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## Convention a Great Success!!

By Bob Szymanski (LM145)

...and they all went home happy in the knowledge that they had renewed old acquaintances, made new friends, saw a plethora of perfins unimagined in their minds, and added to their collections that special item, so long sought and finally found! At the end, which came all too quickly, each went their own way with good byes, renewed by the experience and happy knowing that all would try to meet again in one short year in Pittsburgh.

Ask anyone who attended the convention and I know that they will say if you have not experienced a Perfins Convention, you really should. Not one person I met had anything but the best to say about the lovely week spent in St. Louis with the Precancel Stamp Society and Perfins Club. Gary Hendron and his Missouri Precancel Group outdid themselves in making everyone feel right at home. Yes, they acted as Hosts, but were also travel directors, Chamber of Commerce representatives, concierges, and much more. For all this (a job extremely well done) we thank them from the bottom of our collective hearts.

The Perfins Club had 30 members sign in at the Perfins Club Table and one new collector joined. Most members brought perfin material and most all of the 100 plus Precancel Stamp Society members, especially the dealers, always remember to bring perfin material for the Perfin Club members who are

always searching for new items. Most of the dealers had some "Prepers", those of us who collect perfinned precancels (or precancelled perfins) were really in 7th Heaven!

Signing in were the following members: Bob Szymanski, Bob Schwerdt, Doug Turner, John Randall, Jim Hirstein, Bruce Brunell, John Foster, Dave Smith, Ron Whyte, T. George Gilinsky, Bill Cummings, Ed Linn, Marv Mech, Gary Hendron, Duane Spidle, Arnold Selengut, Dick Laetsch, Michael Hynes, Ted Thiessen, Charlie Adrion, Myra Walker, Gerald Roesch, Fred Sawyer, Richard Vetter, Edwin Swafford, Bob Lynch, Jackie Lloyd, Loren Neuharth, Christina Howland-Stitt and Dale Smith.

Of special interest was the 81st Annual Convention Auction. It contained two perfin lots that amazed all present with the final bids. The first was a stock book of mostly German perfins with a few French, French Colonies and Swiss and one German Colony of note - Kiautschou. With a \$300.00 estimate, this lot brought \$375.00. The second lot was a Great Britain perfin lot almost exclusively of Queen Victoria perfinned stamps, many of higher denominations and catalog value. With somewhat more than 200 stamps and an estimated value of \$400.00, this lot brought a whopping \$950.00!

### PERFINS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday July 31st

After a call to order and self introductions of all members present and several pictures by members wanting to capture the moment (or practicing with

their new digital cameras -- many flashes of light were seen); Bob Szymanski started the meeting with a brief explanation of the lack of last year's minutes.



WELCOME!!



The  
Important  
Meetings



The Club Meeting



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(they were kept by Floyd Walker) and of the lack of an up-to-date Treasurer's report (Steve Endicott has barely taken over for Bill Gersch in the recently filled Treasurer's position.) Nonetheless, the finances are stable and the Perfins Club is overall in a sound financial position.

Next on the agenda was the status of the Club Bylaws and Constitution. The results of the voting on the New Perfins Club Bylaws and Constitution were announced for the first time. The final tabulation as received and counted by our Secretary, Ken Rehfeld, is as follows: voting for approval - 116; voting to reject- 2; ballots returned with no vote indicated - 5. Therefore, we now have a new Constitution and a new set of Bylaws under which to conduct the business of our Club. Thanks to all who worked on the Bylaws and Constitution, who read them, who expressed varying opinions (all of which shall be considered by the Executive Board), and last but not least, thanks to all members who voted.

In accordance with the new Constitution, one third of the membership of the Executive Board constitutes a quorum necessary for the Annual Meeting. Likewise, there are to be three elected directors-at-large to serve on the Executive Board. These were to be formed by a combination of a nominating committee appointed by the President prior to July 1st and subsequently voted upon by the membership. As you can see, time constraints made that impossible, therefore the following three members have been appointed to serve for the remainder of 2002 and the calendar year 2003 to give time for the nominating committee to be formed and constitutional procedures followed. The appointed members are Rev. John Griswold, Ed Linn, and Doug Turner. The presence of Ed and Doug at the meeting gave the necessary three members (with one officer) necessary to have the quorum needed. Thank you to these three at large board members for accepting appointment to the Board.

The meeting progressed to a discussion of the reinstatement of Life Memberships. With thorough study of the matter and input from Bill Gersch, our former Treasurer, and Steve Endicott, our new Treasurer, it has been decided that beginning immediately, any present member or new member

may apply for and receive a life membership in the Perfins Club. The rates for Life Memberships are as follows: for anyone 54 years of age or less, an amount of 25 times the then current annual membership rate; for anyone 55 through 69 years of age, an amount of 20 times the then current annual membership rate; and, for anyone 70+ years of age, an amount of 15 times the then current annual membership rate. For any questions or to receive your life membership, please contact or send the appropriate payment to our Club Secretary (currently Ken Rehfeld).

### Hallock Card Award Given to Ed Linn

John Randall, the most recent Award recipient, with Alan Sandy and Doug Turner, formed the committee for the Hallock Card Award. This most distinguished award of the Perfins Club is given to a member who has in some way exhibited a dedication in service to the Perfins Club and perfin philately.

This year the award was presented to a speechless Ed Linn. Ed was honored for his many years of service as Club Auctioneer plus his service on a great number of committees (not the least of which was being a most prolific contributor to the review of the new By-Laws and Constitution). A soft-spoken Ed has always been one of the first to volunteer and last to seek recognition. He richly deserves this honor.

### Nominating Committee for President

As the President's term is over at the end of 2002 (how soon three years goes when you are having fun and enjoy your job!), the committee to search for a candidate for the period of 2003 through 2005 was formed this past year. Kurt Ottenheimer, our immediate Past President and Executive Board member, was appointed to chair a committee which includes Vince McDermott and Gary Hendron. In Kurt's absence, Gary Hendron reported on the Committee's work. It seems that a combination of no volunteers stepping forward and Bob Szymanski's willingness to serve a second (and final!) term had Gary give the committees recommendation. He nominated Bob Szymanski for a second term and made a motion that although he felt Bob was worth "double the salary" he now receives, he thought

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"quadrupling the salary" was a more appropriate gesture. Without pausing for a breath of air, he observed that, as a mathematician, he was certain that the membership would have no problem with this request since 2 times zero and 4 times zero were exactly the same compensation as Bob, and all others who serve, receive!

### Library

Doug Turner, our new Librarian, gave an update of the Library. He made special note of the condition of several items that were often requested and especially the binders that protected these items. Doug will replace some of the covers in the near future and the club will fund this process to protect our Library materials. Please note that care should be taken by all members who borrow from the Library both in using this material and in carefully packaging it when returning it by mail.

Lastly, a short moment of silence was held for our deceased members especially Floyd Walker and Bill Gersch (our previous Bulletin Editor and Treasurer, respectively) both of whom had given so much to our Club and who will be missed by their many friends, and all Perfin Club members.

*Meeting adjourned.*

### On to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

I hope that this gives the members a good idea of what goes on at the Convention. I'd surely like to see more than 30 next year!

Make your plans now to clear the first week in August, 2003 and I guarantee that you will not be disappointed. Head to Pittsburg. Bring your spouse! Bring your duplicates and your want lists. Bring your appetite. Bring your smile because you will use it all the time.

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## Some Followup Details

By Bob Szymanski (LM 145)

### Constitution update

It has been brought to my attention that we did not specify length of terms of office. These will all remain as three (3) year terms with:

- the President being elected in 2002 for a term to begin the following Jan 1st;
- the Treasurer being elected in 2003 for a term beginning the following Jan 1st (a nominating committee has been appointed - Ed Linn, John Randall and Doug Turner.) Note: Steve Endicott will continue as Treasurer filling out this term.
- the Vice-President and Secretary being elected in 2004 for a term to begin the following Jan 1st.

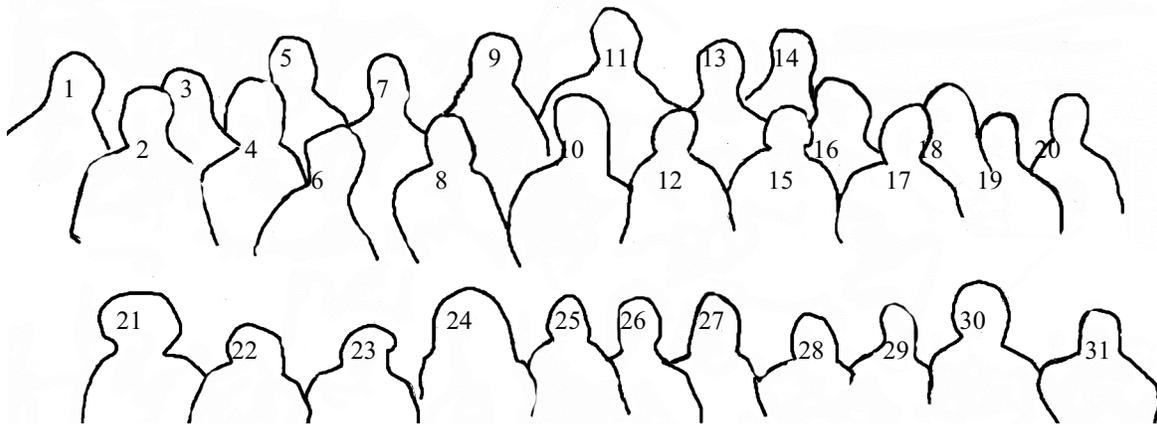
I need 3 volunteers for a nominating Committee to propose the 3 at-large board members to be named at the next Convention (contact me, to offer to be on this committee – present at-large board members excepted!) Since Rudy Roy will have served two full terms, we are looking for a new VP come 2004!

Lastly, thanks to all of you who have served and continue to serve in various capacities on behalf of our Club.

### Proposed: A New Award

As President, I would like to propose a new award. The name of the award would be the Floyd Walker Award. This award would be given annually to one member of the Perfins Club. The purpose of the award would be to recognize contributors to the Perfins Bulletin for an original article or series of articles or group of unrelated articles. Criteria would include general interest of the article(s), scholarly research or time spent on the article(s), and the presentation of new perfin information for the betterment of US and worldwide perfin collecting. The award could be voted upon by the Board and Committee chairpersons or, if we think best, could be voted upon by the membership when they send in their dues each year. The first award would be for the 2002 year, voted upon in early-2003 and awarded at the convention, if possible. A suitable engraved plaque would then be awarded, funded from the Floyd Walker Fund set up with revenues generated by the sale of the donation of Floyd's perfin collection.

**Comments please!**



1. Fred Sawyer
2. Edwin Swafford
3. John Randall
4. Loren Neuharth
5. Doug Turner
6. Duke Spidle
7. Gerald Roesch
8. Ted Thiessen

9. Michael Hynes
10. Gary Hendren
11. Charlie Adrion
12. David W. Smith
13. Arnold Selengut
14. Bruce Brunell
15. Ron Whyte
16. Bill Cummings

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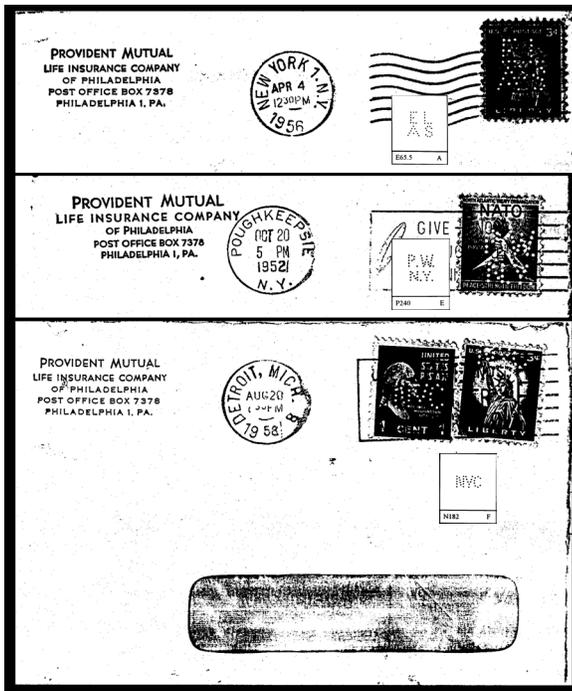
25. Jackie Linn
26. Sue Ellen  
Szymanski
27. June Whyte
28. Virginia Randall
29. Marie Laetsch
30. Dorothy Brunell
31. Richard Vetter

# Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. Reply Mail

By Vince McDermott (# 1787)

I just gained access to a small lot of perfin covers. An analysis of the covers provides a reason for some of the confusion that perfin collectors run into when trying to match perfin patterns, postmarks, and return addresses. It also gives a partial explanation for the Simionscu situation.

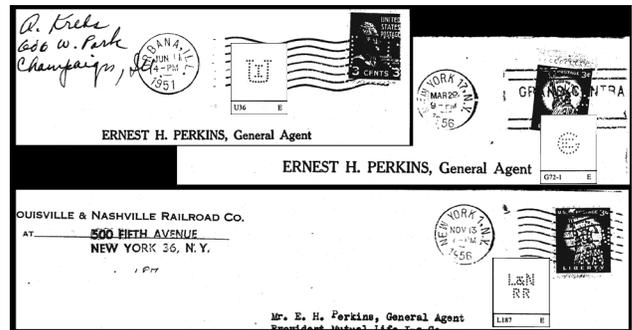
There are 38 covers, covering the period 1951 to 1958. Except for two, all carried common three cent stamps. One, cancelled on Aug 20, 1958, had four cents postage, due to the postage rate increase. The second, cancelled in 1953, carried six cents postage for no obvious reason. All the covers were the same size and type (window envelopes, letter size), except for five. Four had an address with no window (three of these were from 1951). There was also one #10 business envelope (see right).



Most of the envelopes had the return address of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia. Several were addressed to Ernest H. Perkins (General Agent of that company) in Albany, NY. There were no other addressees, but, when the Provident return address was not preprinted, a few had other return addresses. There was no

correspondence in any of the envelopes. Most were slit on both sides, indicating action by a clerk to take out checks.

There was quite a bit of duplication of perfins in this lot. Most were from familiar large organizations, such as NYC, GE, Univ. of Illinois, etc. One I have not identified, perhaps because of missing pins. There are no known perfins for the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia and none of the perfins on the covers fits that company. (There is a perfin [P 127] for the Provident Life and Trust Company of Philadelphia, but that doesn't show up anywhere. I don't know if the companies are related.)



Anyway, here is the way I see it: Ernest H. Perkins was a general agent for the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, based in Albany. The company sent out remittance envelopes to companies which had policies. Some of them were self-addressed; most had pre-printed return addresses. A number of the companies they dealt with used perfins. Those companies applied their own corporate perfins to the envelopes and sent them back to Provident. Result: confusion for perfin collectors. I'm sure there are more examples of this type of action (like Simionscu).

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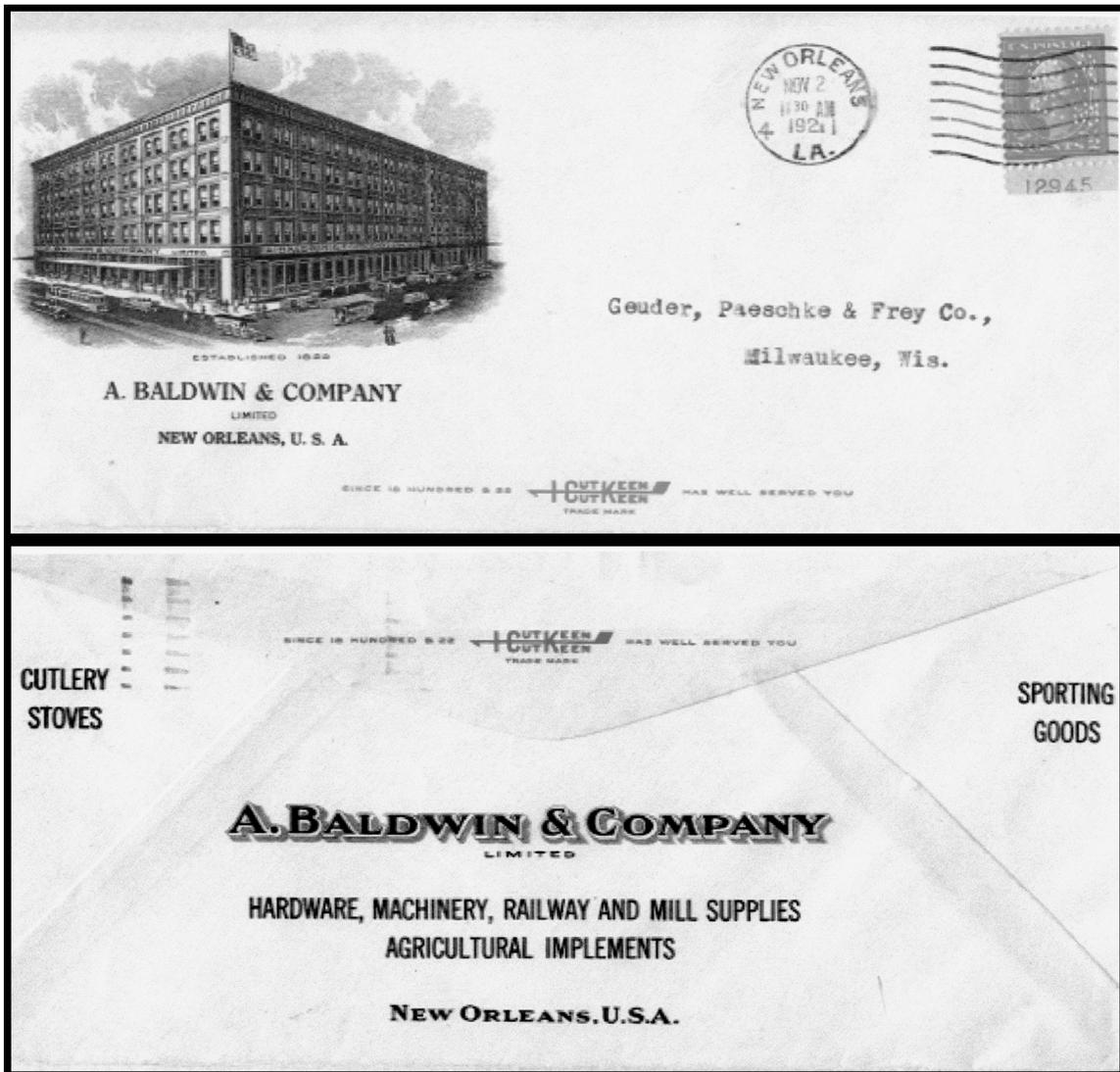
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# A. Baldwin & Company

New Orleans, Louisiana  
A New Identification  
Bob Szymanski (LM 145)

With perfin covers in front of me, I become a different person - one totally engrossed in the material at hand. Is the cover identifiable by a cachet or other return address? What is the date on the postmark? Is the postage proper for this usage? Is the perfin well punched? Do I collect or does someone I know collect what I am holding? Oh yes, I get just as much fun out of finding something for one of my fellow collectors who has taken the time to let me know what they collect as I do finding something for my collection.

One of my long time collector friends is Albert Spencer. Al is a longtime member who collects music and perfins (among other things that Al would be better writing about). Imagine my delight when I came across the pictured cover - 'A. Baldwin & Company' with a nice perfinned plate single. Wow! Al will certainly be happy with this, I thought as I put this one aside in my buy pile.



Later that evening, I again had the cover in hand with my US Catalog and Al's checklist. Al's list didn't even have the perfin number listed. I couldn't believe it; I had struck pay dirt! Now I was certain Al would have a great addition to his collection! As I glanced to the left side of the catalog, I also noticed that perfin listing A 54 was not identified by company, only by city. The New Orleans postmark confirmed the listed city. I was feeling pretty good by now. Covers don't come much more rewarding than this. As I turned the cover over I started reading: "cutlery, stoves, sporting goods, hardware, machinery, railway, mill supplies, agricultural implements"! What, no pianos? Oh, no!

This can't be the same Baldwin that I had supposed it to be. Al won't get anything for his collection out of this cover. What he will get when he reads this is a good laugh. Well, who said you shouldn't get a good laugh once in a while! At least we now have one more ID for the US Catalog.

# The Secretary's Report

By Ken Rehfeld

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Big show

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Web

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# CUMMINS PERFORATORS- MODEL # 53

By Stephan Grabowski (#3409)

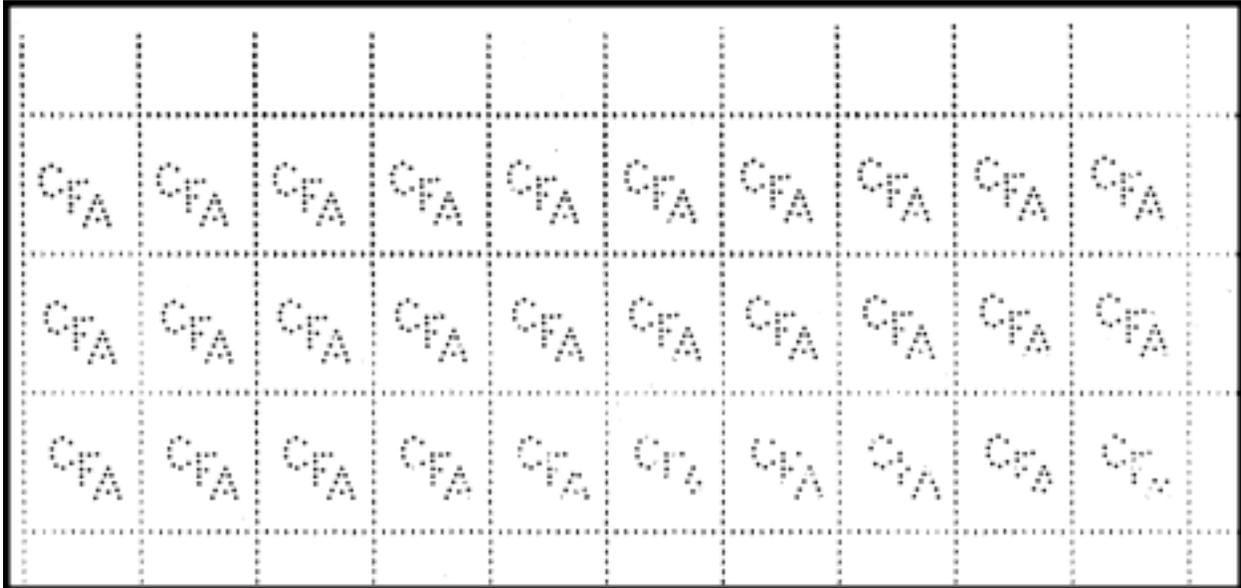


Figure 1: Three rows of perfin pattern C124 punched into stamps by a Cummins #53 10 die perforator.

I've had the opportunity to inspect and 'play' with two model #53 Cummins perforators. The opportunity was due to the generosity of Ellen Weisz (LM34). One punched perfin C124 (CFB) used by Central Freight Association, the other punched L137 (LSB), used by an unidentified department of the State of Pennsylvania (or possibly it is L137A with no user ID).

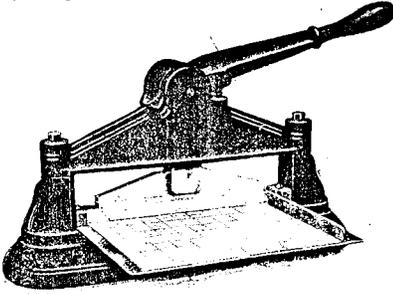
Both perforators are 10 die models but are in different formats resulting in the sheets being fed into the perforator in a different manner. In the C124 perforator the sheets are fed into the perforator to perforate a horizontal row of stamps, while the L137 perforator the sheets are fed so as to perforate a vertical column of stamps. See Figures 1 and 3 for impressions from both perforators and Figure 2 for a picture of a Model #53 perforator taken from a Cummins catalog. There is a difference between the two. Since the L137 perforator perforates a vertical column, the perforator is wider and the connection between the die and piston is more elaborate than shown in the catalog. The L137 perforator is a puzzle, why were the impressions made in this manner? Is there a possibility that it was used for other than postage stamps, or maybe for another size of stamp than a regular issue? I considered several sizes and could not find a match. Could anyone comment on this oddity?

New York      THE B. F. CUMMINS CO.      Chicago

## Cummins' Postage Stamp Perforator

(No. 53 Ten dies)

Under the Postmaster General's ruling, dated May 4, 1908, it is lawful to perforate U. S. Postage Stamps with letters, numerals or other marks or devices, for identification purposes. This has been found the only effective method of preventing the stealing of stamps by office boys, mailing clerks, etc.



THE PERFORATIONS MADE BY THIS MACHINE CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, i. e., HOLES NOT OVER 1/2 INCH IN DIAMETER, TOTAL SPACE NOT OVER 1/2 INCH SQUARE.

The stamps are perforated without being separated from the sheet. They lie flat on a plate flush with the die and are pushed forward by the operator one row at a time. An adjustable marginal guide properly locates the perforation on each stamp. The handle is raised by a spring and its stroke is short-suitable for rapid work.

Perforating:	Price
3 or less initials on each stamp <small>140 stamps each stroke. Row of 10, four sheets thick.</small>	\$60.00
4 initials on each stamp <small>130 stamps each stroke. Row of 10, three sheets thick.</small>	\$67.50
5 initials on each stamp <small>120 stamps each stroke. Row of 10, two sheets thick.</small>	\$75.00
6 initials on each stamp <small>120 stamps each stroke. Row of 10, two sheets thick.</small>	\$82.50

SPECIFICATIONS--Weight, net 33 lbs., boxed 45 lbs. Base 5 x 17 inches. Height 9 inches. Length of handle, 15 inches. Finished in black enamel and nickel.  
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Figure 2. Cummins ad for its 10 die Model #53 perforator.

From the impressions made by the perforators I found that the C124 perforator still made clean holes in all impressions, while the L137 perforator punched no holes that were cleanly cut. Scanning the impressions with a black backup sheet produced a reasonable image. The perforator is either worn-out or the pins and holes are corroded accounting for the poor perforations.

I have suspicions that L137 and L137A are from the same perforator. L137A may be a poor strike of the perforator as seen from my experience with this perforator. Using a transparency of both perfins to try to identify the variety, I could not convince myself that there were any significant differences between the two and using the transparency on the perforator impressions I found that either matches fairly well. The Perfin Catalog states that L137A is in an earlier stamp issue and was used during that time frame. Does anyone have a copy of L137A in later issues and are the holes cleanly cut? I would appreciate some input.

I am interested in missing hole perfins and have reached the conclusion that broken pins may not be the reason for missing pins. This was reinforced by a fact that was related to me by a Cummins employee: the pins in a multi die perforator were made of different lengths to reduce the force/effort in making the perforations. The Cummins individual also said the choice of pin length was random, pins were randomly picked from a box of pins of assorted lengths. The perforator construction is such that pin lengths cannot be determined visually.

I decided to try various handle strokes to see if the pins were of different lengths. For perforator C124 the first impression (top row, fig. 1) was made using a full stroke, the second (row, fig. 1) about a 3/4 stroke, and the third (row, fig. 1) about a 1/2 stroke. It can be seen there are some missing holes in both partial strokes (rows 2 and 3). The same operation was used for the L137 perforator with the same results. For this perforator the first (col. 1, fig. 3) is full stroke, the second about a 1/2 stroke, and the third about a 3/4 stroke. This confirms that the perforators were built with different pin lengths and that missing hole patterns might result from a shortened stroke.

This raises the question, is the plating of perforators based on missing holes valid? Can anyone offer information about my speculation?

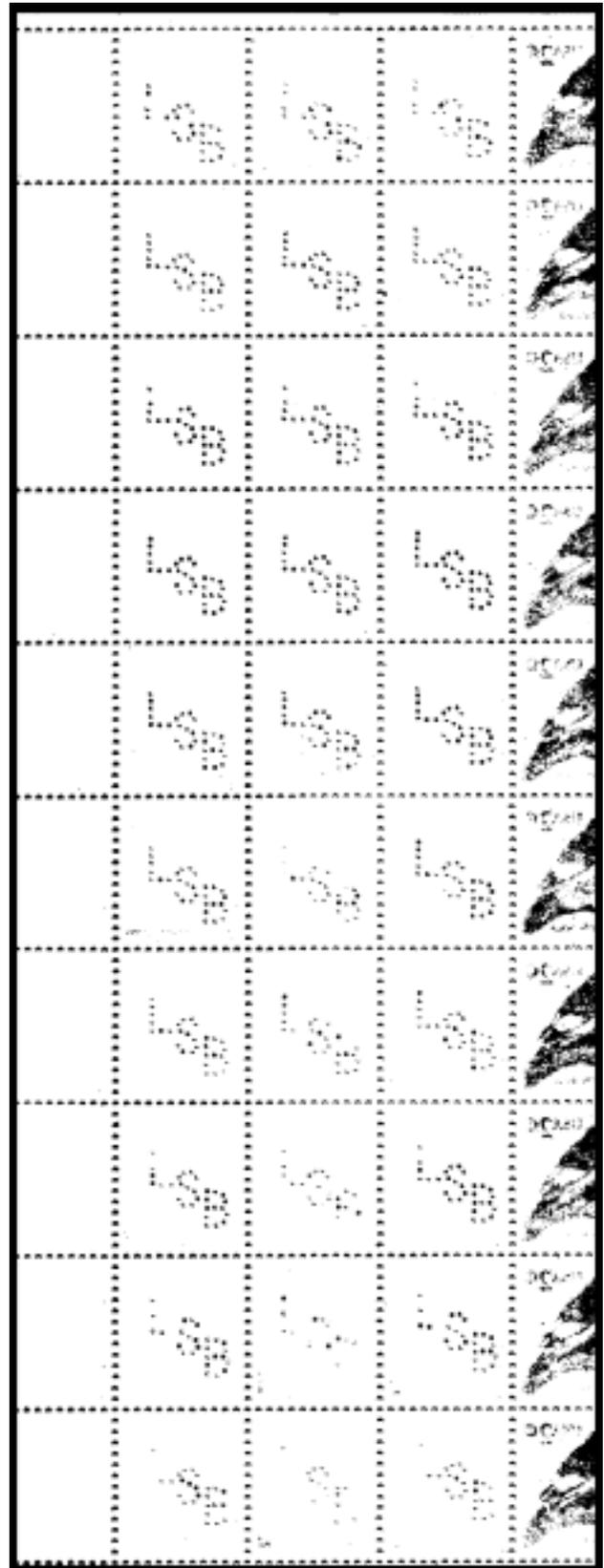


Figure 3. Three vertical rows of pattern L 137.

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## Want Ads

**Wanted:** *Photocopies of perfins on cover* – verifying company names: 1) Design #25 (lyre) on covers of Brambach Piano Co., Francis Bacon Pianos, Bacon Piano Co., and Standard Pneumatic Action Co. and, 2) B161 (BM/C) of the Boston Music Co. and Hatch Music Co. Albert Spencer (#1261) 25585 Van Leuven, Apt 256, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

**Wanted:** Perfins of ALL music companies, US & foreign, on or off cover. Albert Spencer (#1261) 25585 Van Leuven, Apt 256, Loma Linda, CA 92354.

**Wanted:** Will swap all my Belgian Sunday tabs for other Belgian postal or railway issues. Bob Schwerdt, 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

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## Colis Postal & Chemins de Fer Stamps of Belgium

By Bob Schwerdt (#505L)

I like all perfins, but some I like better than others. Perhaps the reason that I became a collector of world perfins is that there is so much quantity and variety to consider.

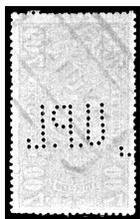
For the countries with the greatest number of perfins, housing becomes somewhat of a problem - especially for the issue collector, even more so if one wishes to display his collection and not just store it alphabetically in glassines.

So far, for the 'larger' countries, I am content to collect by perfin type; one of each. Oh, I might add a SON, an unlisted cancel, a high-catalog item or an overprinted issue. Remember, I told you I like certain perfins better than others.

I consider Belgium to be one of the 'larger' countries (last census high count was 1057). Most of their perfins are found in small nondescript definitives, which I usually house face down. Several pages of these begin to pall after a time, except for the challenge of filling empty spaces. Filling those spaces is difficult especially when one

already has a goodly number of the countries types. Of course there are other aspects of Belgian perfin collecting; revenues, prepers, semi-postals, commemoratives and railway (parcel post) perfins – all much fewer in number than the postal perfins. Because of their limited numbers and pictorial variety, these specialty areas often make ideal issue collections. Issue perfins are displayed face up, and thus are more attractive than the face down definitives.

In order to have more fun with my Belgium perfins, I decided to make a specialty collection of the railway types; incidentally hoping to find some with postal cancels. (No doubt someday a railroad enthusiast will create a catalog of these perfin types and issues.) It may be that I have started a project that will become much larger than I anticipated. At first, I isolated about 50 railway types; now the collection nears 100 (still a far number from the 1000+ postal perfin types.) I am really in trouble if every company that produced postal perfins also produced railway perfins!



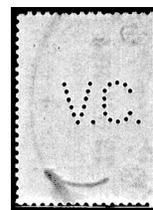
U27  
Charleroi Cancel



U28  
Haren Cancel



Possible  
New type



V18  
Correct illustration

The chart below indicates my list of Belgian railway perfins showing catalog numbers, patterns and quantities of different issues. The numbers reflect, in some measure, the scarcity of some types based on my forty-years of experience. Hopefully, numbers of types and issues will change after members check their collections. I am uncertain which railway perfin types are missing from this list, so any further information will be helpful.

H/V	S/S	Pat	#*	H/V	S/S	Pat	#*	H/V	S/S	Pat	#*	H/V	S/S	Pat	#
A46	A34	A.D.C.	7	E13	E12	EC	2	J2	J1	JA	1	P49	P37	P.V.	
A128	A104	A.V.	14	E21	E16	ED	5	J6	J4	J.B./W	1	S71	S62	S.L.	
B5	B7	B	10	E55	E42	E.L.	4	J49	J37	J.V.	28	T4	O15	Circle (T)	
B17	B18	BB	5	E75	E57	ET	12	J51	J38	J.V	6	T6	T5	TAE	
B22	B21	B.B.	2	E78	E61	ETR	3	J58	J42	JW	13	T7	T6	TANT	
B24	B23	B.B	8	E82	E62	E.V	7	J59	J43	JW	26	U27	U20	U.P.L.	1*
B101	B85	B.P.&F.	16	F11	F11	FB	22	J63	J45	J.W/B	12	U28	----	U.P.L.	31*
C9	C11	CA	2	F15	F16	F.B.	2	J64	J46	JW/+C	10	U29	U21	U.P.L	0*
C29	C25	CB/S	3	F17	F19	F.B.	7	K8	K7	KLD	1	V16	V13	V.C.	1
C44	C36	C.C.V.	1	F23	F24	F.C	28	M9	M8	MB	15	V18	V15	V.C.	22*
C111	C90	CO/TY	3	F24	F25	F.C	9	M31	M22	MF.	5	V26	V20	V.D.B. /# <sup>4</sup>	
C117	C93	C.P.	1	F48	F46	F.H.K.	12	M32	M21	[MF]	2	V29	V21	V.D.B./# <sup>5</sup>	
C123	C99	C.P.F.	4	F58	F51	FL	1	M39	H29	MH	5	V31	V22	V.D.B./# <sup>6</sup>	
C127	C103	CPP	22	F85	F73	FT	8	M44	M30	MI/B	2	V33	V24	V.D.B.	
C138	C110	CR	21	G16	---	G.C/B	1	M45	M31	MICHEL	1	V38	V28	VEF	
C151	C119	C.T.F.	6	G23	G21	GDB	1	M57	M42	MN	1	V49	V36	V.G.	
C161	C127	C.Z.	1	G34	G30	G.G/F	1	M65	----	M.S.V.	6	V54	----	V.G.	
D7	D6	DB	6	H26	----	HGB	1	N12	N9	NIAS	3	V65	V47	V.H.	
D11	8	D.B.	1	H33	H27	HL+C	2	N13	N10	NLC	10	V88	V65	V.W./C.	
D25	D22	DF	4	I2	I1	IC	4	N19	N13	NR/CO	4	V92	V67	V&D	
D33	D26	DFC	2	I5	C60	IHC	1	P18	----	PC/B	1	W4	W3	WAUQUEZ	1
D34	D27	DFC	15	I6	C61	IHC	1	P19	P15	PC/B	8	W7	W6	W(ANCHOR)CO	
D42	D32	D.G.	1	I11	I6	INDIA	1	P25	P19	P.G.	3	Z2	Z2	Z.C.	
D52	D42	DL	2	I12	I7	IPB	5	S17	S15	SBP	1				

Key:

\* - Columns are as follows: H/V = Catalog number from Hammink/Vander Hoorn catalog of 1997; S/S = Catalog number from Smetsers/Smit catalog of 1985; Pat = Description of the pattern content; and, # = the number of different issues on which the author has found this pattern.

\*<sup>2</sup> - Correct illustrations in Hammink's Catalog: U27 should be labeled U29; U29 should be U28; and, U28 should be U27. I have several copies of U.P.

with Michelen cancels that have a missing hole in the foot of the L (see illustration previous page). This postmark is not listed in Hammink.

\*<sup>3</sup> - Hammink's illustration of V18 is incorrect; see illustration for correct pattern (see previous page).

\*<sup>4</sup> - Character on second line is " "

\*<sup>5</sup> - Character on second line is " "

\*<sup>6</sup> - Character on second line is " "

### Lots from Auction 87 – see descriptions in July/August 2002 Bulletin

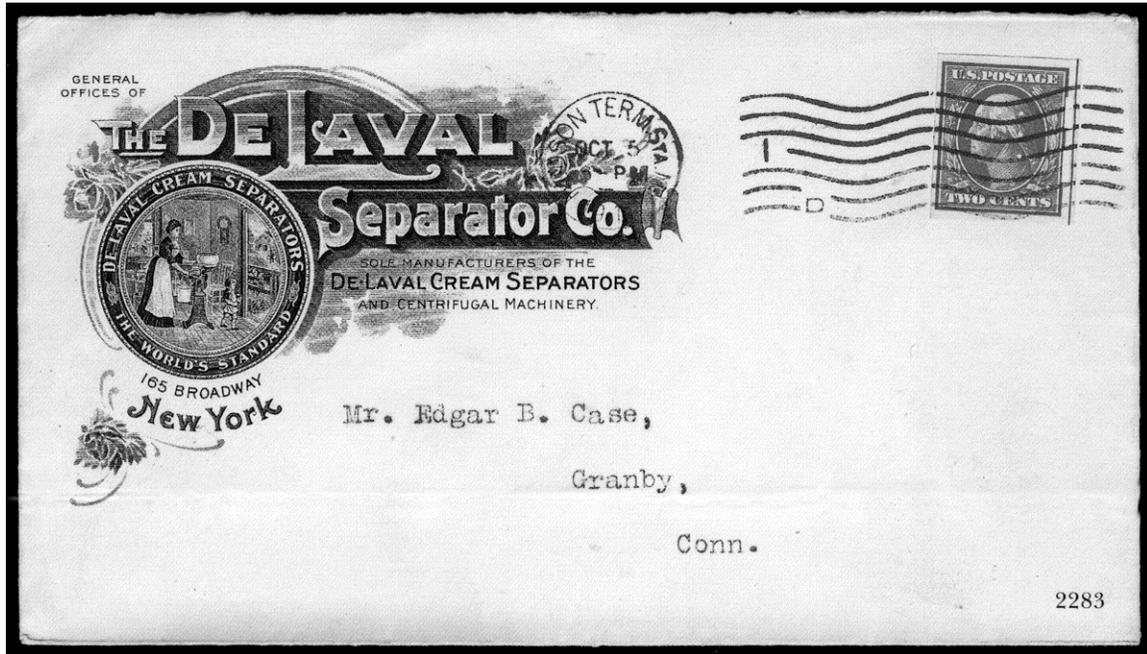


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## Two Lots in Siegel Auction

Gary Weiss (# LM 15)

Two lots in the May 18, 2002 Siegel Auction Galleries Rarities of the World Auction are of interest to collectors of perfins. The two descriptions and illustrations from the auction catalog are reproduced below.



2283. Carmine, Schermack Ty. III Perforations, 5-Hole Control Perfin (344 var). Hole numbers 4-5-7-8 unpunched (these being the control number), tied by "Hudson Term. Sta. N.Y. Oct. 5, 1910" wavy-line machine date stamp on DeLaval Separator Co. illustrated corner card cover to Granby Conn., receiving backstamp, most of top flap removed, Extremely Fine, very scarce and extremely rare on this attractive advertising cover, accompanied by Jan. 15, 2001 Linn's article discussing control perfins, which were a security device to thwart stamp theft - Scott Retail for a normal cover with this variety is \$450.00 (in italics) E. 750-1,000



2284. 4c Orange Brown, Schermack Ty. III Perforations, 12-Hole Control Perfin, (346 var). Hole numbers 6-7-10-11 unpunched (these being the control number), wide margins with intact Schermack perfs at left, rich color, neat wavy-line machine cancel, light creases, otherwise Extremely Fine, very few 4c Schermacks are known with control perforated initial, with 2002 P.F. certificate 1,250.00

Lot 22883 sold for \$525.00. Lot 2284 did not sell.

To see these and other beautifully pictured rarities go to [stamps@seigel.com](mailto:stamps@seigel.com) on the www.

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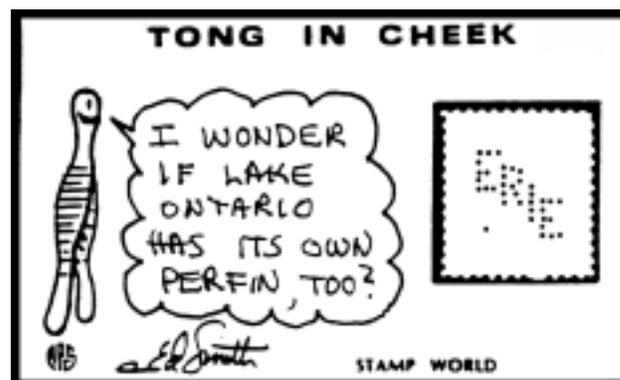
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Compliments of Ed Smith [at Stamp World], here is the first of several "Tong in Cheek" cartoons sent for our enjoyment. Ed's note said quite simply "We like to put the fun back into stamp collecting." Amen to that.



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