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★★★ NEXT MONTH ★★★
Convention Program
for the 1995 PSS 74th Annual
Radisson Hotel
Wilmington, DE
AUGUST 1-5
CONVENTION APPROACHING!

The PSS Annual Convention at Wilmington, Delaware will be here before we know it. I hope all of you within a day’s drive are planning to attend!

I have purchased some nice collections recently, so I hope to have a large stock of new material to offer at Wilmington. Be sure to stop by my table and let me know what you’re searching for.

If you’re interested in selling some or all of your collection, I’m always ready to buy. If you’d like me to stop by your home to possibly purchase a collection, be sure to let me know well in advance so I can arrange my schedule.

WANTED — SALEM, MA MIMEO

I have formed a specialized study/collection of the mimeograph precancels of Salem, MA. I will pay double PSS Catalog for any of these sent to me, other than the 1¼¢ Liberty. Especially wanted—multiples. Will pay $10.00 for a block of four of any denom, any type.

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Dublin, NH 03444
603-563-8021
REVIEW OF A REVIEW
George V. H. Godin, PSS 6343, 208 Brentmoor Dr., Belleville, IL 62223-4201

When one writes a review of someone else’s work, it would seem they should have some idea of the facts before they speak out. The specific case is pages 120-122 of the April 1995 Precancel Forum. The subject is “The Prexies” by Roland Rustad.

To start with let me state that I worked with Roland Rustad on some of the material. When Len Piszkiewicz compiled Roland’s work and prepared it for publication, I made the offer to assist in making the changeover from the Noble Catalog numbers to the PSS Catalog numbers. The offer was declined with thanks and the statement that since the book was Roland’s work and he selected the Noble numbers, rather than the available PSS numbers, there would be no changes made in deference to Roland’s wishes. The final work and illustrations were based on what Roland selected. So that is the reason behind the use of the original Noble numbers.

The criticism of not having a ½¢ Prexy cover is quite ridiculous to put it politely. Please cite chapter and verse for the authorization and class of mail that would call for the use of a single ½¢ Presidential stamp on an envelope. The party cited as doing the
writer “dirt” has had a $500 offer in a philatelic publication for a legitimately used ½¢ Prexy cover with a single stamp paying the correct rate.

The “prize” of the review is on page 120 in the last paragraph where the only correct statement is that the 21¢ plates 23053 and 23933 were precancelled. For the record these two plates went to press on two separate occasions to print the basic stamps that were then precancelled for Chicago by the BEP. The dates are April 28, 1954 thru May 3, 1954 and August 13, 1954 thru August 18, 1954. The total quantity was 5,325 impressions from each plate. If you care to multiply that figure times 400 for each plate number, you have the total quantity of 21¢ Chicago Bureau precancels from those two plates that were printed. How many were shipped to Chicago and used is an unknown.

Please note the dates to press are close to FIVE years AFTER the Philatelic Agency remark.

Also for the record there has never been a report of plate numbers 23053 and 23933 WITHOUT the Chicago precancel. For that matter, the plate blocks have only been reported in the UR and LL positions with the Chicago BUREAU precancel.

Plate #’s 22114 and 22115 were also used for the Chicago BUREAU precancel. However, this pair of numbers does exist in the unprecancelled form in addition to other BUREAU precancels.

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REVIEW THANKS
Leonard Piszkiewicz, BIA member

Thanks for the “Review of a Review”. I appreciate all of your comments. Bill Dunn, PSS 6720, also sent me a copy of the review.

I always find it curious that some reviewers resort to vitriolic vehemence while others are reasonable, straightforward and without personal attacks.

And that review covered only six pages of a 333-page book.

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BUROMETER VOLUNTEERS

Your Forum editor has been overwhelmed with offers to take over the Burometer Count in response to the article which appeared on page 122 of the April Forum.

No selection has yet been made, but it is encouraging to know so many of our members have a deep interest in helping. I haven’t determined whether it is the popularity of the Bureau precancel collectors or just that our members see an opportunity to be a deeper part of the Society. In any case, even if the responses were for some other reason, it does show deep respect for the stalwart efforts of long time compiler, Horace Q. Trout.

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WHEN ANSWERING ADS TELL OUR ADVERTISERS YOU SAW IT IN THE FORUM AND USE YOUR PSS # AS A REFERENCE

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PRECANCELS! .......... by George!!
George W. Lupien, President
115 Clark Lane
Waltham, MA 02154

ALHAMBRA, CALIF.

This month lets look at the Alhambra typesets without lines or bars. In this category we have the following:

- L-1 cataloging at $1.00
- L-2 cataloging at 75¢
- L-3 cataloging at $7.50
- L-4 cataloging at 75¢
- L-11 cataloging at $2.00

Now to separate them —

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My photo of L-3 is rather dark, but as I stated above, it has no comma.

If any member has a problem with these types, I will be glad to help out. Send me a photocopy or the actual stamps you wish to classify and I will try to help you.

YOUR AD COULD JUST AS WELL HAVE BEEN IN THIS SPACE WHERE OTHERS WILL LEARN YOUR WANTS OR WHAT YOU HAVE FOR SALE

BUREAU ISSUES AND PNC WANT LISTS FILLED

Walt Roberts, PSS #5297
43 Fairway Dr.,
Rochester, NY 14612
716-663-3032
This month you will find the auction listing on another page, featuring the better lots.

Woody Hann will still accept lots to be sold at the convention. This is not a full listing of all the lots. Write him for a complete and current listing.

Your mail bids will be gladly accepted by Woody Hann, 240 S. Broad St., Lititz, PA 17543.

Please send in your registration form from the April Forum (photocopy acceptable). This will make the committee workers' job easier and a shorter wait in line for you.

What this means is when the convention opens at 9 AM on Tuesday, you won't have to wait for your name badge, which is a hanging type that doesn't damage clothing. Your name badge will already be typed and waiting for you along with your bag of gifts.

There will be three small exhibit frames of precancels showing items from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Take a break and go on the Hagley Power Mill Museum and Longwood Gardens tours. Both are wonderful places to visit.

Restaurant row is across the street from the hotel featuring the Lone Star Steak House, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, TGI Fridays. A Ground Round restaurant is just up the street. Other fast food places are nearby.

A shopping mall (air conditioned) is next to the hotel, an easy walk across the parking lot. There is no sales tax in Delaware. Just north, 1000 yards, is a large Computer City store.

The convention program schedule will appear in the July Forum.

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STATE NOTES — ARKANSAS
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There has been some activity in the state which will be good news to those that like to “write-in” to the post offices and get precancels direct.

The following offices have ordered new 762 precancel devices:
- Branch 72928
- Knoxville 72845
- Oark 72852
- Ozone 72854

As this is being written, the only one I have seen is Knoxville with an 895 device. This device was received April 25, 1955. Write-in requests that follow the regulations will be honored.
### MAINE

(This state was previously updated in Official Update #1, Forum 8/91)

**Starting Counts:**
- Towns = 334
- Types = 603

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Note 1: To agree with Bureau Catalog.
Note 2: Copies almost always found split, blurry, light or otherwise inferior and it is to these that the price applies.
Note 3: The counterfeit has thinner letters, lines instead of bars and town is 14½mm long instead of 15½mm.
Note 4: At least one row has 9½mm line spacing due to 1½mm between town and top line.
Note 5: The counterfeit has ½mm between town and state instead of 1mm.
Note 6: To indicate the way the device actually reads.
Note 7: Although this PO is still listed in the 1995 Zip Code Directory, mail to it is returned and there is no telephone number.
Note 8: The right side of the device has a wide font 2nd “A”.
Note 9: To correct type error in 5th Edition.
Note 10: Press printed 1926 Compounds, Prexies and 1931 Dues exist.
Note 11: There are two devices. The earlier one (2/76) has slightly larger letters than the later one (2/77). The differences are too slight to warrant listing both devices separately.
Note 12: The counterfeit is printed more clearly than the original and the shape of the “G” is wrong, having significantly more open space inside it than does the authentic “G”.
Note 13: The counterfeit is printed more clearly than the original. State is 12½mm long on the counterfeit and 13mm on the original.
Note 14: At least one row has 10mm line spacing due to 3mm between town and state.
Note 15: Position #2 of this 5-subject device has a “1” for the “I” of MAINE. Also, subjects #1, 4 & 5 have a “1” for the “1” of the date “1 - 60”, which is the only date that exists.
Note 16: Substantial quantities of full sheets of these types exist.
Note 17: The 4th subject in the top row of this 25-subject handstamp is spelled “QUOSSOC”.
Note 18: The right side of the device (which is the side that is spelled correctly), has a wide font first “L”.
Note 19: Position #2 of this 5-subject device has a “1” for the “I” of MAINE. Also, subjects #2 & 3 have a “1” instead of the 2nd “I” of the date “XI1 - 60” which is the only date that exists.
Note 20: See illustration. This is a 10-subject device.
Note 21: There are two devices. The older one has uniform line spacing and lettering. The ME is under the R or ER. There is 1mm between the state and the bottom line. The newer device has 10mm line spacing in the top row, a wide font 2nd “L” on the right side of the device, ME is under R or RV, and there is 1.5mm between state and bottom line.

South Paris L-1 HS
Note 22: "Maine" has either plain (normal) or serifed (scarce) letters.
Note 23: There are two devices without distinguishing differences.
Note 24: At least one row has 9½mm line spacing due to 2½mm between town and state.
Note 25: There are two devices. The earlier one (6/66) has several positions with the ME under the AS and the rest have the ME under the CA. The later device (5/76) has the ME under the CA on the entire left side and the ME under the C on the entire right side. Since precancels from the left side of the 2nd device cannot be easily distinguished from the CA/ME positions of the 1st device, we are not listing these two devices separately.

Ending Counts:  
- Towns = 336  
- Types = 608

STATE NOTES — ARIZONA
David Childs, PSS 2058, 70 Vista Lane, Port Angeles, WA 98362

The new town and type from Sun City West is in the 995 style.

The device is so wide only one row can be filled so copies are all on one stamp then the other vertical row runs off standard stamps.

Duncan also has a new 895.
Both are available by write-ins.

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WILLIAM REYNOLDS RICKETTS AND HIS INDEXES

William Reynolds Ricketts is the greatest indexer in philatelic history, according to an article by Herbert A. Trenchard, Trustee, APRL, in the 1/95 issue of the Philatelic Literature Review.

Born in 1869 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, he died in 1956. He graduated from Yale University's Sheffield Scientific School in 1889. His interest in indexing is evidenced by his compilation of a catalogue of minerals in the collection of the Wyoming Valley (PA) Historical and Geological Society.

In the early 1890s, Ricketts started writing a specialized catalogue of United States stamps, but when he learned John Luff was working on a similar book, Ricketts turned his attention to a general index of all articles on U.S. stamps appearing in the periodicals in his library.

This work was offered to the American Philatelic Society in 1909, but was turned down. He soon enlarged his indexing efforts to include all countries and all subjects.

Some of his indexing was eventually printed. His foreign indexing reached only the letters "F" and "G". The U.S. portion of his index was vast and was accomplished using index cards. The APRL is now deciphering those cards and has begun printing of that index. In this section, only two entries refer to known precancel publications: the Precancel Gazette and the Precancel Monthly. According to the APRL "At least one part of Ricketts’ United States Index—the U.S. precancel stamp section—will not be published in PLR, because it is missing.

In a 1926 letter to Victor W. Rotnem concerning precancels, Ricketts stated the first part of the U.S. Index would be published soon, although the precancel part would not appear immediately. Ricketts stated his notes were very complete and filled probably 500 to 800 cards, covering everything in his library.

It is thought separation of the precancel cards may have occurred because of his increasing interest in precancel stamp collecting as evidenced by his being named state editor for Pennsylvania for the 1929 Standard Precancel Stamp Catalogue.

The Forum thanks Bill Menker, PSS 4438 for suggesting this be called to the attention of our PSS members who are not aware of the Philatelic Literature Review.

Information concerning the Ricketts Index, the PLR and the APRL may be obtained by writing the American Philatelic Research Library, Inc., P.O. Box 8338, State College, PA 16803. Enclose an SASE and mention the Precancel Forum.

BUREAU PRECANCEL COLLECTIONS FOR SALE
(Not mounted—on 5½x8½ Stock Sheets)

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1905 McKinley Avenue Vincennes, IN 47591

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COLLECTIONS — COLLECTIONS

DATED COLLECTIONS

1. Albany MW printed 2550 different $ 225.00
2. Baltimore MW printed 3400 different 300.00
3. Dallas MW printed 44 different 11.00
4. Denver MW printed 1185 different 90.00
5. Fort Worth MW printed 2715 different 250.00
6. Jacksonville MW printed 39 different 40.00
7. St. Paul MW printed 2960 different 235.00

GENERAL AND SPECIALTY COLLECTIONS

8. Virgin Island General 40 different 10.00
9. Puerto Rico General 170 different, PSS $1 and over @ $50. 65.00
10. Synoptic DLE Collection 96 diff Scott #'s, cat. $37 35.00
11. California L-2E on Pan Pacific, perf. 12 and 10, 14 different, U.S. catalog $74.00 35.00
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The PSS convention held in August 1977 in Wichita, KS passed a resolution as follows:

"WHEREAS, a bureau precancel catalog is needed which would tie in with the existing PSS catalog (of local precancels), supplementing and strengthening that catalog, hopefully using Scott and PSS numbers, now, therefore be it highly recommended that the PSS Board of Governors take immediate steps toward publishing such a catalog showing net prices."

However, such an undertaking does not take place immediately as called for in the resolution. Almost two years of hard work by several individuals went into the project and the First Edition of the catalog was published in 1979, and showed up at the annual convention in August of that year at Saint Petersburg Beach, FL. It was first reviewed in the September 1979 Precancel Forum, page 9.

It seems strange now, but several members did not think the Society should publish a bureau catalog, and there was a movement afoot at the 1979 convention to pass a resolution repealing the 1977 Wichita resolution. However, copies of "fresh off the press" First Edition squashed the repeal movement almost before it got started.

In the February 1982 Forum, there is a short article on page 19, advising the First Edition is sold out; PSS profited by nearly $1,200. and work had been started on the Second Edition.

Availability of the Second Edition appears in the August 1982 Forum, page 5. It contains the Playing Card revenues which were not in the First Edition. Also it had been changed to a loose-leaf and punched catalog whereas the first was a staple binding. Also, the price was increased by $1.00 — $3.00 now instead of $2.00.

During the life of the Second Edition, opposition to the PSS publishing a bureau catalog seems to have disappeared entirely. A number of collectors participated in deciding what the new Third Edition should or should not contain. Listings and prices were revised to include pairs of coil stamps and blocks of sheet stamps. All types for each city were illustrated and incorporated into the listings.

The introduction was greatly expanded and several appendices were added. In addition, the Society became owner of the Noble copyrights and the Noble catalog numbers were incorporated in the listings. It will probably be decided if the Noble numbers should be shown when planning takes place for the Fourth Edition at some time in the future. I hope the Fourth Committee will remember there are still enough of us old timers around who grew up with the Noble numbers and are still having difficulties with the Scott and PSS numbers.

All of the above perpetrated the reason I am writing this article. Still in use are the catalogs and albums published mainly by Noble using the Noble numbers. We welcome the collectors with open arms coming into our hobby in recent years. They obtain a PSS Bureau Catalog and perhaps a K&P Bureau Album, both of which have Scott/PSS numbers. Then they obtain a copy of the Noble Specialist Guide or a Noble Album with Noble numbers which are as foreign to them as Greek or Swazaheli languages → →
Back when the PSS catalogs were first coming out, we all needed a conversion chart from Noble to PSS numbers, but we were unable to publish such a chart due to possible copyright infringement. In just recent weeks I have received two inquiries with the problem of converting from PSS numbers back to Noble numbers, just the opposite of a few years ago. So perhaps we now need a "reverse" conversion chart.

Here follows a conversion chart that the newer collectors might use in order to better understand some of the Noble products, including the Specialists' Guide Addenda which appear periodically in the Forum.

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Another question for your "what is it" file?

Illustrated on the preceding page is a price list put out by H & B Philatelists of Bristol, England.

They seem to be offering what we would probably call mailer's postmarks, except the cancellers were issued. Mr. H (or Mr. B) seems to think they were precancels. Are they written up anywhere?

Description of the lot read: "£275.00 — PRE-CANCELLATIONS. A good study. Ex. Hewlett collection, comprising 161 stamps including 2 x SG 126, 2 x SG 178 and various other values from 1/2d - 1/- (including 51 x SG 51) with various pre-cancellations and/or perfins of Smith Elder & Co (S), H.S. King (K), William Dawson & Sons (DSF) and W.H. Smith. A VERY UNUSUAL LOT."

If I had a spare £275, I'd get the lot just to see what they look like.

The price list also included a number of interesting lots of the over- and underprints for O.U.S. etc.

AT PRESS TIME — Word has been received of the May 8 death of Alvin A. Gerstenberger, 82, PSS 148-1409

More information next month.

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CONVENTION SEALS

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Shown here is the EPPS Circus seal for the PSS Convention at the Radisson Hotel, Wilmington, DE, August 1-5.

The seals have been printed in nine different colors—nine—count ‘em—green, white, brown, blue, red, purple, yellow, orange, and pink. They are in blocks (sheets 2x4) of 8, perforated with a numbered tab, thus appearing much the same as a booklet pane of U.S. stamps. The significance of the number has not been explained except notice is made that a set sent to the Forum ranged from 00016 on the green to 00320 on the pink.

They are available as a (single color) block of 8 for 50¢ (+ 32¢ postage) or for $5.00 (postpaid) you can receive one block of each color. Please send 32¢ loose postage as I use precancels on all of my mail. Your donation will help defray the costs of printing of these labels.

See you at the convention!

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the Windy City Precancel News, December 1930, p. 5 — (with reference to city-type coil precancels)—“In the 1929 catalog the net prices as used by Gunesch in his special coil catalog were used. In the 1930 catalog 1929 prices were doubled to conform to the customary 50% off.”

Wow! What a bargain! A discount of 50% off of catalog prices.
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The vendor for precancel devices is the Lloyd Manufacturing Co. Item No. 762, rubber stamp, completely assembled with handle is now $8.85. Quite an increase from the most recent $3.70.

(PSS members, please note: These are instructions to postmasters and do NOT apply to individuals. The pertinent parts of this directive are given in case you approach a postmaster who has absolutely no idea of how to order or what is a pre-cancel device.)

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Precancel Forum
What's new with the Local Sections? Judging from the amount of mail received this past month, it appears most of them are alive and well.

First in for the month was from the Southern California Precancel Club and their Vinyl Touch for March-April. Inside we found precancels from Rancho Mirage, Calif. on the 1/2¢ Liberty and from Cromwell, OK on the 2¢ Mary Lyon.

Charles Lewis, Secretary of SCPC, notes he is moving out of his mobile home and will become a full time RVer. His mailing address will not change, but mail will catch up with him every two weeks or so, so replies to SCPC may be a little slow in getting answered.

At the last meeting of the SCPC, a motion was made and passed to make Carl Barber of Marina and Jesse Davis of Sacramento life members for their many years of service to the Club.

More pages from the "Local Precancels" exhibit of Arnold Selengut are reproduced. One page illustrates the Electro styles 201 thru 284 (88 styles).

The Western States T&T count shows 13 reportees. Eight new towns were included in this report: four from AZ and one each from AK, HI, ID and UT.

The Perfins Bulletin for April enumerates the developments of the Perfins Club in the last year. Included are regular auctions, cover sales, a judging handbook and printing of an updated membership list.

Their Treasurer's Report indicates a healthy and stable club with a considerable increase in funds since the beginning of their fiscal year.

Branch office control identification for Swift & Company was a control hole(s) at the top, bottom, or sides of the letter "S". In some instances, matching holes were placed opposite each other.

More Far East catalog (album) pages were included with company and location in Fiji Islands, North Borneo, Northwest Pacific Islands, Papua and the Philippine Islands.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Precancel Society's March Liberty Bell was mailed with precancels of Woodlyn, PA. Much of the discussion at their recent meeting centered around the upcoming convention. Always lots of last minute details to be worked out, but I am confident ALL will be ready when that time arrives.

Two pages from Al Moore's War & Defense issues from Pennsylvania are shown.

Two types from Yosemite National Park, California were included with the May/June mailing of the Golden Gate Precancel Society Bulletin. One of the two devices has only a 1mm spacing between the left and right subject so centered pairs are very difficult to obtain. Both devices are in the Park post office.

Precancels from Blue Jay (a 734) and Hornbrook (also a 734), both California, are again available by write-in. The latter has been listed as a $5.00 type for some time. Listed are other 700 series write-ins obtained in 1994. This collector doing the...
write-ins was successful on 106 out of 500 California towns attempted.

The California Presidential type checklist is continued with additions to previous lists for Altadena, Balboa, Balboa Island and Carmel.

Between The Lines for April comes from the Northwest Precancel Club. Enclosed was a Sequim, Wash. precancel. The envelope had not only the normal (whatever that is today) machine CDS and a wavy line cancel, but also two different spray cancels—applied two days apart, but unreadable as to locations.

A NPC club member questioned precancels from Riverton Heights, WA (736) and Richmond Heights, WA (736) so Editor Norman Yates sent the photocopies to Arnold Selengut along with copies of items which he held. Selengut gave them his usual pin-point examination and replied they were all fakes. He sent blown up photo copies of authentic precancels from those two locations for comparison. Now Norm and the other member are looking for genuine copies of each for their collections. The Forum wishes the illustrations from the NPC bulletin were suitable for reproduction here. Perhaps a later story can be forthcoming so all can see the differences.

Precancels from the Precancel Stamp Society-Great Britain is in for Mar/Apr.

They reported only six members attended their last Regional Meeting in March, but certainly a good time was had by all. Let’s hope attendance at the May meeting improved.

The tenth year of the Canada count listed a dozen compilations. Their counts are broken into six categories: early bars, later bars, 3rd class matter, city types, numeral types and totals.

Turkey, when it was in the Ottoman Empire, was strongly influenced by France and later by Germany. Under French influence and example, precancelling of the same sort as the first type of France was used to a limited extent, between 1875 and 1900. This consists of putting the stamp on the sheet of paper on which a newspaper or a placard is to be printed and printing the letterpress over the stamp.

The Illini Precancel Stamp Club recently held their Spring meeting at the Executive Inn in Vincennes, IN. I was present, but won’t spoil the story before Earl Ratzer has the chance to report in their Illinois Precancel News. The Mar/Apr issue of IPN was mailed from Albany, IL.

Ratzer comments on glancing through Rolston Lyon’s “List of Post Offices authorized to use precanceled stamps and government precanceled envelopes” he discovered an Alabama entry which read CHATCHEE. Although there is no such post office in the U.S., and was not at that

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time, Lyon considered it was probably one of the fictitious offices used by Post Office Inspectors as a trap for write-ins at that time. Can anyone further explain the "fictitious offices" and "trap for write-ins"?

A 64-page Studiegroep Voorafstempelingen for April comes from the Dutch Study Group.

Secretary Reports were given for their last three meetings in Best—January, April and November 1994. Election of officers was held at the January meeting. Only one—J. W. vanWichen is a member of PSS and he is the Penningmeester (Treasurer?). Mr. vanWichen's report shows a nice increase in operating funds to begin 1995 over the 1994 start. Of course, we can still rely on the Secretary, P. A. Leemans, to keep us informed.

Their Study Group is not devoted entirely to precancels. They also give considerable space to new issues, cancellations and yes, even perfins. They are truly a study group. Metal vs rubber plate U.S. precancels are listed and explained in detail for various series.

All for this time. But surely there will be more next month!

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GREER, AZ 85927
Ray Crane, PSS 6269, 16 Riverview St., Jay, ME 04239

I received this response from Greer, AZ post office on May 1. I have no idea where I got this town for a write-in. Thought it might be a good idea to mention to the Forum readers this office does not have a device.

The "unsigned" note from the Greer post office reads: "How do I get off this pre-cancel device listing? I've been in Greer for over five years and numerous folks have written but not available in Greer. Who does this list?"

I wrote to the postmaster stating maybe there was one before he got there. Maybe it's still there in a long forgotten corner. Maybe there's a mix-up with Greer, SC. Who knows how this office got mentioned that they had a device?

[Editor's note: Greer, AZ is reported as at one time having an 872 which catalogs at 15¢ so one might assume it had wide distribution at that time. —dp.]

ZIP-TO-CRYPT


Although Charlie has not yet advised of any winners, here is the answer:

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THE 11¢ LIBERTY BUREAU PRECANCEL

(A reprint from The American Philatelist, April 1955, p. 308 by Ken Lawrence, PSS 6503)

At the APS STaMpsSHOW in Pittsburgh, precancel specialist Dilmond Postlewait asked for further information about a precanceled Liberty Series stamp that I had discussed in my February 1994 article (page 130) — the tagged version of the 11-cent Statue of Liberty stamp (Scott 1044Ac) overprinted by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) for use in New York, New York.

That Bureau precancel ought to be recognized as the rarest regularly issued U.S. stamp, since no examples have been reported by collectors. Documentation on this stamp is found in the papers of John Stark at the American Philatelic Research Library. Stark was the U.S. philatelic pioneer scholar of luminescence.

AUSTRIA NEWSPAPER TAX STAMPS PRECANCELLED
William J. Michels, New York, NY

(A reprint from Windy City Precancel News, December 1930, p. 9)

While there are but few collectors of Austrian precancels in the United States, perhaps a little explanation of them will be the inducement to include them with their U.S. collections when they can be picked up.

I might mention that these may be found in the stock of many postage stamp dealers.

The Newspaper Tax stamps are the only Austrian adhesive stamps which have been precancelled in any way. They are similar to Type I of France. The stamps were pasted to the paper on which the newspaper was to be printed and thus as the newspaper passed thru the press, the stamp received part of the newsprint.

According to advices I have from two other collectors of these stamps, there have previously been but two stamps found so precancelled. I have been fortunate in adding a third to the list and strangely enough, it is the earliest issue of all three.

The first stamp on which this newsprint precancellation occurs is the 1 Kr. blue of 1850-58 (Scott's No. 601). This is the stamp which I just recently picked up. We then find the 1878 1 Kr. blue, which is the commonest, and follow this with the 1890 1 Kr. brown.

The 1878 is a stamp where some possibilities lie. I have three copies showing year dates, namely 1884, 1886 and 1887 and am looking for others. I follow these with shades, of which there are many, ranging from a pale milky blue to almost a deep blue. After this comes a sheet corner, with quarter inch margins on two sides. Then a copy of Scott's No. 607a, which is an unofficially perforated copy.

Last but not least, I have two copies with Italian newsprint instead of Austrian, probably used in Trieste. This is but an assumption and until I can secure proper authentication, I will not guarantee it.
SAN FRANCISCO'S PANAMA PACIFICS  
By E. J. Newcomer

(A reprint from Windy City Precancel News, November 1930, p. 3)

Did you ever notice an occasional San Francisco Pan Pacific with long bars? Leland Davis asked me the why of these not long ago, and I gave him my guess, and he wrote a note about it in the May Bee.

Since then, I've been watching all of these stamps that came my way and recently Adolf Gunesch very kindly let me examine his stock of them. It is now quite evident what happened. As Mr. Davis explained, a Type 1 plate was evidently cut up and reassembled for use in precancelling the Pan Pacifics.

This was done for two reasons. First, these stamps were printed in sheets of only 280 stamps, making P. O. sheets of 70. Since there were only 7 horizontal rows, only 7 rows of subjects were needed for precancelling instead of 10.

Second, the stamps measure about 30x23mm, while the regular stamps measure 22x25mm. Since the precancellation runs up or down on both issues, the rows of subjects in the plate had to be spaced 8mm farther apart for the Pan Pacifics, and the subjects in each row had to be put 2mm closer together.

You might think a different of only 2mm would not be worth bothering about, but by the time you get across a sheet of stamps, it would about to 20mm., or nearly the width of a stamp. That would result in the precancellation being badly off center on many stamps.

Spacing the rows farther apart was a simple matter, and this same thing was done for the parcel posts, which, being the same height as the regular stamps, did not require a different spacing of subjects within the rows. But in order to put the subjects closer together in the rows for the Pan Pacifics, each row had to be cut up and a piece cut out between each pair or subjects.

For some reason that is not clear, more than necessary was cut out, and then apparently leads or slugs were put between the subjects to give them the proper spacing. Therefore, instead of continuous lines in the rows, we have a series of bars, one pair for each stamp.

In cutting up the rows, there was no need to shorten the lines at each end of the row, and they were left as they were, that is projecting about 2.5 to 3mm beyond the S of SAN and 3.5mm beyond the O of FRANCISCO.

It is these end subjects that produce our copies with long bars, and not an original Type 1 plate, as some people supple. I know this is the case for I have examined over 60 straight-edged copies and every one of them that has the precancellation sufficiently centered shows long bars on the straight edged side. Of course these long bars occur on stamps without straight edges also, since they would occur at the top and bottom of each sheet, and only one of these two sides would have a straight edge.

These long bars occur on one stamp in every five, since they occur on two of the ten horizontal rows. This gives a possible occurrence of one in every nine, not counting the straight edged stamps. Actually, this number would be cut down somewhat, since the cancellation is sometimes off center enough so that it is not possible to tell whether it has
a long or a short bar.

However, you can usually tell in this way: the name SAN FRANCISCO is 20mm long and since the bars were cut off just about even with the name at each end, the short bars measure about 20.5mm in length. The long bars are 23.5 to 24mm long, as they project only on one end of the name, either beyond the S or beyond the O, but not beyond both on one subject. Thus, a complete long bar never shows on a single stamp, since the stamps are only 23mm high. But any bar extending noticeably beyond the S or O of SAN FRANCISCO, and measuring 21mm or more in length, may be considered long bars.

Left above is a 2¢ Pan Pacific (Scott #402, perf. 10) clearly showing both ends of the bars cut even with the S and O. Center stamp is the 10¢ (#400, perf. 12) with the bars cut even with the S and O. However, the right stamp (#400), a straight edge sheet stamp has the bar extending beyond the O of FRANCISCO.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS OUT.....

Editor's note:

The Forum frequently receives requests to reprint some of the stories which appeared in earlier precancel publications. The preceding stories are evidence those requests are being heeded this month because of lack of other stories. If you agree with this response, please let the Forum know. If you do not, also make your feelings known. Or better still, if you have access to older stories which you feel worthy of reprint, prepare them for publication and send to the Forum. While your Editor enjoys reading the older stories, it does take time to locate something which might fit the space available and then locate possible examples to include.

Of course not all stories should be reprinted as later information may have been discovered to prove that person's opinion false or perhaps a change in some other phase of the facts have changed due to more current investigation. Nonetheless there is much in these notes from the early-old-timers which is not only interesting, to say the least, but also very enlightening in furthering our collecting even today. I felt the preceding story of especial interest to those of you who have perhaps wondered about the difference in line (bar) lengths on this particular issue.

This is your chance to participate, but be certain you quote the source (title, date of publication and page(s) of your submission. —dp.
### Additions to previously reported items:

#### PEEKSKILL, N.Y.

**VH-3**  
Repair of bottom line.  
V121H-3  
| 1¢ ... | 50 | 20 |

#### PORT CHESTER, N.Y.

**VM-2**  
Repair of “ESTER”  
V371M-2  
| 1¢ ... | 20 | — |

#### ROCHESTER, N.Y.

**VH-f**  
Shift of “N.Y.” to right.  
Location: Subjects 40 and 90 and possibly other right sheet edge positions.  
V94H-f  
| 4Taft ... | 3 | 2 |

**VH-k**  
No period after “N”.  
V87H-k  
| 17¢ ... | 5 | — |

**V95h-k**  
| 3Stu ... | 15 | — |

**V-x**  
Broken top line  
V4-x  
| 3¢ ... | 2 | — |

**V52-x**  
| 1½¢ ... | 2 | — |

**VH-x**  
Broken “O”.  
Location: More than one; known on right sheet edge and the 10th horizontal row.  
V71H-x  
| 1¢ ... | 25 | — |

V79H-x  
| 8¢ ... | 7½ | — |

V86H-x  
| 15¢ ... | 5 | — |

**VH-x3**  
Broken “T”  
V71H-x3  
| 1¢ ... | 25 | — |

V76H-x3  
| 5¢ ... | 25 | — |

V80H-x3  
| 9¢ ... | 2 | — |

**VH-x5**  
Broken top line.  
Location: 2nd vertical row.  
V71H-x5  
| 1¢ ... | 25 | 2 |

V74H-x5  
| 3¢ ... | 5 | — |

V77H-x5  
| 6¢ ... | 5 | — |

V81H-x5  
| 10¢ ... | 50 | 4 |

V82H-x5  
| 11¢ ... | 2½ | — |

V83H-x5  
| 12¢ ... | 2 | — |

V85H-x5  
| 14¢ ... | 2 | — |

V86H-x5  
| 15¢ ... | 5 | — |

V88H-x5  
| 20¢ ... | 10 | — |

**VH-x6**  
Broken 1st “R”.  
V70H-x6  
| 1/2¢ ... | 4 | — |

V86H-x6  
| 15¢ ... | 5 | — |

V90H-x6  
| 30¢ ... | 2 | — |

V91H-x6  
| 50¢ ... | 2 | — |

V94H-x6  
| 3Stu ... | 7 | — |

V271H-x6  
| 1¢ ... | 12½ | — |

**VH-x7**  
Broken bottom line.  
V271H-x7  
| 1¢ ... | 12½ | 2 |

V272H-x7  
| 1½¢ ... | 2 | — |

**VH-x8**  
Broken bottom line.  
V71H-x8  
| 1¢ ... | 25 | — |

V84H-x8  
| 13¢ ... | 2 | — |

V85H-X8  
| 14¢ ... | 2 | — |

**VH-X**  
Broken bottom line.  
V124H-x  
| 3¢ ... | 4 | — |

V131H-x  
| 10¢ ... | 2 | 1½ |

V145H-x  
| 4Taft ... | 2 | 1½ |

**VH-x2**  
Broken bottom line.  
V723H-x2  
| 2¢ ... | 5 | — |

**VH-x3**  
Broken top line.  
V71H-x3  
| 1¢ ... | 25 | — |
V121H-x3  1¢ ...  12½  —  V270H-x3  ½¢ ...  2  —
V142H-x3  1½FF ...  8  —  V271H-x3  1¢ ...  2½  —

V-5
NOTE: This is now VH-k under Section III
— Breaks.

VH-x4
Broken "Y" in "N.Y."
V74H-x4  3¢ ...  4  —
V81H-x4  10¢ ...  7½  —

VH-7
Repair of period after "Y".
V83H-7  12¢ ...  3  —  V270H-x5  ½¢ ...  2  1½
V86H-7  15¢ ...  12  3  V271H-x5  1¢ ...  2½  —

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

VH-x
Broken "Y" in "N.Y."
V270H-x  ½¢ ...  2  1½
V272H-x  1½¢ ...  2  —

VH-x3
Broken top line.
V222H-x3  1½¢ ...  7  5
V723H-x3  2¢ ...  5  —

VH-x2
Broken 1st "S".
V71H-x2  1¢ ...  12½  —
V72H-x2  1½¢ ...  2  —
V272H-x2  1½¢ ...  2  —

VH-x4
Broken "E".
V121H-x4  1¢ ...  2½  —
V221H-x4  1¢ ...  7½  —
V222H-x4  1½¢ ...  7  5

VH-X3
Broken lines.
V92H-x3  1½FF ...  5  —

(To be continued)

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR APRIL 1995
May 1, 1995

MEMBERSHIP BOOSTERS
Arthur Damm-11; Dick Laetsch-9; Steve Gunesch and Alvin Gerstenberger-5 each; Arnold Selengut and the Secretary-4 each; David Coates, Homer Hagius, George Klein, Dale Malzahn, Ken Martin, Dave Philcox, Dilmound Postlewait, Dick Samoly, and Frank Thoren-1 each.

NEW MEMBERS
6978  Donald Voorhees, Jr., 2920 Gaston, El Paso, TX  79935 *
6979  Michael J. G. Cox, Cobb House, Templars Way, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44
1PY England
6980  John Kambeitz, 11891 Comstock Road, Garden Grove, CA  92640 *
6981  Roy O. Bailey, 1045 Lozier Lane, Medford, OR  97504 *
6982  Nancy B. Zielinski Clark, P.O.Box 451, Lexington, GA  30645 (B)
6983  Leon D. West, 138 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY  11217-3303 (Cl,NY)
6984  Irwin Goldstein, 15 Sawyerkill Terrace, Saugerties, NY  12477 (B,NY)*

* indicates an interest in exchanging with other members
REINSTATEMENTS

5328  Gregory E. Klinginsmith, 5347 Westminster Dr., Austin, TX 78723
4463  Howard R. Foster, 2503 S. Tekoa, Spokane, WA 99203-2457

APPLICATIONS PENDING


APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Aaron Andrews, P.O.Box 361, Lebanon, IN 46052
   Proposed by: Arthur Damm
Steven R. Burke, 30455 Oldstream Ct., Southfield, MI 48076
   Proposed by: George Klein
B. J. Stewart, 910 Arlington Court, Davenport, IA 52803
   Proposed by: Steve Gunesch

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

6734  Samuel Greenberg, PA

ADDRESS CHANGES

6382  Glenn F. Mallory, 1386 S. Laredo Ct., Aurora, CO 80017
6114  George A. Wieber, 59 Island View Lane, South Chatham, MA 02659
4170  Carl L. Barber, 273 Cannel Ave., Marina, CA 93933-0308
6797  Douglas M. Clark, 7102 N. 43rd Ave., Glendale, AZ 85301-2906
6960  Kent Gray, 1001 Tramway Blvd. NE #93, Albuquerque, NM 87112

TOTAL PSS MEMBERSHIP — May 1, 1995 — 1100

James Hirstein, Secretary

June 3 - Golden Gate Precancel Society, home of Jack Sothern, Palo Alto
June 9-10 - New England Precancel Club show, Comfort Inn, 50 Ledge Rd., (Exit 10 on I-95), Darien, CT. Mention show for special rate 203-655-8211 or 800-4CHOICE
June 11 - Eastern Pennsylvania Precancel Society, home of Roy Chester, Deepwater, NJ (609-678-8247)
June 16-17 - Missouri Precancel Club '95 Mulefest, Budgetel Inn, St. Charles, MO with early birds Thurs., June 15. Mention show for special rate. Reservations 314-946-6936
June 17 - Southern California Precancel Club, Club House, 7717 Church St., Highland - noon. Info call Jim Crosby 909-864-3736
June 24 - Northwest Precancel Club, OR Stamp Society Clubhouse, 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland - 10am
July 6-8 - Ohio Precancel Club Buckeye Bash, Travelodge Motel, US 23 & SR 95, Marion. Mention show for special rate 800-578-7878
July 9 - Eastern Pennsylvania Precancel Society, home of Bob Kucsan, Bethlehem, PA (215-759-5137)
July 15 - Southern California Precancel Club, Club House, 7717 Church St., Highland - noon. Info call Jim Crosby 909-864-3736
Aug 1-5 - PSS 74th Annual Convention, Eastern Pennsylvania Precancel Society, host, Radisson Hotel, Wilmington, DE
Aug 1-5 - Pinns Club Annual Meeting in connection with the PSS Convention, Wilmington

Aug 19 - Southern California Precancel Club, Club House, 7717 Church St., Highland - noon. Info call Jim Crosby 909-864-3736
Aug 26 - Northwest Precancel Club, OR Stamp Society Clubhouse, 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland - 10am
Sep 16 - Southern California Precancel Club, Club House, 7717 Church St., Highland - noon. Info call Jim Crosby 909-864-3736
Sep 24 - Ohio Precancel Club, National City Bank basement (formerly 1st National Bank), 4100 Far Hills Ave. (and Stroop Road), Town & Country Shopping Center, Kettering, 9am-5pm, annual donation auction
Sep 28-30 - Illini Precancel Stamp Club Annual Fall Roundup, Ottawa Inn, Ottawa. Reservations: 1-815-434-3400

Aug 6-10, 1996 - PSS 75th Annual Convention, Northwest Precancel Club, host, Monarch Motor Court, Portland, OR
Aug 1997 - PSS 76th Annual Convention, New England Precancel Society, host, Sheraton Wayfarer, Bedford (Manchester), NH (tentative)
Aug 1998 - PSS 77th Annual Convention, Illini Precancel Club, host, Springfield, IL (tentative)
Aug 1999 - Which club is interested?
Aug 2000 - A BIGGIE!

BUREAU MIXTURE, $6.00 per ounce. Local mixture, $8.00 per ounce. James Wehle, 2636 12th St. North, Saint Petersburg, FL 33704

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Sep 30 - Northwest Precancel Club, OR Stamp Society Clubhouse, 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland - 9am
Oct 28 - Northwest Precancel Club, OR Stamp Society Clubhouse, 4828 NE 33rd Ave., Portland - 10am
Nov 18 - Southern California Precancel Club, Club House, 7717 Church St., Highland - noon. Info call Jim Crosby 909-864-3736


Precancel Forum


**WANTED**

BUROS BUROS — Please offer us singles, lots, collections, Pay good prices in U.S. dollars. Offer to: Henry Kuipers, Diepenbrockstraat 109, 7604 CX Almelo, Netherlands W-672

WANTED — PRECANCELS WITH GUM — Bureau, Local. Send or call (908) 495-9218. Victor Bove, Box 1013, New Monmouth, NJ 07748 W-666

TWO-CENT DEFINITIVE sheet stamps wanted for collection. (Precanceled, of course.) Please send on approval with prices, or for swap. James Wehle, 2636 12th St. North, Saint Petersburg, FL 33704 W-666

I AM BEGINNING a precancel collection from places with Biblical names. People, places, events—e.g. Eden, ID; Jeremiah, KY; Grace, MS; Corpus Christi, TX; Devils Lake, ND; Lucas, SD; New Galilee, PA; Alpha, NJ; Bethlehem, NH; Ruth, NV; Moriah, NY, etc., etc.!! Please write with your offer of collections, accumulations, individual stamps. Every Bruckner, MD, PSS #6614, Dept. of Internal Medicine, #1259, LLUMC, Loma Linda, CA 92350 W-666

FOR MY GENERAL COLLECTION: Hemet, Calif., PSS Type 612. Send all with your price. Jack Paul, 725 W. Thornton #132, Hemet, CA 92543 W-666

WANTED — PROMINENT AMERICAN precancels — Local and Bureau — on cover. H. Tilles, POB 5466, High Point, NC 27262-5466 W-669

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BUCKEYE BASH featuring BLACK HARDINGS will be held at the Travelodge Motel in Marion, OH (US 23 & State Route 95) July 6, 7 & 8—8am til midnight. Sat. til 4. When calling for your reservations—1-800-578-7878 mention the Ohio Precancel Club for special room rate of $44.+ tax for 1 to 4 persons. Since this is the home town of Warren G. Harding, dig out your black Harding collection and enjoy a fest. Who knows, you may have that $15,000 stamp. PM-667

HERE WE GO AGAIN.....Come see New England at the Comfort Inn, 50 Ledge Rd., Darien, CT June 9 & 10 and Nov. 2, 3, & 4, 1995. Mark your calendar and come and see us. Bring stamps. Contact P. Heydt, Box 4151, E. Norwalk, CT 06855 PM-670

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Precancel Forum
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