

# THE PERFINO CLUB

THE PERFINS BULLETIN  
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NEW MEMBERS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL  
PERFINERS!

MAY 1959 BRING YOU JOY, HAPPINESS, HEALTH, AND LOTS OF NEW PERFINS !

AN APOLOGY

Normally the January Issue carries the announcement of the Nominating Committee giving the names of the officers proposed for the ensuing year. Unfortunately, due to the illness of the chairman of the committee, no word has yet been received from them. We are sorry to be forced to close this issue without being able to include the new "slate", but we are told that it will certainly be forthcoming soon. Look for it on the first page of the February Bulletin!

NEWS FROM A.S.D.A. SHOW.

Your Secretary had a fine time at the November show of the A.S.D.A. in New York City. Arriving about 2:00PM on Saturday, we had not been on the floor more than a few minutes before we ran into Art Krauss (#254), from Uniondale, New York. He then introduced me to John Hinrichs (#282), of Manchester, Connecticut, whom I have not had the pleasure of meeting personally before. We three had a long talk together and stayed at the B.I.A. booth for about an hour hoping to see some other Perfin members. We did see George Turner (#194) strolling about the floor smoking his ever-present pipe, but didn't quite catch up to him. About this time the man in charge of the B.I.A. booth called me over and introduced me to Orv Milburn (#156) from Mt. Vernon, N.Y. Orv had come down to the big city especially to meet us, and we were delighted to greet him personally after having corresponded with him for so many years without even an idea of what he looked like! (Incidentally, he is a handsome devil!) By this time we were tired of walking and standing, so we went up in the balcony with Orv and Art, and the three of us had a long talk together, giving and taking ideas for the Perfins Club, and even managed to swap a few Perfins. After about an hour of this we parted, each swearing solemnly to write to each other the minute we returned home, and to send off material the others were interested in. (I haven't heard from either of them, nor have they heard from me, but we'll never forget our good times at dear old ASDA!

We did dream up one pretty good idea, while sitting in the balcony vainly looking over the crowds trying to spot other Club members. Why couldn't we have some sort of a badge or pin to wear on the lapel of our coat when attending group meetings such as this one? Then we would recognize a fellow "Perfineer" at ten paces! Does anyone second the idea? How many of you would pay 10¢ to help defray the cost? (Thinking of a celluloid pin about 1½ inches in diameter, with some sort of a Perfin emblem on a light background.) Does anyone have an interesting design to submit. An idea is all that would be needed, no fancy or accurate drawing necessary, for we can do that part if you furnish the starter. You know, you can walk all around these big shows and possibly elbow a brother Club-member out of the way as you reach for a box of envelopes to look through. If you knew he was a Perfin Collector, you wouldn't elbow him out of the way (you'd shove harder because you know he was looking for a Perfin Schermack on cover too!), but the chances that you would become acquainted with him are much better than trying to find someone you never saw before, and who - as far as you know - looks exactly like every person you see. Can we hear from someone on this?

We learned later that H.A. Warrell (#6), and Stan Waite (#214) were both there looking for your Secretary on that Saturday afternoon. We were looking for them too, and also for Rev. Garrett, (#206) who had previously written us that he planned to be in attendance, but we were never able to catch up with them and went home a bit disappointed. Had any or all of them been wearing identifying badges the story would have been different. The only other member of our Club that we were able to meet was that beautiful blonde eye-ful, Mrs. Earl Fleichli (#299. It wasn't hard to spot her, for she was at the Philatelic Gossip Booth helping out Harry Weiss, as usual. The only hard part was to squeeze a lot of other fellows out of the way who were talking to her. It was fun to talk to her again, as she always has something unusual to suggest. Did you know that it was her idea, (another word for complaint) that brought about the punching of your Bulletins to fit three-ring binders? She claimed that using an ice-pick to jab the holes was dangerous! We had to agree with that!

## MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Just received a monthly Bulletin published by the Secretary of the Southwest Kansas Philatelic Society, containing an item she knew would be of interest to Perfin Club members, so we will quote.

"We wish to make special mention of Mrs. Leo A. McKee's entertaining talk and exhibition of her Perfin collection. It really is fascinating to the eye to see how these initials stand out on black paper. Yes it is VERY fascinating and interesting."

Mrs. Leo McKee is better known to us as Mrs. Ona McKee, (#163), and has often won awards for she is a frequent exhibitor. In the talk referred to, she showed some of her mounted Perfins, and also the illustrated Perfins as shown in Van Lint's catalog. After the talk lots of questions were asked, and as a result, members of her Club are beginning to look their Perfins up. At the auction which followed the next meeting, there were two lots of Perfins entered - the first time any have been offered.

Alan Fix (#337), writes that he has been able to make considerable headway with his Perfins since joining our Club about a year ago. The help he has received from the U.S. Catalog and the aid from the Perfin Exchange has enabled him to progress enough to enter an exhibition sponsored by the Kent Philatelic Society of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He must have had a good exhibit, for he was awarded first place in the Junior Division. (Why don't some of you "oldsters" congratulate him by sending him a few of your unwanted duplicates?)

Flora Clark (#11) was mentioned in the December Bulletin as having won an award, and at the time of writing your Secretary had mislaid the details. The award was a gold ribbon representing third place in "Class 'A', United States" - a division in the big exhibition at the 25th Annual Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society's show which was held at Council Bluffs, Iowa, September 26-28th.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following page is a full-page "ad" placed by VanLint, offering his big book illustrating U.S. Perfins at a bargain price of \$3.25. This price offers the illustrations to members at the former pre-publication price, and will be available during January 1959 only.

Mr. VanLint is also offering an album of 80 illustrated pages, providing spaces for Official Perfins of foreign countries. The foreign Perfins are often more interesting than those of our own country. Some countries have used only a few Perfins, and a complete country can often be mounted on one page. For those who like more, Canadian Perfins number only about 200 or so, but if it is quantity you want, try Great Britain with many more varieties than our own country! The illustrated catalog of Canada, published by the BNAPS is obtainable from your Secretary for \$1 postpaid. A fine Danish catalog, edited by Van Lint, consisting of about 20 pages of text is yours for 50¢, postpaid, from your secretary.

## RECAPITULATION

This January 1959 Bulletin contains three pages of general interest; one full page advertisement by member VanLint (#172); one page, contributed by the Catalog Committee, detailing the proper way to measure Perfin designs; and three pages dealing with the Perfins of New Zealand; - a total of eight pages in all.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PERFINCLUB.

If you have not ordered your U.S,Perfin Illustrations yet, read this:

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# HOW TO MEASURE ACCURATELY THE HEIGHT OR WIDTH OF ANY PERFIN DESIGN

By: K. F. Lougee, Chairman, U.S. Catalog Committee

To determine the HEIGHT of a Perfin design, it is the accepted principle to measure from the CENTER of the LOWEST hole in the letter or design, to the center of the uppermost hole of the same letter or design. (See A-B in sketch)

Those who have measured many Perfins will have noted that in MOST instances the holes used to make the design are  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm in diameter. Measuring from the center of a hole of this size can be, and usually is, a considerable strain on the eye even with a magnifying glass. Since most of the holes are  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm in diameter, when measuring designs where this is true, a measurement from BOTTOM of lowest hole to BOTTOM of topmost hole will produce the same result as will be obtained by a center-to-center measurement. (See C-D in sketch)

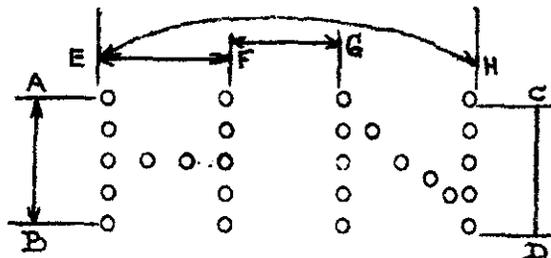
To determine the WIDTH of any letter or design, measure from the OUTSIDE of the hole farthest to the LEFT, to the OUTSIDE of the hole farthest to the right. (See E-F if a letter; E-H if for overall.)

This is a simple operation when the outside stroke is a straight line, but when the letter or design to be measured has an arc or loop as an outside edge, then the holes extending most to the right or left must be used. Most conspicuous in this latter category are the irregular designs and the letters B, C, G, J, Q, R, and S. In many instances the two loops of the letters B and S are of different size, hence it must be the LARGER loop which must be used. Furthermore, in the various styles of the letter R, frequently the right leg of the R extends beyond the loop, hence it is the lower hole of the leg which must be used.

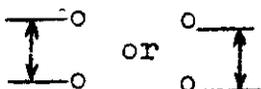
To determine the distance BETWEEN two letters of a design, as is oftentimes necessary when one encounters otherwise identical designs, measure from the OUTSIDE of the hole most to the right of the letter on the LEFT, to the OUTSIDE of the hole most to the left of the letter on the RIGHT. (See F-G in sketch)

When measuring a "T" for distance between letters, use the bar (top) rather than the stem.

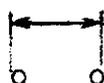
When measuring for overall width of a Perfin starting with the letter "T" and ending with the letter "S" the lower loop of which is larger than the upper loop - measure from the outside of the hole in the lower loop of the "S" to the stem of the "T", then measure from the stem of the "T" to the left end of the bar and add the two results. This will produce as accurate a measurement as is needed.



HEIGHT



WIDTH



DISTANCE BETWEEN



## FEATURE ATTRACTION!

We are delighted to be able to offer to our members this month an authoritative treatise of the Perfins of New Zealand. Written and contributed by R.M.Startup, who lives in Masterton, New Zealand, it adds much to our meagre knowledge of these items. Mr. Startup was working in the Archives of the New Zealand Parliament House, searching for details of New Zealand Military Postal History - findings included instructions on treatment of mails from United States Servicemen while they were stationed in that country during World War II - and in checking through various departmental postal circulars, he came across Perfin Listings. These listings have enabled us to confirm a number of the known users and also added identifications of most of the other users. Previously, we had little more than guesswork to rely upon, as most of the firms have discarded their Perfin machines over ten or twenty years ago, and employees of today have little or no recollection of them.

It will be noticed that the following listing of the New Zealand Perfins carries no numbers as does our U.S. Perfin Catalog. Neither are any other "helps" given, such as, "H", "2H", or "D". These were considered quite unnecessary, because the items are all easily recognized and are all dissimilar, there are no "tough ones" or any "close identities". If you have a Perfin with the initial or set of initials punched as recorded on the listing - that's it! There is no other one, smaller, larger, diagonal, fancy, or on a different number of lines, so any descriptions would serve no useful purpose.

The article embodies a few short notes about Perfin usage in New Zealand, and then gives the full listings of all the known Perfins. There are still quite a number of problems to solve, however. One of the more interesting ones is the identification and locations of various branch offices used by the Vacuum Oil Company. (VOCO, or VO/Co) As shown on the list, this Perfin was used at a number of cities, apparently at branch offices of this oil company, and secret marks (extra holes) were used. The problem, of course, is to sort out these identification marks and to allocate them to the offices and machines.

It would be appreciated if any member of our Club, who has in his collection any varieties of this Perfin, would send to your Secretary a pencil tracing of the item together with any definite data as evidenced in a corner-card or even postmark. These will be forwarded to Mr. Startup and will help considerably in tracking down these elusive identifications. You may communicate direct with Mr. Startup whose address is: P.O. Box #275, MASTERTON, New Zealand, but if you think you are going to be able to round out your collection of New Zealand Perfins in this manner, you are going to find that it is not that easy. I quote from my last letter received from him, as follows:

"Yes, the Club members may have my address if they would like it, but they had better be warned that while I am only too glad to discuss New Zealand Perfins, stamps, and postal history, at any time, (subject to delays through business pressure this end on my time), I am regretfully unable to exchange New Zealand Perfins as they are so scarce."

Airmail postage is 25¢ per ½ ounce, or of course the 10¢ letter-sheet may be used. If you resort to surface mail, allow from six to eight weeks EACH WAY! However, regardless of what means you select to carry your letter to New Zealand, please do not expect Mr.Startup to reply unless you enclose return postage. If you ask him to spend time and effort to reply to you, send him return postage.

## PERFINS OF NEW ZEALAND

By: R. M. Startup

Perfins of New Zealand are not too common, firstly because they never enjoyed any great vogue amongst the New Zealand business houses, and secondly because the New Zealand philatelist tends to discard or destroy any Perfins he finds among his stamps.

First introduced in New Zealand during the late 1880's, Perfins increased in number until a peak was reached early in the 1910's when about 27 varieties were in use. Postage franking machines, or meters, were manufactured and used in New Zealand on an ever increasing scale from the mid 1900's, and the early widespread use of these machines soon replaced Perfins, even though meters could not be used on mail for overseas until early in the 1920's. From around 1910, the number of Perfins in use has steadily dropped and there has been only one in current use since the late 1930's.

Perfins can be found in most of the definitive and commemorative postage stamp issues of New Zealand, from Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth, but the stamps most commonly found with Perfins are the 1d Dominion, and King George V issues of the 1910's.

Most of the perforating machines used in New Zealand could initial only one stamp at a time. To speed up the work and to overcome this difficulty, several sheets of stamps were punched at one time, or strips of stamps were folded before punching. Thus it is possible to find "mirror-pairs" - that is, a pair of stamps with one Perfin reversed in relation to the other. A few machines had multiple die heads and could punch as many as eight or more stamps at one time.

With one exception, all New Zealand Perfins consist of perforated initials, for designs were never used. One machine, of which little is known, punched a number that changed from stamp to stamp, thus, ...6956, 6957, 6958, ....etc.

Perfins that relate to New Zealand can be found in stamps of other countries. For example: "N.Z./Co" (New Zealand Insurance Company) appears on stamps of both Australia and India. "B.N.Z." (Bank of New Zealand); "N.Z." (High Commissioner for New Zealand; and "N.Z.L." (New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Agency Company) all can be found on stamps of Great Britain.

The only New Zealand Perfin presently in use is the "number" one - whose owner has not been located to date.

"RICO Ld" Perfins were in use until about 1950-53, but have been replaced with the postage meter.

A COMPLETE LISTING OF ALL THE KNOWN NEW ZEALAND PERFINS

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December 12<sup>th</sup> 1959

<u>PERFIN DESIGN</u>	<u>NAME OF USER</u>	<u>PLACE USED</u>
A.C./ & S	Alex.Cowan & Sons (N.Z.) Ltd.	Auckland
A.W.F	Australian Widows Life Asse.Sy.Ltd.	Wellington
B.G/ E,C	British General Electric Company	Wellington
C & G	Pitcaithly Wallace & Company	Christchurch
D B / & Co	D. Benjamin & Company	Dunedin
D.I.C	Drapery & General Importing Co.Ltd.	Wellington
E W M / W	E.W.Mills & Company, Ltd.	Wellington
F.B / Ld	Friedlander Brothers, Ltd.	Ashburton
G.A.C.	Guardian Assurance Company, Ltd.	Wellington
G N B / Ld	Great Northern Brewery Ltd.	Auckland
H.B	Henry Berry & Company	Christchurch
H.M C / &/Co	H.M.Chisholm & Company	Auckland
K	Kodak (Australasia) Ltd.	Wellington
M / G / M	Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (N.Z.) Ltd.	Wellington
M L S	Macky Logan Steen & Company	Auckland
N	Chrystall & Company	Christchurch
N.Z.F.	N.Z.Farmers Co-operative Ass'n.Ltd.	Christchurch
N.Z / I Co	N.Z.Insurance Company Ltd.	Auckland
R.G. / N	Ross & Glendining Ltd.	Napier
R.G. / W	Ross & Glendining Ltd.	Wellington
R.I / Co / Ld	Royal Insurance Company Ltd. Auckland,Christchurch,Dunedin,Invercargill,Well'ton	- used at:
S / & Co / Ltd	-	Auckland
S & S	Smith & Smith Ltd.	Dunedin
S & S / W	Smith & Smith Ltd.	Wellington
S.S.E	Sargood Son & Ewen	Dunedin
U S S Co	Union Steam Ship Company Ltd.	Dunedin
VO Co or VO/Co	Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd. Auckland,Christchurch,Dannevirke,Dunedin,Greymouth, Hamilton, Hawera,Invercargill,Port Ahuriri,Rotorua, Timaru, Wanganui, and Wellington.	- used at:
W & T / Ld	Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd.	Wellington, Dunedin
W & T / W	Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd.	Wellington
W.T.	Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd.	Christchurch

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FEBRUARY 1959

Secretary-Treasurer:

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

## NEW MEMBERS

For the first time since July 1957, your Secretary has no new members to welcome into our Club. We, as a Club, must either grow or slip behind - we cannot remain static. This month we slipped back, for a couple of members were dropped for non-payment of dues, and one other died. Help yourself by helping your Club grow larger! We need new members - will YOU try to get one? Maybe you know somebody who is interested in Perfin Collecting, why not give a little push, and push him right on the membership list?

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- #357. Miss Ina M. Berkley, R.F.D. #4, JACKSON, Michigan.
- #321. A. F. Linden, 1820 Grant Avenue, ROCKFORD, Illinois.
- #163. Mrs. Ona McKee, P.O. Box #223, EDNA, Kansas.

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

Your Secretary is pleased to be able to offer members the names of the members who have been selected by the nominating committee to serve as your officers for the coming year.

### To be President:

James R. Lambert, (#230), 20331 Wilmore Avenue, Euclid, CLEVELAND, 23, O.

Mr. Lambert, a well-known philatelist, is a past-president of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, one of the oldest philatelic clubs in the country; a member of McKinley Stamp Club, of Vanton, Ohio; and S.P.A. Member #14740. His non-philatelic affiliations include: F. & A.M., A.A.S.R., and A.O.N.M.S. He has been a Perfin member since June 1954, has exhibited Perfins in many Shows and has been awarded prizes for his displays.

### To be Vice-President:

Mrs. Leo McKee, (163), P.O. Box #223, EDNA, Kansas.

Better known to most members as Ona McKee, she has been a member of the Perfins Club since March 1952. Has often won awards for her Perfin Collection, and has exhibited many times.

### To Be Secretary-Treasurer:

David C. Stump, (#32), a member of the Perfins Club since September 1945, and Secretary-treasurer since March 1953.

### To Be Ass't. Secretary-Treasurer:

Leonard H. Paul, (#277) has been a Perfin member since April 1956 and was Ass't. Sec-Treasurer last year. He is the man who so ably turns the crank to mimeograph these Bulletins.

The officers this year seem to be the best ever, and we look forward to continued growth and many new innovations under their leadership. But remember, these officers can only be efficient if they have the full support of the members - and by this we do not mean that you sit in your rocking chair sleepily nodding agreement to various proposals as they present them. We do not need your mental support, we do not need any extra money - what we do need is your help, your comments, and your ideas. Please take time to write to your officers, particularly the new ones, and voice your opinions on what we should be doing - or should not be doing. Should we have a button or some kind of pin to wear at exhibitions so that we can recognize each other? Should we offer life memberships? Should we devote more space to foreign Perfins? Let's hear from you! One or two people can not make a successful Club, it takes the help of everybody!

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

FELLOW MEMBERS; the year 1959 begins in a fortunate circumstance for me, as I am privileged to work with you, the members of the PERFIN CLUB, in the details of the collection and study of Perforated Initials and Insignia in postage stamps. Since the founding of the organization in 1943, the Club has had many outstanding collectors devote much of their time and knowledge in the furtherance of the objectives of the Club. It is my fervent wish that these collectors will continue their expert work and that other members will join them in the research and study of Perfins, adding to the stature of the collector and increasing the scope of the Club. I hope that all of the members will be able to develop and exchange information to the end that PERFIN will be better recognized by all Philatelists, and in all quarters of Philately, and that the Club will continue to enlarge and prosper.

I will welcome your suggestions, write me often!

My sincere good wishes to you all in the coming year!

Sincerely yours,

JAMES R. LAMBERT

#### FROM THE DESK OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

With the beginning of the New Year, many nice things are taking shape. First, on January 3rd, my husband and I moved into a new home in a small country town of 500 population; quite different from the city of 20,000 population where we had resided for more than twenty years. With the quietness of these surroundings and the well-planned "stamp room", I expect to spend many hours with my Perfins. Then too, I am impressed and pleased with the responsibility of being Vice-President of such an up-and-coming club, known as the "Perfins Club". While the duties may not be many, it will take the co-operation of the members to make a good club. The officers and members in the past have done an extra good job and are improving with their efforts as time goes by.

We must not let them down, but must help in any way we can by making suggestions, trying to show more Perfins at exhibitions, giving talks at various club meetings, and obtaining new members.

It appears to me that Perfin Collecting isn't what other

what other collectors call "collecting junk stamps", but it is a type of collecting which requires intensive research and studying identifications of each item, and really takes expert knowledge, time, and effort.

I have had much help and explanation given me and still have much to learn. If I can be of help to anyone, with the knowledge I have, I will be very glad to assist them.

This past year has had many helpful advantages. The Bulletins have kept members informed of such information that could be compiled by the committee in charge, led by Mr. Lougee. The illustrations of United States Perfins made by Margaret and Victor J. Van Lint and others, have helped the beginner as well as the advanced collector, and the same can be said of the Peerless Album Pages made by Robert Pritchard.

Let's not forget the untiring efforts and time that our Secretary-Treasurer, and all who have helped him in any way, have put into the Club the past year, and hope for the continuance of the same good work to be done in the future.

-----ONA McKEE

FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER and ASSISTANT

No messages from these two chaps. They know that they both hold office only because nobody else would take the jobs! The Secretary knows you don't want to hear from him, because he writes the Bulletin every month, and that's enough out of one guy! His worthy Assistant thinks the best policy is to keep quiet while you are ahead, so that is just what he is doing! However, BOTH wish that the members would help out more by sending in more thoughts, ideas, or other contributions to help make a bigger and better Bulletin.

FROM THE RETIRING PRESIDENT

Dear Members: It is with regret that I find that I no longer am able to continue as your president. The pressure of business, coupled with failing health, has forced me to slow down with my stamp work. I will have to sit on the sidelines and let others take over. This will be hard for me, as I have always liked to put in my "two cents worth".

I am sure that the new slate of officers will be up to your expectations, in fact your Secretary has always been the "guiding light" of the Club, and no one can help but do his best, with him. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Lougee, the Catalog Committee has progressed amazingly well, and we are much closer to a permanent printed catalog than many realize. Van Lint has done as much along the foreign lines. Carl Rhoads, our Contact Chairman, has helped many a new member get started, and his contact work has been outstanding. These are only a few of the many helpers that I have had to help me through the years that I have been privileged to be a fellow member.

You may be sure that, although I am on the sidelines, as long as I am able I will continue to do what I can for the Perfins Club - I can do no less, for the many kindnesses that you folks have given me I will always remember and be grateful for.

CHAS. H. REGNIER.

### AN AWARD

To the first member of the Perfins Club who enters an Exhibition held after February 1st, 1959, and places on display and in competition one or more frames of Perfins - Bob Pritchard (#298) will give an assortment of approximately 350 foreign Perfins. If the winner has never entered any exhibition before, an additional prize of 200 United States Perfins will be added by your Secretary. If you wish to compete for these prizes, send to your Secretary the name, date, and place, of the Exhibition you have entered. Whether you win an award at the Exhibition has NO bearing on your chance of winning either or both of the above mentioned packets. In case of tie - duplicate prizes will be awarded. (Send information of entry to Secretary)

### A CONTEST

Your Secretary has had quite a few letters from members who are in favor of a pin, badge, or some other mark of identification which can be worn by Perfin members when attending Shows, Exhibitions, or Meetings. A prize of one year's free membership to the Perfins Club will be awarded to the best idea submitted. Six month's membership will be given to the second best idea,

Entries need not be elaborate, but can even be rough sketches. Bear in mind however, that we have both men and women who will want to wear this mark of identification and its design should be usable (or wearable) by anyone. It could be a plastic moulded badge, a celluloid pin, a metal clip, an armband, or any other device which will convey the message that you are a Perfin Collector. It must be obtainable for a nominal sum, and will (if adopted) be sold to members at cost - or, if the financial strain is not too great - it might be distributed free to all members. Final choice of design and method of distribution will be made by the Club members. Various ideas which (we hope) will be submitted, will be publicized in Bulletin and members themselves will make the final choice. It would be most helpful if, when sending in your entry, you gave the name of a dealer or manufacturer who could produce the design.

Here is a chance to do a real service for your Club. We definitely need this identification mark for it will not only help you meet other persons interested in Perfins, but will also help us advertise Perfin Collecting. Send in as many entries as you desire. All will be given careful attention and consideration, but we cannot undertake to acknowledge or return any entries. Send your ideas to your Secretary. Do it now!!

### AN IMPROVEMENT

At last we have our Elliot Addressing Machine working! This issue of the Bulletin will be addressed to members with the use of individual stencil plates. Check your name and address - if there is any error in spelling your name or name of street please notify us so that we can cut a new stencil showing correct information.

### RECAPITULATION

This February 1959 Monthly Bulletin contains four pages of General information, and six pages of identifications of the letter "G" - a total of ten pages in all. Please note that this does NOT complete the letter "G", the March Bulletin will contain the final two pages of this listing.

PERFINS STARTING with the LETTER

1	<u>G</u>	H	6½	
2	<u>G</u>	HF	9½	
3	G	H	10½	
4	G	H	12	The Glidden Co., Cleveland, Ohio
5	<u>G</u>	HF	12	The Gulf Refining Co., Houston, Tex.
6	( <u>G</u> ) circle	En	(6½)11	
7	( <u>G</u> ) diam'd	En	(4)7½x11	
8	( <u>G</u> ) diam'd	En	(4)8½x12	Guiterman Co., N.Y.C.
			(h above diamond)	
9	( <u>G</u> ) diam'd	En	(4)8½x16	
10	(G) sq dia	En	(5½)13x13	Eastern Granite Roofing Co., N.Y.C.
11	(G) pentagon	En	(5)9x9½	
12	(G) shield	En	(5½)12	
13	(G) star	En	(4)12½	
14	(G) teacaddy	En	(4½)11½	
15	<u>GA</u>	H	8½	A.H. Monroe, Chicago
16	GA	H	11	General Accident Co., N.Y.C.
17	GA	D	6½	G. Amsiek & Co., N.Y.C.
18	<u>GA</u>	D	9	
19	G/AA	2H	5	Grandin Adv. Agency, Grand Rapids, Mich.
20	GAB	H	7	Am. Natl. Bank, St. Joseph, Missouri
21	GAD	H	9	
22	GAF/CO	2H	4/4,3	
23	GAI/CO	2H	5/4,2½	German Am. Ins. Co., N.Y.C.
24	GAI/CO	2H	6/4½,3	
25	GAL	H	6½	
26	GAL	D	5½	
27	GA/NB	2H	5	
28	GAS	H	4	
29	GAS	H	5	

30	GAS	H	8	
31	GAY/OLA	2H	4	
32	GA/ &CO	2H	5/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 5, 4	G. Ansiek & Co., N.Y.C.
33	GA/CO	2H	5/5, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4	
34	GB	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
35	GB	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
36	GB	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Gimble Bros., Philadelphia
	(13h in B)			
	(14h in B)			
37	GB	H	8	
38	G..B	H	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	
39	GB	D	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 7	Gimble Bros., Pittsburgh, Pa.
40	GB	M	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
41	GBC	H	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
42	GBC	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Geo. B. Carpenter & Co., Chicago
43	GBC	D	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
44	GB/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
45	GB/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
46	GBH/CO	2H	6/5	
47	GB/&M	2H	4	Gardner Bindery & Mach. Co., N.Y.C.
48	GC	D	7	
49	GCB	M	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6	(Geo. Borgfeldt & Co., N.Y.C. (Cosmos Co., 109 E 16 St., N.Y.C.)
50	GCC	H	8	Graselli Chem. Co. Dept. of DuPont Chicago
51	GCC	D	4	General Cable Co., N.Y.C.
52	GCC	D	5	
53	GC/CO	2H	4/4, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Griggs Cooper & Co., St. Paul, Minn.
54	GC/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3	
55	GC/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
56	GCH/CO	2H	4/4, 3	
57	GCH/&LC(O)	2H	5/5, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2)	
58	GCM/CO		6 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4, 3	

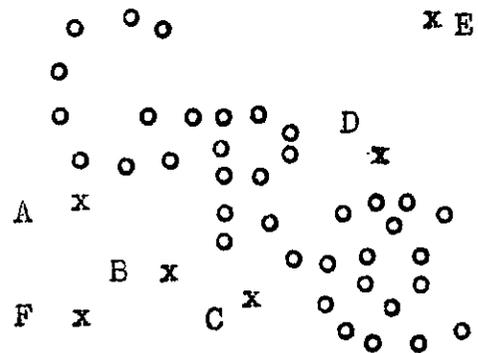
59	GCO	H	$7\frac{1}{2}, 7\frac{1}{2}, 4\frac{1}{2}$	Wm. F. Gable Co., Atlanta, Ga.
60	G/CO	2H	$6\frac{1}{2}/3\frac{1}{2}, 2\frac{1}{2}$	
61	G(CO)	Ex	$11\frac{1}{2}(3\frac{1}{2}, 2\frac{1}{2})$	Chicago
62	G(C(O))	Ex	$11\frac{1}{2}(7\frac{1}{2}(2\frac{1}{2}))$	Gorham Co., N.Y.C.
63	GCU	H	8	
64	GC/&T	2H	5	
65	GD	H	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
67	GDB	D	5	G.D. Barnhart & Co., St. Louis, Mo.
68	G(D(C))	Ex	$11\frac{1}{2}(7\frac{1}{2}(3\frac{1}{2}))$	Garden City Tailoring Co., Chicago
69	GDH/CO	2H	$5\frac{1}{2}, 5, 5/4, 2\frac{1}{2}$	(Gray & Dudley Hdwe. Co.,) Nashville (Tennessee Harness Co.) (1914)
70	GE	H	6	General Electric Co., Fitchburg, Mass.
71	GE	H	$8\frac{1}{2}$	
72	G(E)	Ex	$10\frac{1}{2}(4)$	General Electric Co. Separately listed
73	GEB	H	5	
74	GEC/CO	2H	$5/3\frac{1}{2}, 2\frac{1}{2}$	(considerable variation in size is found in this type)
75	GEN/CO	2H	$5/3\frac{1}{2}, 2\frac{1}{2}$	Vitrified Wheel Co., Westfield, Mass.
76	GES/CO	2H	$5/3\frac{1}{2}, 2\frac{1}{2}$	G.E. Steckert & Co., N.Y.C.
77	GE/T	2H	$5/3\frac{1}{2}$	
78	GF	H	$8\frac{1}{2}$	General Foods Corp., N.Y.C.
79	G(FA)	Ex	$11\frac{1}{2}(3\frac{1}{2}, 4)$	
80	GF/CO	2H	$5/3\frac{1}{2}, 2\frac{1}{2}$	
81	GFE	H	$5\frac{1}{2}$	Gen. Fire Exting. Co., Providence, R.I.
82	GFI/CO	2H	$4/4, 2\frac{1}{2}$	Germania Fire Ins. Co., N.Y.C.
83	G S S	3H	4	
84	CG/CO	2H	$6/5, 4\frac{1}{2}$	
85	GGR	D	$6, 5\frac{1}{2}, 6$	
86	GGW/&S	2H	5	Geo. G. Wright & Sons, Cincinnati, O.
87	G.H	H	$8\frac{1}{2}$	

88	G bar H	H	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
89	GH	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
90	GH	D	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Gurney Heater Co., Boston
91	GH	D	8	Galveston & Houston RR. (Southern Pacific Lines in Texas)
92	GH	M	8,12	Good Health Publ. Co., Battle Creek Mich.
92	GHB	D	5	
94	GHL	D	5	
95	GHP	H	4	
96	GHP	D	4	
97	GHP	DCo	5	
98	GIA/NT	2H	4	Atlas Powder Co.
99	GI/CO	2H	6, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
100	Gill	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
101	G(IN)N	Ex	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ )3 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ginn & Co., Chicago
	(2 h in crossbar of G)			
102	G(INN)	Ex	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ (4)	Atlanta, Ga.
103	G(IN)N	Ex	12(4)4	Ginn & Co., N.Y.C.
	(3 h in crossbar of G)			
104	GINN	D	4	Ginn & Co., Cambridge, Mass.
105	GIR/ARD	2H	4, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4	
106	GIR/ARD	2H	5, 4, 4/4	Philadelphia
107	(GJ) tri	En	(5 $\frac{1}{2}$ )10	J & G Tire Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
108	GJ/M	2H	5/4	Geo. J. Mayer Co., Indianapolis, Ind.
109	GKC	H	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 12, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
110	GLI	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
111	GLIDE	A	4	
112	GM	H	5	General Motors Co.(Export), N.Y.C.
113	GM	D	7	
114	G(M)	ExF	12/4	
115	GM/AC	2H	5/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
116	GMC	H	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	General Motors Corp., Detroit, Mich.
	(M fancy)			

117	GMC	H	5, 5½, 5½	Gibbes Machine Co., Columbia, S.C.
118	GMC	D	6½	Geo. M. Clark & Co., Chicago now Am. Stove Co.
119	GMC	D	6½	
	(h under G)			
120	GM/C	2H	6/5½	
121	GM/CO	2H	4	
122	GM/CO	2H	5/3½, 2½	
123	GME/CO	2H	4/4, 3	
124	GM/RC	2H	5½	
125	GMS	H	6	Globe Mach. & Stamping Co., Cleveland
126	GM/T	2H	5½/4½	
127	GMT	D	5½	
128	GM/&N	2H	4	Gulf, Mobile & Northern RR now GM & O
129	GM/&O	2H	4	Gulf, Mobile & Ohio RR
130	GM/&T	2H	5½/4½	
131	GN	H	4½	
132	GN	H	8½	Great Northern RR Co.
133	G(N)	Ex	10(4½)	
134	GNB	H	5	
135	GNB	HCo	5	
136	GNP	H	11	
137	GN/Ry	2H	5½/4½, 4	Great Northern Ry.
138	G/OC	2H	5½	Gulf Oil Corp., N.Y.C. (Gaw O'Hara Envelope Co.)
	(G is over C)			
139	GO'H	H	7	(Duplex Envelope Co., Chicago U.S. Paper Corp.)
140	G(O)OD/C(O)	2HEx	11(3)3, 4/5(2)	
141	GOR/HAM	2H	5, 4, 4/4	
142	G(O)S	H	11(3)4	
143	GP.	H	8½	
144	GP	H	9½	Goulds Pump Co., Seneca Falls, N.Y.
145	GP	D	5½	Gulf Oil Corp., Ft. Worth, Texas

146	G bar P	D	5,13,5	
147	GPA	H	7	
148	GPC	H	5½	
149	GPC	H	7	Geo. Peabody College for Teachers Nashville, Tenn.
150	GPP	D	5	Geo. P. Putnam Sons, N.Y.C.
151	G(R)AY	H	12(4)4	Gray Motor Co., Detroit, Mich.
152	GR/C	2H	5/5½	Glenwood Range Co., Taunton, Mass.
153	GRC	D	5	Gulf Refining Co.
154	GR/CO	2H	5½/4½	Gulf Refining Co., Port Arthur, Texas
155	GRC(O)	D	5(2½)	Gulf Refining Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

- A Philadelphia
- B Pittsburgh
- C N.Y.C.
- D Boston
- E
- F Atlanta, Ga.



156	GRP	D	5		
157	GRR	H	11½,11,11	Georgia RR., Atlanta	
158	GRS	D	5½		
159	GS	H	5½		
•••••	161	GS/CO	2H	5/3½,2½	Gaar Scott & Co., Richmond, Ind.
•••••	162	GS/CO	2H	5½/4½,3½	Globe Soap Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
•••••	(160)	GSC	H	5	Goldman Sachs & Co., N.Y.C.
	163	GS/CO	2H	6/4½	
	164	GS/FOE	2H	5/4	Kansas City, Mo.
	165	GS <sub>I</sub>	D	5½	
	166	GS/NY	2H	5	
	167	GSP	D	5½	
	168	GSR	H	5½	

# THE PERFINS CLUB

THE PERFINS BULLETIN  
MARCH 1959

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

## NEW MEMBERS

#379. Art Bates, Box "L", HINGHAM, Massachusetts.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- #51. Mrs. T.S. Farquharson, 708 Thirty-Seventh St., WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.
- #80. Robert Gray, 116 North Morse Street, SANDUSKY, Michigan.
- #370 Ralph E. Group, %Seattle Pacific College, SEATTLE, 99, Washington.
- #215 Miss Bess A. Haut, 40 East Oak Street, CHICAGO, 10, Illinois.
- #105 Charles E. Stevens, 714 Atlantic Avenue, LONG BEACH, 13, Calif.
- #146 Alfred Bartleson, 1846 Thirty-First Ave., VERO BEACH, Florida.

## CLOSED ALBUMS

It is with great regret that we are forced to report the death of Charles T. Greene (#71), who was a member of the PERFINS CLUB for over thirteen years. Although he would have been 80 years of age next month, Charley was always very active and enjoyed the best of health. However, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1958, he was taken to the hospital and operated on December 12<sup>th</sup>, but on December 24<sup>th</sup> he passed away. As in so many other cases, cancer was the cause. Charley lived alone in College Park, Maryland, his wife having died about six years ago. Members will recall our writing of Mr. Greene's Perfin collection, in a Bulletin about a year ago. He collected Perfins of all issues and mounted them by denominations. His Volume #1 contained only 1/2¢, 1¢, and 1 1/2¢ Perfins; Vol. #2 housed only 2¢, #3 contained 3¢, 4¢ and 4 1/2¢, etc. His Volume #6 contained only large size issues, such as air mail, special delivery, and commemoratives, while Volumes #7 and #8 held his foreign Perfins. His nearest relative, Mrs. Lillian Weber, resides in Philadelphia, and has told me that his stamp collections are in the hands of lawyers who are settling the estate. I have been in touch with the lawyers in regard to the Perfin Collection, and have been advised that if it is disposed of separately, they will notify me and I will publish such news in the Monthly Bulletin so that any member interested in acquiring the collection may have an opportunity to bid on it.

Charley had many friends in the Perfins Club who will miss seeing the beautiful handwriting he used when corresponding with them. I know they will all join with me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his niece.

## MEMBER COMMENT

On the next page is a letter (condensed) written by Bill McGarvey (#330) who comments on the method used in measuring sizes of Perfins - together with a reply by the Catalog Committee. We welcome such comments, and hope to hear from other members.

Letter to the Editor

from William J. McGarvey (#330)

Regarding the article, "To Measure Accurately the height or Width of any Perfin Design" published in the Jan. 1959 Bulletin there appears to be an inconsistency in the measurements used to classify or describe perfins.

In the first section, it is stated that "the accepted principle is to measure from the center of the lowest hole.. to the center of the uppermost hole of the same letter" to determine the height. It is obviously not height which is being measured but rather the distance between centers of the outermost holes at top and bottom.

All other measurements in the article are outside distances of outermost holes and not center-to-center as for "height".

For the sake of consistency it would seem desirable to discontinue the center-to-center "height" measurement in favor of outside measurement throughout. The terms height, width, length and diameter would then have their normal meanings without ambiguity.

The "heights" published in our temporary catalog sheets already distributed can be easily corrected by adding  $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. to most measures.

If it is necessary to continue the use of center-to-center "height" measurement for some logical reason, then we should use this method for all measurement, along with proper descriptive terms.

If any members have reasonable objection to such a change, other than that based on tradition, I would appreciate hearing from them. Let's make the Perfins Catalog accurate, consistent and logical!

#### Reply for the Catalog Committee

The practices you comment upon have grown up over considerable time and have simply been continued because they were workable and change was inconvenient. The first cataloging along the lines of the plan we now use began with Mr. John Dow. He counted holes high which was good enough for the number of perfins he had. Mr. Warren Travell further developed the system while he was editing the first published catalog, by switching to mms., center-to-center. The present committee accepted the existing system, feeling that it was more important to enlarge and refine the accuracy of the listings than to change the existing system.

It is felt that the inconsistency in measurement does not amount to much since the height measurement make up about 95% of the total. The other measurements are only used to distinguish closely similar patterns. Although hole sizes are fairly consistent in U.S. perfins this is not true of foreign perfins; it is our desire to have a system adaptable to the perfins of all countries.

It would be nice to add other information to the Catalog, such as holes per letter, period of use and relative scarcity. It would also be nice to recheck each dimension by examining at least two specimens of each type, at which time we could make the suggested change. The present committee does not have the time for this so it is doing the work considered most pressing, using the traditional measurement method to get the most results from the time we have.

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Miss Bess A. Haut (#215), of Chicago, has presented her fine and carefully annotated collection of Belgium to the Philatelic Center, at Father Flannigan's "Boys' Town", Nebraska, where it will be shown in a fifteen frame display. The collection has been exhibited extensively and has won many awards in competition at numerous shows and exhibitions.

"Linn's Weekly" carried an article and picture of Alice Dean - the "artist who paints with stamps". Some of her hand-work will be on exhibition at "Interpex '59", to be held at the Park Sheriton Hotel in New York City, February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>. Her latest work is a 10 x 19 inch "painting" depicting "The Last Supper", which required over 900 stamps. Miss Dean, who is now 80 years old, was the subject of an article in your Perfins Bulletin last December 1957, and mention was also made of her in the March 1958 Bulletin.

ADVERTISEMENT

Will purchase or exchange for other Perfins, copies of "SO, H, 12½", as listed on Pages directly following this one. It is used by the Standard Oil Company, and is also shown on Page S-6 of your Perfin Catalog, as item #164. Want well centered perfs, and no more than two copies of each office. Address: Jim Lambert, 20331 Wilmore Avenue, Euclid, Cleveland, 23, Ohio.

ACTION WANTED!

Have you found any NEW identifications recently? Chairman Lougee of the Catalog Committee would like to hear from you! Here is one identification which was recently sent him: Page M-2, Item #55: "MCC, H, 11½, 2½, 11½". This is used by The S.S. McClure Co, 44-60 East 23rd Street., New York City, N.Y. (McClure's Magazine.) Send YOUR identifications to Mr. Lougee, 203 Pierce St., Jackson, Mich.

HELP! HELP!

We are seeking the services of a good publicity chairman. Will somebody PLEASE contact the President and accept the job? Duties are not strenuous, and you will be a part of the official family of your Club. General requirements are: Have typewriter; able to transcribe the theme into short interesting paragraphs; prepare "original" copy for each publication, (No carbons!), and get it to the publication editors as fast as possible. Interesting copy concerning stamps is always welcomed by the stamp papers.

Would you like to work on any of the standing committees of the Perfins Club? If so, drop your Secretary a note, so that he can submit your name to a Committee Chairman. This is YOUR Club; if you have the time and would like to take a more active part in your Club's work, as well as be a member of the official family, please make yourself known so that we can know you! All salaries are paid with "stage money" and we expect you to bear the tortures of the "rack" without revealing to anyone that you are a working member! All kidding aside, write to Dave Stump NOW. The Club needs workers - won't you be one?

RECAPITULATION

This March 1959 Perfins Monthly Bulletin consists of three pages of general interest; two revised pages of the Standard Oil Company's branches (Discard the two now in your catalog); the final two pages of the new "G" listings, (#7, #8); two pages of new corrections, additions and notes for the letter "C"; and one page of the same for the letter "D". (These last pages suppliment but do not replace your catalog pages.) A total of A total of ten pages, total.

# THE PERFINS CLUB

## THE PERFINS BULLETIN

APRIL 1959

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### NEW MEMBERS

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### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

#363 Edward J. Weiner, 342 Granada St., FORT PIERCE, Florida.

### AN APOLOGY.

Your copy of this month's Perfins Bulletin may be a little late in arriving, due entirely to indifference on the part of your Secretary. Wearying of winter weather, he walked off the job and is spending the last part of March enjoying the sunshine, oranges, grapefruit, and bathing beauties, at St. Petersburg, Florida. Unless he gets an overdose of sunburn, the Bulletin will be back on schedule with the next issue. We crave your kind indulgence!

### COMING EVENTS

The Southeast Kansas Philatelic Society has sent us notice of a coming exhibition sponsored by the Coffeyville (Kansas) Collectors Club. The Oklahoma Philatelic Society, Northern Regional Exhibit, will be held at the National Guard Armory, Coffeyville, Kansas, on May 2nd and 3rd, 1959. Group "A" is classified as follows.....  
...#3. Cancellations, Precancels, PERFINS, and Postmarks. For the information of Club members desiring to enter exhibits, all album pages, cards, or mats, must fit a frame 22" x 28", inside dimension. Frames to be hung horizontally. Entry fee is 25¢ per frame, (or six album pages), and must accompany each entry. Entry forms can be obtained from Mrs. Howard D. Johnson (#301), who is Secretary-Treasurer of the sponsoring Club. Forms and payments must be in the hands of the committee no later than April 25th, and all exhibits must be received by the committee by April 28th. Usual rules and regulations prevail. For further information write to Mrs. Johnson, 123 East Elm Street, COLUMBUS, Kansas.

This will be a really worthwhile affair, and considerable effort was made to prevail upon the committees to provide a class to include Perfins. Time is short, so members must act quickly!

### SUGGESTIONS WANTED

The PERFIN BULLETIN exists for one purpose, to communicate ideas and information to the members of the PERFIN CLUB. It can serve you mightily, or it can be just another bunch of papers that drops in your mailbox once a month. Should we change the format, the title, should we have regular feature "columns", or what? We invite your suggestions, this is your publication, you tell us how you want it to be. Write to either Jim Lambert or Dave Stump, (or both!).

### THE IDENTIFICATION BADGE

On page #4 of the February 1959 Perfins Bulletin, we gave notice of a contest. Prizes of one year, and of six months, free dues were announced to winners of first and second prizes for the suggestion that would result in the design of a button, badge, or pin, that we could wear when attending Shows and Exhibitions. Read over the announcement again, and then send your suggestion to the Secretary! Many suggestions have already been received, and in next month's Bulletin, some of the best ones will be printed in order that members make the choice. If you have not done so already, get your thinking cap on, and send in a rough sketch or idea - we need some more!

### NEED ANY PERFIN?

A member has written to your Secretary stating that he has 20,583 well assorted duplicate Perfins which he wishes to sell for twenty dollars, postpaid. Every letter in the alphabet is covered except "X" and "Z". Anyone interested in acquiring all or a part of this lot, write to Dave Stump for further details. (Send NO money!)

### SPREAD GOOD CHEER DEPARTMENT

One of our members has been quite sick, and only recently released from a hospital. She lives away up north in a tiny little town, and has quite a bit of trouble obtaining Perfins for her album. Contacts she has made with dealers haven't helped much, so how about a few of you people who have more duplicates than you know what to do with, sending her some of your unwanted surplus. Send them to:  
Mrs. Mary Whidden, Route #5, BREWER, Maine. (She is #304)

### QUESTION & ANSWER DEPARTMENT

Several members have written in asking about Perfins that are in reverse, upside down, double, etc, - asking if these are items to be collected. Well, usually it is the mail clerk in some large office who creates these varieties, often by carelessness. However, some machines have only five dies, and thus can only puncture a strip of stamps that is five wide. Using normal sized stamps, the operator often folds the sheet in quarters and punches the four thicknesses at one time. Thus you see every conceivable position of the Perfin design is possible - and if he folds sheet backwards, or puts it in sideways, anything may happen! For the sake of neatness and uniformity, try to have your stamps with the designs all the same way - but don't go out of your way to hunt up doubles, triples, inverts, or other examples of careless work. One exception might be made - "mirror Perfins". Here you have a pair of stamps, the Perfin design normal on one and reversed on the other. They occur when you have a pair which was right on the fold as mentioned above. Not rare, but interesting.

### RECAPITULATION

This April 1959 Bulletin contains two pages of general interest, plus seven pages of the letter "S", a total of nine pages. Remaining "S" pages will appear in the May 1959 Bulletin.

# THE PERFINS CLUB

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MAY 1959

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#352 Capt. L.R. Newkirk, 686 Avenue "K", SE., WINTER HAVEN, Florida.

### MEMBER DOINGS

E.E. Schuster (#197), has sent us a large package of railroad Perfins on cover, as a donation to the Club. Covers date within the past ten years - no "rare" ones included. However, members desiring to share these covers may have some by sending postage to Secretary.

Your Secretary is home again after a short Florida vacation. While in St. Petersburg we talked to Claude Neet (#103), retired Ass't. Postmaster, who lives at 2835 Dartmouth Ave., No. Claude is in good health but has trouble getting Perfins to work on. Can anybody help? We visited Polly Van Dyke (#224), and while Polly and I traded Perfins my wife and daughters cavorted like guppies in the warm Gulf waters, and sun-bathed on the private beach of the beautiful Van Dyke Colony Motel. On Wednesday evening we attended the regular weekly meeting of the St. Petersburg Stamp Club and bought a few plate numbers at the auction. This is a real wide-awake Stamp Club, and members who find themselves in this vicinity at any time of the year are welcome to visit at one of their meetings. After the meeting, Bob Foster (#272), and I retired to our apartment and spent the remainder of the night swapping Perfins.

### RECAPITULATION

This May 1959 Perfins Bulletin contains three pages of general interest; one page listing the contents of the U.S. Perfins Catalog; and pages 8,9,10,11, and 12, concluding the new listings of the letter "S". A total of nine pages.

### MEMBER DOINGS

Perfins and Perfin Club members were much in display at the recent Stamp Show and Exhibition held at Wichita, Kansas - so I am told by our new Vice-President, Ona McKee. Two frames of Perfins were exhibited and the entry won a ribbon. We do not know for sure who the owner of the winning exhibit is, but Ona says it was a member of our Club who hails from Salina. That would pin the ribbon on #372, Howard Heglar, one of our newer members. Don't be bashful, Howard, please write and tell Dave Stump about your entry - how mounted, and what did it consist of? Ona also tells us that she met a Club member from Hutchinson, (Kans) while at the Show, but she does not give his name. (Well, after all, she's a married woman, and we can't have too much of this kind of talk getting around!) She went on to say that they had a "nice long talk", and I'll give her secret away by telling you that the only member we have living in Hutchinson is none other than Tom Phippen, (#203)!

Bob Pritchard, (#299), is still exhibiting Perfins at every chance. In the local Aurora, Illinois Show, held at the Masonic Temple, his exhibit of Perfins was in the Miscellaneous Class and won 2nd Prize. It now goes to the Illinois Federation of Stamp Club's Exhibit at Rockford, and from there to the Rocky Mountain Exhibit held at Denver. Only 4-page exhibits are entered there, but you can show an awful lot on four pages with little trouble. There is no better way to popularize Perfin Collecting than by exhibiting! Good luck, Bob!

### PERFIN SALES

In last month's Bulletin, mention was made of a lot of over 20,000 Perfins offered for \$20 by a member. It will be just impossible to answer all of you who wrote in inquiring or offering to buy this batch, so we take this opportunity of informing all those who are interested. The lot was offered by E.E.Schuster, Sr., (#197), and was purchased intact by L.R.Murray (#329) whose letter contained a check for \$20, was postmarked April 6<sup>th</sup> and was the first to arrive.

If the number of inquiries received concerning this lot is any indication, there certainly is a ready sale for any Perfin material. If any member has duplicate material to dispose of, we will be glad to list it in a Bulletin without charge, provided certain restrictions are complied with. First, the lot must be of at least 2,000 Perfins, if just average "run-of-the-mill" quality. However, if the material contains NO duplicates, or if it is classified material, i.e. all Railroads, or all pre-1922, or all some other type, smaller lots will be listed. Second, a definite price must be set, and an indication must be given whether the lot must be sold as entire or split in smaller portions. Any member interested may send your Secretary a complete description of the offered material, including approximate count, and exact price asked. There will be no charge for listing, and no commission for selling. How can you lose? Help another member, and turn your unwanted duplicates into cash!

### MEMBER WANTS

Dr. David Berest (#346), specializes in Perfins on the U.S. offset issues of 1918-1920. Having trouble finding many and would like members to send him some. Will swap others or buy. Who will help him out?

EXCHANGE CLUB

The Perfins Exchange will be closed during the months of June, July, and August. Mrs. Newman will be taking a well-deserved vacation in Florida and will be unable to attend to the many details of the exchange during these summer months. Her summer address will be: Route #2, Box #991, APOPKA, Florida. This address is given because she write us that if any Club members are travelling in that vicinity, she would be happy if they dropped in on her for a Perfin chat. Please DO NOT write to that address expecting to do any Exchange Club business! It would be appreciated if those who now have Exchange Packets in their possession would arrange to have them back in Mrs. Newman's hands before June 1st.

A "THANKYOU"

Last month we asked members to send their unwanted duplicates to Mrs. Mary Whidden, who is just out of the hospital and has trouble getting Perfins in little ole Brewer, Maine. Your reply was wonderful! In a long letter, Mrs. Whidden writes as follows: "If at all possible, would you please express my heartfelt gratitude to those lovely Club members who 'took pity on me'. The enjoyment I have had, and an having yet to come, is just 'out of this world', as a teen ager would say! Such lovely, lovely, friendly folks, these 'Perfin-ites' are! Truthfully I feel so guilty, receiving all these Perfins and not being able to return the favors - only ny thanks."

Your Secretary adds his thanks, for responding so readily to such a good cause. Those who have been so generous will certainly know that their duplicates have made one member very happy. Those who did not have enough to contribute - well save what you have, maybe some day there will be another member whom we can help!

PERFIN PRICES

In an auction held by mail at Oshawa, Canada, the following prices were realized for Perfins: (Canadian Stamps)

ITEM	SUGGESTED BID	PRICE
OA-118, 1912-25, 10¢ bistro, perfed OHMS, 5-hole:	\$ 4.00	\$2.50
OA-155, 1928-29, 10¢ Mt. Hurd, perfed OHMS, 5-hole:	5.00	3.00
Q-247, 1939, 2¢ Royal Visit, perfed OHMS, 4-hole:	35.00	17.50
Ten different Officials, perfed OHMS:	1.00	1.25

One US Perfin was also in this auction, described as: "Perfin, scarce early item, #77 with perfed initials 'WLG', very fine." Suggested bid was \$10.00, but no bids were received. This item was used, and in this condition cataloged \$9.00 by Scott in 1958. To save you from looking it up, it was the 15¢ Black Lincoln, 1861-66 issue.

Personally, this item would not attract my interest. We all know that Perfins were not authorized until May 8th, 1908, so this is not a legitimate article. Anyone can find a firm using a Perfin machine and run anything made of paper through it. But why anyone would spoil a "classic" like this is problematical. Members may recall a similar incident reported in the December 1957 Bulletin by Polly Van Dyke. At a Herman Herst auction, the preceding August Lot #232 was described as: "#70, US, 24¢ fine OG single, mint, with Perfed Initials "JB", the earliest example we have seen." At that time the Scott quote was \$65.00 and the stamp sold for \$33.00.

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LETTER	NUMBER OF PAGES	NUMBER OF ITEMS	EXTRA PAGES	TOTAL PAGES	TOTAL ITEMS
A	10	284	One - "AR" - (#207)	11	352
B	11	295	One - "BFG" - (#116) One - Tentative	13	341
C	16	434	One "Cudahy" - (#356) Two - Corrections One - Tentative	20	478
D	6	155	One Corrections One Supplementary	8	163
E	5	140	One Supplementary	6	140
F	9	234	One Supplementary	10	234
G	8	213	One - "GE" - (#72)	9	254
H	7	183	None	7	183
I	5	122	None	5	122
J	7	183	One - "J·M" - (#95) One Tentative	9	198
K	3	74	One Tentative	4	77
L	7	192	One "LC/CO" - (#60) One Tentative	9	217
M	11	311	Two Tentative	13	311
N	7	212	Five "NLY" - (#106)	12	392
O	4	94	None	4	94
P	9	249	One - "PD" - (#53)	10	282
Q	1	9	None	1	9
R	6	143	None	6	143
S	12	341	One - "S" - (#1) Two - "SO" - (#179)	15	425
T	5	132	None	5	132
U	4	98	One - "US/MC" - (#77)	5	124
V	1	30	None	1	30
W	8	226	One - "WE" - (#67) One - "WU" - (#198, 201)	10	346
X, Y, Z, & Numbers	1	18	None	1	18
Designs	1	28	None	1	28
	1	44	One - Illustrations	2	44
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>4,444</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>5,137</b>



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APOLOGIES

Your secretary had promised that this issue of the Bulletin would feature some of the many designs submitted by members for a Perfin Pin, or identification badge. The project has not been forgotten, but there just hasn't been time enough to prepare the stencil. Every effort will be made to include it in the next issue. We have many different and interesting designs, and will portray as many as possible so that members may vote for their favorite.

The printing of a "Table of Contents" for the U.S. Perfin Catalog, in the May Bulletin elicited many replies and questions. To answer everybody all at once - if you lack any pages, they may be purchased from the Secretary for 2¢ each, plus postage. However, if you only lack one or two, we will not quibble about a few pennies, so just send return postage (4¢), and state what you need. We will be glad to help make your catalog complete.

When you move, or change your address, won't you please notify the Secretary? A three-cent postal will do the trick. If you fail to tell us, it costs your Club 3¢ to send out the Bulletin, plus 5¢ postage due when it is returned by the Post Office with your new address, plus 3¢ more to send it out to you at the correct address. Not only does your Club have to stand this needless expense, but also you receive your Bulletin several weeks late. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

Anybody planning to attend the American Topical Association's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention Bourse and Topical Stamp Exhibit, to be held June 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 1959, at New York's Sheraton McAlpin Hotel??

We haven't made our mind up yet, but if other Perfin members plan to attend on Saturday afternoon, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we will make it a point to be there to meet them. Drop us a line if you are going!

### MEMBER DOINGS

Mrs. Stewart Methven (#38), has joined the ranks of those who have fun exhibiting their Perfin Collections. During the latter part of April she entered six sheets (one frame) of Perfins at the "906" Club, of Walpole, Mass. She writes that other collectors were quite interested in her frame and her mission was accomplished - they were noticed! Readers may not know it, but the "906 Club" is a prison club. Mrs. Methven's own club - the Martha Washington Stamp Club - has become interested and given many duplicates to the members of the "906 Club". Money being scarce among the "906ers", they have been grateful for any help. The Perfin idea was just another lift which was appreciated.

Bob Pritchard (#298), is at it again! This time his entry won 1st Prize in the Specialty Division (Group D) at the Illinois Federation of Stamp Club's exhibition at Rockford last month. The important thing is the honor and attention awarded to a Perfin Exhibit is really tough competition. Bob's entry won out over the famous Harold Lizer Match & Medicine Collection; Tom Beddoe's leading specialized collection of printed dated Precancels; and Donald Green's entry of Illinois Bureau Precancels. Good news to all Perfin Club members, and a great recognition of Perfin Collecting by the Illinois Federation. After winning the award, another honor came to our Bob. He was elected 2nd Vice-President of the Illinois Federation! Good luck, Bob, and congratulations!

### OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

Maybe your Secretary didn't make it clear last month, but any member having Perfins to sell (in lots, not singles), can have mention made - free - in the Bulletin. So far, only one item has been submitted this month. Owner has 150 Perfins, ALL on Scott's #332, which is the 1908-09 issue (TWO CENTS), to dispose of. There is much duplication, but over 50 different varieties including "Seeman", "System", etc. Asking \$1.50, or best bid. Certainly worth 1¢ apiece - who wants them? Send Dave Stump your bid - but no money!

Your Secretary has been using a new type of stamp tongs which he thinks are a great improvement over the common type. These are the same tongs as used by your dentist, with a curved end that is offset. Thus, to take hold of the stamp you do it sideways. Just the thing to open blind perms. Six inches long, stainless steel, and not easy to lose or mislay. Ever watch your dentist? Notice the tweezers he uses to place cotton near a tooth - they have curved ends. That's the kind I have been using, and they can't be beat! Harry Weiss swears by them too. They can be had at any dental supply house or any good supply house handling surgical instruments. Should not cost over \$2. If you would like them, and there is no supply house in your vicinity, I can supply them for \$1.35, postpaid.

### RECAPITULATION

This June 1959 Perfins Bulletin contains two pages of general interest, plus eight pages comprising a completely revised listing for Perfins starting with the letter "H". A total of ten pages in all.

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CLOSED ALBUMS

We regretfully report the death of Samuel W. Wilkinson, #185, of 277 Broadmoor Avenue, BATON ROUGE, 6, Louisiana. Sam and his wife were touring on a vacation and on April 20th had stopped at Tifton, Georgia for the night. He had a sudden heart attack and died within thirty minutes, - so quickly that they were unable to get a doctor. Sam had previously had heart trouble but had not been in bad health recently. He was buried at Baton Rouge on April 24th, 1959.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The next (August) Bulletin will start the long awaited revisions for the letter "A". This section has been completely re-written and has been expanded from 11 to 16 pages. Eight pages will come to you in the August Bulletin, and the remaining eight will be with the September issue.

In the "works" is a 13-page treatise on Perfins of New Zealand, and in the not too far future we hope to be able to publish a complete translation of a listing of Japanese Perfins.

RECAPITULATION

This July 1959 issue of your Monthly Bulletin contains the following: Three pages of general interest; two pages of listings for General Electric offices; two pages of additional listings for letters B, C, D, E, F, and G; two pages, tentative identifications for G, and H; one page of Corrections and Eliminations for letters B, C, D, E, F, and G. A total of ten pages in all.

## A SERIOUS PROBLEM

When working on my Perfin Collection recently, the thought came to me - "What will happen to this material when I die?" My collection is now housed in 55 standard 3-ring binders, and covers both U.S. and foreign Perfins.

My general stamp collection can be sold at auction, but disposition of the Perfins will require more thought. They could be willed to one of the better known national stamp societies, or perhaps one of the Foundations might be interested in acquiring a Perfin Collection and would harbor it so that future generations may look at it and make use of it as a reference. Still, we must be realistic, and I doubt if the Smithsonian Institute would give it space in their august halls.

Then there is the Perfins Club, which is interested in promoting the cause of Perfins in the philatelic field. As members of our Club, you are aware of the projects the Club has undertaken. Should the idea of starting a reference collection be considered? But the Club is not incorporated, it has no charter, and not being an entity, one cannot will it anything. Even if this problem were solved can the Club arrange for fireproof storage of such a possession? Could it be available for members to use and enjoy? Are there others who would leave their collections to the Club, once this possibility is opened? A reference collection would give the Club a higher status in the philatelic world. There would be no better way to show the rest of the collecting fraternity that we mean business when we say: "Perfin Collecting is here to stay!"

So here is my challenge to all members! Think this over; write your thoughts and ideas down! Then send them to me: Victor J. Van Lint, 8163 Sewell Avenue, FONTANA, California. Can you come up with a good solution to this problem which will give my favorite collection a permanent home? Maybe you have an idea that I haven't thought of? At any rate, write to me your thoughts on this matter. To everyone who writes I will personally reply by sending them a pack of 50 Perfins to help compensate them for their time and postage. To the member who sends in any proposition that I adopt, either in part or in whole, I will donate a large worthwhile Perfin accumulation.

## SECRETARIAL COMMENT

The above article is a condensation of a long letter which we recently received from our good friend Vic Van Lint (#172). The questions he proposes are difficult ones, requiring much thought and rational reasoning. It would be comparatively simple to become an incorporated Club, - but costly. (\$100 to \$150) If the Club were to acquire a reference collection it would undoubtedly have to be housed in the home of one of our members, and we seriously doubt if any members live in a truly fireproof home. So, should a fireproof, steel cabinet be provided? How about fire and theft insurance? The cabinet would cost upwards of \$150 or more. Adequate insurance would run about \$10 per year.

What would be the best way to make such a collection available to interested members? Can the Club afford to undertake such a project? Can we afford NOT to undertake it?? As mentioned above, send your ideas, comments, or suggestions to Vic Van Lint. Let's really show him that we want to help with our suggestions. Remember, he said each member who wrote to him would get 50 Perfins!

GENERAL INTEREST

This issue of the Bulletin contains a page of catalog "Corrections and Additions". It is suggested that members correct their catalogs (in ink), transferring the information from this page to the proper catalog page. No use adding this page to your catalog for the information covers several letters and would not be readily available if the page were merely added to the book. Make your own corrections by hand, taking the information from the sheet and writing it on the correct catalog page. Then discard the sheet.

Our Contact Committee Chairman, Carl E. Rhoads (#159), has found it necessary to relinquish his post and has asked that he be replaced. The official family sincerely regrets his decision and wishes to make known to the entire membership of the Club that Carl has performed an outstanding job for the Perfins Club, and is hereby given a sincere and deeply appreciative vote of thanks for his efforts.

Concurrently with the above announcement it is our pleasant duty to inform you that our very busy and pleasant "Veep", Mrs. Ona McKee (#163), will take over the duties of the Contact Committee Chairmanship. Ona McKee is well known in stamp circles 'round and about the Kansas area and is well qualified to say "Howdy" to new members, and we believe she has "all the answers" for those who would ask. For her we say: "Happy Contacts, and many new members!" To members we say - if you have any surplus duplicates, please send them to Mrs. McKee in order that she will have a supply to distribute to the new members as they are welcomed to our midst.

At the recent Show and Exhibition held in Coffeyville, Kansas, Ernest E. Schuster (#197), of Kennore (near Buffalo) New York, was awarded the "first". Ona McKee earned the "second". Our hearty congratulations to you both!

Your secretary would welcome your letters about any particular branch of activity you indulge in. Do you want to fill in some special types? Do you want certain kinds of Perfins? Write Dave Stump, and he will include your request in an early issue of the Bulletin. Take advantage of this free publicity!

The packet of 150 Perfins, all of the 1908-09 issue, which was advertised last month has been awarded to L.R. Murray (#329), on his high bid of \$2.20. Anyone else have anything good to sell? No charge for listing with the secretary!

ADVERTISEMENT

1959 ADDENDA TO:  
Illustrations of U.S. Perfins --(100 new additions) -- -- \$0.50  
Illustrated Belgian Perfins --(over 100 new additions) -- \$0.50  
Album for Official Perfins --( 5 new pages) -- -- -- \$0.50  
Send commemorative stamps or money order to: Victor J. VanLint,  
8163 Sewell Avenue, FONTANA, California.

REMINDER

Look on Page #2 of the June Bulletin - near bottom of page. Anybody else want to try a pair of the new type stamp tongs? They're really handy! Secretary has them for \$1.35 postpaid!

In presenting this list of Per-  
fins used by the General Electric Co.,  
it should be made known that the  
Catalog Committee has been able to  
obtain NO official information as  
to the location of the individual  
perforating machines, employees de-  
clining to talk on the question.

A study of the material fur-  
nished the committee indicates  
that probably the first four ma-  
chines used in perforating the  
monogram were used at Schenectady,  
Pittsfield, New York City and Kansas  
City, Mo., as covers and/or precancel  
are reported from each of these  
cities bearing the monogram without  
extra or control holes. While the

measurements are to the naked eye and  
to the magnifying glass, the same, there is enough difference noted  
in the spacings to indicate a separate machine for each location.

Later, with the appearance of the design with an extra hole,  
it seem that stamps were perforated in central locations and dis-  
tributed for use in a small area. If not confined to a state, the  
area to which distribution was made, appears to have been a small  
trade area which crossed state lines but slightly.

At the present time, it appears that this distribution is to  
a much larger area. Note the type with the control hole at the #4  
position which once appeared with an Atlanta precancel, but now ap-  
pears in at least seven states—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisi-  
ana, the Carolinas and Tennessee and covers have been seen from at  
least 16 cities within this area. There is some indication that  
this method of distribution is spreading but the extent is unknown.

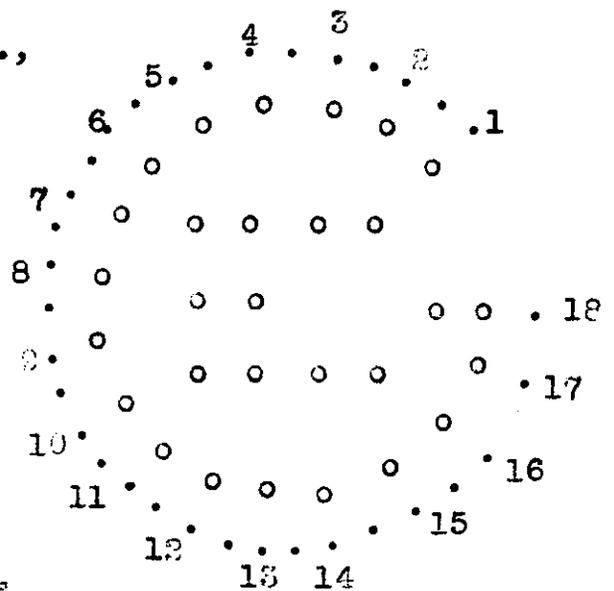
For these reasons covers only indicate the point of mailing,  
not the location of the machine, although it is probable that one  
of the locations is the home of the machine.

On the designs bearing a second control hole, the distance of  
this hole from the body of the design varies; copies having been  
seen with approximate distances of 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5mms., although  
the other hole runs quite consistent at approximately 1.5mm.

There are some instances where the second hole is missing from  
the stamp causing it to be improperly identified. In this, the  
Milwaukee precancel is most common. This should have the extra hole  
at the 4 (not the 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) location and the 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  location; the latter pin  
is the one missing.

In the attached list, locations are based on precancels un-  
less covers (C) or postmarks (PM) are noted. The distance given  
is for the second hole as that for the first hole is assumed to be  
1.5mm.

Verified additional information is sought by the Catalog  
Committee. Please address the Chairman, K.F. Lougee.



General Electric Company

G -

	Extra holes		Location		Extra holes		Location
	1st	2nd D			1st	2nd D	
1	None		Schnectady, N.Y.	C			
A	None		Pittsfield, Mass.	PC	28	8½	16 2 Bridgeport, Conn.
B	None		New York City	PC			
C	None		Kansas City, Mo.	PC	29	9	Lynn, Conn. C
2	1		New York City		30	9½	
3	1	2 1½	Omaha, Nebr.	PM	31	9½	16 2
4	1	6½ 2½	Cleveland, Ohio		32	10	Newark, N.J. C
5	1½		Salt Lake City	PM	33	10	13 2
6	1½	7 1½			34	10½	
7	2		Pittsburgh, Pa.	C	35	10½	16 2½ West Lynn, Mass. C
8	2	12 1½	Davenport, Iowa		36	11	Pittsfield, Mass. PM
9	2½		Erie, Penna.	C	37	11½	
10	3		Boston, Mass.	C	38	11½	16 2½ Portland, Ore. C
11	3½		Pittsfield, Mass.		39	12	Buffalo, N.Y.
12	3½	13½ 2½			40	12½ (1mm D)	Pittsburgh, Pa. PM
13	3½	16 2½	Los Angeles, Cal.		41	12½	16 2½ Eugene, Ore. PM
14	4		Atlanta, Ga.		42	13	Waterbury, Conn. PM
15	4	13½	Milwaukee, Wis.		43	13½	New Haven, Conn.
16	4½				44	14	Syracuse, N.Y. C
17	4½	16 2½	Bloomfield, N.J.	C	45	14½	
18	5		Cincinnati, Ohio		46	15	Detroit, Mich.
19	5½				47	15½	
20	5½	16 2	Newark, N.J.		48	16	St. Louis, Mo.
21	6		Chicago	C	49	16 (Short E)	
22	6½		Toledo, Ohio		50	16 (2½mm D)	
23	7		Butte, Mont.	C	51	17	Kansas City, Mo.
24	7½				52	18	Minneapolis, Minn.
25	7½	16 2½	Texas points	PM	53	11 (Inside)	
26	8		San Francisco, Cal.	C			
27	8½						

ADDITIONS

15.5	(B) Square EN	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	(8 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	....."B" .....	PC Memphis Tenn
127.5	BGC	D	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		
155.5	BLS	DU	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
	(S reversed)				
226.5	SS/CO	2H	6/4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
240	BUS	D		The Bank of U. S.,	NewYork NY
244.5	BW	D	7		
	BFG	4-17			Newark NJ
	BFG	7			Charlotte NC
				....."C".....	
54	CB/&CO			C. Bahnsen & Co.,	NewYork NY
61.5	CC	H-OV	10	(No holes under)	
86	C(C(O))			Carey Machinery&Supply Co	Balto Md
180	CL			Clyde SS Co.,	NewYork NY
236.5	CO	H-CO	8	(Hole in C; hole in O)	
340	CT/C				PC NewYork NY
386	C&C			Clark & Courts	Galveston Texas
392.7	C&E/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
				....."D".....	
6.5	DAC	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
108	DSF/CO			Diamond State Fibre Co.,	Bridgeport PENNA

ADDITIONS

-----"E"-----

4	EA			(PC) Chicago Ill
15.5	EAT	D	5	
84.6	EMS	D	5½	
124	ET/C			Exchange Trust Co., Boston, Mass ( E 3½ mm wide; T 3½ mm wide; C 3mm wide; 1 mm between lines)
124.5	ET/C	2H	5½	Equitable Trust Co., New York NY (E 3½ mm wide; T 4 mm wide; C 3½mm wide; 1/2 mm between lines)
132.5	EWM	D	5½	
-----F-----				
39.5	FBK/CO	2H	5½/5-5-4	
50	FB/&K			Foley Bros & Kelly St Paul Minn
110.5	FAL/&CO	2H	5½/4-5½-4½	
125	FNB	H	9	(PM) Kansas City Mo
179	FRO/ST			Frost Stamp & Stationery Co., Worcester Mass
197	FS/NB			11 holes in "S"
198	FS/NB			9 holes in "S"
204.5	FVS	D	5½	
208	FW/D			F W Dodge Co., Chicago Ill
210	FW/G			New York NY PC

-----"G"-----

99	GL/CO			PC Newark NJ
166.5	GSP	H	5½	
203.5	G&C/CO	2H	5½-4½-5½/ 4	

ADD PART TWO PROBABLE USERS

D	52	Deming Investment Co.,	Oswego, Kansas
E	16	Ethyl Corporation,	New York NY

- 6 Goodyear Lumber Co., Buffalo, N.Y.
- 7 G. Scheiner & Co., N.Y.C.
- 9 Gillette Safety Razor Co., Boston, Mass.
- 14 Gruen Watch Co., Cincinnati, Ohio
- 21 G.A. Dickell Co., Nashville, Tenn.
- 22 George A. Fuller Co., N.Y.C.
- 24 German-American Insurance Co., N.Y.C.
- 27 German American National Bank, New Orleans, La.
- 29 Hope Gas Co., Clarksburg, West Va.
- 31 Gayola Manufacturing Co.
- 35 Gimble Brothers, Philadelphia
- 37 Goldsmith Brothers, N.Y.C.
- 38 Gimble Brothers, Philadelphia
- 40 Gimble Brothers, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 57 Gold Car Heating & Lighting Co., N.Y.C.
- 73 German Exchange Bank, N.Y.C.
- 74 Great Eastern Casualty & Indemnity Co., N.Y.C.
- 80 General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown, Ohio
- 92 George H. Bieckeimer, Baltimore, Md.
- 95 George H. Paine, Philadelphia
- 99 Eagle Indemnity Co., Newark, N.J.
- 102 Ginn & Co., Atlanta, Ga.
- 106 Girard National Bank, Philadelphia
- 110 Guardian Life Insurance Co., N.Y.C.
- 111 Glide Automobile Co., Peoria, Ill.
- 115 General Motors Acceptance Corp., Lansing, Mich.
- 120 Garvin Machine Co., N.Y.C.
- 135 Galveston National Bank, Galveston, Texas
- 140 Good Manufacturing Co., N.Y.C.
- 146 Gilbert Paper Co., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 148 Goldwyn Picture Corp., N.Y.C.
- 166 George Schirmer, Inc., N.Y.C.
- 168 Georgia State Bank, Savannah, Ga.
- 180 Grand Trunk Western RR.
- 189 Gila Valley Railroad
- 191 Gordon VanTine Co., Davenport, Iowa
- 192 G.W. Cranrill, Newark, N.J.
- 193 Great Western Cereal Co., Chicago
- 203 Gaston Williams & Wigmore, N.Y.C.
- 206 Greenhut Company
- 207 Goodbody & Co., N.Y.C.
- 209 Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co., Baltimore, Md.
- 211 Gerhardt & Hey Co., N.Y.C.

ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFICATIONS FOR THE LETTER "H"

H - 9

- 7 Homesteaders' Life Assn., Des Moines, Iowa
- 9 James A. Hearn, New York City
- 10 John Hood Co., Boston, Mass.
- 11 Hartford Rubber Works, Hartford, Conn.
- 13 H.A. Caesar & Co., New York City
- 16 Henry A. Dreer Inc., Riverton, N.J.
- 21 Harris Automatic Press Co., Niles, Ohio
- 27 Heitinger Bros., Kansas City, Mo.
- 30 Halle Brothers Co., Cleveland, Ohio
- 37 Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., Boston, Mass.
- 54 F. Harvey Co., Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- 55 Hagedorn & Co., New York City
- 56 Hodgen Co., Chatanooga, Tenn.
- 59 H.C. Clews & Co., New York City
- 61 H.D. Taylor Co., Buffalo, N.Y.
- 69 Hartman Furniture & Carpet Store, Chicago, Ill.
- 70 Hungarian Fur Exchange, New York City
- 72 H.F. Hand & Co., Chicago
- 78 Hackett, Gates & Hurty (Hardware), St. Paul, Minn.
- 82 H. Heil Chemical Co., St. Paul, Minn.
- 86 Hornick, Hess & Moore, Sioux City, Iowa
- 88 Hawkeye Insurance Co., Des Moines, Iowa
- 93 Hanley-Kinsella Coffee & Spice Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- 94 Harry K. Barr, New York City
- 99 H. Lisner & Co., New York City
- 106 Hirsch, Lillienthal & Co., New York City
- 114 Heath & Milligan Mfg. Co., New York City
- 122 Huttig Mfg. Co., Muscatine, Iowa
- 142 H.D. Holmes Co., New Orleans, La.
- 149 Hoyt Metal Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- 153 Hecker Products Co., Kansas City, Mo.
- 163 Harmon Organization Inc., New York City
- 173 Lawrence D. Friedman, Springfield, Mass.
- 176 Peter Henderson (Seed) Co., New York City
- 178 Huttig Sash & Door Co., St. Louis, Mo.
- 179 State Highway Department, Trenton, N.J.
- 185 Hayden Stone & Co., New York City
- 191 Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
- 195 DeLong Hook & Eye Co., Philadelphia, Penna.
- 197 Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co., New York City
- 200 Houlder, Weir & Boyd Inc., New York City
- 203 Hamilton Watch Co., Canton, Ohio
- Hueber Hampden Watch Co., Canton, Ohio
- 204 Hirsch Wickwire Co., Chicago
- 210 W.H. Horn & Bros. (also), Philadelphia
- 217 Halton & Co., Chicago
- 226 Hochstader & Levy, Chicago
- 228 Hartford & New York Transfer Co., New York City

CORRECTIONS AND ELIMINATIONS.

....."B".....

42.5	B.B	H	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	ELIMINATE
74	BC/C(O)	2h	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	instead of 5/6 (3)
171.5	BNT	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	ELIMINATE

....."C".....

134	CFO.	M		Instead of . CFO H
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....."D".....

20	DB/&H	2H	4/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	INSTEAD OF 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 PC NewYork NY
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....."E".....

54	EJE	D	5	Instead of 6
127	EVP/&C	2H		Instead of EVP/CO
106	ERIE	D		ELIMINATE

The various heads of one machine vary from 5 to 6 mm

....."F".....

8	(F) dia	EN		The various heads of this machine show variances.
37	FB/CO	2H	5/3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ingtead of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3
94	FKB			ELIMINATE
50	FB/&K	2H	5/4-5	Instead of 5/4-3
150	FP	D	6	F only has serif
174	FRC	H	8	Instead of 6
192	FSH	DU		ELIMINATE

....."G".....

65	G..D	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Instead of GD
91	GH	D		Galveston, Harrisburg & SanAntonio RR not Galwaston Houston etc

# THE PERFINS CLUB

## THE PERFINS BULLETIN AUGUST 1959

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### CLOSED ALBUMS

Your secretary has just received a letter from Mrs. G. Wallace Umphrey, asking that her husband's name be removed from any mailing lists, cancelling his membership, and returning his membership card marked "DECEASED". No details are given, except that Mr. Umphrey #355, died very suddenly on June 17, 1959.

G. Wallace Umphrey had been a member for not quite a year and a half, and had just renewed last April for a two-year period. We did not know him very well, so cannot write much about him or of his collection. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his widow, and we are sorry to pass on to our members the news of his sudden death.

### HELP WANTED!

George L. Fluck, #390, of 1101 Mill Road, NORTHFIELD, New Jersey, collects Perfins of stamps which have been precancelled prior to 1920. This is a limited field, and he would like to hear from other members who are interested in Precancelled Perfins.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(As of June 15th, 1959)

Receipts:

Cash, Oct.1, 1958	\$487.66
New Memberships	26.00
Dues Collected	194.75
Other sources,	6.00
Catalog Pages	45.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$759.82</b>

Expenses:

Secretarial Expense	\$ 44.28
Other Officer Expense	18.29
Bulletin Overhead	151.67
Equipment Costs	74.54
Cash, June 15, 1959.	471.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$759.82</b>

Detailed records of this report, itemized, and with proper receipts, are available for any member who wishes to inspect or check it. A copy will be loaned to any member for inspection, if request is made of the Secretary, and postage paid both ways.

This report shows a net decline in cash on hand to the amount of \$16.62. This is almost all due to the recent increase in postal rates, however, there were several non-recurrent expenditures, including the complete overhauling of the mimeograph machine (\$19.75), and the purchase of a used Elliot Addressing Machine (\$50.00).

Without the addressing machine we could hardly have been able to keep up with the work of getting out the Bulletin and keeping our address file current. The mimeograph machine receives considerable use and must be kept in good working order. During the period of eight months that this report covers, there were 20, 626 pages printed.

All funds are on deposit with the Bryn Mawr Trust Company of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, with the exception of a small amount, (less than \$20.00), which is in the "petty cash box".

TOPEX - 10th Anniversary

On Sunday, June 21st, we journeyed to New York City to see the 8th Annual Convention and Exhibition of the American Topical Association. Because it was the closing hours of the weekend exhibition, there were not many in attendance - and apparently NO Perfineers! But George Turner (#194), and Dessie Bodamer (#222), were two members of the three-man staff of judges. Mrs; Virginia Gubler (#181), exhibited a frame which featured Jean Henri Dumant, International Red Cross Founder, and also two other frames of Jehudi Ashman, "Lost Man of History". These latter two frames were really outstanding and in our opinion were entitled to an award - however, we were not on the judges' list. This exhibit was most interesting to us because of the fact that the subject has not been "done to death" as have other subjects like Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Sports, etc. Jehudi Ashman really seems to be a "lost" or "forgotten" man, for reference books shed little light on his activities. Years ago, he left our shores in a boat with many freed slaves, sailed to Africa, and founded the country of Liberia.

ADVERTISEMENT

Member offers 3,000 +, all foreign Perfins. About half are Great Britain, and balance are from 44 other countries. He does not collect foreign, and these have been accumulated over past years. They are offered for \$5, or best bid, but would actually prefer an exchange for something in older US Perfins. If interested in all or part of this lot, write to: L.R.Murray (#329), Box #1135, WICKENBURG, Arizona.

TO ALL MEMBERS

The American Philatelic Congress, founded in 1935 at Philadelphia by the late Eugene Klein and James Waldo Fawcett is planning to hold their Silver Jubilee Congress in Atlantic City, October 23, 24, 25<sup>th</sup> at Hotel Jefferson. This is a non-profit organization established to emphasize the importance of furthering knowledge and for the development of a cultural interest in philately.

It is not the intent of the Congress to compete with any other stamp societies. The Congress book, published annually, does not report society activities, chronicle new issues, nor indulge in personal news. Its function is solely to promote worthwhile information resulting from specific philatelic studies. The Congress News Letter, issued 3 or 4 times a year, provides contact between members and their organization. A convention is held once a year and the program generally consists of:

- (1) Two or more sessions at which papers are presented by their authors for discussion.

- (2) An exhibition, sponsored by the local group having charge of the arrangements. (This year SOJEX)

- (3) A bourse at which dealers have philatelic material for sale.

- (4) An annual banquet held Saturday evening and a "Writers Breakfast" on Sunday morning.

One or two of your top officers will, by invitation, attend the Seminar for Specialist Groups, which will convene at 11AM, Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City, N.J.

The Seminar is an effort on the part of the American Philatelic Congress, Inc., to establish a co-operative effort among specialist groups to:

- (1) Help where needed, such as a problem which one group has already solved.
- (2) Share ideas.
- (3) Provide a forum through which the several organizations can help in the development of philatelic research.

This is no attempt to create another organization. The A.P.C. has been in existence for 25 years, and similar organizations have been operating in foreign countries for a much longer period.

Write to your president NOW, give him some of your ideas that can be put out to the members of the Seminar for open discussion and resolution. Think over some of the "problems" of the Perfins Club and come up with some ideas. For example: Should Perfins be classed as "Postal History"?? Should Perfins be classed as "Topical"??

There is no time to waste. PLEASE, jot down some of your thoughts and send them in so that all ideas may be consolidated into a presentation before the Seminar for Special Groups, which will be held this October.

Bear in mind, membership or association with such groups is necessary to stimulate the growth of the Perfins Club, to make Perfins better known, and to establish Perfins in their proper position with relation to other philatelic research and development. Any one individual, or club, may join the American Philatelic Congress. A former Perfin Club member, David Lidman is president. Many well-known philatelists are on the council - Franklin R. Bruns, Jr., Bernard Davis, Sol Glass, George Turner (#194), Mrs. Conway Zirkle - to name just a few. Do you wish to join as an individual? Do you want your Club to join as a group? (In either case, dues are \$5.00 per year, and include an annual bound volume containing articles pertaining to the various phases of philately.) We urge you to "step out" and tell your officers what you would like them to say for you. Write NOW, to your president: James R. Lambert, 20331 Wilmore Ave, CLEVELAND, 23, OH



## REVISED LIST OF PERFINIS STARTING WITH THE LETTER "A".

1	A	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
(a)	A.	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
2	A	H	10	Swift & Co.,	Dallas Texas
3	A	H	11	Atlantic Refining Co.,	Chicago Ill
4	A	H	12	Atlantic Refining Co.,	Cleveland O
5	(A) Cir	EN	(6) 11 $\frac{1}{2}$		
	(A) Circle A	flat top		Listed in "O"	
6	(A) Ellipse	EN (4)	12		
7	(A) Maltese	EN (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	9 $\frac{1}{2}$		
8	(A) Maltese	EN (4)	12		
		cross			
9	(A) Square	EN (6)	10		
10	(A) Tria	EN (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	9	W D Allen Mfg Co.,	Chicago Ill
11	AAA	H-OV	8-10-8		
12	AAA	D	6	American Auto. Assn.,	Washington DC
13	AAC	H	5		
14	AAC	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$		
15	AAC	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
16	AAC	D	6-6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
17	AA/CC	2H	4		
18	AA/CO	2H	5/ 4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	American Appraisal Co.,	Milwaukee Wis
19	AAE	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
20	AAH/CO	2H	5		
21	AAH/CO	2H	6/4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
22	AAM	D	4	Acetylene Appliance Co.,	Chicago Ill
23	AAM	D	5		
24	AAP	D	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
25	AAP	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
26	AAR	D	5		

27	AT/C.LD	2H	4	
28	A.B	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
29	AB	H	8	
30	(A.B) Cir	EN	(4 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	12
31	ABA	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
32	ABC	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
33	ABC	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
34	AB/C	2H	5	
35	AB/C	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5	
36	ABC	D	5	American Blower Co., Detroit Mich
37	AB/CO	2H (6 holes in O)	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
38	AB/CO.	2H (6 holes in O)	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
39	AB/CO	2H (6 holes in O)	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3	
40	AB/CO	2H (8 holes in O)	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5-4	American Book Co., New York NY
41	AB/CO	2H (AB script)	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4-3	
42	ABD	H	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
43	AB/FT	2H	4	
44	A/BK	2H	6/6-5	
45	ABK	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5	
46	ABL	H	10	
47	ABN/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	American Bank Note Co., NYC
48	AB/NY	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5	Arbuckle Bros., New York NY
49	ABS	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
50	ABS	D	6	
51	AB/&A	2H	5	Atlanta Birmingham & Atlantic RR

52	AB/αC	2H	4½/5½-4½	
53	AB/αCO	2H	5½-/5-5-3½	
54	BB/αCO	2H	5½/4-4-2½	
55	AC	H	11	
56	AC	D	8½-9	
	AC	M	10-7½	Listed in C
	AC	M	12-8	Listed in C
	(Hole above and below cross bar of A"			
57	ACA	H	7½	Aluminum Corp of America New Kensington Pa
58	ACB	H	4	
59	ACB	H	6½	
60	ACB/LD	2H	4	
61	ACC	H	9½-9½-4½	
62	ACC	D	5½-5-5	
63	AC/C(O)	2H-EX	5½/5½-(2½)	American Chain Co., Bridgeport Conn
64	AC/C(O)	2H-Ex (8 holes in C)	5½-5/5½-(2½)	Allis, Chalmers Mfg Co., Milwaukee Wis
65	AC/C(O)	2H-Ex (8 holes in C)	6-5½/6-(3)	
66	AC/C(O)	2H-Ex (10 holes in C; Base of A 5 mm wide)	5½/5½-(2½)	
67	A·C/αCO	2H	5/4½-4½-3	
68	ACF	H	5½	Adams, Cushing & Foster Co., Boston, Mass.
69	ACF	D	5½-5-5	
70	ACF	D (Hole under A)	5½	
71	ACH	H	5½	
72	ACH	D	5½	Arthur C Harvey Co., Boston Mass
73	ACH	D	6	
74	AC/I	2H	5½	
75	ACI/CO	2H	5/3½-2½	Amn Credit & Indemnity Co., StLouis, Mo

76	ACL	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	Atlantic Coast Line RR
77	ACL	D	5	
78	AC/LO	2H	5	Amn. Locomotive Co., Schenectady NY
79	AC/M	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
80	ACM	D	4	Anaconda Copper Mining Co., Butte Mont
81	AC/M..T	2H	4	
82	ACO	H	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -9 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
83	A/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
84	A/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4	
85	A/CO (Hole over A; hole in O)	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4	
86	A/CO	2H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ /3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
87	A(CO) (A has flat top)	EX	10-(3 $\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$ )	Addressograph Co., Chicago Ill
88	ACO/CO	2H	5/4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
89	ACP	M	11-8-11	
90	AC/SC	2H	4	
91	A/CU	2H	4	
92	A.C.&CO	2H	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$	
93	AD	H-CO	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	
94	AE	H-CO	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	Aetha Ing. Co., Hartford Ct.
(A)	AE (short E; one hole in bars)	H-CO	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
95	:*AE	H-CO	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
96	AE	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
97	A bar E	D	5-12-5	
98	AE/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4-3	
99	AE/CO	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
100	AE/CO.	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /6-4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
101	AE/CO	2H	6/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	

102	AEL/CO. (AE condensed)	2H	5/3½-2½	Aetna Life Ins Co., Hartford Ct
	(a)	Same without period		
	(b)	Same with hole at right of O centered.		
103	AEL/CO. (AE condensed)	2H	5½/4-2½	
	(a)	Same without period.		
104	AE/N	2H	5½	
105	AE/NB	2H	4	
106	AE/RA	2H	4	
107	AET/NA (AE condensed)	2H	4	
108	AET/NA	2H	4	
109	A(EX)	EX	10 (4)	
110	AE/&/CO	3H	4	
111	AF	H	11½	
112	AFB	D	6	
113	AF/B	2H	5½	
114	AFC	H	5½	
115	AF/C	2H	6/5½	Abercrombie & Fitch Co. New York
116	AF/CO.	2H	5½/4-2½	American Felt Co., New York NY
	(a)	Same without period		
117	A'.F/CO	2H	5½/4-2½	
118	AF/COS	2H	5½/4½	
119	A/FF	2H	5	
120	AFF	D	5½	Acme Fast Freight, Boston, Mass
121	AF/W	2H	6	
		Branches		
(1)	*AF/W	2H	6	
(2)	AF/.W	2H	6	

121 (3)	AF/W.	2H	6	
122	AG	D	9	
123	AG/C	2H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ /4	
124	AG/CO	2H	5/4-2 $\frac{1}{2}$	
125	AG/CO	2H	6/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
126	AGE	H	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	
127	A/GE	2H	5/4	Ann. Gas & Elec Co., New York NY
128	AGI	H	6	Alco Gravure Co., Hoboken NJ
129	AGI (Hole over G)	H	6	Alco Gravure Co., Chicago Ill
130	AGM/CO	2H	6/4	
131	AGO	H	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
132	AG/PC	2H	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	
133	AGR	H	5	Ann. D
134	AGR	H	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 $\frac{1}{2}$	Agricultural Dept. Cornell Univ Ithaca NY
135	AGS	D	5-5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5	
136	AHB	H-CO	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	
137	AHC	H	6	
138	AH/C	2H	5	Ann. Hardware Corpn New Britain Ct
139	AHC(o)	D	6	
140	AHI	H	8	
141	A/HM	2H	5	
142	AHP	D	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ann Hammered Plaston Ring Co., Baltimore Md
143	AHR	H	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
144	AH/&D	2H	5	
145	AH/&I	2H	4	
146	AIC	H	5	
	AIC	H	5-10 $\frac{1}{2}$ -5	Listed in I
147	AIC	H	9	

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### CLOSED ALBUMS

It is with deepest regret that we inform you that Mrs. F.M. Finsthwait, daughter of Mr. N.R. Hoover (#360), has written us telling that her father died on August 10<sup>th</sup> as a result of an auto accident which occurred on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1959. Mr. Hoover, a resident of Larchmont, N.Y., was a member of the Perfins Club for about a year and a half. We have no other details.

SUMMER'S OVER! Yes, by the time you read this, Labor Day will be upon us and summer will soon be a thing of the past. Now we will have more time to spend indoors - and of course the Perfins will now be the hobby that will occupy your time during the winter evenings. How is that collection of yours coming along? How many new items have you added lately? If you want to add some more, this is to notify you that the Exchange Club is now occupying the spare time of Mrs. James G. Newman, 1123 South Miles Street, EL RENO, Oklahoma. She has returned from her long summer vacation and tells me that the Exchange is ready to run "full speed ahead" again. Unless you are far advanced and have over 3,000 varieties in your collection, it would pay you to write to Mrs. Newman and get in on the Exchange Plan. Read what one of our members has written:

"In the two years I've been a member of the Perfin Club, I have been able to build my collection from a mere 200, to approximately 1,900 all different. Thanks to the Exchange and all the members.

I also have been able to build up an "Issue" collection on all the Railroads, and some of the large firms." Thus writes Ed Hoyt (#292), and we thank him for the unsolicited testimonial. You get the best varieties early in the season, so write now to Mrs. Newman and get in the Exchange Program. You don't need Perfins to start - she will even accept used commems!

MEMBER ACTIVITY

During the summer, your Secretary received letters from each of two members who live in the Netherlands. Thinking that they would interest readers, I reproduce them here.

C.J.Geyer, (#236), Klein Vesta, VIERHOUTEN, Holland, has been a Perfin member for nearly five years, and writes as follows:

"I believe I am the only club member who hasn't got a collection, not even a small one! I have only "loose" Perfins.

I am a stamp collector, but also very much interested in Perfins and Precancels. When I perceived there was a Perfin Club, I joined, notwithstanding the fact that I wasn't ready for it yet. But I never thought that I would have to wait so long before I would begin a Perfin collection too.

Everything is strange yet and needs studying, as it were. So I am going to continue reading what is written about it and try to get an idea. I have saved the catalog listings that always come with the Monthly Perfin Bulletin, and now I nearly have the complete U.S. Catalog.

Now to compare the stamps with the lists. Really a very interesting job. I received from Texas some railroad Perfins which I got in exchange for some duplicates. However, I haven't got much material so I have to try and find some.

With best wishes,"

C. J. GEYER

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Our other foreign correspondent is E.J.Enschede, (#235) Hofdijklaan 56, DRIEHUIS, (Post IJmuiden), Holland. He also has been a member for about five years, and here is what he has to say:

"It is not often that one receives a letter from a fellow collector who is interested in things other than philatelic ones. You asked several things in your letter, and I will try to answer them systematically.

(I) The Perfins Bulletin arrives quite regularly, and in good condition.

(II) Perfin collecting in the Netherlands. I know two other collectors who collect Perfins like myself, of the whole world. Further, there are several postage stamp collectors who are interested in the Perfins of the Netherlands with syncopated perforations. (so called)

We collect the Perfins here and mount them in albums alphabetically. If possible we collect also the whole envelope for identification. I have a fairly large collection of about 12,000 of Holland, and 30,000 foreign. I also have 1420 of the U.S.A.

The material we get from postage stamp collectors who are glad to give us their "damaged" stamps. Duplicates we give one another and we take from them what we can use for our collections.

(III) Something about myself. I am 57 years of age, married, and have four children. I am a technician and take care of the documents with the factory where I work. I collect Perfins, (as you know already), fiscal stamps of the whole world, Christmas Seals, Railway stamps, and Telegraph stamps. I have made lists of the Perfins of Holland, Denmark, Belgium, (in cooperation with others, including member Van Lint of California.) Have also made a list of the fiscal stamps of The Netherlands, Curacao, and Surinam (Dutch Indies).

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# THE PERFINS CLUB

## THE PERFINS BULLETIN OCTOBER 1959

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### CLOSED ALBUMS

It is with deepest regret that we report to members the death of one of our earliest members - Mrs. Lois Crosby #44. It will be remembered that Frank Crosby, her husband, passed away on July 1st, 1958. Frank and Lois were "partners" with their Perfin Collection, and spent many happy hours together sorting, classifying, and mounting it. When Frank died, Lois wrote to me that she intended to dispose of all her duplicates, but that she planned to continue the collection alone. Because of the heavy demands on her time during Frank's illness, she was forced to resign from the Vice-Presidency of the Perfins Club last year, but she continued her active interest in Perfins after she moved from Montana to the home of her daughter in Indianapolis. Unhappily, death has changed her plans, and she was taken from us on July 10, 1959

The September Bulletin carried a brief mention of the death of Mr. N.R. Hoover (#360), and we now have more details. Hoover was in an automobile accident last Memorial Day and suffered 5 broken ribs, one of which punctured his lung. Although the physical injuries healed, the shock at his age proved too much for him. His daughter was able to move him from the Abington Hospital (near Philadelphia) to her home in Larchmont, New York, where she was able to care for him better. Progress was being made, but unfortunately pneumonia set in and he passed away on August 10th.

I know that all members of our Club join with me in extending our sympathy to the loved ones these two members leave behind.

### FOREIGNERS

For those members who are interested in Perfins from any foreign countries, your secretary recommends the firm of: Bacon & Fielding, 475 Country Club Drive, SAN FRANCISCO, 27, California. This firm will send you almost any country and you pick what Perfins you want at 2¢ each, returning any unwanted ones. Our personal dealing with this firm has been very pleasant, and we recommend them to you. Please mention your Club if you contact them.

### MOUNTING PERFINS

Fall is here, and with it comes the season for Stamp Shows and Exhibitions! Are you finally going to make and enter an Exhibit? Why not? It is easier than you think. Really the hardest part is to get started. Once this is accomplished your interest will be awakened and will supply the needed momentum to carry you to the finish.

Perfin Exhibits anywhere, from an exhibit in the small local stamp show, to the largest philatelic exhibition, are persuasive silent salesmen for your chosen hobby. Whether they be beginning, general, or specialized showings, such exhibits familiarize general collectors and dealers with Perfins. They acquaint them with this fascinating, economical field of philately, and in many cases interest them enough to start a collection of their own. Every Perfin collector should exhibit at his local show and elsewhere, for he is not only identifying and individualizing himself in the eyes of his fellow collectors, but is also helping Perfin collectors everywhere by introducing their hobby. Perfin collecting needs advertising, and your entry may be just the answer to a collector who is searching for a new and economical philatelic interest.

This month we present an article written by Bob Pritchard, (#298), who has probably won more awards for his entries than any other Perfin Club member. He knows how to win, and he knows how to write about it. We hope his article will encourage members to try their luck. It takes a little time and patience, but the results are well worth the time and effort - and it will help your Club! Bob is an "old-timer" at the art of exhibiting. His entries have won awards at the large Chicago Philatelic Society Exhibit, and at federation exhibits in Illinois, Michigan, Florida, etc. Yours could do the same!

Next month's Bulletin will have another article by Bob. This will be for those who are unable to mount in the manner the current article describes, because their collection is specialized. It should answer a few questions.

### ADVERTISEMENT

Due to failing eyesight, one of our members is forced to dispose of his Perfin collection, and offers the following:

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| Lot #1. 1700 mixed U.S. Duplicates, off paper.   | \$5.00 |
| Lot #2. 143, all different railroads. Mounted on heavy black paper, punched for 3-ring binder. | 2.00   |
| Lot #3. 1081 Perfins - A to Z. All different, except no railroads. Mounted as above.           | 9.00   |
| Lot #4. Block of 30 stamps, \$5.00 Coolidge. Perfed "WIS". (State of Wisc.) In crystal mount.  | 2.00   |

Suggested prices are at the right, and do not include the postage. If interested, send money (or bid) to: Mr. A.A. Barnet, 2442 N.E. 36th Avenue, PORTLAND, 12, Oregon.

### COMING EXHIBITS

On October 23, 24, and 25<sup>th</sup>, the Association of South Jersey Stamp Clubs will hold their annual "SOJEX" at Hotel Jefferson, Atlantic City, N.J. The exhibit will be in conjunction with THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC CONGRESS, (in which your Club has just taken a membership), and The Germany Philatelic Society, and the Postal History Society of the Americas. The exhibition is open to all collectors of philatelic material and membership in any of the sponsoring groups is not a requirement of participation. Your President and also your Secy-Treas are both planning to enter Perfin Exhibits and you may get details from either of them if you too would like to plan an entry. Incidentally, we both plan to attend on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, in order to participate in the meetings of the American Philatelic Congress, and we cordially invite any Perfin members to meet us there on either of these days. We will both be registered at the hotel overnight (24<sup>th</sup>), so you should be able to catch up with us without difficulty. (That's for sure - because our wives will be with us to see that we spend our time at the Exhibit, and not on the famous Atlantic City boardwalk!)

Members of the Club who collect Precancelled Perfins are urged to contact Al Findlay (#248), 190 Decker Avenue, Staten Island, 2, N.Y. Al is trying to get all Precan-Perf fans together for mutual exchange benefits. He has already rounded up Dr. Berest, George Fluck, Al Mueller, and Glenn Goodrich, (all members) and they are enjoying monthly "swapping" meetings. Get in touch with him, if Precans are your "meat" - remember swapping can be done by mail as well as in person. Al also has ideas of a get-together during the coming sessions of the ASDA which will be held in New York City during November. More on this later!

### UNIQUE ??

Your Secy-Treas has a copy of 1¢ Postage Due, with the perforated initials AC/LO, listed as "A-78" in our latest catalog sheets. Does any other member have ANY postage due with perforated initials? We also have a Schernack Coil with perforated initials, BA/&Co - which is listed in catalog as "B-29". Does any member have a Schernack with ANY perforated initials? (Schernacks with the usual square pattern of holes don't count!) We have never seen any other copies of these two Perfins, and are taking this method to try to find out if any other copies are in existence. If nobody replies, I am going to claim my copies are the only ones in captivity and then sell them for a fortune and retire!

### RECAPITULATION

This October 1959 Bulletin contains 4 pages of general interest, and A-14, 15, 16, - the final pages of the new "A" listings. In deference to our many collectors of foreign Perfins, we are also including the first 3 pages of a treatise on New Zealand Perfins. This makes a total of 10 pages for the Bulletin. The remaining pages of the New Zealand treatise will be in the November Bulletin.

## IDEAS ON MOUNTING PERFIN STAMPS FOR EXHIBIT

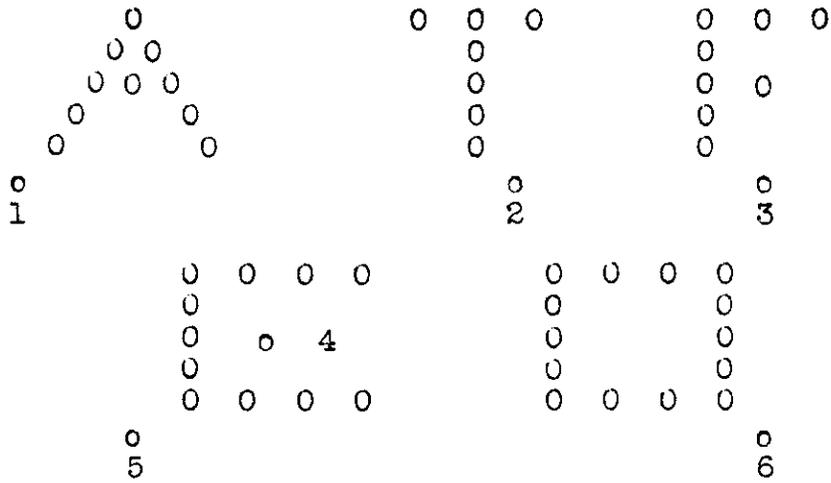
by Bob Pritchard

Every Perfin collector has some Perfins, so then the first step is "How" and "What". Using my own prize-winning one-frame exhibit as an example of one idea regarding this "How", the question was answered by using the attractive Perfin pages printed by the Peerless Album Company, Box 841, AURORA, Illinois. The regular issue Perfin pages have neat black mounting spaces, and these presented my Perfin "subject-idea" very effectively. This answers one way of "How" to Mount for any exhibit, and the next step is "What" to mount.

When choosing "What" to mount, a collector should choose a theme, topic, or subject, which will make his exhibit a total thought or entity. Here the collector's choice is his own, and is limited only by his own imagination, ingenuity, and interest. My own one-frame Perfin exhibit had the theme of introducing Perfins to all collectors, and is titled: "What is a Perfin?". The title page is placed in the center of the frame and has a large drawing of a perfin and explains below all about Perfins -- how they are collected, history, etc. The center page is surrounded by eight other pages, each exhibiting in a simple manner how Perfins are collected. One page has Perfins of the Government; another has Perfins of insurance companies; another educational institutions; so the entire theme is kept in a simple manner showing the different users of Perfins, so as to present the story effectively to non-collectors of Perfins. The different "office Perfins" were not included in this single frame, as it was not the purpose to present the specialization of this field of collecting and possibly confuse and deter a beginner.

A second frame of Perfins is being added to this single frame, and the new Peerless Album Company's cancellation pages with the larger black mounting spaces (adoptable for mounting stamps of Famous American and commemorative sizes), are used to mount pages of Canadian, British and other foreign Perfins. The same company's all-purpose pages were used for mounting blocks, covers, or large pieces, as this second frame was added just to show the additional forms of Perfin collecting. When using the blank all-purpose pages, it is best to mount the Perfins on black mats, which you cut from thin paper for that purpose, and affix to the sheet with rubber cement. They cause the Perfin "holes" to show to effective advantage. With the addition of the second frame, one can show more and more fields of Perfin collecting and adequately evidence the interesting variety contained in this field of stamp collecting. A general or specialized foreign collector will visualize an interesting sideline in his field of collecting when he views the intriguing display of foreign Perfins.

The entire presentation was simply and effectively produced so as not to confuse the general collector, but to interest and familiarize him with our interest and varied fields of activity. The general theme "What is a Perfin?" undertook to show the stamp collecting public our field in a simple explanation and presentation. Thus, "What" to mount, or the subject, can be anything in the collector interest. It might be railroad Perfins, Perfins with designs, banks, insurance companies, or whatever choice he may make. However, whatever method that is chosen for mounting the exhibit will be a big assist to Perfin collecting in general.



	ATF/CO Extra Holes at	American Type Founders Location	BRANCHES
1	None	JerseyCity NJ	
2	1	Boston, Mass.	
3	1, 2	Buffalo, N.Y.	
4	1, 2, 3		
5	1, 3	NewYork N.Y.	
6	1, 4	Cincinnati, O	
7	1, 5	Cleveland O	
8	1, 6	Pittsburg Pa	
9	2	Philadelphia, Pa	
10	2, 3	Minneapolis Minn	
11	2, 4	StLouis Mo	
12	2, 5	Detroit, Mich.	
13	2, 6	KansasCity Mo.	
14	3	NewYork NY	
15	3, 4	SanFrancisco, Calif	
16	3, 5	Portland, Ore.	
17	4	StLouis Mo	
18	4- 6	LosAngeles, Calif	
19	5	Baltimore Md.	
20	6	Pittsburg Pa	

## PART II.

## Probable identification of Perfins starting with the letter "A".

Identification	Location.
6 Howard T Manion	Auburn NY
9 Armstrong Paint & Varnish Co.,	Chicago, Ill
11 E. C. Atkins & Co.,	Indianapolis Ind.
16 Ann Agricultural Chemical Co.,	Baltimore Md.
19 Arthur E. Evarts Co.,	Dallas , Texas.
20 A. H. Houseman & Co.,	NewYork, NY.
24 Ann. Asbestos Products Co.,	?
26 Ann. Asphalt & Rubbar: Co.	Chicago Ill
32 American Bonding Co.,	Baltimore, Md.
37 American Book Co.,	Cincinnati, O
38 American Book Co.,	Chicago, Ill
39 American Bridge Co.,	Pencoyd, Panna.
42 A. B. Dick & Co.,	Chicago, Ill
43 American Board of Trade	NewYork NY.
45 A. B. Kirgchbaum & Co.,	Philadelphia, Pa.
50 American Board of Shipping	NewYork, NY.
53 Amory Brown & Co.,	NewYork NY.
56 American Contractor Co.,	Chicago, Ill
59 A. C. Becken Co.,	Chicago, Ill.
60 Anglo-Calif. Natl. Bank Ltd	SanFrancisco, Calif.
61 Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.,	NewYork, NY.
65 Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co.,	Milwaukee, Wis.
66 Ann. Chain & Cable Co.,	Bridgeport, Conn
67 Anderson, Clayton & Co.,	Houston, Texas.
69 Ann Car & Foundry Co.,	StLouis, Mo.
73 Atlanta Clearing House	Atlanta, Ga.
77 Atlantic Coast Line RR	System.
79 American Clay Mfg. Co.,	NewYork, NY.
81 Ann. College Mechanical Therapy	Chicago, Ill.
83 Armour Grain Co.,	Chicago, Ill
91 Aluminum Cookling Utensil Co.,	EastStLouis, Ill
92 Anderson, Clayton & Co.,	Houston, Texas.
93 Publishers Advertising Service	KansasCity Mo.
96 American Exporter Co.,	NewYork, NY.
99 advertisers Electrotpe Corpn	NewYork NY
104 A. E. Nettleton	Syracuse, NY.
107 Americab Export National Bank	NewYork NY
108 American Transit Assn.,	NewYork NY
Formerly Ann. Electric Rwy Assn.	
109 Aetna Life Ing. Co.,	Hartford, Conn.
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109 American Express Co.,	Boston, Mass.
114 Ames Furnace Co.,	Buffalo, NY.
117 American Felt Co.,	Boston, Mass.
119 Apparel Arts	Chicago, Ill..
135 A. G. Schwab & Sons	Cincinnati, O
141 Acme Harvest Machine Co.,	Peoria, Ill
152 American Ice Co.,	Washington, DC.
156 Ann International Shipbuilding Cor,	Hog Island, Pa.
158 A. J. Deer Co., Inc.,	Cornell, NY

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166	American Lithograph Co.,	New York NY
170	Atlantic Life. Ins. Co.,	St Louis, Mo.
177	A. M. Byers Co.,	Philadelphia Pa.
179	Acker, Merrill & Condit Co.,	New York, NY.
1807	Austin Mfg Co.,	Chicago, Ill
182	Athol Mfg. Co.,	Athol, Mass.
184	Askin & Marine Co.,	Rochester, NY.
189	Arthur M. Rosenberg Co.,	?
193	Atlantic National Bank.,	Boston, Mass.
209	American Perforator Co.,	Chicago, Ill
222	American Railway Assn.,	Washington DC.
223	American Radiator Co.,	?
235	American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corpn	Los Angeles, Calif.
238	Askins	Utica, NY.
257	Associated Sunday Magazine	New York NY
261	Rosenthals	New York NY
264	A. Steinhardt & Bro.,	New York NY
273	Associated Telegraph Utilities	Madison, Wis.
276	American Wholesale Corpn .,	Baltimore, Md.
277	American Wholesale Corpn.,	Baltimore, Md.
281	American Writing Paper Co.,	Holyoke, Mass.
286	Axtell Co.,	Ft Worth, Texas
288	Aspergren & Co.,	New York NY
291	Alas & Deepke	Cincinnati O
299	Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.,	New York NY
306	Adams & Westlake Co.,	Chicago, Ill

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## FOREWORD.

From time to time philatelists will find New Zealand postage stamps perforated with initials, but this security system has been almost completely replaced in New Zealand by the automatic franking machines or meters or meters which, while indicating payment of postage charges and having security from misuse, have added attraction in ease of handling and accounting.

New Zealand appears to have noticed the perforated stamps of Great Britain and interested business firms evidently brought these to the attention of the New Zealand Post & Telegraph Department. The following paragraph appeared in the Annual report of the Postmaster-General for the year ended 31 March 1883 (dated 24 June 1883):

"To prevent the purloining of postage stamps by employees in large establishments it has been decided that the stamps may be perforated with the initials of firms, etc., so as to render the improper sale of such stamps a matter of difficulty. The perforation, with initials, of the stamps on postcards and newspaper wrappers is also allowed."

This system was soon adopted by the larger firms in New Zealand and the peak in usage was reached in the 1900s. However, in the 1900s New Zealand was experimenting with locally invented postage franking machines or meters. Their introduction on an ever increasing scale throughout New Zealand soon reduced the usage of perfins.

A few firms have continued to perforate their stocks of stamps into the 1940s but today only one firm is actively engaged with this system - the firm, unfortunately, has not been identified. These firms, while they used postage meters as well, issued stamps to travellers and agents; perfins provided a useful check on the stamp usage by such employees.

Relevant instructions and information has appeared in the New Zealand Post Office Guides since 1883 and last appeared in the 1948 edition, being excluded from later editions as so little use was being made of the system.

The Post Office Guide, 1948, page 66, paragraph 7, reads:

"7. To prevent the purloining of postage stamps by persons in large establishments the stamps may be perforated with the initials of firms, & Co's, so as to render the improper sale of such stamps a matter of difficulty. The perforation with initials of stamps on postcards and wrappers is also allowed. Permission for any such perforation must first be obtained from the Postmaster-General."

The phraseology of this paragraph has remained virtually unaltered over the sixty-five years since it first appeared. The reference to post cards and newspaper wrappers refers to post cards and wrappers issued by the Post Office with either embossed or printed stamps - no items of this type have been recorded by New Zealand philatelists.

While many overseas countries have permitted their stamps to be perforated with designs, such as a cock from France, the perfins of New Zealand have been restricted to plain initials, though one perfin was contrived as a plain monogram.

No perforating machines or punches for perforating postage stamps with perfins have been patented in New Zealand and it seems that nearly all the machines used were obtained from overseas, probably from Australia or Great Britain.

Though British perforating machines are capable of punching an entire sheet of 240 small size or normal sized stamps in one operation, most of those machines in New Zealand appear to have had only one die and could punch only one stamp at a time, though, of course, several sheets could be run through at the same time.

To reduce the labour of perforating stamps - strips of stamps were folded over and run through, thus producing "mirror pairs." It is also possible to find New Zealand stamps with double or triple perfins, pairs with one stamp unperforated, and also a pair with the perfin in one stamp punched from the foot, and the other from the side.

Thus it is possible to find New Zealand perfins punched from all four sides, and on both the face and the back. As there are so few perfins of New Zealand to be found, New Zealand collectors have classified all known positions on each recorded stamp under each perfin. A complete copy of this work showing these details is held by the Perfins Club.

As perfins have been in use in New Zealand from 1883 to date all postage stamps, excluding officials, Life Insurance, and some commemoratives, can be expected to be found with perfins. All values from  $\frac{1}{2}$ d upwards can be found with perfins but the most commonest value in all issues is the 1d.

Those postage stamp issues in which perfins are commonly found are:

1882 Queen Victoria definitive issue, commonly called "Second sideface issue." Scott No's: 61 - 67

1898 Pictorial issue, commonly known as "First Pictorials." The 1d Universal is associated with this issue and both recess and surface printed stamps are found with perfins. Scott No's: 70 - 82 .(Universal) 99

1909 King Edward VII definitive issue. Associating the 1d Dominion with this issue we find the 1d the most common stamp with perfins. Scott No's: 132 - 139. (Dominion) 131

1915 King George V definitive issue. Scott No's: 145 - 159

1920 Victory Commemorative issue. Scott NO's: 165 - 170

1926 King George V issue. 1d "Field Marshall" is found with perfins. Scott No's: 184

1935 Pictorial issue, commonly known as "second pictorials" - Scott No's: 185 - 198

In the above issues no attempt has been made to distinguish between the various stamps with different papers, perforations, and watermarks.

In the following all perfins authorized from 1904 to date are listed as well as all perfins known used prior to 1904. It is possible that other perfins exist, having been used for a short time between 1883 - 1904, and so far unknown to New Zealand collectors.

6472 6999

This perfin consists of a four-figure number that appears to change from stamp to stamp, after the fashion of increasing numbers on a numbering machine. Only three examples of this perfin are in the hands of collectors and to date it has not been possible to identify the user. However, it is thought the user is a motion-picture distributor with headquarters in Wellington, issuing the stamps to film hirers on prepaying postage when returning films. The only stamps found with this perfin so far are Queen Elizabeth issues with late postal cancellations, thus it seems the perfin is still in use.

A . C  
& S

Alex. Cowan & Sons (New Zealand) Limited, Auckland. Papermakers and stationers. This perfin is found on stamps of 1882 Queen Victoria and 1898 Pictorial issues, the extreme range of known dates of postmarks being 1889 - 1901.

A.W.F.

Australian Widows Fund Life Assurance Society Limited, Wellington. Insurance brokers. This firm, which is no longer in existence, was authorized to use perfins from 1 May 1900, and the authority remained in force until 1923. However, it appears that the perfin went out of use in 1900s for only the 1882 and 1898 issues have been found with it.

B.E.  
G.C.

British General Electric Company Limited, Wellington, Manufacturer and distributor of electrical appliances. This perfin was introduced about 1914 and authority for its use remained in force until about 1919.

B.N.Z.

Bank of New Zealand Limited, London, Great Britain. Bankers. This perfin, as well as others later, is included on account of its association with New Zealand. Is only found on stamps of Great Britain. The London offices of the bank were established in 1890 and it appears that a perfin was introduced shortly afterwards. The perforating machine was held by Messers William Brown & Co., stationers to the bank, who perforated supplies of stamps as required. The perfin was replaced by a meter in the 1920s.

C & G

PITCAITHLY WALLACE & COMPANY, Christchurch. It is not known what business this firm carried on, or where the initials C & G were taken from. The perfin was in use by 1889 and authority for its use remained in effect until between 1919 and 1923, however, it seems to have gone out of use in the 1900s for 1898 issue are the latest stamps known with this perfin.

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### MEMO FROM THE SECRETARY

This month concludes the notes on New Zealand. Our thanks to Mr. R. M. Startup, P.O. Box #275, MASTERTON, New Zealand, who is the author, and who although not a member of our Club contributed his services. Also, particularly warm thanks to member Robert B. Potter, who cut the stencils and printed the entire manuscript. Such timely help is greatly appreciated by your Secretary - and remember, Bob lives over 3,000 miles west of me!

For the second consecutive month we have NO new members. Ten members will be reminded to pay their dues; three members will receive their "2nd Request"; SIX members will be notified that this is the last Bulletin they will receive unless dues are paid. Finally, five members will be dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues.

This is definitely NOT a healthy situation, and certainly one which cannot continue long. We are trying our best to produce a big and interesting Bulletin, but interest must be lagging, otherwise our membership would be increasing - not DEcreasing! Your President and your Secretary are taking days from their annual vacation for the express purpose of representing the Perfins Club at the Atlantic City meeting of the American Philatelic Congress. Travel from Cleveland (or even Wayne) to Atlantic City, plus hotel bills is expensive, but we are willing to contribute time and money to help advertise Perfins. But, a full page notice in the August Bulletin, explaining in detail the aim and purposes of the Congress, and begging members to please write to Jim Lambert their comments, views, and suggestions, brought an absolute minimum of response. Nobody but NOBODY, had enough interest to take a few minutes to at least show some interest! This is YOUR Club, and this is YOUR Bulletin! Both are just as good as YOU help us make them. If the Bulletin doesn't please you, tell us what you want in it, and we will try to arrange accordingly. It only costs a few minutes plus 4¢ to write - Jim would be much encouraged to hear from you. How about dropping him a line?? (Address at top of this page.)

This November issue contains 3 pages of general interest; 2 full page ads by Vic Van Lint; and the 6 concluding pages on the New Zealand Perfins. Next issue will feature new sheets for letter "I".

## IDEAS ON MOUNTING PERFIN STAMPS FOR EXHIBIT

Part II by Bob Pritchard

If a Perfin Collector does not care to use printed Perfin pages because his collection is too specialized to conform to the mounting spaces, or if he has ample time, creative and artistic ability, to enable him to design his own pages, he can really achieve the utmost in novelty, originality, and presentation.

The collector must first choose the topic, subject, or theme of his exhibit, so that the entry will present ONE idea, ONE subject, or ONE theme, as a total entity. Depending on his whim, any color of background page may be used, but care must be taken to use different color mounting mats which will harmonize with the background. Colored mat paper, or white 20 or 24-pound ledger paper, can be found in most art or stationery stores. Sometimes it is necessary to buy it in large sheets, but the store will usually cut them to album page size for you. (8½" x 11" overall is a good standard size to use.)

After securing the page paper and the blending mat paper, the next step is to cut the small mats. These are cut a trifle larger than the stamps which they are to contain. Black mats are most often used, but any dark color which will aid in making the perforated holes easier to see may be used. Care must be taken to cut the mats with perfectly square corners, and a blade cutter gives the best uniformity and accuracy of cuts.

Now that the mats have been prepared and the stamps mounted on the mats, the next step is to lay out the page. This layout can be changed in any manner depending on whether accent is to be given a single, group, or set of stamps, covers, or blocks, etc., on an individual page. (To guard against monotony, vary your arrangement from page to page.) Space is at a premium on a page, so for a large grouping of stamps it is best to just arrange the small mats in an adequate, appealing design - then hinge or rubber cement them in place. Just keep shifting the mats around until an appropriate or striking layout is hit upon. Then the mat positions may be indicated with lightly drawn pencil marks and the lettering or typing done prior to the cementing of the mats.

The layout for just a few stamps, blocks, or covers, on a page can be attractively filled out by featuring stencil boxes about each item on the page. Use an ink the same color as the mat. The box arrangement can be easily done by cutting a cardboard template just larger (on each side) than the mat to be mounted. Then, after arranging all the mats or covers on the page, place the cardboard template in the places where wanted and draw the frames. After the frames are drawn in with light pencil, they may be inked with a ruling pen or a KOH-IN-NOOR Rapidograph Pen. Next, mount the mats and stamps, add small, colored, gummed, directional arrows if wished, and you will have a colorful display.

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D. Benjamin & Company, Dunedin. From dated copies of stamps from both letters and receipts it appears that this perfin was introduced 1897 - 1898. Authority for its use was terminated between 1919 and 1923 but it seems to have gone out of use in the 1900s.

D.I.C

The Drapery & General Importing Company of New Zealand Limited, Wellington. Drapers and warehouseman. Commonly known as "D.I.C." The Wellington offices of this firm were established in 1890 and it appears that the perfin was introduced about that time. The perfin was out of use by 1904.

E W M  
W

E.W. Mills & Company Limited, Wellington. Hardware and Steel Merchants. Authority to use a perfin was granted from 1 May 1903 and terminated about 1927 - 1930. The firm was merged with another in 1932 to form Briscoe, E. W. Mills & Co., Ltd, and the single die machine is still in existence at the firms head office.

F.B.  
Ld.

Friedlander Brothers Limited, Ashburton. This firm was authorized to use perfins from 1 May 1901, this authority being withdrawn between 1919 and 1923. However, it appears that the perfin went out of use later in the 1900s.

G.A.C.

Guardian Assurance Company Limited, Wellington. Insurance brokers. Authority for a perfin was granted from 1 July 1919 but was terminated between then and 1923. Copies of this perfin have not been recorded by collectors to date.

G N B  
Ld.

Great Northern Breweries Limited, Auckland. Brewers. Authority for a perfin was granted from 1 September 1901 but was terminated between 1919 and 1923. However, it appears that the perfin went out of use in the late 1900s.

IB

Henry Berry & Company, Limited, Christchurch. General merchants. This firm was authorized to use a perfin about 1912 but this permission was terminated between 1919 and 1923. It is thought that the perfin went out of use in the late 1910s.

H M C  
&  
Co

H.M. Chishold & Company Limited, Auckland. Authority for a perfin was granted from 1 October 1904 and was terminated between 1919 and 1923. It appears that the perfin went out of use about the late 1900s.

## K

Kodak (Australasia) Proprietary Limited, Wellington. Distributors of photographic supplies. This firm was authorized to use a perfin about 1922 and, to enable this to be done, a single die machine was obtained from the Australian head office. This perfin is unusual for New Zealand with its large size and large holes. It went out of use about 1924 when a postage meter was installed. Authority for its use terminated between 1927 and 1930.

## M

## G

## M

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (New Zealand) Limited, Wellington. Motion picture distributors, commonly known as MGM. Authority to use a perfin on parcels only was granted from August 1929, and ended between 1945 and 1948. The original authority showed the approved insignia as "MG", "MGM" being shown only from 1932, however it appears that MGM was used throughout. The perfin is found mainly on higher value stamps (highest value recorded 5s) but can also be found on low value stamps.

## M L S

Macky Logan Steen & Co., Limited, Auckland. Authority for this perfin had been granted prior to 1904, and was terminated between 1919 and 1923. Copies have not been recorded by collectors but it is thought that it was used in the 1890s - 1900s only.

## N

Chrystall & Company, Christchurch. It is not known why the insignia "I" was chosen by this firm. Authority for its usage was granted late in 1904 and was terminated between 1919 and 1925. However it was probable used only in the 1900s.

## N Z

Office of High Commissioner for New Zealand in United Kingdom, London, Great Britain. The offices of the New Zealand's Government representative in London. Official mails normally bear franchise stamps but those to addresses in Great Britain are prepaid with British postage stamps bearing perfins. It appears that perfins were used from about the 1910s until 1955 when a postage meter was introduced.

## N.Z.F

New Zealand Farmers Co-operative Association of Canterbury Limited, Christchurch. Agricultural and general merchants, stock and station agents. Commonly called New Zealand Farmers. From evidence of postmarked copies this perfin was used from the late 1890s until about 1902, being replaced by a postage meter about 1906.

## N.Z.

## I C

New Zealand Insurance Company Limited - various places. Insurance brokers.

New Zealand: This perfin was not included in the complete list of authorized perfins in 1904 or later, but it appears to have been used in the 1880s - 1890s on stamps used for fiscal purposes.

New Zealand  
(Con't)

So far stamps with this perfin postally used have not been recorded

Australia:

A single die machine was used at Brisbane, Queensland, from late 1890s until early 1920s, and is still in existence at that office though no longer used. It is possible that perfins were used at other Australian offices but if so have not been recorded by collectors.

India:

A single die machine was used at the Calcutta branch from about the 1910s until 5 January 1950 when a postage meter was installed.

It should be noted that the above three recorded perfins are not identical but differ in size, shape, and so on.

N.Z.L.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company Limited, London, Great Britain. Stock and station agents. This firm was founded in 1865 with headquarters in London and branches throughout New Zealand. Perfins were in use in London by the 1890s until about the 1920s. Unfortunately details are no longer available as records were lost by enemy action during World War II.

P.N.T

Famous Lasky Film Service (New Zealand) Limited, Wellington. Film distributors, no longer in existence. Perfins were authorized to be used from 1 September 1924 but authority had been terminated by September 1925. No copies of this perfin have been recorded by collectors and it is not clear whether perfins were actually used. It is not known why the insignia "P.N.T" was chosen.

R.G  
N

Ross and Glendining Limited, Napier. Worsted and woollen mills. Authority for a perfin was granted from 1 November 1906 and terminated between 1925 - 1927. The perforating machine was destroyed when the Napier offices were severely damaged in the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake.

R.G.  
W

Ross and Glendining Limited, Wanganui. Branch of the above firm. See also following perfin. Authority was granted for this perfin about 1924 and terminated between 1932 and 1933. There was probably some point of difference between this and the following perfin but examples of this perfin have not so far been recorded.

R.G.  
W

Ross and Glendining Limited, Wellington. Branch of above firm. This branch had been established in 1888 but authority for a perfin was not granted until 1 June 1904, this authority remained in force until terminated between 1932 and 1933, when a postage meter was installed.

R I  
C o  
L d

Royal Insurance Company Limited - various offices. Insurance brokers. This firm has used perfins at four places in New Zealand between 1911 and 1952 but all perfins are identical, secret or identifying marks not being employed. The machines used were obtained from the firm's offices in Great Britain.

Auckland: Authorized from 1 June 1912 and used until 1938 when replaced by a postage meter, then used on fiscal stamps in the Marine Branch until 1952.

Dunedin: Authorized from 1 August 1928 and used until about 1938 when replaced by a postage meter.

Invercargill: Authorized from April 1939 and in February 1948 was the only perfin in use in New Zealand. Replaced by a postage meter about the early 1950s.

Wellington: Authorized from 1 October 1911 and used until about 1944 - 1945 when replaced by a postage meter. When this perfin was received from Great Britain it was handed over to the firm's stationer, Geo. Jeffery & Company of 252 Lambton Quay, who perforated and supplied stamps as required. From the 1930s until replaced, perforating was carried out in the firm's office.

S  
& C o  
Ltd

User unknown. This perfin was used in Auckland during the late 1890s and early 1900s.

S & S

Smith & Smith Limited, Dunedin. Paint, oil color and hardware merchants. Authority was granted for this perfin from 1 June 1901 and terminated between 1919 and 1923. The perfin was actually used to about 1909 when replaced by a postage meter.

S & S  
W

Smith & Smith Limited, Wellington, Branch Office of Dunedin firm. This perfin was authorized in 1903, and authority terminated between 1919 and 1923. It appears to have been used only in the 1900s.

S.S.E.

Sargood, Son & Ewen, Dunedin. Warehousemen and merchants. This perfin is known used from 1894 to 1898 and was out of use by 1904.

T & G

Turners and Growers Limited, Auckland. Market Garden merchants. This perfin was authorized for use from 16 April 1931 but authority was withdrawn by August 1932. It is not clear whether the perfin was actually used, no copies have been recorded by collectors.

U S S Co

Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand Limited. Shipping company with coastal and overseas service. This perfin was authorized for use at Dunedin, then the head office, in 1907. The head office was later moved north to Wellington and between 1919 - 1923 the place of use of the perfin also changed in the authority to Wellington. Authority was terminated between 1927 and 1930 when a postage meter was introduced. This machine perforated stamps in blocks of eight, two horizontal rows of four dies.

V O C o or V O  
C o

Vacum Oil Company, later Vacuum Oil Company Proprietary Limited, now Standard-Vacuum Oil Company (New Zealand) Limited. Manufacturers and distributors of oil products.

This VOCO perfin, frankly, is the most difficult of all New Zealand perfins to sort out. There were two types of perfins and these were used at sixteen different offices over the years, it also appears that secret marks were used to distinguish between the various machines but, on the other hand, some machines appear identical with others. The second type of perfin was the first to be widely used in New Zealand but later the third type was introduced and used concurrently, offices using the second type later converted to the third type. It will require many years of research and recording of copies yet before the introduction and movement of machines between places of use can be satisfactorily worked out.

The so called secret marks seem to be holes missing from the various letters, those are constant. Another type has an additional hole above the "C", but here again information is lacking on introduction and usage.

The first type introduced was V O Co in one line authorized for use from 1 February 1902 at Auckland, Dunedin, Invercargill, and Wellington. This type was superseded by the second in 1913, this being V O / Co in two lines. The third type VOCO in one line was first introduced in 1924. All perfins then in use were withdrawn in 1946.

The offices where these perfins were used, and types known from there, are:

Auckland	1st	2nd	
Christchurch	1st	2nd	3rd
Dannevirke			3rd
Dunedin	1st	2nd	
Gisborne		2nd	3rd
Greymouth			3rd
Hamilton		2nd	
Hawera			3rd
Invercargill	1st	2nd	
Napier		2nd	
New Plymouth		2nd	
Port Ahuriri			3rd
Rotorua		2nd	
Timaru		2nd	3rd
Wanganui		2nd	3rd
Wellington	1st	2nd	3rd

W.T

Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, Christchurch. Stationers and book sellers. Introduced in the 1890s and remained in use until about 1908 to 1913.

Type a: Perfin 7 mm in height, W.T, known used from 1891 to 1908

b: Perfin 5 mm in height, W T., known used from 1897 to 1900

c: Perfin 5 mm in height, W.T., known used from 1889(?) to 1909

W & T

Ld

Whitcombe & Tombs Ltd, as above. This firm was authorized to use this type of perfin from 1 July 1902 at Christchurch, Dunedin, and Wellington, and appears to have been withdrawn from use about 1907 - 1908. The only copies so far recorded have all been Wellington cancellations.

W & T

W

Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, as above. This perfin replaced the above W & T / Ld about 1907 - 1908, and remained in use until about 1935 - 1936. A postage meter was installed in August 1940. This is the most common perfin, after VCoCo/



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INTERESTING, (But not Important)

This issue of your Bulletin will be mailed to 189 members who live in 32 different states - plus 13 others who reside in 7 different foreign countries. In the past few months, we have not grown very much - in membership - but are just about holding our own. One thing that has grown is the costs of production. It costs your Club just about 10¢ for each Bulletin that drops in your mailbox, and with the annual dues at \$1.50, there is very little left for other expenses. Either we MUST get a fair number of new members to share the costs, or else we will be forced to increase the dues to \$2.00 per year. Any member who has ideas on this subject is invited to write to the Secretary. Are there any members who would strenuously object to this small increase? We would like comments - on both sides of the subject, before any action is taken.

OFFICIAL GOINGS-ON

On Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, our genial president, Jim Lambert, and his wife, joined forces with your Secretary-Treasurer and his wife, and travelled together to Atlantic City, N.J., where the SOJEX-1959 was being held. The purpose of the trip was two-fold - to represent the Perfins Club at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Congress, and to attend and compete in the South Jersey Stamp Exhibition.

The exhibit was a large one - over 300 frames in competition with entries from about 20 states and two foreign countries. The two entries of Perfins by Jim and myself were the only entries dedicated entirely to Perfins, although we did see an occasional Perfin in other entries. (Example: "Specimen" Perfins in the Grand Award Winner which featured Newfoundland stamps.) Once again it was demonstrated that a Perfin exhibit can catch the judge's eye, because the two Perfin

entries each won a award. Jim's beautiful 32-page entry won a third award and was given a fine bronze medal, in the Postal History division while your Secretary's one-frame, 16-page entry in the Miscellaneous Class carried off a 2nd award - a sterling silver medal.

Had there been three Perfin exhibits, there might have been three Perfin award winners - and the 3rd one might have gone to YOU! Why don't you try sometime? It's really easy- once you get started, Bob Pritchard has told you how to go about it - follow his instructions, add an idea or two of your own, and you've got it. My entry is returning from Florida, but we have had it photostated, so if you want to see it close up, write in and ask for it. We will mail it to you and you can examine it at your leisure. (Postage only about 25¢) In other words, Bob Pritchard has told you, and Dave Stump will show you, so the rest is your part. Start now while the field is not crowded, and you stand an excellent chance of winning an award yourself.

At the SOJEX, it was our pleasure to meet several Perfin Club members - George Fluck, #390, showed us some of his pre-1920 Perfin-Precancels, and Henry Gingrich, #216, was also on hand looking over the various exhibits.

Sunday morning was spent at the meeting of the Philatelic Congress. It would take too much room to detail the various subjects discussed, but a few of the topics were:

Methods to be followed to induce cooperation among specialist groups in fields of overlapping interests.

Club activities that have been found to receive good membership participation.

Ways and means of publishing a society paper economically, and with good layout.

Why editors will not reply to authors.

The annual Congress Book, a hard-bound document was shown, and a copy was received by your secretary last week. This book has fourteen articles covering many subjects - but none on Perfins. It has been made a part of the Club Library and will be loaned to any interested member.

#### OTHER SHOWS

On the weekend of November 6,7,8th, the FLOREX-1959 was held in St. Petersburg, Florida. Although we did not attend, we do know that Polly Van Dyke, #224, was there, as well as Bob Foster, #272.

The exhibition was held at the Huntington Hotel and helped celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs. The FFSC has approximately 1,000 members belonging to 22 clubs in southern Florida. Host club was the St. Petersburg Stamp Club which has 136 members. There were approximately 300 frames in the following classes:

U.S. 74 frames, 19 exhibitors.

Great Britain: 46 frames, 6 exhibitors.

Foreign: 107 frames, 9 exhibitors.

Air Mail: 12 frames, 2 exhibitors.

Specialities: 60 frames, 16 exhibitors.

Entries were judged by a point system, and gold awards were given to exhibits scoring from 90 to 100 points, silver awards to those scoring 80-89 points, and bronze for those scoring 70-79 points. This seems to be a most equitable judging system, and it is possible that two or more gold awards may be given in one division and none in another. In other words, each exhibit gets what it merits, and the various classifications is for the purpose of keeping exhibits of

similar nature together in the physical set-up of the exhibition. Of the entries in competition, some consisted of as many as 37 frames while others were as small as one frame. (Each frame held six standard size (8½"x 11") pages.) Your secretary's entry was entitled: "Perfins - what they are, who uses them, and for what purpose. A history of their origin and examples of their various uses." The entry was 12 pages, and consisted of the same entry as shown at the SOJEX, but cut down from 16 to 12 pages. Our efforts found favor in the eyes of the judges, and we won the 2nd award - a beautiful silver bowl, suitably engraved.

Exhibitions are held all over the country, and when you have finally made the step and assembled one, you can enter it at as many places as you wish. It is definitely NOT a question of doing a lot of work for a one-time showing. Your entry can travel to any place in the world where there is an exhibit, and possibly win honors for you in many states or even various foreign countries. Personally, I intend to enter my exhibit at as many shows as I can find, and while it is away, I will be trying to create new pages for it, so that I will be able to expand or shrink it to fit any occasion. Right now we know of no exhibitions being planned, but if any member knows of any, it would be appreciated if information was sent us so that we could publicize it in the Bulletin. The more times that Perfins are represented in shows, the more publicity Perfins will receive, and the better known they will become. Better get on the "band-wagon" and get your entry ready, for there will be lots of shows this winter. It took me ten years to get my exhibit ready - but only because I did not start sooner. Had I realized how easy it is to get an entry together, I would have done so many years ago. All it takes is a few album pages tastefully mounted. Most of us have our Perfins already mounted on pages, and it should not be difficult to select a few and get an interesting set of pages together.

We have devoted considerable space in this Bulletin to the two stamp shows because we want to try to stimulate enough interest among member to get them to try their luck at the various exhibitions with entries of their own. There is more to stamp collecting than just gathering in different items and hoping to have more varieties than the other fellow. It is fun to go to an exhibition and see the displays, but you will never know just how much more fun you can have until you experience the thrill of attending an exhibit and seeing your OWN stamps on view - and lingering near your frames to catch a word or so of what people say when they look at YOUR STAMPS! Nothing helps promote interest in Perfins more than having them on display where the stamp collecting fraternity can see them and learn about them. Which is just another way of making your holdings increase in value, too!!

### THE PERFINS CATALOG

Chairman of the Catalog Committee is K. F. Lougee, and his new address is: 1847-C Euclid, SANTA MONICA, California. If our very specialized branch of philately is to continue to grow, then we must have the proper tools to go with it. The main tool is our US Catalog in which we are attempting to list and identify all Perfin varieties. Mr. Lougee has just retired and moved to California, and accordingly will have more time to devote to checking catalog material. In every member's collection there are many varieties which are not listed in the catalog. This is a special plea for each member to make a list of his uncataloged varieties and send them to Mr. Lougee. If you have proof of identification, FINE, but if not, send in your listing anyway. Let's put a thousand new varieties in the catalog during 1960. It can be done if each member will do his part. Let's start with YOU !!

### OUR FEATURE ISSUE!

February 22nd, 1960, is the date on which Linn's Weekly Stamp News will feature a special PERFINs Edition. In the past years we have furnished interesting copy contributed by members, and as a result have obtained invaluable publicity which has resulted in many new members. Unfortunately, most of the articles contributed have come from the same few willing workers, and as we cannot send in any duplicate material, they are beginning to "run dry".

This is a personal invitation to each and every Perfin Club member to help. No other feature brings new members to your club in greater numbers and for as little effort as this one. Our contributed articles, in the past, have been informative and well written; that they have been enthusiastically received by Linn's is evidenced by the return invitations we receive in succeeding years.

As in the past, Keith Misegades, (#63), will act as the chairman and "clearing house" to assemble, edit, and forward to Linn's all material. The work must be typewritten, double-spaced, and on one side of the paper. They need not be "literary works of art" - if you dash off the subject matter, and necessary polishing or correction of errors will be done by Keith.

But time is of essence! All papers must be in Keith's hands by January 15<sup>th</sup>, for Linn's insist on all copy being on hand in their offices one month in advance of publication date. Please send your material to Keith Misegades, 5011 Alta Vista Road, BETHESDA, Md. This is one good way in which you can help - but get at it now!!!

### NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICERS!

Do you want to replace any of the officers?? Now's your chance! Keep it in mind. Next month your president will appoint the nominating committee, and it will be their job to select officers for the coming year. If you want to help by being an officer, send your name to Jim Lambert, our president, 20331 Wilmore Ave, CLEVELAND, 23,0. If you have someone you propose for a job, - send in his name. If you want a place on the nominating team, send in your name! Now is your chance to start a change. Don't talk about it, DO something!

### HELP WANTED!

One of our members proposes to attempt to assemble a check list of the various varieties of perforated initials found in "tax stamps" - or revenue stamps. Will you help? He'll do most of the work, but cannot possibly succeed unless most of us pitch in and help. Here's how. Most of us have these revenue stamps - both the state and federal varieties - and don't know what to do with them. Well, then, how about GIVING them to: Robert Kenneth, Box #186, WESTERLY, Rhode Island. Or, if you think they are going to be worth something - how about LENDING him some to work on? If you don't have any, you can still help. Send him a clipping from the Yellow Pages of your telephone book which lists the various brokerage houses and investment firms. Will you help? Come on, do it now, maybe we can have a lot of fun out of this! Let's try, anyway.

### RECAPITULATION

This December 1959 Perfins Bulletin, mailed to you over a week late, contains four pages of general interest; plus six pages, a complete listing, of identifications for the letter "I"; a total of ten pages in all. MERRY CHRISTMAS, and goodbye until next year!