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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Twenty-Second 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

I urge you to check all private printed test coils for constant varieties

by Terry R. Scott

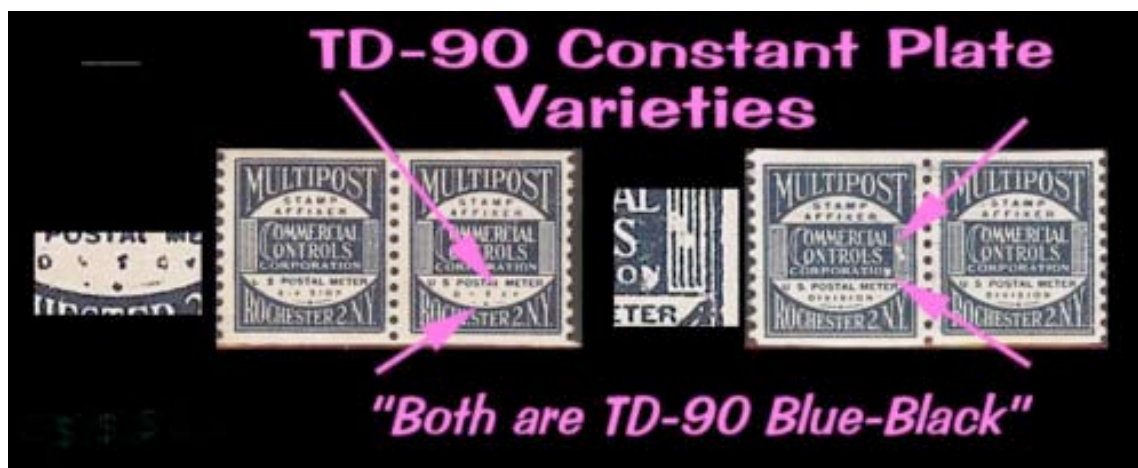
In addition to the previously reported, and subsequently listed in the Scott Specialized, there seem to be several more constant varieties being found on some of the private printed test coils.

An example of previously reported constant varieties is Scott TD38 that has at the end of the catalog listing the note: On some rolls of TD38, the carmine Multipost Co. test coil, the design of every other stamp is 1mm taller and 1mm wider than the adjacent

stamp." Another reported variety is on TD65 that occurs every other stamp on some strips.

You will need at least a strip of 3 to determine if the constant variety is recurring and a longer strip to be certain that the variety occurs every other stamp.

Dummy Stamps Study Group member, Dave Cockrill has reported 2 different constant varieties on Scott TD90, the blue black Multipost Commercial Controls test coil.



Dave also reports a constant variety in the red horizontal lines applied to blank coils Scott TD76. A gap in one of the red horizontal lines occurs every 12 stamps. This is not to be confused with the "normal" gaps (wide and narrow) that alternate every 6 stamps. This gap is in one of the precancel lines in between the "normal" gaps and since it occurs every 12 stamps, it can be said that it was on one of the precancel plates and not the other.

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If you find a constant variety I hope you will share that information with us and I will report it in the

newsletter. Scans of 300 dpi would be appreciated.



Additional Information on The National Postage Service Test Stamps from Northwestern Corporation

by Terry R. Scott

Dummy Stamps Study Group member, Joann Lenz reported she had a used copy of the *The National Postage Service Test Stamp from Northwestern Corporation* that was reported on by James N. Drummond in the Dummy Stamps Study Group Newsletter #21, the Fall 2010 issue.

Joann's copy is on a corner cut from an envelope and is cancelled with the slogan cancel "PLEASE SAY YES / TO THE NEW / MARCH OF DIMES". Since the March of Dimes was around in the 30s, the slogan postmark also helps to date the test stamp.



Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

On March 26-27, 2010 The Stamp Center - Dutch Country held Auction #267 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 12% buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 642 TEST COILS TD107d Unopened Roll of (500) F-VF NH, No Photo Cat. \$1,320.00 Realized \$ is Unknown

On May 21-22, 2010 The Stamp Center - Dutch Country held Auction #268 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 12% buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 615 TEST COILS TD107d Unopened Roll of (500) F-VF NH, No Photo Cat. \$1,320.00 Realized \$ is Unknown

On November 19, 2010 Rasdale Stamp Company held Public Auction #406 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 779 ** (TDB12a, TD107b) over 400 red "DUMMY" overprint test booklets and the center 3.75 inches of a 1966 black test coil roll. Thousands of

"stamps" with a huge total catalog. No photo. Cat. Value S.B. \$1,000.00 Price Realized \$800.00

On November 20-21, 2010 Regency Superior Auction #84 in conjunction with CHICAGOPEX that contained the following test stamps. There is a 17% buyer's premium for this sale.

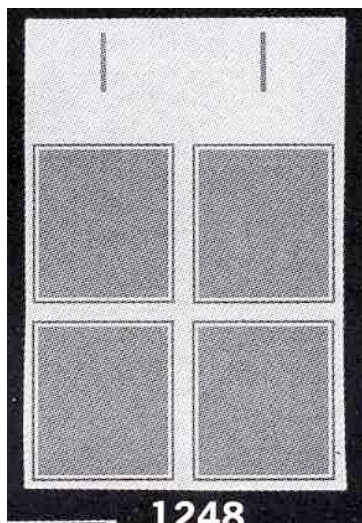
Lot #1080: USA (TD90) 1944-49 MULTIPOST COIL BLUE BLACK (x20) Four strips of 5. All fresh, MINT never hinged, very fine. Photo Cat \$480.00 Est. \$200.00 Not Sold



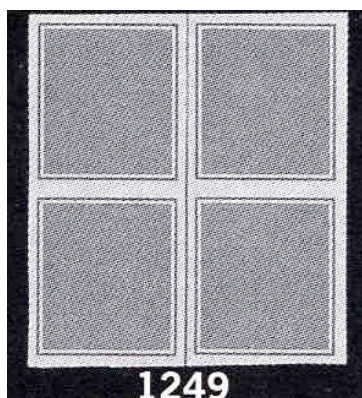
2010.12.08-09 Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Inc. held their 330th Public Auction Sale that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 1247A TD32a, 22¢ Flag Over Capitol covers, TDB12 Pane (5), Dull Gum No Estimate, This lot was withdrawn

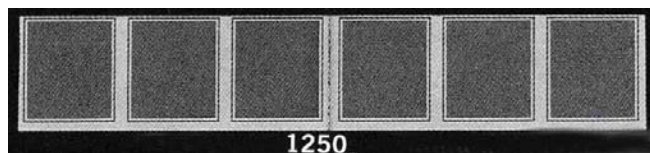
Lot 1248 **#TD94A**, (*Ed. Correction - this is Scott TD97 the coil issue*) **Carmine Framed Rectangle**, Imperf top margin Electric Eye Blk (4), NH, Superb, Photo Cat. \$400.00 Realized \$240.00



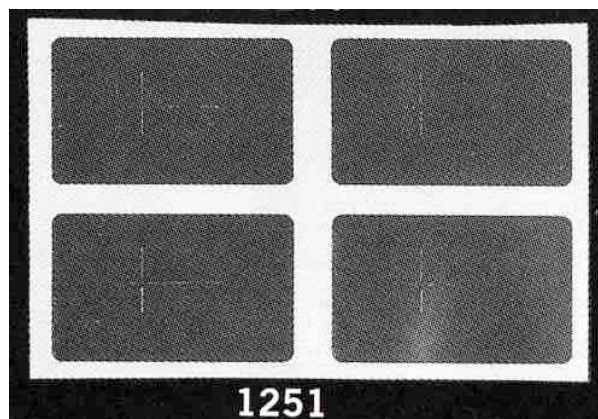
Lot 1249 **#TD94A**, (*Ed. Correction - this is Scott TD97 the coil issue*) **Carmine Framed Rectangle**, Imperf vert line Blk (4), NH, Superb Photo Cat. \$3,400.00 Realized \$240.00



Lot 1250 **#TD95a**, **Purple Framed Rectangle Coil Strip** (6) w/line at center, Imperforate, NH, F-VF Photo Cat. \$300.00 Realized \$180.00



Lot 1251 **#TD117a**, **Black Avery Test Stamps**, Blk (4), Imperforate backing paper, pair lightly creased, NH, VF Photo Estimate \$150.00-\$250.00 Realized \$11.00



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 December 14, 2010 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Mail Auction #F221 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 2560 **1940, 37c VIOLET ON BUFF BOOKLET COVER WITH TWO PURPLE PANE OF SIX**, #TBD3, complete mint never hinged unexploded booklet, very fine, scarce, Photo, (See previous illustration for Mail Auction #F219) Cat. \$600.00 MB \$300.00 Not Sold



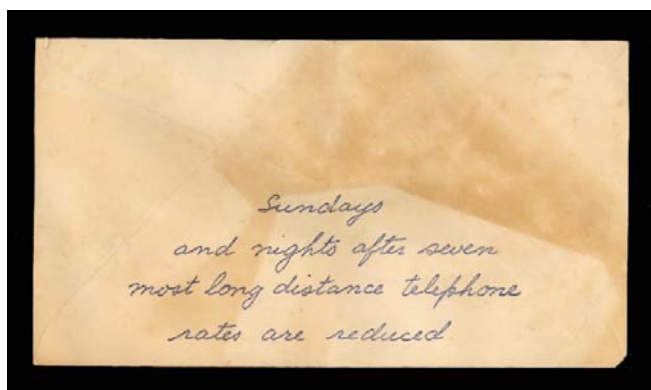
Lot 2561 **TEST STAMP - SMALL COLLECTION**, eight diff. in pairs, incl. nos. TD96, TD107, TD107b, TD111 line-pair, TD112, TD117, TD123, fine-very

fine, Photo, (See previous illustration for Mail Auction #F219) Cat. \$67.00 MB \$30.00 Not Sold



On December 28, 2010 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Mail Auction #F222 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 3125 **1920s, RED MAIL-O-METER TEST STAMP "10,000 ENVELOPES" AFFIXED TO BELL SYSTEM COVER, #TD60A**, perfs clipped, corner crease, cover toning, rare, we noticed a mint pair offered for \$899.00 on ebay Photos MB \$75.00 Realized \$85.00



2011.01.11 On January 11, 2011 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. Mail Auction #F223 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium for this sale.

3568 **1940, 37c VIOLET ON BUFF BOOKLET COVER WITH TWO PURPLE PANES OF SIX, #TBD3**, complete mint never hinged unexploded booklet, very fine, scarce, Cat. \$600.00 Photo \$300.00 Not Sold

On January 21-22, 2011 The Stamp Center - Dutch Country Auctions held Public Auction #272 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 12% buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 661 **TEST STAMPS TD107d** Unopened Roll of (500) Dull Gum Block Tagged F-VF NH No photo Approx. Cat. \$1,320.00 Realized Unknown

On January 26, 2011 Downeast Stamps held Auction No. 266 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 10% buyer's premium for this sale.

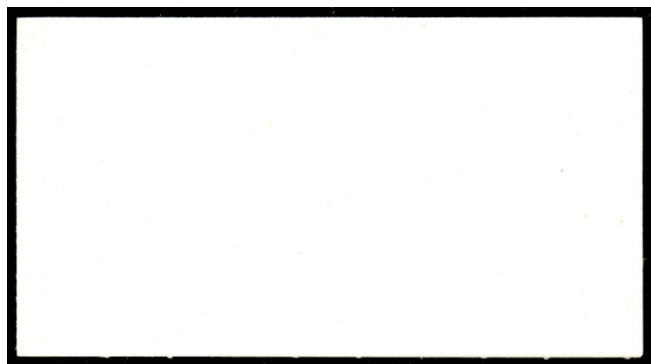
Lot 1451 **** TDB32, \$1.10 test booklet, cplt, VF** No photo, Cat. \$20.00 Not Sold

On February 8, 2011 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held MAIL AUCTION #F225 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 4590 **1940, 37c VIOLET ON BUFF BOOKLET COVER WITH TWO PURPLE PANES OF SIX, #TBD3**, complete mint never hinged unexploded booklet, very fine, scarce, Cat. \$600.00 Photo MB \$300.00 Not Sold

Lot 4591 **ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), 1930s, WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN, THREE COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79-TD81**, very fine, Cat. \$120.00 Photo MB \$60.00 Not Sold

Lot 4592 **1999, BLANK SELF-ADHESIVE PANE OF TEN IN COMPLETE BOOKLET, #TDB61**, blank cover, very fine, Cat. \$150.00 Photo MB \$75.00 Not Sold

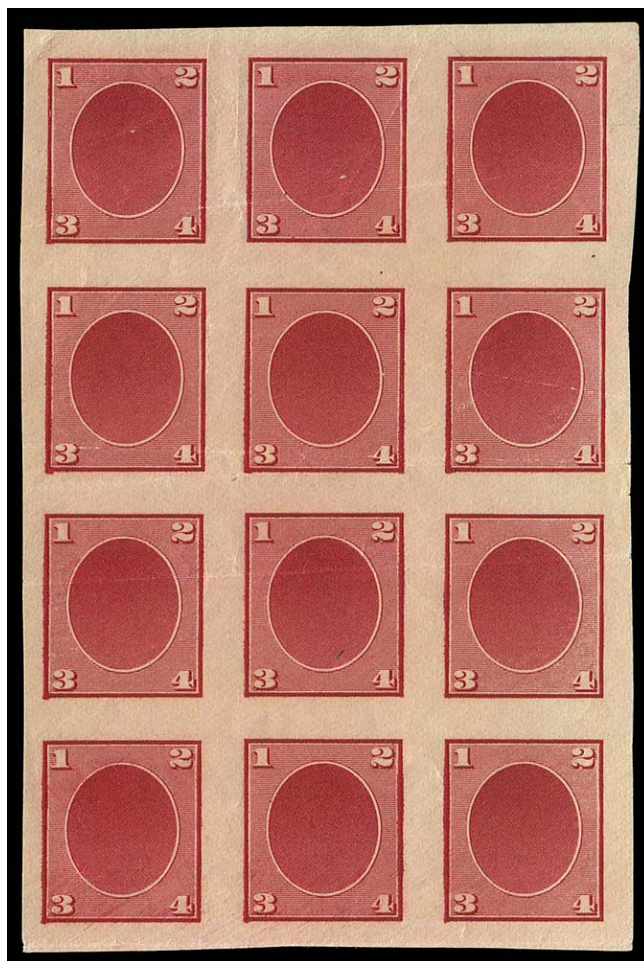


Lot 4593 **TEST BOOKLET, 1999, SELF-ADHESIVE & GLUED BOOKLET, BLANK COVER AND PANE, SERPENTINE DIE CUT, #TBD60**, complete unexploded, fine-very fine, Cat. \$150.00 Photo MB\$75.00 Realized \$75.00



On January 28-30, 2011 Regency Superior held Public Auction #85 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 17% buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot #1961: USA TEST STAMP (TD18) 1909 NUMERALS & OVAL (-) DEEP RED, BLOCK An incredibly RARE block of 12 with pencil inscription on back (as listed in Scott). Some creases, stamp paper without gum, very fine appearing. In a mount on annotated exhibit page. Photo. Cat \$14,000.00. Not Sold



Lot #1962: USA TEST STAMP (TD107b) 1962-88 BLACK COIL, WHOLESALE GROUP Wholesale group, black coil, pebbled gum. Includes: two complete rolls of 500, 100 strips of 10 (no plate numbers), 30+ line strips of 4 plus additional strips, pairs & singles. Fresh, MINT never hinged, fine to very fine. No Photo. Cats well over \$3000. Est. \$200.00-\$300.00 Realized \$290.00



On March 8, 2011 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held MAIL AUCTION #F227 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium for this sale.

Lot 5578 **1940, 37c VIOLET ON BUFF BOOKLET COVER WITH TWO PURPLE PANES OF SIX, #TBD3**, complete mint never hinged unexploded booklet, very fine, scarce, Cat. \$600.00 Photo MB \$300.00 Not Sold



Lot 4017 * **Test Coils, Private Perfs & Cinderellas**, Small collection of about 65 items including pairs of TD30, 35, 37, 40, 47, 60A, 65, 74, 88-91 & 93; generally F-VF. Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00 Opening Bid \$290.00 Realized \$350.00



Lot 619 TEST COILS TD107d Unopened Roll of
(500) F-VF NH, No Photo Cat. \$1,320.00 Realized
\$58.00

I would greatly appreciate it if you would send auction information to me for inclusion into the Dummy Stamps Study Group newsletters. I only check a few auctions and I am aware that others of you check certain ones that I do not, so if you could send the information to me for inclusion in future newsletters, it would help all of us to have a better idea of what test stamp items actually go for in the retail market. ☐

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. □