Contact Chairman Carl Rhoads (#159), and members Bob Pritchard (#298), and Dessie Bodamer (#222). Bessie Haut was said to have been in attendance but we somehow missed meeting her. There was quite a crowd, and it is hard to meet people you have never seen before and therefore cannot recognize on sight. However, the five of us commandeered a table and held an informal meeting at which plans were laid for the future good of the Club. By the way - the annual election of officers is not far off and a nominating committee will soon be appointed. If you would like to serve on this committee, write to Charley Regnier and get yourself an easy job! Names of the nominating committee will be mentioned in a fall Bulletin (probably September) and any members with ideas of who might make a good officer (as well as thoughts of who was NOT a good officer) would do well to herd such thoughts together, with the idea of passing them along to the committee. We need workers, we need ideas, and we need new members. We need someone to volunteer to act as historian and help get together facts and put together a chronological history of the Club. We need someone to design a real good application blank, which can be printed in quantity and passed out in places, or handed to persons where it will do the most good. Any ideas or suggestions along these lines will be most appreciated if sent to the Secretary.

### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Leo Galloway (#353), is doing his "bit" to help publicize or should we say "popularize" Perfin Collecting. Recently he was asked to give a short talk to the members of the Palm Beach (Florida) Stamp Club. Although Leo is a relatively new member of our Club, he put on quite a show, using nineographed hand-outs and several types of nounting to illustrate his remarks. Your Secretary stands ready to help any member who may have an opportunity to give such a talk, and will furnish any nineographed material needed to illustrate or to hand out. We can either send you the material, or if you have your own ideas and no means to nineograph, we will do it for you, if you send us the dope.

by

Victor J. Van Lint, (#172)

I have always felt that good illustrations would be a great help in collecting and classifying Perfins, and several years ago I began experiments trying to produce a clear reproduction. First I tried photographic methods. I have seen some fine work in this medium, but personally I have never been able to obtain a satisfactory reproduction of a page of stamps by this method. A good exposure for one stamp proves to be an overexposure for others. Also, I could not get an entire page showing Perfins without reproducing, on at least half of the stamps, too much of the face of the stamp to comply with the law. Applying myself in earnest, I next tried the Ozalid printing method. This was fairly satisfactory with a negative which gave good "blue line on white" prints, but from an economic standpoint there were objections. Such prints eventually fade, and the machinery to make them is bulky and expensive, gives off bad fumes, and commercial production would run as high as 7¢ a sheet. We then systematically tried other processes, such as Apeco, Contoura-Constat, Premier, and Xerox. The Bantam Verifax machine seemed to give the desired results but our experiments caused it to be rejected because the large areas of black produced by the stamps were more than these negatives would take. At last the answer was found in a Brüning Copyflex. This versatile machine would do the job, - the only objection is the initial high cost of the equipment. Finding the correct process and proper machine however, was only part of the job to be done before an illustrated catalog could be offered to the members of the Club.

The next problem was how to mount the stamps. In many of the tests conducted, trouble was experienced with the stamps dropping off the transparent page to which they had to be mounted. Someone said to use Scotch Tape instead of hinges. This did a fine job of holding the stamps firmly, but it cost me several of my good stamps, as they were damaged when the Tape was removed. For this we eventually found an answer by using Carbona, but removing the Tape took so much time per stamp, that to handle the entire catalog would have taken nearly a year! So we went back to hinges. Using entire hinges was impractical because too many of the Perfin holes were blocked by the hinge, and the only answer was to cut the hinges to a size that would leave the entire area taken up by the Perfin clear. Try to mount over 4,000 stamps with those tiny gunlabels and you'll get an idea of what we went through! As the Brüning machine could reproduce the Perfins either with a black background and white dots, or vice versa, a poll was taken of some of the members. This was a big help, for it turned out to be a tie, so it was decided to make both types available, although this ran up the cost of the project considerably.

By this time we were ready to begin production of catalog pages in earnest. This meant that 4,000 stamps had to be taken out of albums, the old hinges removed, the new small hinges applied, and the stamps mounted on transparent mats. The mounting had to be done in proper sequence, which called for a careful check with the existing catalog text. Luckily I was not left alone in my undertaking, for Mrs. VanLint is as ardent a Perfin collector as I am, and we tackled the project together. The entire catalog was divided into four parts. Each part of about 1,000 stamps was done at one time. I obtained special permission from "The Boss" to throw the old hinges on the floor, in order to speed things up. After a set of pages had been mounted and properly prepared, the printing was done on the Brüning machine. First a master film with white dots on black background was made. Then the same mat was used to make the black dots on white background master,



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### COOPERATION WANTED!

In this day and age, prices are being raised upon the slightest excuse. Your membership fee has not been changed since 1952, although costs have gone up - on the contrary, members are now getting twice as many (and more) pages in their Bulletin. Now postal rates will add to the cost, BUT - there will be NO increase in your dues! However, in order to keep costs down we need cooperation from members. We now pay five cents when the Post Office notifies us that you have changed your address. Won't you please tell us in advance - on a postcard - when your address is changed, and save us this expense? We also will appreciate it if, when renewing your membership, you take advantage of the 25-month rate for \$3.00. This saves not only money for you, but also money and time for us! These extra costs are only pennies, but they add up considerably in the course of a year. Please help!

### CLOSED ALBUMS

The Denver Stamp Club's newsletter reports the recent death in Colorado Springs of Mrs. Ruth Paullins, well-known in philatelic circles in the Rocky Mountain area. Mrs. Paullins, who was a member of A.P.S., and A.T.A., was a collector of U.S., Canada, and Germany, and had wide interests in topical collection. She was member #161, and resided at 1211 West Kiowa Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## MEMBER ACTIVITY

The Lynchburg (Virginia) Stamp Club had their Second Exhibition of Postage Stamps on May 31st, with 22 frames exhibiting various phases of Philately, and 4 frames exhibited by Juniors - mostly topicals. Of particular interest to Perfin members was the "Special Added Exhibit" which was a collection of Railroad Perfins shown by our Walter C. Ayers, (#266). Members will recall that Mr. Ayers was responsible for compiling the very excellent illustrations and listings of Railroad Perfins which was recently distributed with our Bulletin.

George Turner, (#194), of Jackson Heights, Long Island, has been appointed Curator of the Smithsonian's Division of Philately and Postal History. He will take over the post left vacant last year when Franklin Bruns, Jr., was named Director of the Post Office Department's Division of Philately. George was a guest at your Secretary's home last April, and members may recall the mention in our April Bulletin of his vast collection of Philatelic Literature - which occupies not only his entire basement, but overflows into three garages! Belmont Faries, Stamp Editor for the Washington (DC) Star, tells the following about our illustrious member.

"Mr. Turner, who is 52, is president of both the American Philatelic Congress and the Philatelic Literature Association, a director of the American Philatelic Society, and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society of London.

A chemical engineer by profession, he was born in Chicago and attended public schools there before earning bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry at Cornell University. He has done research and development work in cork, adhesives, plastics, and rubber, for the Armstrong Cork Company, U.S. Steel Corp, Johnson & Johnson, and the Rubber Corporation of America, and last year completed ten years of service with the I.B. Kleinert Rubber Company.

Mr. Turner has been a stamp collector since he was a boy of 10, and has made contributions in a number of fields including postal markings, and United States revenues. Over the past eighteen years he has amassed a huge philatelic library which not only fills several rooms of his home but overflows into his own and two rented garages.

In addition to his work with philatelic literature, he has been active as a director of the Hobbies Committee of President Eisenhower's People-to-People program. In March he received the Louis A. Hanford Trophy of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club of Cleveland for his services to philately."

I know that all the members of the Perfin Club will join with me in extending our congratulations and best wishes for success to Mr. Turner. We are proud that he is "one of us"!

Howard E. Ferguson, (#255), recently gave a talk at the Cape Cod Stamp Club of Hyannis, Massachusetts. He showed his Railroad Perfins, and explained what they were, and how we collected them. He must have put on a good show, because he was invited to repeat his talk at the Orleans Stamp & Coin Club, at one of their Fall meetings.

## RECAP

This August 1958 Monthly Bulletin contains two pages of general interest, and six pages, comprising the complete set of identifications for the letter "R".

# THE PERFINS CLUB

## THE PERFINS BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 1958

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#274, Mrs. Ethel Warner, 307 West 11th St., COFFEYVILLE, Kansas

### REINSTATED

#248, Alex G. Findlay, 190 Decker Avenue, STATEN ISLAND, 2, N.Y.

### WHO MOVED?

Last month, in the August Bulletin we incorrectly listed under "Change of Address" a new address for Mrs. Ethel Warner. She has written us and said: "T'aint so!" Therefore we list her proper address this month. Now the question is: "Who moved to 923 Walnut Street?"

### COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Have you hear of "Inter Posta - Hamburg, 1959"?

The International Philatelic Federation has granted its patronage to the International Philatelic Exhibition, due to be held in Hamburg, Germany, May 22nd until 31st, 1959. The organization of this project has been entrusted to the "Bund Deutscher Philatelisten e.V.", in cooperation with the philatelic organizations of the Hamburg and Lubeck associations, and will be held in the exhibition pavilions of "Planten un Blumen". Preliminary entries must be recorded by September 30th, 1958. In addition to the usual classes of entries, there will be a section devoted to youth collections owned by juveniles up to the age of 18 years. While there is no section devoted to Perfins - as such, it is possible that they might be accepted. Section "W-4" is

"Collections according to special viewpoints". Subdivision (a) is: "Items with locality, railway station, and railway post stampings." Also, subdivision (h) is: "Items with mixed character or other viewpoints". Further information may be secured from your Secretary. If any member is definitely interested in exhibiting Perfins, I will be glad to contact the committee and ascertain positively if Perfins will be admitted.

#### CLOSED ALBUMS

We are very sorry to record the death of Frank Crosby, husband of Mrs. Lois Crosby, (#44), at Manhattan, Montana, on July 1st. Frank had been ailing for some time, and Mrs. Crosby had been forced to resign as Vice-President of your Club in order to devote more time to his care. Both Mr. and Mrs. Crosby were very active in philately, and Mrs. Crosby intends to continue the Perfins Collection they had worked on together for many years. She does tell me, however, that she has a large number of duplicates that she would like to share with members. I know she would appreciate hearing from fellow members who would like to swap lots with her; in fact if some of the newer members desire to share in these duplicates, she would be glad to help them.

#### VISITORS AT THE CLUBHOUSE!

During the past few weeks we were pleased to entertain some Perfin Club members and their families at my home. This always makes us happy, for meeting Perfin members personally is an event that does not come too often, due to the fact that membership is spread from coast to coast and in several foreign countries. If you are planning a trip during summer vacation (or at any other time) that will take you near Philadelphia, be sure to allow time to stop in at Wayne for a visit.

During the last days of July, John Steele, (#278), stopped in one hot Sunday afternoon and, as usual, we enjoyed a pleasant talk and an exchange of Perfins. John always has interesting things to talk about and unexpected items to swap.

The following Sunday, Mrs. Francis Fee, (#289), came with her husband and her three children. The entire afternoon was given over to Perfins; Mrs. Fee and I enlarging our respective collections by mutual exchange, while poor hubby was forced to wait downstairs and mind the children. After about four hours of this, we were forced to call a halt to further activities - the children behaved well, but the father was a bit restless! I tried to interest him in cutting our lawn while he waited, but was unsuccessful. Mrs. Fee's collection, while not extensive is neatly and attractively mounted. Instead of the usual white, gray, or black sheets for album pages, she uses a page of the color which I might call "shocking pink"! It is a relief from the usual more subdued colors and looks very nice.

#### SUMMARY

This September 1958 Bulletin will be mailed the night of August 28th. It contains three pages of General Interest; plus a full set of new "E" pages for your catalog, consisting of five pages of identifications, and one page of Supplemental Listings. The page of "Supplemental Listings" is a list of Perfins for which identification is not positive. In other words, we have good reason to believe that these Supplemental identifications are correct, but we lack definite proof. The only way we can get the proof sufficient to enable us to list them in the Permanent Catalog, is for members to help by sending it to us. Please check your collections and see if you can help!

WHERE TO GET PERFINS

Many members have asked where they can get Perfins, either by the thousand or the pound. In response to a request for such information, in the June-July Bulletin, several members have sent to me their favorite sources of supply. Of course, several of our members deal in Perfins - Rev. Chas. Garrett, (#206); Van Lint, (#172), Stan Waite, (#214), to name a few. In addition, other members might be located if you were to insert a small "ad" (costing only a few cents) in the Bulletin, asking for Perfins, either in small or large quantities. The following addresses are given which you might care to try. Other members have dealt with all of these people with varied amounts of success, so if you wish to investigate any of them you may find one you like. We can not recommend any one over any of the others, and they are printed below in no particular order.

Maryknoll Sisters, Rt. 1, Box 82, Vance Road, VALLEY PARK, Missouri, selling all sorts of stamps in mixtures. However, so many of us have contacted them that there is a waiting list, and you may wait for several months before they accumulate enough Perfins to send you. They do, however, sell the following: (PER POUND) Perfins, \$2.00; the following NOT perfins: Commemorative \$5.00; Foreign on paper, \$10.00; Canada, \$3.00; US Hi Denominations, \$2.00; Precancelled, \$6.00; Air Mail @ \$1.50 per packet, no common. All orders are per pound (except the Air Mail) and orders are limited to one pound. The Sisters also sell (request prices direct) Mint stamps (US Comm); Famous Americans (except #882); 1st Day Covers. They also make from postage stamps Handpainted General Greeting Cards and Christmas Cards, which they sell for 10¢ & 15¢ each.

Herbson's, P.O. Box #26, DIGHTON, Mass. Specializes in pound lots.

Frank Odziana, 20814 Blackmar St., WARREN, Mich. Will send several hundred. You pick what you want at 4¢ or 5¢ each. Return balance.

South County Hospital, SAUNDERSTOWN, R.I.

W.A. Burger, 2105 Rockefeller, EVERETT, Wash. Limited supply. Wants to trade for them. Wants one common for 8 Perfins on paper.

State Line Stamp Co., P.O. Box #7, STATE LINE, Pa.

S.L. Lorenzen, 204 Park Ave., ANAMOSA, Iowa. Limited supply.

Emil R. Mrugacz, 1831 Paulina St., CHICAGO, 22, Ill.

Please do not ask me for any additional information on any of the above. I have given you all I know about them.

In your search for Perfins, do not overlook our Exchange Club, operated by Mrs. Newman (#280). Remember it works both ways! You can submit Perfins for exchange in the circuit, or if you have an oversupply of Perfins, she will give one large used US Common for each three Perfins sent in. You can also send in non-perfin used foreign stamps, and for each 1¢ of catalog value receive a Perfin; or for each Perfin receive 1¢ catalog value in foreign. Maybe you have other ideas on swapping. Good! Write to Mrs. Newman and you can probably make a deal with her. (1123 So. Miles, EL RENO, Oklahoma.)

Mr. E.M. Milton, Box #1054, WILMINGTON, N.C., (non-member) writes that he has an accumulation of RR Perfins, including many of the dollar values. Will swap for British Colonies, or US Commons. If interested, write him direct, and make your deal.

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- #374. Dave Hickox, 638 Hoover Street, WICHITA, 12, Kansas.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- #241. R. J. Wooley, Apartment #11, 2345 Yonge St., TORONTO, 12, Canada.
- #349. Miss Leah Ralls, 300 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, EDMOND, Oklahoma.
- #259. Mrs. Mildred Vester, Box 8133, San Francisco Int'l Airport, SAN FRAN.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

According to Article IV of our Constitution, the President shall appoint a nominating committee, which committee shall present at least one full slate of officers to be published in the November Issue of the Monthly Bulletin; 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.

Your President has appointed the following members to serve on this year's nominating committee:

- #214. Stanley H. Waite, 3 Washburn Terr., BROOKLINE, 46, Massachusetts
- #153. Mrs. Ona McKee, 104 No. Elm St., COFFEYVILLE, Kansas.
- #230. James R. Lambert, 20331 Wilmore Avenue, CLEVELAND, 23, Ohio.

All members are invited and encouraged to suggest nominees for ANY office. Don't be bashful! If you think you can improve on the job, nominate yourself! You will certainly be considered. Send your suggestions AT ONCE to any member of the nominating committee. None of our officers are perfect, so if you know a good man (or woman) send in the name - maybe he can do a better job!

MEMBER ACTIVITY

I.S. (Mox) Lindquist, (#231), has just made national headlines in a non-philatelic way. He is just a young chap of 77, and has written a little book about Minnesota called "Manasota Folklore". It is a collection of Scandinavian stories - all rib-ticklers - consisting of century old incidents and tales compiled as an humble homage to the Minnesota Centennial Celebration. Distributed at his 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion at Oberlin College (Ohio), the booklet came to the attention of Bennett Cerf, and on August 10<sup>th</sup> most of the Sunday newspapers in "This Week" magazine carried Cerf's column "The Cerf Board" which devoted most of the space to Mox's booklet. Mox is a gude ole Swede and he will send you a copy for 75¢. (3423 Pleasant Ave., Minneapolis, 8, Minnesota.)

## SCHERMACK COILS

We are all familiar with the 9-hole pattern used on the Schermack (or Mail-o-Meter) coils - but has anyone a copy of a Schermack or other privately perforated coil, which is a Perfin not because of the 9-hole pattern, but because of perforated initials or design? If so, please write to your Secretary so that we can distribute any information to the members in a later Bulletin. The question is raised due to an interesting item found when going over some papers and letters formerly belonging to our late President and Founder, Hallock Card. The information is probably of interest to all, so I will quote a letter written to Mr. Card by former member Thomas Blinn, (#139). There is no date on the letter, but it was no doubt written around December 1948 or early in 1949. Here is the letter:

"I have the complete check list to date 11-22-48 of all known 'Private Controls' on 'Schernacks' Type III 'Private Perfs'. I know Mr. J. J. Schermack personally and have lately done some research work along this line here in Detroit. Mr. Schermack, while he invented the machinery to make the private perforations Type I, Type II, and Type III, did not punch or have anything to do with the machinery to make the 'Private Identification Marks', this being done to the 'Schernacks' after he left the picture and sold out his business to other interests.

Mr. Schermack had \$1,000,000 in value of stamps at one time and did not know it. The '4¢ Schermack' rare imperforate sheet, of which, to our knowledge the government printed only one sheet in imperforate form, and of which very few copies exist today. Some on cover worth \$4,000 catalog. Recently 'Klein' had a mint pair listed as \$2,000 for sale.

I personally collected 'Private Perfs' before Scott cataloged them in 1938. I have about 85% of all 'Private Perfs' known, in mint pairs with some mint blocks too.

I am now trying to collect all 'Perfins' as well as 'Schernacks'. I have the only strip of 4 mint Schermack Type III showing the 'Perfins'. A large 'S' with a 'P' in upper loop, and an 'S' in lower loop. We believe it to be 'Southern Pacific Steamship'. This is, to date, the only Schermack with 'Perf Initials' known". (End of quotes)

The Perfin to which Mr. Blinn refers is listed in our catalog as S-190, and described as: S(P/S) En 12½/4 Southern Pacific Co., N.Y. It is also listed in the Railroad Perfins Catalog as #198 and #199, the difference between the two listings is account of 17 holes in the large "S" in one variety, and 18 holes in the "S" of the other variety. Both are attributed to Southern Pacific Company.

It must be remembered that the letter quoted above was written ten years ago, and possibly more information and other varieties of Perfin Schernacks have been discovered. It would be appreciated if any such items were reported to your secretary, for we now know that more than one type of Schermack Perfin actually exists. In the collection of your secretary there is a Schermack with the Perfins BA/ &Co. This is punched sideways, with the upper initials paralleling the right hand edge of the coil stamp. It is a Type III Schernack, and on a 2¢ of 1912-14 issue. Scott pictures this 2¢ stamp as "A-140". The Perfin is listed in our catalog as B-19, and described as: BA/&CO 2H 5/3,3,2. However the specimen on hand measures slightly larger, or: 5½/4,4¼,3. This may, or may not, be the same Perfin, but I think it is, as the difference in measurement could easily be due to paper shrinkage or whatnot. With the available instruments that most collectors have, ¼mm and sometimes ½mm means very little.

### VISITORS AT THE CLUBHOUSE

During the latter part of August, we were pleased to have as houseguests Sam Prescott, (#112) and his wife Dorothy. They were en route from their home in Auburn, New Hampshire, to Richmond, Virginia, and drove in late one Thursday evening. After a little refreshment, the ladies retired, and Sam and your Secretary settled down to some real swapping. Starting with cancellations, running through plate number blocks, and finishing up with Perfins, we finally called a truce at a little after six o'clock in the morning. Up bright and early, (noon), we had breakfast and then resumed our philatelic activities, much to the dismay of our wives. Finally, when my wife and Sam's wife could stand it no longer, we reluctantly called a halt to our business deals, and the Prescotts were able to drive on. However, Sam and I will continue our interrupted fun by mail, hoping to get together again next year.

Early in September, Jim Lambert, (#230) and his wife Thelma dropped in one afternoon, and I immediately grabbed the opportunity to quit work early and hurried home to join them. After dinner, Jim showed quite a number of 35 mm slides through our projector. He has one set showing pages from his gold-cup winning display of Perfins, and another set showing flowers on stamps. As all the transparencies were in color they made a beautiful showing, and even my non-collecting wife displayed interest! Leaving the women to amuse themselves with other slides of vacation scenes, Jim and I retreated to the "stamp room" and, joined by Len Paul, who arrived during the evening, we had a swell three-cornered swapping session. I don't know who came out ahead - it doesn't make much difference - but we all were able to add quite a few desirable items to our respective Perfin collections. Both Len and I were green with envy when we saw the beautifully mounted and well-written up pages in Jim's collections. No wonder he wins gold cups!

### PUBLICITY

Your President, Charley Regnier, a member of the Illini Precancel Stamp Club, recently attended the 37th Annual Convention of the Precancel Stamp Society. He sends us a copy of the Official Program which is doubly interesting because it contains an "ad" he placed on behalf of the Perfins Club. It is an eighth-page insert, suggesting that perforated-initial precancels were a perfect side-line to a good precancel collection. Many of our members who "double in precancels" know this, and we hope that the idea will spread to others!

### SUMMARY

This October 1958 issue of the Monthly Bulletin will be placed in the mails on the night of September 25th. As we are now using commemorative stamps for nailing, instead of precancels, there is a chance that the post office may not service it promptly. If there is any undue delay noted in the arrival of your copy, let your Secretary know, and we will try to do some gentle prodding.

This issue contains three pages of general interest, plus three pages comprising a new set of descriptions and identifications for the letter "K", plus one page of tentative "K" identifications. If you have definite proof of any of the identities of the items listed on the last page, please communicate with Catalog Chairman K.F. Lougee, 203 Pierce Street, JACKSON, Michigan. It is only by the means of this cooperation of our members that our listings of proper identification of Perfin users can grow. Please do your part!

# THE PERFIN CLUB

## THE PERFIN BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 1958

**Editor:**

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**Secretary-Treasurer:**

David C. Stump, 310 South Wayne Avenue, WAYNE, Pennsylvania.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

- #375. Eugene Usdin, 4946 East 26<sup>th</sup> Place, TULSA, 14, Oklahoma.
- #376. Robert Schumacher, 34 Archer Road, WEST HEMPSTEAD, New York.

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- #286. E. W. Hilbert, Box #511, LARKSPUR, California.
- #317. William Burke, 1741 Wampanoag Trail, BARRINGTON, Rhode Island.
- #322. Robert T. Kenneth, 2 Vose Street, WESTERLY, Rhode Island.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (as of October 1st, 1958)

**Receipts:**

|                                    |               |
|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Cash, Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 1957 | \$398.54      |
| New Memberships                    | 75.50         |
| Dues Collected                     | 252.25        |
| Other Sources                      | 12.00         |
| Catalog Pages                      | <u>141.45</u> |
| TOTAL:                             | \$897.74      |

**Expenses:**

|                         |               |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Editor's Expense        | \$ 23.61      |
| Other Officers' Expense | 8.55          |
| Bulletin overhead       | 317.91        |
| Secretary's Expense     | 42.01         |
| Cash, Oct. 1, 1958      | <u>487.66</u> |
| TOTAL                   | \$897.74      |

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 any member for inspection, if a request is made of the Secretary. We are very pleased to point out that the total net gain in cash assets since last report is \$89.12. With the exception of a small amount (less than \$20.00) which is kept in a "petty cashbox", the funds are on deposit in the Bryn Mawr Trust Company, at Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

**DISCUSSION**

It has been suggested by several members that Life Memberships be made available to interested members. Comment from the membership is earnestly requested by your Secretary. Are you in favor of Life Memberships? To only those with a certain number of years of membership? To any? What price would you think reasonable? If interested, please send a postcard to the Secretary. If no one writes, the matter will be dropped without further discussion.

## FORGERIES

We have little trouble with forged Perfins - probably because few, if any, Perfins are of sufficient value to waste time over. However, a recent article in Linn's Weekly Stamp News indicates that Perfins (or Perfin machines) can be used to make forgeries. I quote the article in its entirety, for the interest of our members.

"Collectors of United Nations philatelic material are advised to be wary in regard to aerogrammes and postal cards punched with the perforated initials "D & S". The letters are supposed to indicate Dennison & Sons, which firm produced the mentioned postal stationary. With punched initials these items are claimed to be "specimen", similar to what a philatelist knows as proofs of stamp designs.

It is claimed that a customer of Dennison & Sons prevailed upon some employee to punch a regularly-issued-and-sold batch of aerogrammes and postal cards with the " & S". These have been offered as officially produced specimens by some dealers. The punching was done without the consent of the printing firm.

There were some legitimate specimen items of postal stationary offered as proof copies to the United Nations Postal Administration but these were in very small quantities, and were never available to the public."

Incidentally, our U.S. Perfin Catalog does not list any item even similar to "D & S" - and the Perfins credited to Dennison & Sons, are the items: "DM/CO, DM/CO, and D(1)". These actually are used by the Dennison Manufacturing Co., and not Dennison & Sons. (Maybe old Dennison didn't even have any sons! Anybody know?)

## TO ALL MEMBERS

The September Bulletin carried a notice that Mrs. Frank Crosby, (#44), had duplicate Perfins to dispose of. However, by now, they have all been given out and any remainder were sent to Mrs. Newman to be placed in the Exchange Circuit. Please do not write to Mrs. Crosby as she has NO MORE duplicates to give away or exchange. If you want new Perfins for your collection, get on board the Exchange - all you have to do is to write to Mrs. Newman, 1123 So. Miles, EL RENO, Okla. She will furnish details - it's easy! it's fun! it's profitable!!

## ANOTHER SOURCE OF SUPPLY

Wilfred Valley, 1976 Read St., SOMERSET, Mass., a non-member stamp dealer has written to me stating that he has about 10,000 absolutely unpicked Perfins for sale at \$1.00 per thousand. Mr. Valley is wellknown to your Secretary and is quite reliable. However, do not expect pre-1910 stamps. His Perfins are unpicked, but buying stamps by the ton, as he does, one cannot expect many of the older varieties. If interested, contact him direct, and mention the name of your Club.

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MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Miss Flora Clark, (#11) has again won honors in an Exhibit. Her exhibit of Perfins was entitled: "Perfins Classified and Identified", and received the Gold Ribbon in 'Class "A" United States! This was the 25th Annual Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society Exhibition held from September 26th to 28th, 1958, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Congratulations!

Watch for an interesting article - you members of APS and SPA - to be published soon in the monthly journals of these societies. The article will be all about Perfins, and is authored by Victor Van Lint, (#172). I have read the advance "proof" and it brings out many interesting facts about Perfins that you may not have known previously.

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VICTOR J. VAN LINT, 8163 SEWELL AVENUE, FONTANA, CALIFORNIA. (#172)

PROGRESS!

Your Secretary has purchased for the Club a complete Elliot Addressing Machine, and soon all the Monthly Perfin Bulletins will come to you addressed by this new (to us) machine. The entire addressing procedure is being revised and updated, and we hope that the new system will eliminate any member ever being missed in the monthly mailings. Addressing stencils will be made as soon as possible, and always made immediately upon receipt of a change of address. Substitution of this new procedure, and the elimination of the messy gummed labels will keep our address list constantly right up-to-date.

COMING EVENTS

How many members plan to attend the A.S.D.A. Exhibit in New York City, November 21st, 22nd, 23rd, at the 71st Regimental Armory, 34th & Park Avenue. Len Paul will be there on Friday (21st) the first day of issue for the 7¢ jet airmail stamped envelope - you will find him around the APS booth. Your Secretary will attend on Saturday (22nd) and you can catch up to him near the BIA booth. Look us up! We want to meet more of you personally!

RECAPITULATION

This November 1958 issue of the Monthly Bulletin contains three pages of general interest, and six pages of the new revised listings for the letter "F", - a total of nine pages in all.

# THE PERFINO CLUB

## THE PERFINO BULLETIN DECEMBER 1958.

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### MEMBER ACTIVITY

Ed Klimpke, (#331) won a blue ribbon at the Tuscon Stamp Show with a display of Perfins entered in the U.S. "Special Interest" class. Congratulations Ed, you have been a member for less than a year, but your initiative and interest puts many of us older members to shame!

Flora Clark, (#11) told me that she had won 2nd Place by her entry in the U.S. class in a large exhibition held recently in the middle west. Unfortunately, I have mislaid her letter and cannot give further details. Maybe she will write to me and tell me the details, and also tell us a bit of how she mounted her stamps and what she had on display. Readers will remember the fine articles she wrote for us a year or so ago telling how she makes blue-print reproductions of her Perfins. (Copies of these articles are still available for members who send 4¢ postage to the Secretary.)

Vic Van Lint, (#172) has done it again! He was first to give us illustrations of US Perfins; now he is first in producing an album for foreign Perfins. His new 80 page loose-leaf album has spaces for more than 1,300 official Perfins of such countries as Australia, Canada, China, Guatemala, Uruguay, Venezuela, and many others. True to size, sharp reproductions, are given on the different pages which are the usual 8½" x 11" and punched for standard 3-ring binders. You can get a copy of the album by sending him three dollars. He lives at 8163 Sewell Avenue, FONTANA, California.

### MEMBER NON-ACTIVITY

Your Nominating Committee is apparently having a difficult time in deciding who to propose for the officers for the coming year, however, I am sure we will be able to print the new slate in the next issue of the Bulletin.

FUTURE BULLETINS

Normally, the January Bulletin would be mailed about the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> of December. However, in order to keep clear of the Christmas heavy mailings, the January number will not be posted until about one week later than normal. Naturally this will place it in your mailbox one week late, so do not look for it until then.

In response to several questions by members, your Secretary will print an article detailing the correct method of measuring height, width, and distance between Perfin letters. This article has been written by K.F.Lougee, with the help of members of his Catalog Committee, and explains very clearly the exact method used. It should be of great help to members in identifying many of the items in the catalog which are very difficult to describe.

We also have a very fine article on Perfins of New Zealand. A full page of historical data, followed by a complete listing off all New Zealand Perfins known, together with their users and place used.

This is really a "catalog" of New Zealand Perfins, and is very authentic and complete. The compiler, Mr. R.M.Startup, a member of the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand, was fortunate enough to dig in the archives of the New Zealand Parliament House and did research on N.Z. military postal history. While checking departmental postal circulars, he was lucky enough to come across Perfin listings. Thus, this catalog will be based on official facts and will contain no guesswork.

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RECAPITULATION

This December 1958 issue of the Monthly Bulletin contains two pages of general interest; catalog pages F-7,8,9, and 10, comprising the final pages for the "F" listings; and two full page advertisements. A total of eight pages.

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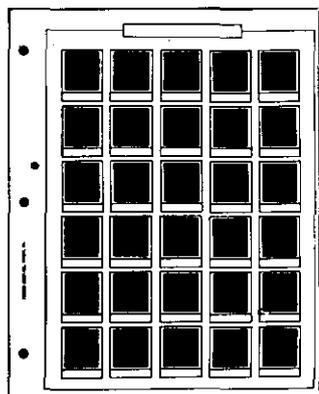
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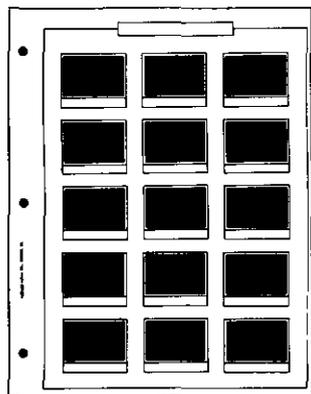
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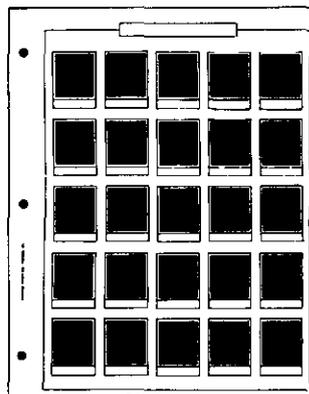
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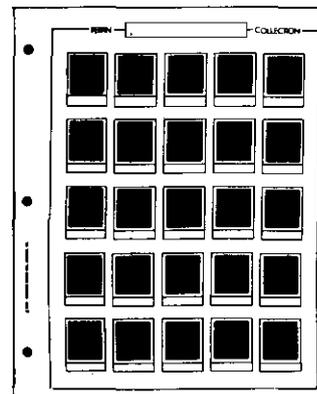
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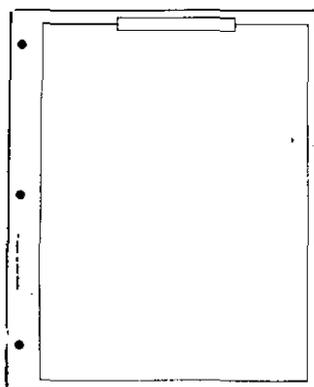
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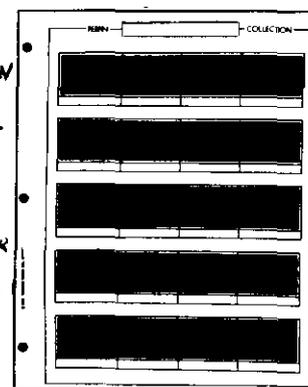
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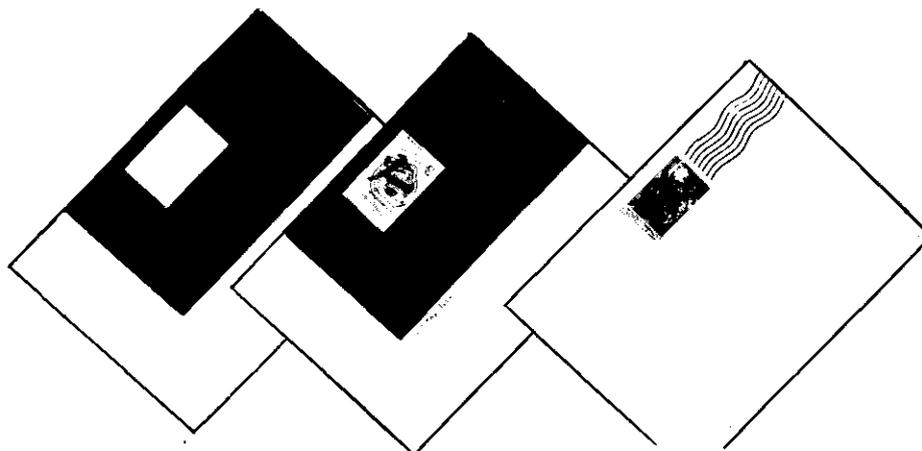
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