



# Dummy News and Views

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## Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Eleventh 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](mailto:trs@napanet.net)

## Constant Variety On Some Scott TD65 Coils

by Terry R. Scott

Some time ago I obtained the pair of Scott TD65, Licensed Sanitary Postage Coil through the online auction eBay. The seller described this pair as a pair with a constant plate flaw. The pair of Scott TD65 was mounted on a nicely handmade album page illustrating an old 3-station Schermack Products Corporation Sanitary Postage Station stamp dispenser, the pair of stamps mounted and close up illustrations of the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw. (see photo on page 2) The notation that the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw occurs every other stamp is beneath the close up illustrations.

If memory serves me correct, I believe that the seller had additional lots like this one from time to time on eBay.

I recently came across the album page I had purchased that is illustrated on page 2 and compared the pair of Scott TD65 Licensed Sanitary Postage Coils mounted on it with four other pairs of Scott TD65 that I had access to. To my surprise, the pair obtained through eBay was the only pair to display the broken "OR" in "CORPN" constant plate flaw. Based on my limited access to Scott TD65 test stamp pairs, my question was; is it a constant plate flaw or not? This is not to say that the ones that the seller had did not show the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw on every other stamp as indicated in the eBay description as well as on the album page made for this pair, but the question remained.

One difference between the pair with the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw and the other

four pairs is that the pair with the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw appears to me to be on whiter paper than the other four pairs examined. Could this be a clue that an separate printing of these was made using a slightly whiter paper and had the constant broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw or just a fluke?

Since I started this article in early May, I made a trip to visit friends in Seattle, WA and attended the PIPEX stamp show there. While at the show, I found another pair that shows the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw. While talking to the dealer at the show, he thought he had another pair of them at home and would bring them the next day. Much to my surprise, and his too, he found a strip of 4 that indeed shows the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw every other stamp (stamps 2 and 4). It is shown on Page 2.

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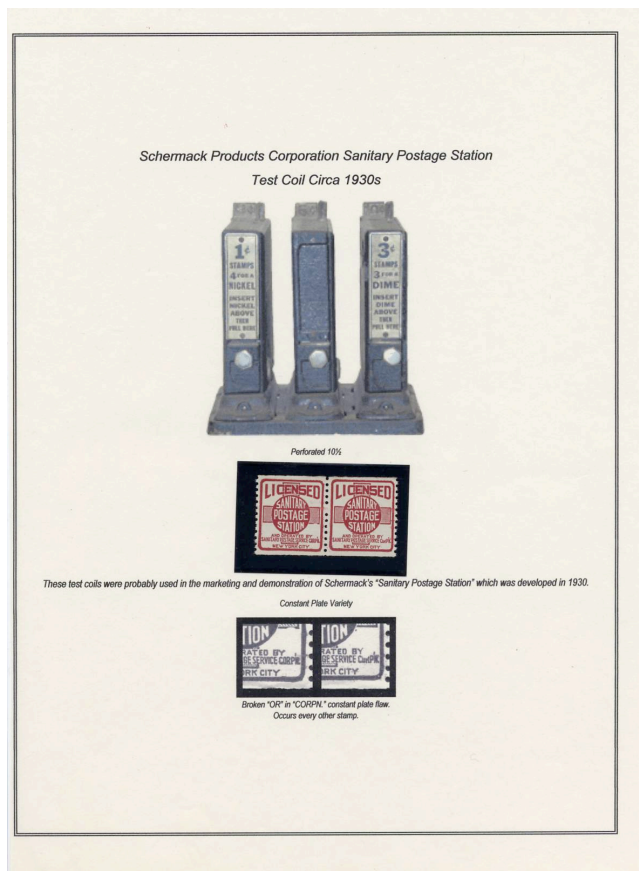
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At the end of the week following the PIPEX stamp show, I went to a very nice local stamp shop in Edmonds, WA with my collector friend and much to my surprise I found another pair of the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw. This example was fully mounted on the same printed album page my original pair was on.

I would like all of you to examine any Scott TD65 test stamps you have and see if any of them show the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw. If you are lucky enough to have Scott TD65 in a larger multiple than a pair then you too may have proof of the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw.

I believe the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw, should be listed in the Scott Specialized Catalogue. What is your opinion?

The nearby illustration of the Scott TD65 pair on the album page shows the broken "OR" in "CORP'N" constant plate flaw on the right stamp. The left stamp is without the plate flaw. A close up illustration is shown below. □



## New Dummy Daffodil Booklet Reported By Dieter Kohler

by Terry R. Scott

Fellow Dummy Stamps Study Group member Dieter Kohler reported a new variety of the dummy Daffodil Booklet.

The new variety was obtained through eBay from a source in Germany. The new variety has the same TBC22 outside covers showing daffodils in full color and a small black number "12" in the corner as the currently listed Scott TDB39 through TDB43 (TDB43 actually has a small black number "6"). The inside printing is identical to that on Scott TDB39 through TDB41.

The new discovery is similar to Scott TDB40

except that the new discovery has only 2 TDP13 booklet panes whereas the currently listed TDB40 has 4 TDP13 booklet panes.

This new discovery was reported in the May 2008 issue of *The United States Specialist* on Page 219.

Scott publishing has been notified and hopefully this variety will be listed as TDB40A in the upcoming Scott 2009 Specialized Catalogue of Stamps & Covers.

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# Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

On June 13 and 14, 2008 Regency - Superior held Public Auction #67 that contained the following test stamp lots. This is quite a lengthy list mostly of the Nebraska Territorial Centennial test stamps, Scott TD99 through TD101. Since these have repeated for several auctions, I will illustrate only the single stamps of the TD99 through TD101 and not the blocks of 4, which did not sell. The other lots are illustrated. A 15% buyer's premium is to be added to the prices realized.

1923 \*\* (TD99) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BROWN, BLOCK. Fresh, MINT never hinged block of 4. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$800. Estimate: \$500 Not Sold

1924 \*\* (TD99) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BROWN. Fresh, MINT never hinged. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$200. Estimate: \$135 Realized \$70



1925 \*\* (TD99a) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BROWN ON TAN, BLOCK Fresh, MINT never hinged. Block of 4. Photo. Very fine. Listed but not priced in Scott. Estimate: \$500 Not Sold

1926 \*\* (TD99a) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BROWN ON TAN. Fresh, MINT never hinged. Photo. Very fine. Listed but not priced in Scott. Estimate: \$150 Realized \$70



1927 \*\* (TD100) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BLACK, BLOCK. Fresh, MINT never hinged block of 4. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$800. Estimate: \$500 Not Sold

1928 \*\* (TD100) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BLACK. Fresh, MINT never hinged. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$200. Estimate: \$135 Realized \$70



1929 \*\* (TD101) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BLUE, BLOCK. Fresh, MINT never hinged block of 4. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$800. Estimate: \$500 Not Sold

1930 \*\* (TD101) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BLUE. Fresh, MINT never hinged. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$200. Estimate: \$135 Realized \$70



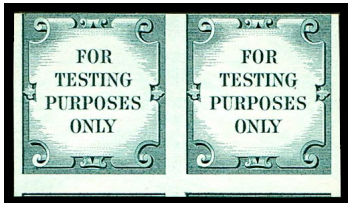
1931 \*\* (TD101 var) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BLUE ON TAN, BLOCK MINT never hinged block of 4. Photo. Very fine. Unlisted in Scott. Estimate: \$500 Not Sold

1932 \*\* (TD101 var) 1954 NEBRASKA TERRITORIAL CENTENNIAL, BLUE ON TAN. MINT never hinged. Photo. Very fine. Unlisted in Scott. Estimate: \$135 Realized \$70



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1933 \*\* (TD109a) 1970 FOR TESTING PURPOSES ONLY GREEN, IMPERF PAIR Horizontal imperf pair with dull gum. Used to test coil machinery in Germany. Trimmed off-center, in very fine condition. Photo. Cat \$400. Estimate: \$250 Not Sold



1934 \*\* (TD116) 1970s PROCLAIM LIBERTY; BLUE, RED & GREEN. Fresh, MINT never hinged. Photo. Very fine. Cat \$350. Estimate: \$250 Not Sold



1935 \*\* c.1980s VERMONT TEST STAMPS Two pairs of self-adhesives, two different designs, one showing Capitol building, one showing Mt. Rushmore. Fresh, very fine. Photo. Rare. Estimate: \$350 Not Sold



## Recent Publications of Interest

### 2008 Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog

According to an article in the June 2008 issue of *The United States Specialist*, The United States Stamp Society recently released the new *2008 Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog* at the Society's Annual Meeting at NOJEX '08, May 23, 2008.

The *2008 Durland* edition is the eighth produced by the USSS and its publication celebrates the 58th anniversary of the introduction of the *Standard Plate Number Catalog*.

The new *2008 Durland* has been reformatted and digitized by Len Piskiewicz and is edited by Wallace Cleland.

The new *2008 Durland* is an all-color presentation and is in a three-column 8-1/2" x 11" format. It is

available in two formats, a perfect-bound and spiral-bound.

The new greatly expanded edition contains listings for numerous back-of-the-book sections of the *Scott Catalogue*, including test stamps.

The *2008 Durland* is available for \$25 perfect-bound and \$27 spiral-bound. USSS members will receive discount pricing of \$20 perfect-bound and \$22 spiral-bound. All prices include postage. Orders may be sent to USSS Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 6634, Katy, TX 77491-6634. They can also be ordered online at the USSS website, [www.usstamps.org](http://www.usstamps.org). Online orders are only available for purchase with PayPal. ☐

## 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*.

Leonard can be reached by e-mail at: [lenp@pacbell.net](mailto:lenp@pacbell.net) or his mailing address is: Leonard Piskiewicz, Editor, 951 Rose Court, Santa Clara, CA 95051, phone (408) 241-4626. ☐

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# Recent Article of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

In the May 2008 issue of *The United States Specialist* there was an article of interest to dummy stamp collectors.

As mentioned in the above section titled “New Dummy Daffodil Booklet Reported By Dieter Kohler” a new dummy Daffodil booklet has been reported. □

## Proposed Future DSSG projects

### Updating Research Paper Number 3 - Dummy Stamp Booklets

Work is progressing, albeit at a snails 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 listing of black For Testing Purposes Only coils Scott TD107 with various defacement lines. There are several different ink colors that were used to deface these FTPO coils and there are many differences in not only the color of ink but also in the number, spacing and width of lines used. This listing should also include all known fakes.

If you have some examples you feel are different and you would like to have them recorded in this listing, please send me the information.

At this time I have numerous different ones I want to list and illustrate but this will have to wait until this project begins to take shape.

My plan is to separate the different types into color of defacement lines, number of lines and then the line width and the space height between multiple lines. An example of this is: DMY TD107b BLK (for black) 3 (for 3 lines) then a sub-number depending on the line width and the space height between multiple lines.

Hopefully these measurements can be made to 0.25 mm knowing that there is some variations in line width due to the printing with what appears to be rubber plates.

- 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. The new 2008 *Durland* has much of this information included in it. □

## HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER