



Dummy News and Views

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Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Sixteenth 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

Information Requested

by Jim Noll & Terry R. Scott



Information is requested on the item shown at the left. In 2008, Dummy Stamps Study Group member, Jim Noll found this image that appeared in the unknown test note section of Moneypedia, a German Paper Money Collectors web site. Jim's collecting specialty is currency test notes as well as ATM test notes & sheetlets.

None of Jim's Paper Money Test Note contacts in Europe have any information on it. It could be assumed that it was picked up at a ATM trade show where it was being used to demonstrate stamp issuing equipment.

The printing is red and black with a diagonal printing of "FAKE STAMPS" across each stamp. The ATM style sheetlet design closely resembles the issued Scott 2531A Liberty Torch ATM self-adhesive sheetlets issued in 1991. You will note that the "flames" of the torch are facing the opposite direction of those on the issued ATM sheetlets. A very curious item and any information is greatly appreciated. □

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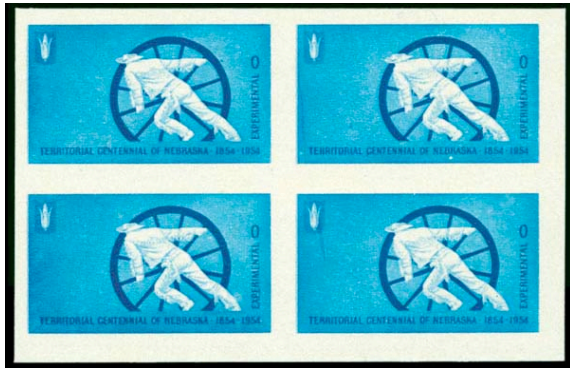
Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

by Terry R. Scott

On June 26-28, 2009 Harmer-Schau held Public Auction #82 in conjunction with the ASDA Show that contained the following test stamps. A 15% buyers commission was added to the prices realized.



Lot 992 U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1912 in Brown By Bruckman A.G., #TD51. Photo-etching process, block of 4 from right side of sheet, lovely piece, Very Fine. Scott \$450+. Estimate \$200-300. Realized \$220.



Lot 993 U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1954, Nebraska Blue on White, Block of 4, #TD101. N.H., large margins all around, Very Fine. Scott \$800. Estimate \$150-200. Realized \$180.



Lot 994 U.S.; Test Stamp Issues, 1954, Nebraska Blue on Tan, #TD101a. N.H., margins all around, scarce, Very Fine. Scott \$800. Estimate \$150-200. Realized \$130.

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 June 30, 2009 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Auction #F184 that contained the following test stamp lots. There is no buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



Lot 7589 TEST STAMP - SMALL COLLECTION, eight different in pairs, incl. nos. TD96, TD107, TD107b, TD111 line-pair, TD112, TD117, TD123, fine-very fine, cat. \$67.00 MB \$30 Not Sold

On August 7-9, 2009 Regency Superior held Public Auction #75 at the APS Stamp Show that contained the following test stamps. A 17% buyers premium was added to the prices realized.



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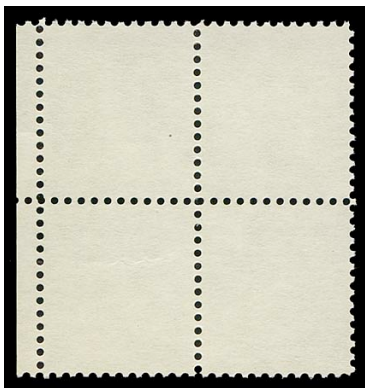
Lot 1909 (*) (TD19) 1909-10 HAMILTON (1,2,3,4) RED, BLOCK, (TD19) 1909-10 HAMILTON (1,2,3,4) RED, BLOCK, Right margin block of 4. Unused, no gum as issued. Light wrinkles, fine to very fine. Rare and undervalued in Scott. Estimate: \$ 2500 Realized \$1,000



Lot 1910 (*) (TD29) 1910 MINERVA FACING LEFT 3¢ RED, PAIR, Horizontal pair with text reversed on each stamp. No gum as made, slight discoloration along selvage at left. Very scarce and very fine. Cat \$1300. Estimate: \$ 750 Realized \$625



Lot 1911 ** (TD90) 1944-49 MULTI-POST, BLUE GREEN TEST COILS (x17), 17 stamps, two strips of 5, one strip of 3 and two pairs. All fresh, MINT never hinged, very fine. Cat \$410. Estimate: \$ 200 Realized \$160

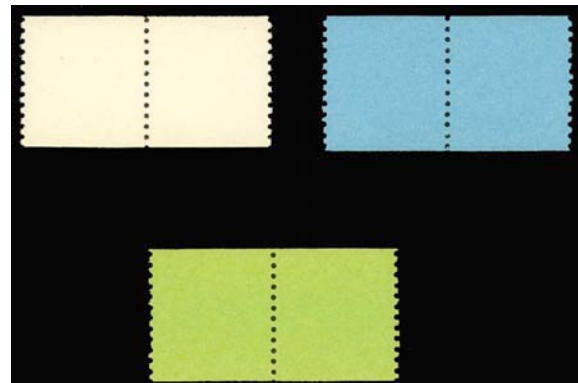


Lot 1912 ** (TD113-14) 1964 BLANK BEP TEST STAMP, BOTH TAGGING TYPES, MARGIN BLOCKS, 2 Pristine matching MINT never hinged margin blocks of 4 from the only pane of each to ever surface. Test stamps were created by BEP to test different tagging. One block glows yellow-green (zinc-orthosilicate); the other glows reddish-orange (calcium silicate). Scarce position pieces! Cat \$400. Estimate: \$ 250 Realized \$200



Lot 1913 ** (3019-23P) 1995 ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILES, TEST PANE PROOF, Vertical strip of 5 with 00 denomination, imperf on gummed stamp paper with simulated perforations. Realized \$350

On August 11, 2009 Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Auction #F186 that contained the following test stamp lots. There is no buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



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Lot 9059 1930s, ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), INC. WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN BLANK TEST COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79-TD81, mint never hinged, very fine, cat. \$120.00 MB \$60 Realized \$60



Lot 9060 TEST STAMP - SMALL COLLECTION, eight different in pairs, incl. nos. TD96, TD107, TD107b, TD111 line-pair, TD112, TD117, TD123, fine-very fine, cat. \$67.00 MB \$75 Not Sold

Lot 9061 TEST BOOKLET, 1999, SELF-ADHESIVE & GLUED BOOKLET, BLANK COVER AND PANE, SERPENTINE DIE CUT, #TBD60, complete unexploded, fine-very fine, cat. \$150.00 MB \$125 Not Sold

Lot 9062 TEST BOOKLET, 1997, BLUE SELF-ADHESIVE WITH 18 MAGENTA LABELS, SERPENTINE DIE CUT, #TDB89, very fine, cat. \$250.00 MB \$125 Not Sold

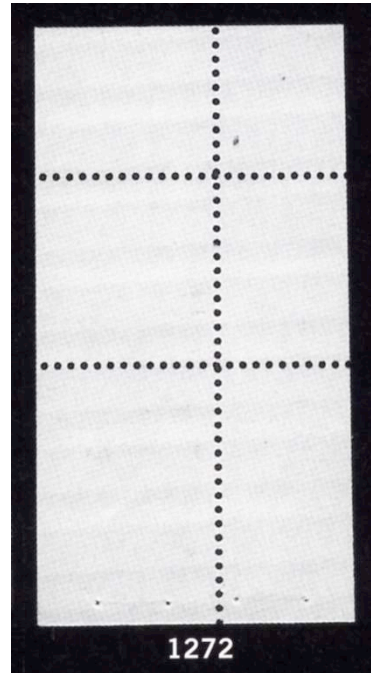
Lot 9063 TEST BOOKLET, 1997, BLACK SELF-ADHESIVE WITH 18 BLACK LABELS, STRAIGHT DIE CUT, #TDB87, very fine, cat. \$150.00 MB \$7 Not Sold



On August 26-27, 2009 Jacques C. Schiff, Jr., Inc. held their 325th & Elite XXXI Public Auctions that included the following test stamps. A 15% buyers

premium was added to the prices realized. At this time I do not have the prices realized.

Lot 1271 Test Booklets, #TDB3a, Violet Test Bklt, Pane (6), Slight DG, flaws. Cat. \$250. Unknown realization.



Lot 1272 #TDB4, Blank Stamps Type 1940, Miscut Bklt pane w/interleaving, LH, (photo) (as normal) Cat. \$450. Unknown realization.

Lot 1273 #TDB9, 11b, 12, Cpl Bklt (3), TDB9 large Black "DUMMY" TDB11b small Violet, TDB12a large Red Ovpt. Cat. \$230. Unknown realization.

Lot 1274 #TDB15, 19, Cpl Bklt (2), TDB15 large Violet "DUMMY", TDB19 same small Red, Cat. \$300. Unknown realization.

Lot 1275 #TDB86, 88, Panes (18), ea, VF Cat. \$265. Unknown Realization. □

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*.

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