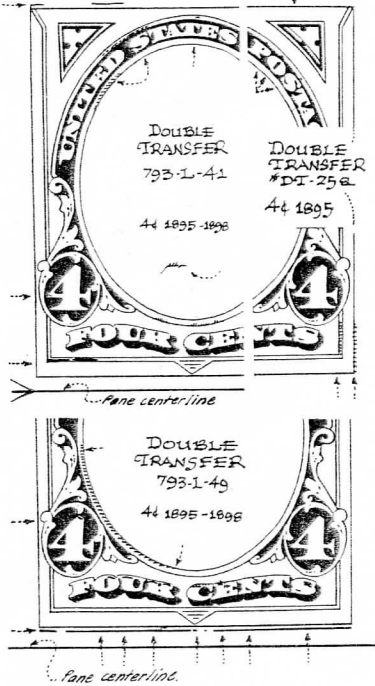


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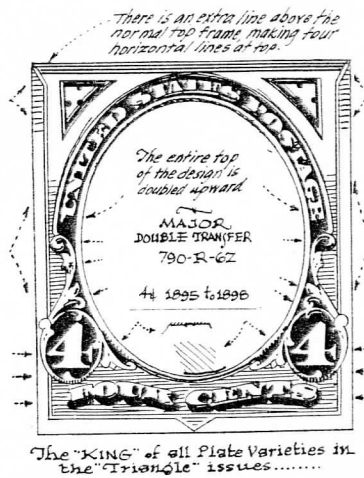
A Joyous  
Christmas  
1935



A most Happy  
New Year  
1936!

HERE'S YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT! Due to contributions from several of our members we are enabled to put out this extra report to carry the overflow from the two regular letters and thus avoid leaving the report incomplete this year. At the same time we have a surplus of space in which we can make some VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS concerning the expansion and improvement of these extremely valuable reports:

First, to increase the value of our organized efforts, a news column devoted to flash reports of varieties in current issues, discoveries of interest and importance, research results, membership information, such as additions, changes of address, specialties, etcetera, is running and will continue to run in WESTERN STAMP COLLECTOR, the semi-weekly stamp newspaper, under the heading of "The Shift Hunters". In order that all our members may have access to this column, a subscription to Western Stamp Collector will be included FREE with every PAID UP subscription to the Shift Hunter Letters! YOUR DUES FOR 1936 ARE NOW PAYABLE!



Second, although we notified all delinquent subscribers on the first of this year that they should either advise us to stop their subscription or expect to be billed for the year, we withheld billing in the hope that payment would be made without asking. As a result, we are short about \$50 in 1934 subscriptions, and nearly twice that for 1935! UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE, EVERY DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBER WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE!...and in no case will the subscription to Western Stamp Collector be started unless the 1936 dues are paid. It seems to us that those who have received these reports at their own express request would be willing to do their part by payment of the subscription price. THIS IS A NON-PROFIT ENTERPRISE; it is run for and by the Plate Variety Collectors and students; and both the cost and the contents must be furnished by those who benefit from its operation!

Yes, we admit we're slow sometimes, and that we've made many of you peeved because of it, but we're honestly trying to get our records up to date, our correspondence answered and your stamps returned! Our time is at a premium, and we have devoted such as we have had to publishing the reports WE OWE YOU and filling the many orders for mats, back issues and other publications that are continually coming in. Many of you have had every reason to criticize and yet have been most patient...and while we readily understand and forgive the criticism we do get, we have a real glow in our heart for those of you who still start your letters "Dear Lee"! PLEASE bear with us a bit longer...pay your subscription up to date...send us a few of your varieties for record and report...and we'll promise you will not be sorry you stuck by us when we needed your support most!

And, lest we forget, we have reduced ALL back issues of the letters to \$1 a year (any year) that is still available, and that, with the exception of just a few reports, covers all the illustrated reports ever issued. And in case you are already a subscriber to WSC, we'll give you instead any twenty-five MATS you care to order from the list! It will help if you will specify which you want when you send your subscription.



Cordially  
LEE M. RYER

