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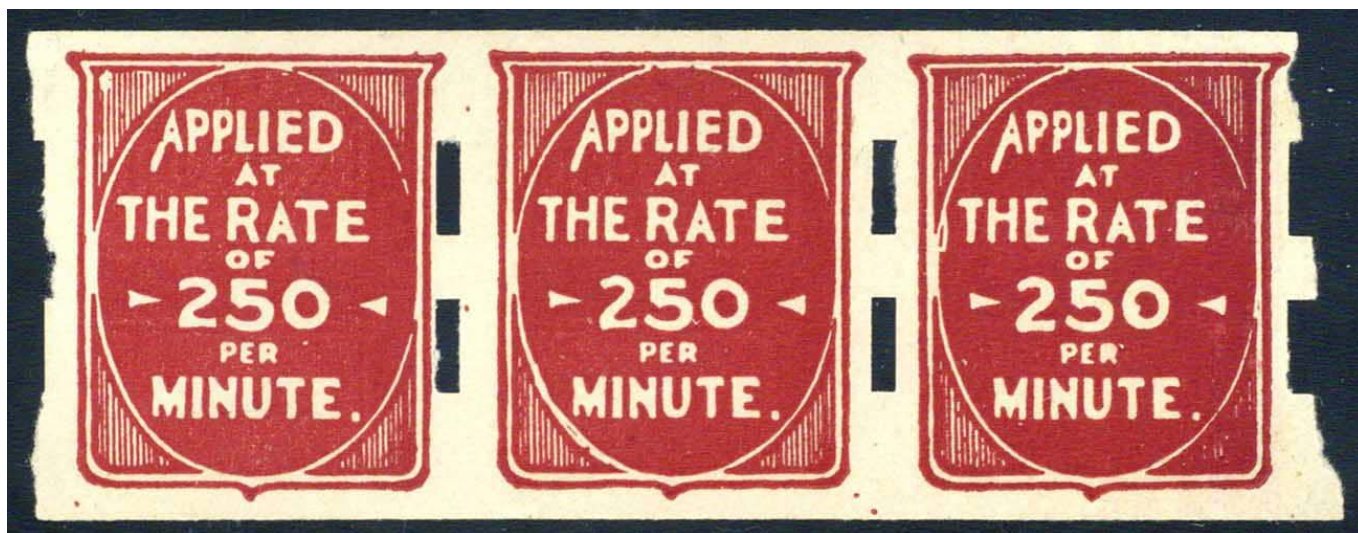


Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Forty-second Newsletter

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

A Very Nice Scott TD13 Strip of 3 Offered On eBay

by Terry R. Scott



I normally do not list items offered on eBay in these newsletters, but this item is well worth mentioning in my opinion. It is something that is almost never available, even in the major auctions.

Gary Haynes, an Arizona stamp dealer, listed a Scott TD13 coil strip of three on eBay with a "buy-it-now" price of \$900.00 in mid February, 2016.

A slightly edited version of Gary's detailed description of this nice item follows: Scott #TD13, Mint Testing Coil, Strip of 3, Schermack Type III perforations, Issued 1906-09, Never Hinged, Original Gum.

Very light fingerprint on the gum (mentioned for the utmost of accuracy and doesn't detract at all). I've handled one pair in the last several years; however, this

is the "first" TD13 in a strip of 3 that I've handled in my collecting life. This is without a doubt one of the (if not the most) scarcest coils you'll find in this series. The *Scott Specialized* lists only hinged values (\$900.00 for a pair / \$450.00 for a single – no value for a strip of

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3 which should carry a slight premium) for the earlier coils. As early as this item was issued, it would no doubt be assigned at least a 100% premium for NH so I'm valuing it that way! I did a power search at Siegel's (with no results) and a search at PSE of SMQ values (no results there either). Don't miss out on an opportunity to pick up a SUPER SCARCE item especially if you collect Testing/Dummy Coils or are thinking of entering this area of interest!

2016 *Scott Specialized* Catalog Value: \$2,700.00 estimated for NH (\$1,350.00 for hinged pair + single with no premium added for the strip of 3).

The item was listed for less than one day before it was sold for the asking price.

Some very fortunate collector was able to add this very nice Scott TD13 strip of 3 to their collection. □

Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

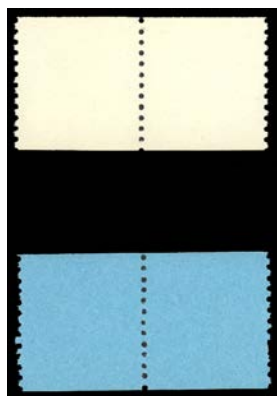
On January 4, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F363 that contained the following test stamps in lot 2037.

On January 18, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F365 that contained the following test stamps in lot 4024.

On February 12, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F367 that contained the following test stamps in lot 6023.

And on March 4, 2016 Paradise Valley Stamp Company held Sale #F369 that contained the following test stamps in lot 8032.

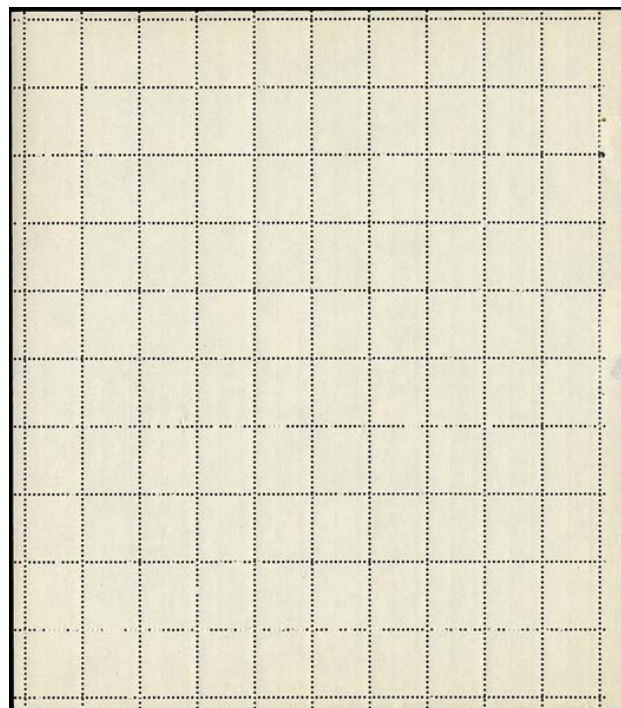
There is no Buyer's Premium for these sales.



** 1930s, ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), INC. BLANK WHITE PLUS BLUE COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79, mint never hinged, very fine, Photo Cat. \$60.00 Not sold in any of these four sales.



On January 6-10, 2016 Regency Superior Auctions held ORCOEXPO Stamp Show Public Auction #116 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 2386 ** USA (TD84A) 1956 BLANK TEST STAMP, FULL PANE of 100, fully gummed stamp paper, perf 11¼x10½. Thins in margin, fine to very fine. Photo. Cat \$1,250.00 Est. \$400.00 Not sold.

[Editor Note: This same item was re-offered on February 15, 2016 in the Regency Superior Public Auction #122 and also did not sell in that sale.]

Similar full sheets of TD84A were offered by two other auction firms during this same period - see below.]



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On January 8-10, 2016 Harmer Schau Auction Galleries, Inc. held Sale #108 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 829 ** U.S.; Test Stamp, 1920s-50s, B.E.P. Blank Design, Gum Breaker Ridges 5mm to 6.5mm Apart, #TD84A, complete sheet, n.h. except 11th stamp hinged, pane has margin thins at upper left, and some adhesion at upper left and center left, otherwise Fine to Very Fine, PF (2015) cert. No photo. Scott \$1,250.00 Realized \$140.00

On February 15, 2016 Regency Superior Auctions held Public Auction #122 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 20% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 1355 ** TEST STAMPS (TD84A) 1956 BLANK TEST STAMP, FULL PANE Full pane of 100, fully gummed stamp paper, perf 11¼x10½. Thins in margin, fine to very fine. Cat \$1,250.00 Photo Est. \$400.00 Not Sold



Lot 1356 ** TEST STAMPS (TD90) 1944-49 MULTIPOST (-) BLUE BLACK, STRIP Fresh, MINT never hinged, very fine strip of 5. Cat \$110. (Image) Est. \$65.00 Realized \$45.00



Lot 1357 ** TEST STAMPS (TD90) 1944-49 MULTIPOST (-) BLUE BLACK, STRIP Fresh, MINT never hinged, very fine strip of 3. Cat \$65. (Image) Est. \$40.00 Realized \$35.00

On February 19-20, 2016 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions, LLC held Sale #680 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

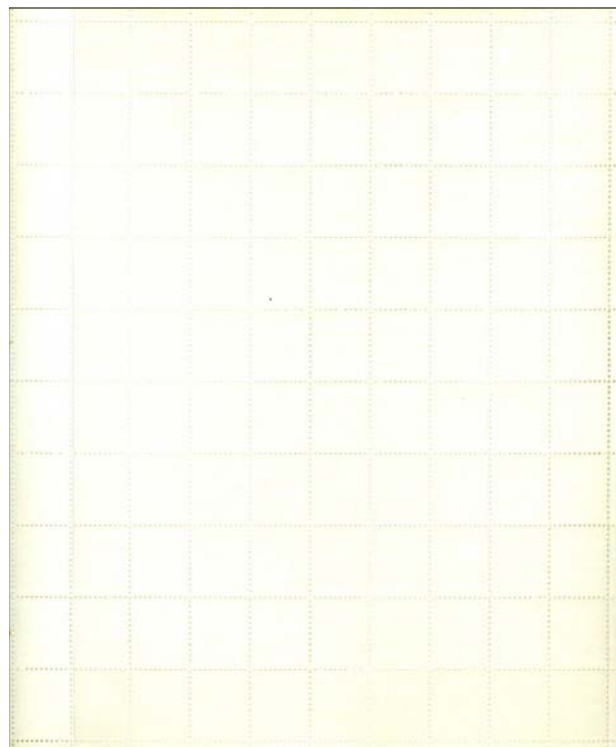
Lot 178 ** / * / o U.S., Back of Book Bonanza, 1861-1990. Housed in nine APS approval books, better mint include K3-K4, O57, O63, O65, Q1-Q12,

proof 78p4, E1p4, E2p4, R104TC, RB1TC, Q11 complete booklet, test booklet TDB92, WX7, plus a cigar box jammed with goodies, just one look and you'll be sold, some mixed condition, however over all Fine to Very Fine. No test stamp photos. Estimate \$1,500.00 - \$2,000.00 Realized \$885.00

On February 24-26, 2016 R. Maresch & Son Auctions Ltd. held Sale #527 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.

Lot 2391 ** TD136: 1997 TEST STAMPS, a complete COIL ROLL OF 5000, n.h. and very fine. No photo. Scott \$3,250.00 Realized \$220.00

On March 18-19, 2016 Dutch Country Auctions / The Stamp Center held Public Auction 303 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 378 ** TD84A VF NH Test Stamp Pane of (100) except for Pos 11, has marginal thins at (2) points & slight adherences at UL & CL w/ 2015 PF Cert, Photo Cat. \$1,250.00 Realized \$180.00 (Note sheet margins slightly cropped in illustration in the auction catalog)

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On March 21-25, 2016 Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions LLC held Sale #681 that contained the following test stamps. There is an 18% Buyer's Premium for this sale.



Lot 2364 Test Stamp, 1917, Kendall Stamp Affixer coil, blue (Scott TD61A), strip of 3, o.g., never hinged, impressive multiple, the right two stamps are in pristine mint flawless condition; left stamp with pulled perfs at left and thin spots, otherwise Fine. Photo. Scott \$950.00 Estimate \$500.00 - \$750.00. Realized \$590.00



Proposed Future DSSG Projects

Updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets

Work is progressing on updating *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets*. The last update by Dummy Booklets Study Group Chairman Earl McAfee, 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 - Dummy Stamp Booklets*. I am working closely with Mike Perry on this update project. We know that it will take quite a bit of time to complete,

mid to late 2016 is hopefully our estimated completion date. I will be asking all of you to join us in this project as we are not able to do it all, nor would you want us 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 it is compiled. Scans at 300 dpi, or better, are necessary for clarity. It is anticipated that this publication will be in color. It has been determined that *Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets* will only be available electronically. □

The Other Proposed 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. □

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