



# Dummy News and Views

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## Welcome to the Dummy Stamps Study Group's Nineteenth 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)

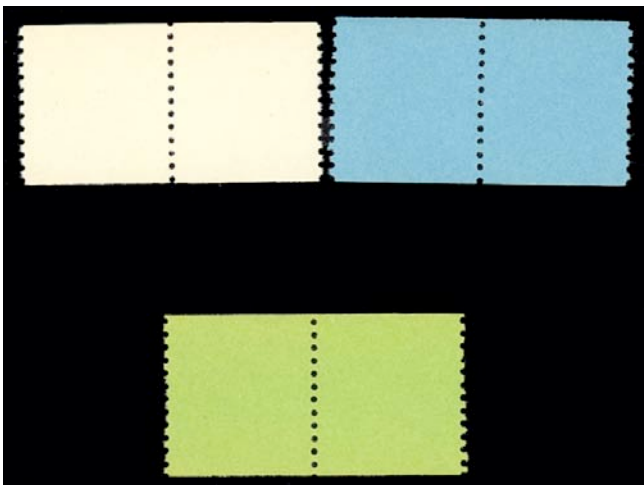
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## Recent Auctions of Interest to Dummy Stamp Collectors

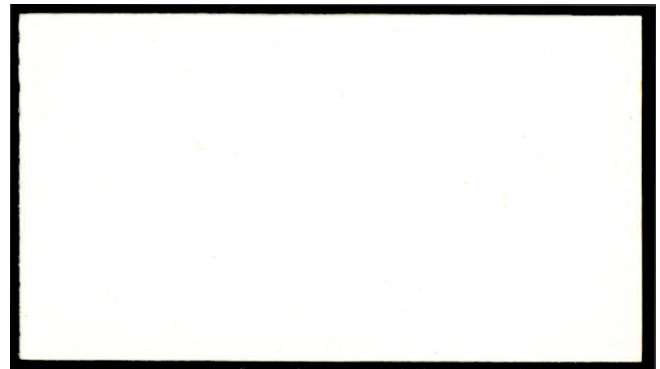
by Terry R. Scott

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 March 23, 2010, Paradise Valley Stamp Company, Inc. held Mail Auction #F202 that contained the following test stamps. There is no buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



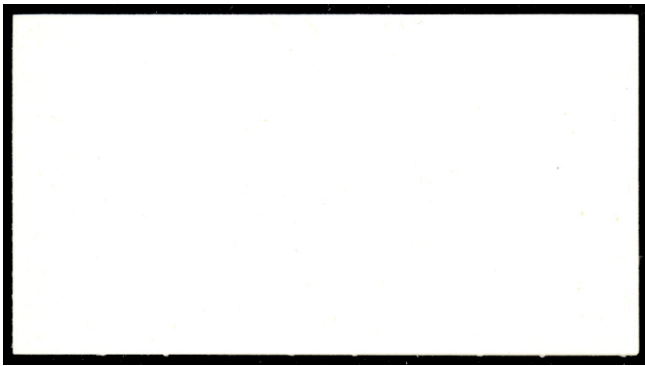
Lot 2058 **ELECTRIC VENDORS (ZEIGLE), 1930s, WHITE, BLUE AND GREEN, THREE COIL PAIRS NH, #TD79-TD81**, very fine, cat. \$120.00 cat. \$120.00 Photo. MB \$60.00 Not Sold



Lot 2059 **1990s?, TWO BLANK SELF-ADHESIVE PANES 44x132mm IN COMPLETE BOOKLET, #TDB60**, blank cover, very fine, un-priced in Scott Photo. MB \$125.00 Not Sold

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Lot 2060 1999, BLANK SELF-ADHESIVE PANE OF TEN IN COMPLETE BOOKLET, #TDB61, blank cover, very fine, cat. \$150.00. Photo. MB \$75.00 Not Sold



On April 16-17, 2010, 2010.04.16-17 Regency Superior held Public Auction #80 that contained the following test stamps. There is a 17% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



Lot 1416: 1910 #TD28-29 BEP OFFSET PRINTING TEST STAMP, BOTH TYPES, PAIRS, Two horizontal pairs, one with Minerva facing right (normal) and one with Minerva facing left (text reversed). Scarce matching set. No gum as produced. Very fine. Cat \$2600.00. Realized \$1,600.00



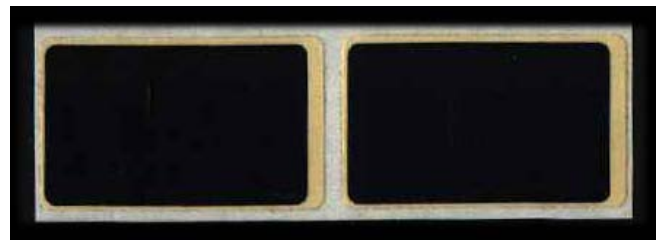
Lot #1417: 1954 #TD97b RED FRAMED RECTANGLE, VERT PAIR IMPERF HORIZ, A MINT never hinged, vertical pair 'unslit' horizontally. Fine to very fine. Listed but not valued in Scott. Realized \$425.00



On June 9-10, 2010, Jacques C. Schiff Jr., Inc. held their 328th Public Auction Sale that contained the following test stamps. There is a 15% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



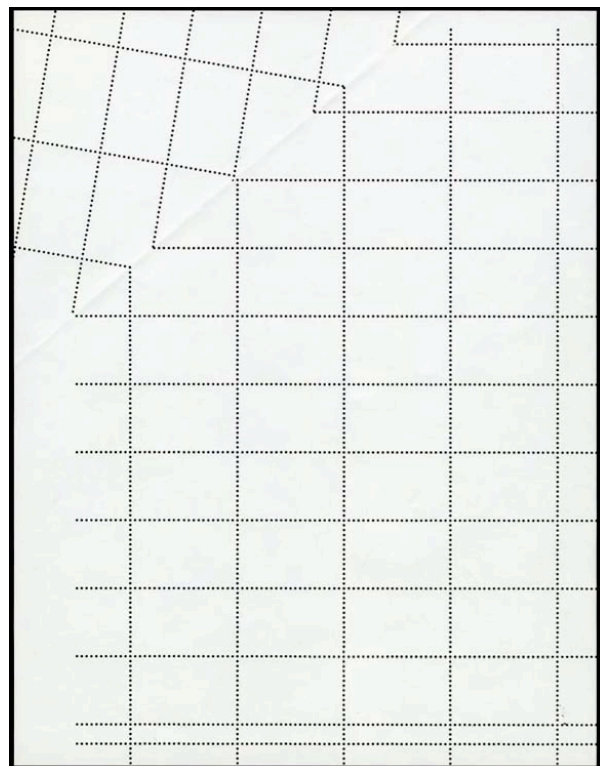
Lot 1247 #TD132, Avery-Denison Red Mailbox Test Coil, NH, Superb, Scarce Photo Cat. \$100 Realized \$40.00



Lot 1258 #TD117a, Black Avery Test Stamps, horiz pair w/Imperforate backing paper, NH, VF Photo Est. None Realized \$65.00



On June 19, 2010, 2010.06.19 Regency Superior held Public Auction #81 that included the following test stamps. There is a 17% buyer's premium to be added to the prices realized.



Lot #1088: USA c.1980s BLANK TEST PANE WITH FOLDOVER. Full pane of 50 commemorative sized stamps with selvage all around and gutter. No printing, fully gummed stamp paper, with large fold-over error at upper left causing crazy perfs. Interesting item! Photo. Est. ?. Realized \$300 (Ed. Note that there are not 50 stamps per pane on these, but 40 plus perforations outside the "stamps.")

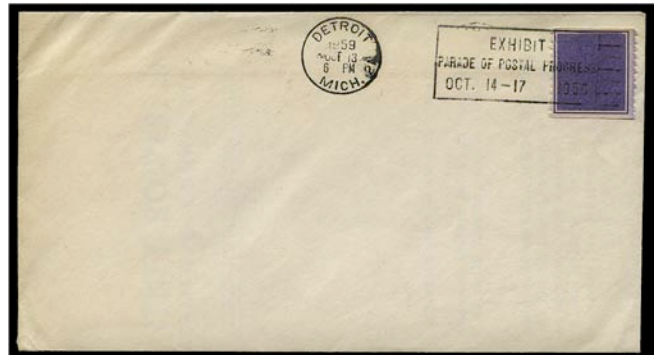


Lot #1393: USA TEST STAMP (TD108) 1970 CARMINE, PAIR, Fresh, MINT never hinged, extremely fine horizontal pair. Photo. Cat \$1750. Not Sold



Lot #1394: USA TEST STAMP (TD110) 1975 ORANGE ON GRAY, PAIR. Fresh, MINT never hinged, extremely fine and rare horizontal pair. Photo. Cat

\$2000. Not Sold.



Lot #1716: WORLDWIDE 1880s-1950s ATYPICAL COVERS. Group of 32 covers in plastic sleeves in counter book. Interesting assortment, includes FDCs, censored, Registered, Airmail, Forwarded, Postage Dues, First Flights and other events. Wide variety of countries: Taiwan, Cape Verde, Belgium, Syria, Hong Kong, Paraguay, etc. Also noted Antarctic cachet with Falklands stamps, Spanish Civil War era overprints on cover, **USA purple Test Stamp (#TD95) on cover with 'Parade of Postal Progress cancel'**, Bahamas 'Sea Floor' cancel, etc. Fine to very fine; great retail potential. Photo ex. Est. \$500 - \$750. Realized \$425.00

Lot #1753: USA 1930s-80s EFO ASSORTMENT. Group of 73 different stamps with various unlisted printing or perforation errors. Includes misperfs, coil pairs, color shifts & errors, **Test stamps**, and other unidentified freaks. Interesting group, fine to very fine. No Photo. Est. \$200 - \$300. Realized \$220.00



## Requests for Articles for The United States Specialist

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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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