



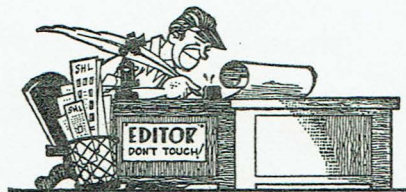
The SHIFT HUNTERS

AN ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS OF PLATE RESEARCH PROBLEMS—
Acting as the PLATE VARIETIES COMMITTEE of the BUREAU ISSUES ASSOCIATION



Subscriptions to Shift Hunter Letters \$2 per year, starting with January

IF there is a report of an important discovery made at headquarters! Examination of the upper left pane from 1917 plate 13546 (except the straightedged tenth row which had been removed from the sheet) disclosed that the top row had been erased and freshly entered....and that two positions had been entered a third time!



To increase our Membership and stimulate interest and cooperation, we are going to give away some valuable prizes during 1935:

FIRST, to every member securing THREE NEW Subscribers during the year, we will give a one year subscription to the Shift Hunter Letters FREE! Save yourself two bucks and help increase our cooperative group of plate variety enthusiasts!

SECOND, to every member securing ONE NEW subscriber by March 1st, we will give a one year subscription to WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR, the semi-weekly Philatelic Newspaper in which we publish current Plate Variety Reports! Thus you will receive descriptions of the new discoveries each week, with the major items illustrated in SHL each month.

THIRD, to the member reporting the most Plate Varieties during the year 1935, we will give a one year extension subscription to the Shift Hunter Letters!

FOURTH, to every member reporting TEN or more varieties during the year, we will give their choice of any 25 Mats!

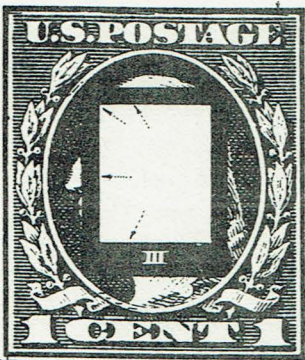
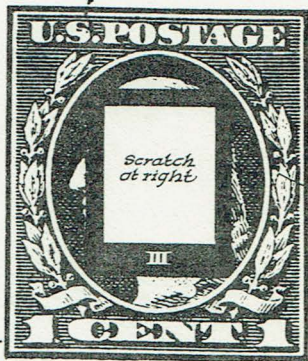
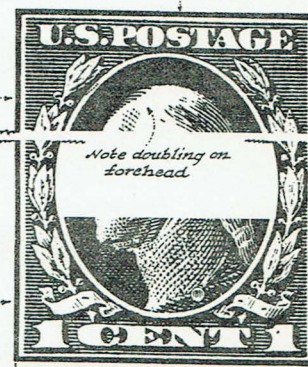
FIFTH, to every member paying their 1935 dues before February 1, 1935, we will give a six-months subscription to WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR!

SIXTH, to every member who has not yet paid their 1934 dues, and who will do so by February 1, 1935, we will give a copy of THE PLATE VARIETY COLLECTOR, or their choice of any 15 Mats!

LET'S GO! MAKE 1935 A BANNER YEAR!

THIS has every appearance of having extended across the entire top row. Please check the top plate number pieces in your collections and give us a report of your findings if any further varieties are discovered. In any event you can enter the fact that these nine fine double and triple transfers exist, in case you maintain plate number check lists. It is such full panes and large blocks that give up the most valuable information, and no opportunity should be overlooked to thoroly examine any such pieces yet available. Happy Hunting!

Cordially
L.M. RYER



As Confucius said nearly 2500 years ago: "One picture is worth ten thousand words!" Use MATS for mounting and illustrating plate varieties. Prices from \$1.25 to \$1.75 per 100 postpaid—less than 2¢ each!



Dear Shift Hunter:

With this issue of the Shift Hunter Letters we begin the sixth year of The Shift Hunters, and the seventh volume of the illustrated reports of Plate Varieties. The last year was gratifying in that your response was immediate and cooperation splendid. However, due to the fact that a large number of the old subscribers did not continue their subscriptions and that some of you have not yet paid the 1934 fee, the treasury is in the red. A considerable number of new mats and considerable equipment was necessary during the year, and to date the expenses have exceeded the income. However, we have every hope that you will all get your account "up to date" during the coming year, and we will make every effort to increase the number of subscribers during the year, thus enabling us to not only carry on, but to provide still more mats and equipment that will help to serve you better. Remember, this is a non-profit organization, and that you will be of real help by sending your contributions as early as possible. Please note the offers in this SHL and ask for your premium.

The following additions, changes and deletions should be made in the roster:

ADDITIONS

250 BLECK, M. A., 31 Marathon Ave., Dayton, Ohio
 253 CHRISTY, W. H., 5607 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
 254 HIXSON, Capt. LEWIS D., 23rd Inf., Fort Sam Houston, Tex.
 249 LEACH, FLOYD S., Noroton, Conn.
 108 MESSER, CHARLES L., Jr., 156½ S. Hoopes Ave., Auburn, N.Y.
 252 TROSHINSKY, LEON, 636 Kenyon St., N.W., Washington, D.C.
 251 WEST, WILLIAM, North Lapsley Rd. & Lapsley Lane, Merion, Pa.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

237 BACHARACH, JUSTIN L., to c/o New York American, New York, N.Y.
 197 JOHNSON, C.S., to Cullen, Calif.
 90 KOVARIK, F.J., to P.O. Box 5445, Chicago, Ill.
 78 LIGDA, VICTOR W., to 6165 Chabot Rd., Oakland, Calif.
 200 RANDALL, A.L., to Packanack Lake, Wayne, N.J.
 245 SCAL, ROBERT K., to 465 West End Ave., New York N.Y.

DECEASED

124 DURANT, F. R., Pasadena, Calif.

Many of you have special preference in the issues you would like to work on, and we will be only too glad to publish such information in the Shift Hunter Letters, so that others working on the same issues may get in touch with you and combine their knowledge and efforts with yours. Please drop us a line so that we will know your field of activity. Please note that the following preferences have already been expressed:

STANTON, F. E. Jr., Broken Reliefs, 2¢ 1890
 MILLER, W. W., Rotary Press Coils
 FERRY, E. T., "Special Service Issues"; i.e., Special Delivery, Airmail, Postage Due, Parcel Post, Special Handling, etc.
 PALMER, C. L., "Triangle Issues", 1894-98
 KINDIG, DICK, Offset Issues, 1918-19

While we would like to believe that all of our 1934 subscribers will continue their subscriptions, it is possible that a few of you may be unable to do so. If you do NOT want to continue, drop us a card saying so....otherwise the reports will be mailed to you and YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THE YEAR.

Cordially,

L. M. RYER