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STAMPS — THE NEXT DINOSAURS ?

by Tom Fortunato (# 379)

Are stamps as we've known them for the past 150 years soon to become an endangered species? Meters clearly dominate business mail, but other non-traditional forms of postage stamps have been tried and are growing in popularity with postal administrations.

The first unusual stamps were the 1963 gold foil issues of Tonga celebrating the gold coinage of Polynesia. These round self-adhesive stamps were followed by die-cut free forms in shapes ranging from bananas to oil rigs. Novel designs continued for 20 years, issued in long sets with excessive face values which eventually decreased interest in them from collectors. The idea of self-stick stamps did catch on.

Another country straying from the norm was Bhutan. Most of their stamps from 1966 to 1974 have only gained "For The Record" status in worldwide catalogs. Like Tonga, they started out with foil coin stamps but it didn't stop there. Next came relief printed stamps with a textured surface depicting paintings. Then came 3-D stamps, followed by designs on steel foil and mini-sculptures in plastic bas-relief. Most unique perhaps were stamps from 1973 which could be played on a record player allowing the listener to hear native folk songs. Admittedly most of these unusual issues were primarily for philatelic consumption with very few ever found on cover, lightly validating their legitimacy.

So much for the gimmicks of philately.

A serious attempt to experiment with self-stick stamps was the USA's Christmas die cut issue of 1974, depicting a weather vane from Mt. Vernon. As a precancelled stamp it was untagged, having crossed slashes through the design to prevent their removal for reuse. It was very expensive to produce and only received limited distribution but was well liked by the public who had access to them. There were two major problems for collectors. First, soaking used stamps in water did not separate the envelope paper from the stamp itself. The glue also caused problems to mint examples as the glue over time migrated through the paper and stamp design, discoloring it with brown patches.

More and more postal administrations today are turning to the self-stick alternative, mostly in booklet form or sheetlets. Canada, Australia, Japan and Finland are among others. While customers like their convenience they sometimes have to pay a premium above the face value to support their production costs.

This was the case of the US's second self-stick eagle stamp. Each booklet of 18 - 25¢ stamps sold for \$5.00, about a 12% premium over face value. The more recent 25¢ and "F" flag stamp sheetlets of 12 sold at face value and were designed to be sold through bank ATM machines. A plastic laminated stamp of more than fifteen layers was developed, as a stiffer substitute to paper was needed to be compatible with the ATMs. Environmentalists were the first to

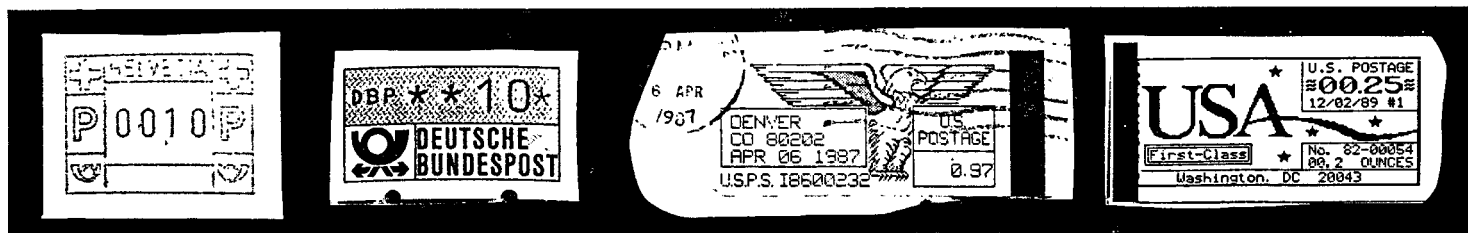
note the plastic stamps inability to be recycled, so for now future production will revert to paper.

Perforated stamps with their "glutinous wash" may become the prized antiques of the past with the emerging acceptance of die cut self-stick stamps.

A newer threat to traditional stamps are vending labels. Closely related to meters, they are imprinted on demand by computer driven machines found at post offices or throughout a community. They are known generically as "Framas," but Frama actually refers to the name of one of the major manufacturers of these labels and machines. Inside these machines are preprinted rolls of security paper with a continuous design of various symbols about 1-1/2 inches wide. For example, Australia has used a multiple Kangaroo background, Belgium uses their postal emblem, and Switzerland uses an intricate intertwined pattern of lines. After putting money into the machine, the purchaser selects the denomination of the label, red fluorescent ink is used to imprint the country name, denomination, postal code, etc., onto the paper roll which is cut and dispensed by the machine.

Two other companies in the business are Klussendorf of Germany and Amiel/Pitney Bowes. Both also use their own preprinted security paper, but not in a continuous design, which also vary from country to country. Black ink is used to

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DINOSAURS (Continued)

imprint the appropriate info onto the label. Klussendorf labels can be identified by two notches found on the top and bottom of each label. They have most recently been tested in Mexico. Ireland ran a three month trial ending in January 1991, testing all three companies' machines and labels mentioned here. They are reviewing each and will select one version to be used nationwide.

Countries have conducted such tests on a small scale before expending their use, creating valuable collectables along the way. An early example in the USA is from Denver, Colorado, in 1987, which later evolved into Autopost labels, tested by the USPS in 1989. Two Autopost machines were posted at both the Martin Luther King, Jr., Postal Station in Washington, D.C., and at a second site in Kensington, Maryland. An additional machine was in use for delegates of the UPU Congress held in October-November 1989 in Washington, D.C. This machine was not accessible to the general public, and labels and covers from it now auction for thousands of dollars.

Autopost machines were meant to be self-service in nature. While attending World Stamp Expo '89, I visited the Washington station. It was only four blocks away from the convention center. The two

machines were located just inside the large post office about twenty feet away from the clerk's counter. The machine was a bit confusing to use, as it first weighed the item to be posted; offered a variety of postal services in addition to regular first class rates and accepted your money before dispensing the label. According to the postal clerks on duty, customers preferred to make their purchases from them rather than fuss with the machines. First day labels from the four public machines were produced in quantities up to 12,000 each. Most labels with slogan labels and matching purchase receipt (which was also ejected at the time of transaction) command a premium. These machines were only in service for a couple of months then withdrawn.

For now, postal administrations still produce the perforated paper postage stamps we have all grown to love. The day may soon come when self-sticks and vending labels are the only available forms of stamps. Perhaps by that time even printed stamps will be obsolete, leaving only computer generated labels as proof of payment. In the meantime, watch your mail for your own examples of modern postal history! ...

LIQUIDATING COLLECTION

Due to ill health, a long-time collector & friend has asked me to liquidate his collection. His material is in fine condition and prices run between 30 & 50% of 1991 catalogue. Lists now ready covering worldwide singles, sets, S/S & lots. Should you desire to receive sales lists please write to:

**Willy Dow (# 418)
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PHOTOGRAPHY ANNIVERSARY STAMPS

Joe Palko (# 421) has submitted the following Letter to the Editor published in the July 1991 issue of *Petersen's Photographic* magazine. He thought some of you might be able to help. Joe has already advised him of the ATS, but didn't know about the photography unit. Are there any ISWSC members who are ATS members interested in the topic of photography? If so, perhaps you could direct him to the right person to contact.

I have been trying to obtain lists of postage stamps to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Photography and wonder if you or your readers could help. Les Brener, Director of Australian Activities, Photo Marketing Association, PO Box 150, Edgecliff, NSW, 2027, Australia ...

Saxony joined the Austro-German Postal Union in July 1850. The first stamps issued were for the newspaper rate of 3 pfennig.

MAIL SALE # 4 REPORT

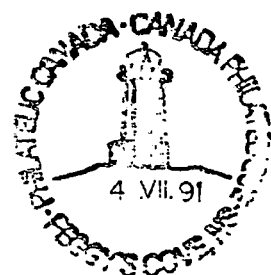
Mail Sale # 4 has concluded. Approximately 60% of lots sold. Prices realized totalled just over \$1000, providing over \$200 for the treasury. There were 39 bidders, from three countries, but all but one were from the USA and Canada. The average lot sold for around \$7.25. All sold lots have been sent out. Unsold lots will be returned to owners soon. Disbursements to owners will probably be around the end of July.

On a negative note, I found it necessary to reject all bids on 19 lots. On all of these, the top bid did not exceed 10% of 1991 catalog. I don't consider a bid of 2% of 1991 catalog reasonable, and took this action to protect the consignors, and avoid alienation. It is perhaps a sad commentary on our hobby to have such bids, given the situation in other collectibles such as antiques and baseball cards. Likewise, for the owner of two fine lots of USA plate blocks to receive less than face value for them is bothersome. If the best advice to him is "Lick 'em 'n stick 'em," we're in trouble. To try to avert these problems, I've modified the rules slightly for Mail Sale # 5.

Lot # 39, the withdrawn lot, was sent to me as "About 50 early US seconds, used, all with faults" — an ugly duckling description if there ever was one. On looking over the lot, I thought it contained a # 104, with catalog value of \$4250, though with a small tear. I returned it to the owner, who is now considering having it expertized. I cannot guarantee this kind of outcome, and consider this very fortuitous. ... Wallace D. Johnson, MD, Auction Chairman (# 212)

LIGHTHOUSE POST OFFICE

This postmark is from the only Canadian post office located in a lighthouse. The lighthouse is located at Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia. Our thanks to Irving C. Whynot (# 490) for sharing this information with us.

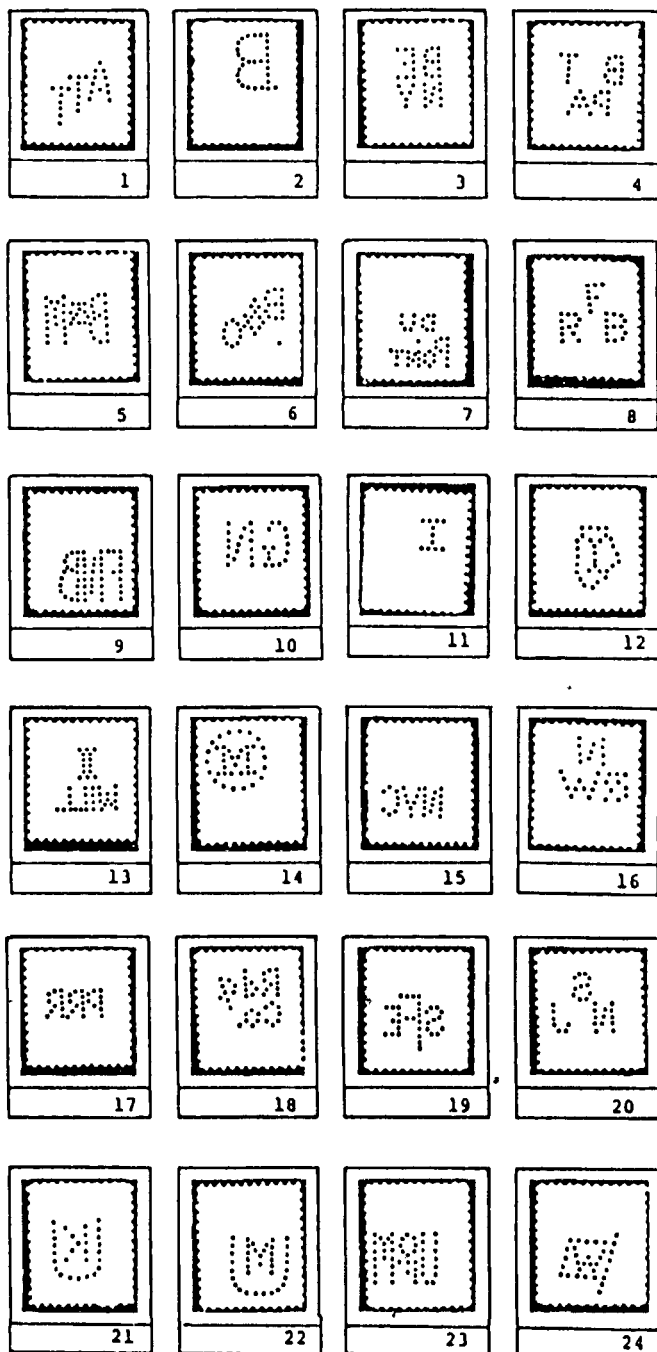


WHY NOT COLLECT PERFINS?

(Reprinted from *The Perfins Club Brochure* with permission from Kurt Ottenheimer, Promotion Chairman.)

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE U.S. PERFINS?

Answers on Page 4.



COVER ART: The lovely parrot design on the front of this issue was done by our talented Australian Secretary, Karl F. Steinberg. The editor and other ISWSC members have been fortunate to receive one of Karl's colorful hand-decorated covers. Only wish you all could see the colors. Thanks, Karl.

If you're tired of "routine" stamp collecting — the rut that has you filling up the same blank spots in the same printed albums as everybody else — why not collect perfins?

Perfins are stamps that have been perforated with designs, initials, or numerals by private businesses and government agencies to discourage theft and misuse. The word perfin comes from PERFORated INSignia. Perfins originated in Great Britain in the 1860's and were authorized for use on U.S. stamps on May 8, 1908.

Perfins have appeared on postal paper of more than 100 nations. In the U.S. alone, more than 6,000 patterns are known to have been used. Estimates of the number of patterns used around the world range as high as 40,000.

These stamps offer a fertile field for philatelic investigation. It is a field almost unlimited in scope, and it is richly rewarding to the collector who is not satisfied to collect by the catalog or merely with filling up blank spaces in a printed album. Perfins collecting is largely unexplored; there is so much that is not known about perfins that almost every mixture or box of covers is likely to yield a new chapter in the literature of perfins.

It is easy to obtain perfins. Many of your collector friends will give you their perfins rather than throw them away. To many collectors, a perfin is a damaged stamp or at best a space filler to be discarded when a "whole" stamp is found. Dealers often will toss perfins into a box under the counter and sell them to the first collector who will make any decent offer.

But before you begin collecting perfins, you must face the fact that you will, in general, be collecting for fun and not for profit. A collector who looks on perfins as an investment is bound to be disappointed. While some fine perfins command a premium, this is the exception rather than the rule. Perfins collectors collect stamps and study them; they do not consider their stamps financial ventures.

There are many ways to collect perfins. One can collect by type; that is, one can arrange to get one example of each perfin pattern without regard to the face value of the stamp. Or one can collect by issue — trying to get an example of each pattern on each stamp. However, considering the number of stamps that have been issued in the U.S. since 1908 and the fact that there are about 6,000 U.S. perfins patterns, one best have a large supply of binders to hold an issue collection.

Many perfins collectors collect only covers. It is possible to trace the entire financial history of a business firm by watching the change in corner cards during the years a perfin was in use.

Some collectors collect by topic: perfins issued by banks, by automobile companies, by schools, or by insurance companies. For example, nearly 200 U.S. railroads used perfins and railroad perfins is a popular topic.

Once you have a few perfins on hand, you must identify and mount them in a collection. Identification can be challenging. Suppose you have a perfin with "PSC" on it. Does that stand for Public Service Commission or does it stand for Penn State College or Pratt Printing and Supply Company or even Pressed Steel Car Company? It could be any one of these since all these firms have used "PSC" to mark their stamps.

That's where the Perfins Club comes in. The Perfins Club is an
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Stamp Collecting is not only fun, but is a very educational hobby.

PERFINS (Continued)

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(The Perfins Club was founded in 1943 and has very reasonable annual dues. Members receive the club bulletin with many interesting articles on perfins, and are eligible to use the club library which has thousands of articles on both U.S. & foreign perfins. Printed catalogue/albums are available to members, also. Mr. Ottenheimer will be very happy to provide you with membership information and a packet of 100 perfins if you will enclose a # 10 SASE. Write: Kurt Ottenheimer, Promotion Chairman, The Perfins Club, 462 West Walnut St., Long Beach, NY 11561 — Be sure to tell him, you're a member of ISWSC. ... the Editor)

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2. City of Boston
3. Board of Education, New York City
4. Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania
5. Boston & Maine Railroad
6. Baltimore & Ohio Railroad
7. E. I. DuPont deNemours Company
8. Federal Reserve Bank
9. First National Bank, Boston
10. Great Northern Railway
11. State of Illinois (New Design)
12. State of Illinois (Old Design)
13. City of Chicago
14. State of Michigan
15. New York Central System
16. Norfolk and Western Railroad
17. Pennsylvania Railroad
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I didn't know that my decision not to run for a third term as President of ISWSC was going to start a wholesale decision by all of the leadership of the club to do the same. We are all tired. We have served eight years and have gotten the group off the ground. We are beginning to be a truly international club, and there is money in the treasury. There are over 300 of you out there, and it is now time to put something back into ISWSC that you have gotten so much out of it in years past. Many or most of you are retired and have the time to spare to try a term or two! It won't hurt you and may make a big difference in your life to be on the receiving end for a change and also be in a position to do something about it. I have not talked to Dave Nelson since the first week of June but at that time we had candidates only for Secretary-Treasurer.

I was very disappointed to hear from our Australian Secretary, Karl Steinberg, that some of our members are so selfish and self-centered that they will not respond when a fellow member asks them about trading. If you do not wish to trade, say so! Tell the secretary; he will change your trade listing and let members know you no longer want to trade. Common decency at least requires that you send a card and say "not interested in what you have to offer."

For our members in countries that have currency restrictions, try consulting our International Secretary, Ray Compton (#73). He is listed in the "Officers, Chairpersons, and Managers" space in every issue of this publication. His job is to smooth out these problems as much as possible. ... Ken Jenkins, President (#15)

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I still have a sufficient supply of stamps on hand for the Youth Stamp Program and continue to receive more on a regular basis as dues donations come in. Youth Groups in Nebraska and Kentucky recently received parcels of stamps as a result of letters to the editor in *Stamp Collector*.

Hopefully, there has been some interest in new leadership for ISWSC. I have received an inquiry requesting information about the amount of effort required for Vice President, so at least one person is interested. The job really isn't very demanding. Mainly, recording the donations received, reporting the receipts to the Secretary and mailing our parcels to Ben Franklin groups and other youth programs. The stamps I receive go into a single receptacle and get mixed up a little, then are removed to make up a parcel. This gives the same chance to all for whatever quality of stamps that are received. The only sorting is keeping the stamps on paper separate and also maintaining a separate box for U.S. and foreign, when received separated. Occasionally, there is correspondence that has to be answered, and of course, there is contact with the President by phone or letter and sometimes the Board of Directors.

The latest auction conducted by Dr. Johnson appeared to be a success. I say that because I was a successful bidder on a couple of lots and so was able to fill a few more spaces in the albums.

Virginia Beach (where I live) is the site of VAPEX '91 in November. Anyone coming this way, please let me know and I'll try to arrange a meeting. Also, I'm on Prodigy - HSF48A - drop a note sometime! Happy Collecting!

... Ken Costilow (#142), Vice President

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

We now have a regional representative for the United Kingdom: Chad Neighbor (#510) has taken on this new task and this should help the club very much. U.K. members, please send dues renewals to him. Also those in other countries e.g. Erie, can contact him if paying in British pounds would be more convenient than payment in U.S. dollars. Thanks a lot, Chad, for volunteering.

Speaking of volunteering, I hope that many of you out there in stamp land have written to Dave Nelson (#25), 309 Kentucky St., Petaluma, CA 94952, and offered to run for one of the club offices. Time is getting short, and without new officers the club will die. Don't let that happen!

Thanks to the three members who offered to redeem the South Korea 1,000 won note. The club is now \$1.50 richer!

The death of Gene McGlassen (#194) is announced with regret.

We have now received member's interest codes from 55 of you. The latest batch will be found elsewhere in this issue.

The following members are dropped for non-payment of dues: #425 (Yeong), #427 (Beke), #439 (Mayes), #446 (Gawith) and #448 (Perez).

The following address are changed:

#26 - Kallal — Change to: PO Box 1513, West Monroe, LA 71294-1513

#188 - Kellogg — Change to: 1214 Half St. SW, Washington, DC 20024

#257 - Crane — Change to: 2209 Casa Alta, Spring Valley, CA 91977

#359 - Attwood I — Change to: 1394 Charter Crescent, Oshawa, Ont., L1J 8K8, CANADA

#411 - Patton — Change to: 547 Elm St., El Cerrito, CA 94530

#493 - Carver — Change to: PO Box 100, Brampton, Ont., L6W 1V5, CANADA

Crane (#257) and Murphy (#357) are restored to full membership. Please note the above new address change for Crane. Restored members addresses are included, along with new member listings, in Roster Additions elsewhere in this issue.

My wife and I will be away on a vacation trip back east for the most of July so if my response to correspondence is slow coming back to you, you'll know why. I hope all of you have a great summer!

I will close by stating that we now have 329 paid up members, from 24 different countries. Happy stamping!

... Herb Holland, Secretary-Treasurer (#31)

I am desirous of buying:

Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam to date.

Material can be Scott, Yvert or Michel listed including covers, postcards, etc. Will pay very fair prices dependent on item but cannot accept damaged. Also need labels, Cinderellas, fiscals worldwide plus commercial covers and flights pre-1960. Will also buy West Germany-Berlin mint NH sets at 50% Scott.

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No damaged wanted or sent. Both parties keep items needed, returning rest and keep a running account. I am advanced in many areas but need duplicates as I have many overseas trading partners but very few in the U.S. hence this attempt to find new trade associates. Prompt replies assured but request you refrain from sending common material.

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¿Whatzit?

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DEADLINE • NEXT ISSUE

... Sept. 7th, 1991 ...

Our thanks to Ken Jenkins (#15), Joanne Berkowitz (#98), Marvin Warner (#248), Ed Dykstra (#254), Michael Strawn (#353), Albert & Mildred Steinberg (#361), Tom Fortunato (#379), Doug Swisher (#403), and Jan Szyrka (#539) for their assistance.

¿Whatzit? Answers

91-8: We have further information on this "stamp." A new member from Poland, Jan Szyrka, writes: I was pleased to find a Polish stamp in the ¿Whatzit?. You were right, it is a local charity stamp for the city of Przdeborz, but I can tell you more. The stamp was issued on December 18, 1917, for the Austrian Post in the city of Przdeborz. It was in the area occupied by Germany and Austria in 1915 - part of the Congress Kingdom of Poland in Czar's Empire of Russia. This stamp was used for postage in the city and district and was cancelled with the date-maker 028 mm, K.U.K. Etappen Postamt Przdeborz, Kreid Konsk. There were 19 different stamps issued for the city of Przdeborz during 1917-18 years. • Ed Dykstra indicates this was a Polish Nationalist issue before being officially a nation after WWI. Listed in Michel catalog as Poland Local # 2 under Przedborg. • Ralph Chapin adds Przdeborz is located about 40 miles WNW of Kielee. It would have been used for postage payment from Przdeborz to Kielee in accordance with the following translated from Michel Germany Catalog: "Local Mail (non-German forwarding post in Poland during the period of German Occupation.) The German Postal System carried mail only between Post Offices. For the actual delivery to the addressee, the local Post Master, either with the authorization or tolerance of the German Occupation Forces, set up local forwarding systems. The forwarding charge was sometimes cash or through locally issued stamps." My deduction is it fits this category of a local issue stamp.

91-9: More info came in on this one, too. Ed Dykstra asks, "Part of a postal strike private courier in Vancouver area?" • Doug Swisher advises this is a TB seal of Columbia listed in Green's Catalog as # 62 (value 10¢). LAC stands for "Liga Antituberculosis Columbiana." • Ralph Chapin adds that we had the "stamp" upside down (sorry!!). He noted in fine print at the "top" it recalls "Thomas de la Rue de Colombia S.A." Colombia has been issuing these seals since 1941 to raise funds for the Columbian Tuberculosis Foundation. So it is a seal not a postage stamp. Now we all know, including God !!

91-12: Eight contributors all agree, this is Bosnia # 91.

91-13: Again all contributors agreed on this one - Republic of China (Taiwan) # 1131.

91-14: From all contributors, we got two answers: Peoples Republic of China - East China # 5L29 or # 5L71. The difference being the perforations. Tom Fortunato adds Stanley Gibbons # EC328A.

91-15: All eight contributors agreed on this as Peoples Republic of China - North China # 3L82. Tom Fortunato adds Gibbons # NC359A.

91-16: All agree this is one of a set of Iran (Persia) Officials Scott # O58-O71. Ed Dykstra adds it is # O66. Tom Fortunato adds Gibbons # O844.

91-17: Five contributors knew it was North Korean and noted that these are not listed in Scott. Michael Strawn notes that you can compare the lettering to South Korea stamps to tell this is written in Korean, but since it is missing the distinctive yin-yang symbol and the "CH" of South Korean stamps, it is North Korean. • Ed Dykstra lists it as Gibbons # N223 and Michel # 221. • Tom Fortunato lists the following Gibbons # N244 (Horse Chestnuts) or N243 (Hawthorne Berries).

Members' Interest Codes

#	Name	Codes
17	Thurner	B (to 1940) • D • X(35) • DD • 1a • 70 • 80
23	Bland	A • G • X(40) • DD • 7 (Austria, Africa, France.) • 50 • 80
31	Holland	A • D • X(26) • EE • 1a • 2a • 3a • 4a • 5a • 6a • 50 • 70 • 80
33	Poole	B (to 1985) • E • X(30) • DD • 70
42	Allison	B (to 1975) • X(50) • EE • 5 • 50 • 80
62	Hotchner	A • D (#/ltr cancels) • DD • 1 • 1a (20th Cent. aux. markings) • 50 • 80
70	Ginsberg	B (to 1970) • X(50) • EE • 7 (Israel) • 80
72	Guethlein	E • X(60) • EE • 50
83	Peterson	A • F • X(36) • DD • 7 (older Brit. Empire) • 80
92	Degenhart	A • X(40) • EE • 50 • 70 • 80
98	Berkowitz	B (to 1970) • F • X(36) • DD • 50 • 60 • 80
101	Thomas	A • G • X(30) • DD • 2 • 3a • 6a • 50 • 80a
109	Hoover	B (to 1970) • F • X(15) • DD • 7 (W. Europe) • 50 • 80
114	Hanley	B (to 1950) • F • X(40) • DD • 60 • 80
131	Newkirk	A • D • X(20) • EE • 50 • 80
134	Kaplan	A • X(58) • EE • 1 • 2 • 3 • 4a
142	Costilow	A • X(45) • DD • 7 (Br. Commonwealth) • 50 • 80
158	Chapin	A • F • X(37) • DD • 4 • 5 • 70 • 83 (German)
159	Smith	A • X(31) • DD • 7 (Germany) • 50 • 70 • 83 (German)
164	Schappelle	A • F • X(26) • DD • 50 • 80
193	Jizba	B (to 1950) • F • X(36) • DD • 7 (W. Eur., Latin Amer.) • 80a
204	Stanley	D • X(55) • DD • 1a • 70 • 80a
227	Drury	A • X(30) • EE • 7 (Andorra, Liech.) • 50 • 70 • 80
297	Frois	A • F • CC
330	Stöckhammer	B (to 1985) • E • EE • 50 • 70 • 80
344	Graham	B • E • X(65) • EE • 50 • 80
348	DiComo	G (pre 1900) • CC • X(15) • 1a • 7 (USA) • 50 • 70 • 80
361	Feinberg	B (to 1956) • G • X(55) • EE • 4 • 60 • 80
368	Noel	A • D • X(40) • DD • 1 • 7 (Guyana) • 50 • 70 • 80
394	Hinkey	B (to 1980) • D • X(40) • DD • 7 (India) • 80
396	Nilges	B (to 1980) • G • X(59) • EE • 4a • 7 (W. Eur, Brit Cols, US) • 80
416	Steinberg	C • X(40) • EE • 6 • 60 • 80
421	Palko	A • G • X(40) • DD • 7 (Ukraine, Greece) • 60 • 80
428	Cox	B (to 1973) • D • X(10) • DD • 7 (Singapore) • 50 • 80
438	Dickinson	A • G • X(45) • DD • 4a • 7 (Br. Commonwealth, esp Can.) • 80a
453	Scannell	A • G • X(10) • BB • 1 • 2 • 50 • 80
455	McClelland	A • E • X(30) • DD • 5 • 50 • 70 • 80
471	Osborne	A • D • X(4) • CC • 6 • 7 (Vietnam, US) • 50 • 80
476	Bialick	B (to 1972) • G • X(2) • DD • 7 (Venez., Laos, Fr. Poly.) • 50 • 80a
490	Whynot	A • G • X(35) • DD • 1 • 6 (Br. Commonwealth) • 70
493	Carver	B (1980-1989) • F • X(6) • DD • 7 (Greece) • 50 • 80
495	Hallead	A • D • X(28) • 1 • 3 • 60 • 80
498	Cervenka	B (to 1965) • G • X(25) • DD • 8 • 50 • 80
504	Pike	B (to 1940) • C • 7 (Japan to 1985, France to 1989, USSR to 1989) • 50 • 80
510	Neighbor	B (to 1971) • G • X(27) • CC • 1 (se-tenants) • 7 (used se-tenants) • 50 • 83 (Fr.)
518	Volpon	A • C • X(20) • DD • 7 (US, Canada, Australia) • 50 • 70 • 83
523	Bernstein	B (to 1975) • F • X(20) • EE • 7 (France, Germany) • 80a
539	Szpyrka	A • G • X(15) • CC • 2 • 3 • 6 • 50 • 83 (Polish)

Using Up Those Junk Stamps

In the last issue, Rita Kallal mentioned several ways to use the damaged stamps we all seem to have and cannot bear to throw away. Herb and I are no exception, and years ago began saving any worldwide stamps with minor damage and not usable in our regular collection. Ultimately, we accumulated more than one filled cigar box of these stamps off paper. In addition to the uses that Rita suggested, I have found a few other ways to take advantage of their color and beauty. I have covered several loose leaf binders (those that have smooth vinyl covers) with a hit or miss pattern, overlapped in all direction. I just paste them on with a thin coat of Elmer's school glue and later trim the edges off with a sharp knife or scissors. After it dries well, I cover the whole binder with clear Contact paper. Notebooks, thus covered, make beautiful stamp-themed holders for stock sheets, pages on which to mount covers, for special collections, or even for use as a regular album.

Another use, especially for young collectors, is to cover 12 oz. juice containers with the stamps and use them for pencil holders on their desks. Wash and dry the cans, then smear with glue, as for the binders, and paste stamps or portions of stamps all over, trimming at top and bottom. A neat border can even be made around the top using parts of a certain color or issue trimmer to the correct size.

We have also seen cancelled and/or damaged stamps used to make pictures, which are then framed. One, in particular, that we admired, we saw at a stamp show. A man had copied the Lindberg Flight issue of May 1977 (Scott # 1710) and made a large copy of it using portions of the proper colored stamps. The background, mostly purple, was made of old, very common, 3-cent issues. It resulted in a most impressive picture and won several prizes. I am sure most any stamp could be duplicated into a large, beautiful picture by anyone dedicated to doing such a project.

... Betty Holland, wife of Herb Holland (# 31)

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... Albert & Mildred Feinberg (# 361)

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