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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Eighteenth Newsletter

This newsletter is produced quarterly by the United States Stamp Society's - Dummy Stamps Study Group for your information and pleasure. We hope that the information included in this newsletter will be informative, useful and encourage your enjoyment of collecting dummy/test stamps. Our goal is to keep you up-to-date with the latest information available to our group. Questions, comments and articles proposed for publication should be directed to Terry R. Scott, Chairman of the Dummy Stamps Study Group at trs@napanet.net

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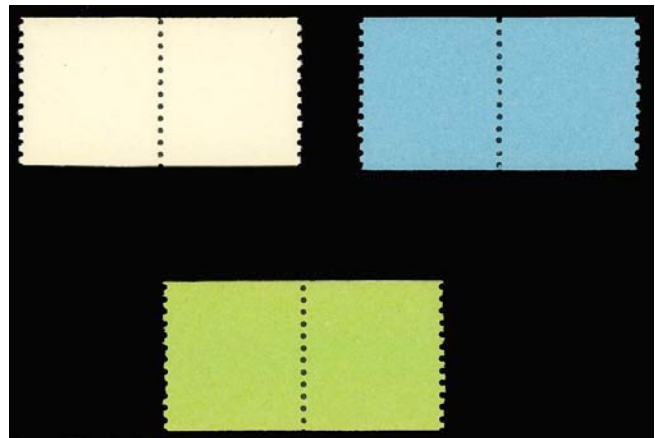
Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

On January 5, 2010, Earl P.L. Apfelbaum Inc., held Sale 1078 that contained the following test stamps. There was a 18% Buyers Premium.

U.S. TEST STAMPS

Lot No. 1435 * 2000 Black "For Testing Purposes Only" (TD33), 75 plate #111 strips of five, EXTREMELY FINE og, NH, No Photo, Catalog Value.\$562.50. (I do not know if this lot sold.)



Lot 8614 ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), 1930s, WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN, THREE COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79-TD81, very fine, cat. \$120.00 (Photo) MB \$60 Not Sold

In the interest of saving space and not repeating illustrations of auction lots that are not sold in the Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. auctions, I will show the illustration of the lot when they are first listed in this newsletter. I will only list the descriptions of lots previously illustrated. Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. holds mail sales approximately every two weeks and lots that are not sold in any certain auction are normally re-listed in the following or the second auction after the listing in which they were not sold.

On January 12, 2010, Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Mail Auction #F197 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.

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On February 9, 2010, Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Mail Auction #F199. There is no buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.


Lot 9573 ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), 1930s, WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN, THREE COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79-TD81, very fine, cat. \$120.00 (Photo) MB \$60 Not Sold


On February 19-21, 2010, Harmer-Schau held Public Auction #84 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.

Lot 2149 ★ U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1992 Eagle Coil #TD123. P# strip of 5 on adhesive, Very Fine. Scott \$350. Estimate \$200-250. Not Sold


Lot 2150 ★★ U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1996 Rectangular With Thick Lines in Blue, #TD124. N.h. strip of 5 with row (mirror image) #5, scarce, Fine to Very Fine. Scott \$1,500. Estimate \$300-400. Realized \$900


Lot 2151  **U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998, "Flag" 8 Singles on Cover, #TD130A.** On reverse of #U632, cancelled 7 Dec 1998 from Philadelphia, with "Space Discovery" cancel, for testing purposes, unusual, Very Fine. Scott \$280. Estimate \$150-200. Not Sold

Lot 2152  **U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998, "Flag" 8 Singles on Cover, #TD130A var.** On reverse of #U632, not cancelled, all drastically misperforated and miscut, very unusual, Very Fine, recent discovery. Estimate \$150-250. Not Sold

Lot 2153  **U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998, "Flag" 8 Singles on 2 Different Covers, #TD130A, var.** First with normal on reverse of #U632, cancelled 7 Dec 1998 from Philadelphia, with "Wavy Line" cancel, second all drastically misperforated and miscut on reverse of #U632, not cancelled, very unusual, for testing purposes, Very Fine. Scott \$280++. Estimate \$300-400. Not Sold

Lot 2154 (★) U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998, "Octagon" 3 Singles, #TD130B, var. In 3 diff. color printing intensities, one dark, one medium and one very light, for testing purposes, all soaked off cover, Very Fine. Scott \$135+. New discovery, Estimate \$100-150. Not Sold

Lot 2155  **U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998, "Octagon", 5 Singles on Cover, #TD130B.** On reverse of #U632, cancelled Dec 9, 1998 from South Suburban, IL for testing purposes, unusual, Very Fine. Scott \$225+. Estimate \$100-120. Not Sold

Lot 2156  **U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998, "Octagon" on 3 Covers, #TD130B, var.** 5 singles on reverse of #U632 (3), all cancelled Dec 9, 1998 from South Suburban, IL for testing purposes, one with issued colors, next with medium colors and last with very light colors, very unusual, Very Fine. Scott \$675 ++. New discovery. Estimate \$250-350. Not Sold

Lot 2157 (★) U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998 Stamps and Booklet Pane Issues, #TD130A-B, TDB89A. 3 unused singles, all soaked off the test envelopes, interesting modern items, Fine to Very Fine. Scott \$115. Estimate \$50-75. Not Sold

Lot 2158 (★) U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1998 Group of 6 Mint, #TD130A-B, TDB89A. Noted dramatic shift on #TD130A (with normal) and 2 color varieties on TD130B (with normal), nice group, excellent lot for the test stamp specialist, Fine to Very Fine. Scott \$240 ++. Estimate \$150-200. Realized \$90.00

On February 26, 2010, Michael Rogers, Inc. held Mail Sale #87 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



3314 ** 1967-68 \$2 Brown on white complete unexploded TEST booklet with magenta "Dummy" overprint, containing five panes of eight test stamps misperforated as always, og NH Fine-VF. (Sc TDB13 cat val. \$200) Est... \$100.00. MB \$50.00 Price Realized Unavailable.

On February 27, 2010, Regency-Superior held Public Auction #79 that contained the following test

stamps. There is a 17% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



Lot #1593: 1995 TEST STAMP #TD127B POLAR BEAR ICE SKATING MULTI(COLOR) Ashton Potter USA self-adhesive test stamp, die cut 11x11½. Very fine. Photo. Cat \$750. Est. \$400 Realized \$230

I would like to regress a bit now and include two auctions that were not previously listed in the Dummy Stamps Study Group Newsletters and are of some significance to test stamp collectors.

On August 22, 2009, 2009.08.22 Rasdale Stamp Company held Public Auction Sale 401 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 17% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.

Test Stamps

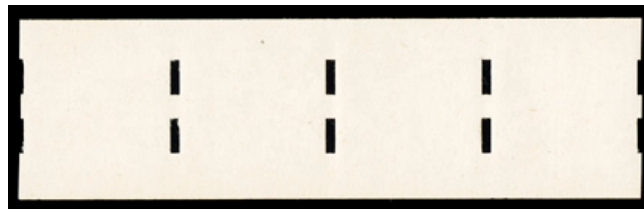
Lot 354 nh (TDB12a) \$1.00 Blue Dummy booklet with different inside front cover. Box of 240, F-VF. No Photo. \$3,600.00 Realized \$ 550.00

On October 14-15, 2009, Spink / Shreves Galleries held The October 2009 Collector's Series Sale that included the following test stamps. There is a 20% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



Lot 964 ★ #482, 2c Carmine imperforate, Ty. I, Schermack Ty. III perforations, an amazing paste-up strip of five, with single #482 pasted-up with strip of four Mailometer Test Stamps (#TD14, TD14a), showing the right Test Stamp with Schermack Ty. III perforations and the other three imperforate, o.g., h.r., the right pair l.h., left three test stamps each with a small fault, otherwise very fine; an extremely rare combination paste-up leader strip which well may be

unique; this combination is listed by Scott with #409 for \$6,000.00, but is not listed for #482. Photo. Est. \$1,500.00-\$2,000.00 Realized \$2,800.00



Lot 975★★ Schermack Ty. III perforations blank testing coil, strip of four, o.g., n.h., extremely fine; these gummed dummy test strips were used to test dispensing equipment, for training employees and to demonstrate machines to prospective buyers; photocopy of 1989 PF certificate; *ex-Agris*. Photo. Est.. \$100.00-\$150.00 Realized \$100.00



Lot 1009 ✉ #371, 2c Alaska-Yukon imperforate, Chicago roulettes, well centered single tied by "St. Louis, Mo./May 24, 1910" wavy line machine cancel to cover to Detroit, W.A. Sisson corner card sticker and Mailometer testing coil with Ty. I perforations misplaced affixed at left, very fine and rarely offered. Photo. Est.. \$300.00-\$400.00 Realized \$850.00

Lot 1036 ★/★★ Test Stamps collection of about 40 items in singles, pairs or larger multiples, including unlisted #TD12 strip of three with Mailometer Ty. I perforations, TD24C strip of three with Rosback perforations, TD51 wide right margin pair, TD60A pair (2), TD89 pair (2) and strip of 6, pairs of unlisted Automatic Receiving Teller coils in 1c, 5c, 10c and 25c denominations, set of four different colors of Zeigle Electric Vendors dummy coils in strips of six, unlisted Sanitary Postage Stamp dummy pair, and much more, mostly fine-very fine and largely n.h.; an excellent start to this fascinating area. No Photo. Est.. \$500.00-\$750.00 Realized \$750.00

Proposed Future DSSG Projects

Updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets

Work is progressing, very much still at a snail's pace, on updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets. The last update by Earl McAfee, Dummy Booklets Study Group Chairman, was in 1998. Since then there have been many new discoveries. Many of them have been written up in articles in *The United States Specialist*. Now the time has come to document and illustrate them in a new updated version of Research Paper Number 3. I am in charge of this update project and knowing that it will take quite

a bit of time to complete, have no estimated completion date in mind. I will be asking all of you to join me in this project as I am not able to do it all, nor would you want me to do it all. It is a DSSG project and all members should have a chance to provide their input. Several illustrations are needed and a listing of these will be sent to you when I compile it. Scans at 300 dpi are necessary for clarity. It is anticipated that this publication will be in color. It has not yet been determined if it will be available on CD. □

The Other Projects

There are several other projects currently being worked on by various members of the DSSG. They are as follows:

- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of dummy test stamp roll sizes, box and roll labels. There are many different styles of labels sometimes found on the same test stamps. This is especially true of Bureau of Engraving and Printing products
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive record of auction appearances and prices realized for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive listing of references for test stamps
- Compiling a complete and comprehensive list of plate numbers printed on test stamps and the frequency in which they appear and the frequency of joint lines on test coils when they appear. □

Requests for Articles for *The United States Specialist*

by Terry R. Scott

Leonard Piskiewicz, Editor of *The United States Specialist*, is always looking for articles of interest for inclusion in our society's monthly publication. The type of articles Len needs most are the shorter ones, one or two-page articles. If you are considering writing an article for *The United States Specialist*, please contact him for instructions. If the article is regarding dummy stamps, I would appreciate knowing about it also. Many members of the DSSG have

written articles on dummy stamps and other stamps for this publication. It is rewarding and other USSS members benefit greatly from the information that is published in *The United States Specialist*.

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