

Service Center gives special breaks to dealers

By Alan M. Malakoff

Weekly shipping by Express Mail, a special phone number for orders, and the ability to buy full rolls of self-adhesive coils are only some of the benefits enjoyed by dealers, but not by collectors, at the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center (PFSC).

The full-roll option was briefly discontinued, but the other benefits remained. [TPN note: The sale of full rolls became the norm with the issuance of the 29¢ Statue of Liberty self-adhesives on June 24.]

Starting in January 1994, the PFSC ended the sale of full, sealed rolls of self-adhesive coils. Unlike the second half of 1993—when full rolls could be purchased—neither the rolls nor longer strips could be sold, only the precut strips of 12, 17, or 18 stamps.

Yet self-adhesive coils of the Love Sunrise and blue Eagle sold by several PNC dealers obviously came from full rolls. In fact, the labels from the full rolls were also sold, fetching from \$25 to \$40 each in the market. Given the January and February issue dates of these two self-adhesives—after the policy change—something did not seem right.

An attempt was made by a collector to order a full roll in mid-February. The response given by the PFSC was the standard “not available.” However, during the phone conversation, the collector was asked whether he was a dealer. An honest answer of “no” was given.

The same collector tried to order a sealed roll again in April. Again, the question of being a dealer came up. After answering “yes” this time, an order was taken for a full roll of the 29¢ Pine Cone stamp.

On the following day, the collector got a call from another clerk at the PFSC. This clerk indicated that the collector was not on the PFSC’s dealer list and that the order would not be filled. Instead, the PFSC would send 278 individual strips of 18.

Further investigation, first by several PNCers and then by Linn’s revealed the following: The dealer system was nominally set up to handle first-day cover manufacturers. The sale of full rolls of self-adhesives was only a small part of the special services dealers get. They have

their own special order clerk in Kansas City, with a private phone number for calling in orders. Express Mail, using stamps and not an imprint, is available if the dealer is willing to pay for it.

Orders to the privileged dealers go out every Wednesday, rather than having to wait in the four-week queue with regular collectors.

These are all nice benefits, but they are

Beating the Gag Rule

Finding what USPS keeps secret

TPN note: We cannot call the printers. USPS tells us as little as possible. But vigorous reporting does find some news.

Here are some items dug up by Contributing Editor Alan Malakoff.

Back-numbered G stamp

The prime-rate G stamp produced by Stamp Venturers will be back numbered in rolls of 3,000 and 10,000.

Using the technology demonstrated on its test coils at the World Columbian Stamp Exposition, SV has applied the numbers only to the larger rolls.

The ink used is supplied by Domino-Amjet Corp.

SV has the back-numbering system set up on just one of its seven coiling lines, so numbering rolls of 500 would have in-

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available only to a privileged few.

Why should this matter? First, PNC dealers are able to offer labels, at up to \$40 each, to collectors. Unlike the case with regular coils, a collector cannot obtain labels even if willing to buy a full roll.

Then when the Christmas Greetings stamps were deemed to be collectible as strips of eight, a collector who might have

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TPN EXCLUSIVE—The design of the G stamp First-Class Presort stamp. For more details, please see Alan Malakoff’s article at the left.

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TPN STANDS ALONE

It has been a lonely battle that has now been going on for about five years.

The battle is for accurate, timely information from the Postal Service. Little *TPN*, with a circulation about .006% that of mighty *Linn's*, has gone it all alone against the powers that be at L'Enfant Plaza.

There was one mild editorial in *Linn's* to complain about the shabby treatment the philatelic press was getting from USPS, but that was all. Michael Lawrence's page 3 column has been largely silent about it.

At the annual meeting of the American Philatelic Society in Houston in 1993, I tried to introduce a resolution condemning the Postal Service. I couldn't even get it debated because it was tabled for the spring meeting and discussion was forbidden.

Minutes of the spring meeting show that my resolution was never brought to a vote and was not discussed by the directors. Instead, APS resolved to praise USPS.

In a hallway shouting match in Houston with Azeezaly Jaffer, then not yet the USPS stamp czar, the outgoing president of APS, Bud Sellers, let the cat out of the bag when he asked Jaffer whether USPS would not change its mind and help in the funding of two large stamp shows, Olympilex 1996 and Pacifica 97.

Jaffer recently said USPS is considering participating in both events.

Things have not improved under the new APS president, Randy Neil, who was quoted in the May 14 issue of *Stamp Collector* as having said that relations between collectors and USPS are improving. He may have been referring to Jaffer's comments on the two stamp shows, but timely news from USPS is still not available.

The truth is that relations between philately and USPS have not really improved. We have had a lot of promises, but one waits only so long before one begins to regard the promises as hot air. It's like the old Brooklyn Dodger chant: "Wait till next year!" But next year never comes.

Here are some cases in point:

- We tried to get Scott Beach, manager of the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center, to explain why certain dealers were able to obtain full rolls of self-adhesive coils from his cave while the general public was barred from buying them. We also asked Beach why callers were asked whether they were dealers and, if they said yes, they were told they were not on a list of preferred dealers who could obtain full rolls.

Finally, we noted that at the writers' summit, official Postal Service policy had been laid out: There would be no sales of full rolls.

To all of this, Beach deferred to Robin Minard at L'Enfant Plaza. In other words, we could not get an an-

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swer from the man in charge. Relations between Minard and me are not good enough to even ask her to explain the situation at the cave.

- We heard that a new version of the 19¢ Fishing Boat was to be issued soon. We called Minard. She said she had no knowledge of the stamp. But five minutes later, "to get you off my back," she called back to confirm that a Stamp Venturers version of the Fishing Boat was to be issued in June.

Here it is again. First we hear the rumor. Then we have to beg USPS to give us a few crumbs about it.

But neither APS nor *Linn's* has joined the battle. We know what motivated Sellers, we can't imagine what motivates Neil. And we can only guess that *Linn's* is still worrying about its staying in the good graces of L'Enfant Plaza so it can get information before anyone else. That gives the newspaper time to prepare color separations of new stamps announced at L'Enfant Plaza.

Steve Esrati

LETTERS: *Are these Locos tagged or not?*

Enclosed is a plate-number strip of five and some scrap of the new "untagged" 2¢ Locomotive from Plate 2. Please note that there are random spots of taggant on them.

In reply (by Steve Esrati): The stamps are printed on untagged paper but some taggant obviously got on them during printing. The presence of these minute specks of taggant on an untagged stamp should not make us call them "tagged."

According to the Scott Catalogue's definitions, an "untagged" stamp must show no trace of taggant. But we now know that USPS paper specifications show only three types of stamps: high phosphor, low phosphor, and untagged.

These stamps should be called untagged, even with their errant spots of tagging.

In reply (by Ken Lawrence): I believe the most likely source of the taggant traces on the untagged 2¢ Motorcycle is the Huck coiling equipment, not the press—that is, it adhered during processing, not during printing.

In reply (by Richard Nazar): I notice that the tagging on the face of the stamps has horizontal lines of tagging following the spots of tagging. I think this is evidence that the tagging got on the stamps in a process other than the normal application of taggant.

Also enclosed is a PS/5 of a 5¢ Motorcycle from Plate 4. These show extra heavy inking on some stamps, especially 2L and the numbered stamp. The tagging on all of these is mottled.

Al Boerger said this was the result of "watered ink." Before you (Steve Esrati) saw them, you said you believed these to be on acid (Type II) paper. I have used a pH pen at the far right of the strip and the spot of resulting blue color indicates slight acidity.

If most stamp paper is the same, why isn't all tagging mottled?

In reply (by Steve Esrati): When I said the heavy inking was probably because of printing on Type II paper, I thought you were talking about an effect under UV, not in broad daylight. The heavy lettering seems to me to be akin to what we saw on Cottrell-printed stamps with chill-roller doubling. On the acidic Type II paper, the tagging is usually not mottled, but a sort of wash that makes the printing turn into a negative image because of some as-yet-unexplained reaction between the acidic paper and the ink. But your stamps are definitely not Type II paper. If you will look at the gum, you will see the diagonal gum ridges that are characteristic of Type I paper. Your mottled tagging is often found on Type I paper.

That leaves the slight acidity detected by your pH pen unexplained.

In reply (by Ken Lawrence): I have not heard any printer refer to "watered ink," which would have been a misnomer on the Cottrells anyway. The Cottrells were plagued with ink-viscosity problems after the mid-1970s forced changes that eliminated toxic substances. (These changes were described in U.S. Specialist articles about certain Prominent Americans stamps.)

Very stiff ink often pulled out of the recesses during the wipe, yielding the hollow inscription letters and numerals often seen, for example, on certain 12¢ Americana coil printings.

Thinned ink yielded this type of trailing smear, also seen, for example, on most 20¢ Consumer Education coils.

Cottrell press tagging varied widely as the material and texture of the tagging plates ("mats" "rollers") changed. The two tagging types on 3¢ Liberty coils (Look and Look reprint) were the first ones recorded, but others occurred later.

Leon Cheris described the differences in the old Minkus catalog—for example, the varieties on the 2¢ Liberty coils.

In reply (by Rich Nazar): The paper is definitely Type I.

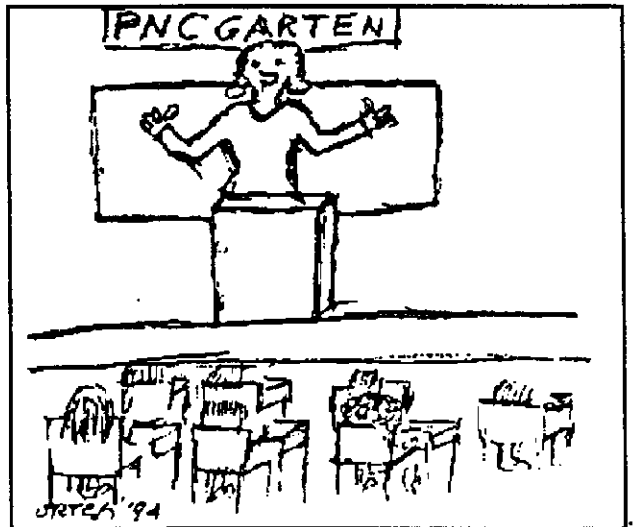
In your Summary of Data on the Great Americans you mention small and large block tagging on the 10¢ Russell. What are the dimensions? My one example is approximately 15x15mm. I say approximately because the block is irregular, indicative of the mat breaking up.

Richard C. Schulman
Smithtown, N.Y.

In reply (by Steve Esrati): The normal small block measures about 15x18mm; the large block measures about 18x20mm.

Pedro's World of PNCs

by Pedro Ortegon, M.D.



Bad news, children. We may not be having Christmas six times a year anymore.

On the Russell, the large block is, indeed, 18x20mm, but the small block is about 15x15mm and is highly irregular (not at all rectangular).

Tagged 23¢ USA

My wife received a mailing sometime in March from CENEX for a CENEX convenience card. It was franked with a BEP 23¢ USA presort precancel. Much to my surprise, the stamp is tagged. I checked it against BEP's 10¢ Eagle and Shield and the tagging appears to match perfectly.

I asked some co-workers whether they had received the same mailing, and a handful did. I was fortunate. One co-worker received one with a plate number, 1111.

The envelope had a return address in St. Paul, Minn. I have made several phone inquiries to the philatelic counters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, but they were unable to help. Both places have access to shortwave UV lights, so they have some idea what I am asking for.

As a last resort, I called the mailer's 800 customer-service line, and they informed me that they had contracted the mailing to another firm, the name of which they would not tell me.

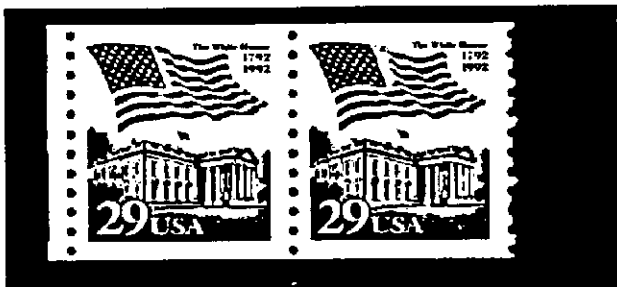
Thus, I have hit a dead end in an effort to find mint copies of these stamps.

Have you heard of these being found anywhere? Ads have not appeared from dealers selling these and I am worried that they may all be used before any mint examples can be found.

Gregg Greenwald
Marshfield, Wis.

In reply: TPN's first letter in the November 1993 issue reported the finding of this stamp by George Leduc. He also sent an example, and TPN termed it a "low phosphor" paper.

Where you may have gone astray is in calling philatelic counters. Bulk mailers, such as the firm to which this mailing was contracted, don't buy their stamps at the philatelic counter. They usually obtain stamps from window clerks, often at the main post offices, so clerks can obtain the stamps from the accountable-paper vault. When TPN has attempted to buy rolls out of accountable paper, it was wise to call ahead so the counter clerks would have the desired stamps on hand.



WHITE SPOT—Area at right edge of the blue field is white (right) on every 24th stamp in John Shue's long strip from Plate 2. Why?

Flaw repeats every 24th stamp. Why?

I first noticed numerous dark blue blobs of ink within the red stripes on the 29¢ White House from Plate 9. In looking closely at a long strip, I observed a repeating pattern of blobs. Every 24th stamp appears to be almost identical in a coil on which the plate number has an interval of 48.

Before I could gather a series of long strips, the vending machine provided an entirely different pattern of blobs on F29WH-9. Again this second roll ran out (rolls of 500 in a vending machine?) and was followed by a F29WH-2. Could these Plate 9 strips and others I saw at a dealer's be the reason for the supposed short run of Plate 9?

In reply: TPN is guilty of fostering the belief that Sleeve 9 had a short press run because we reported on Page 14 of the January issue that one press run of Sleeve 9 was aborted after 1,000 impressions because the sleeve had been damaged. Unfortunately, that was only a report for activity in September 1993. We have no way of knowing how many impressions had been printed previously (or even later after the sleeve was repaired). We will never know the total production until plate-activity data are made available again.

On the other side of this argument, however, Plate 9 is being found in mixtures at a lower rate than any other White House.

I had hoped that these blobs could be shown on proofs or production-run sheets to show a reason why such a low quantity was produced.

In the above-mentioned Plate 2 roll a very noticeable white spot (lack of ink in the red stripes) appears at 19L and 6R and this was repeated on every 24th stamp.

No more plate proofs

On May 4th, I called the National Postal Museum and Cecilia Hatfield Wertheimer at BEP and learned that proof sheets are no longer being produced.

Cecilia explained that they are no longer needed as they were in the old days. I had hoped to learn that a sample of the press run might be available someplace.

In reply: Wertheimer told TPN that because stamps are no longer printed from plates but from cylindrical sleeves, proofs can no longer be pulled for the purpose of certifying a printing base.

I'm disappointed that proof sheets or production-run sheets are no longer being kept. In the 1970s, I went to the Smithsonian and made slides of the proof sheets of the White Plains stamp and souvenir sheet (Scott 629 and 630). I use these to try to find positions I still need based on the flyspecks. The flyspecks are the key to plating that issue and appear consistently on the proofs and production run, as well. They are definitely collectible.

Transportation coils also have some of these repeating flaws and it would be interesting to know where each particular flaw appears on the web.

How do you count position?

Which brings up another question: In denoting plate position on a roll, how is it done?

In reply: This problem has dogged PNC collectors since the dawn of PNC collecting. We have adopted a convention that counts position as if we were talking about precancel gaps. That means the stamp with the plate number is 1L (one left of the joint line) and the stamp to its right is 1R. There is no "zero position."

For that reason, we corrected your description of the white gap from 18L to 19L because you gave the numbered stamp a zero value.

When are the stamps perforated?

When does perforating take place:

- as the stamps are printed?
- or, printed and then perforated and made into rolls as needed?

John S. Shue
Forestville, Md.

In reply: Some early Great Americans and 20¢ Flag sheet stamps were perforated on press. This slowed production so much that all perforating was moved off press to separate machinery. Only the 1¢ Dix and the 20¢ Flags came both ways.

By the time printing began on the Transportation Series, all perforating was done off press. For the Costrell presses, an electric-eye perforator was used. It made uneven corners.

It used to be that the width of the web was critical to the size of the roll because the coilers used could make either rolls of 100 (on a web 20 stamps wide) or rolls of 500 or 3,000 (on rolls that were 18 stamps wide). That distinction appears to have fallen by the wayside, but we are unable to be certain since we lack production data for the last three years.

If you cut back, save the PNCs

Sorry to hear that your recent illness has slowed you down. As a PNC collector only, I don't read the info on Great Americans and self-stick booklets. If you have to sacrifice anything, please keep the PNCs.

Talking to dealers and post offices in the East, I would agree that PNC collecting has definitely slowed down.

Ed Wigger
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Get-well card

Here's an odd-ball plate block I picked up on my travels. Take it as a get-well card.

André Thiele
Stronghurst, Ill.

In reply: The block is a local precancel from Bowen, Ill. The precanceling was done with a device that was two stamps wide. Its depth cannot be determined in a block of four.



Self-sticks are rip-offs, not coils

I received your note about self-adhesives and comments calling them the new "hot" collecting area. Maybe they are, but they are still not coils in the strict sense of the commonly accepted meaning. When these so-called "coils" can be purchased over the counter all over the country like any other stamp, that's when they become "coil" stamps worth collecting.

Plain and simple, these stamps are USPS rip-offs of the PNC collector, and they know it and have planned it that way.

It seems to me that the PNC community should let the USPS stamp czars, kings, despots, and numskulls know that what they are perpetrating will kill the goose that has laid a golden egg since 1981. Period!

Dick Koenig
Tucson, Ariz.

In reply: For a discussion of the sale of self-adhesive coils, please refer to Alan Malakoff's article in this issue.

Another Tractor overprint

Per your request in the May *TPN* for examples of overprints of the 10¢ Tractor Trailer, here is my sole cover with such an overprint.

It was mailed by National Credit Group in Buffalo and bears a handwritten notation "12/4/91."

Richard L. Beecher
Los Angeles

In reply: This, too, is a red overprint and is shown here as



a computer-enhanced image, not as a photograph. Please keep submitting any examples you may have for publication.

What this hobby really needs

There is a great need for an accurate list of philatelic windows in this country. Addresses in USPS publications are full of errors. Dealers are not going to straighten this information out because they have a vested interest in protecting their "secret" sources, but the errors continue to be published with each new USPS listing.

Let me illustrate with California. The listing for San Mateo is wrong; there has never been a philatelic window. Pleasanton has two very nice ladies who have no idea they were listed as a philatelic window. Vacaville and Roseville have philatelic service, but no open coils.

Perhaps we can start a decent list with phone numbers, hours of operation, service (open coils or not) and whether the clerk will service requests by mail (Modesto does not).

Finally, readers need to be advised that a compliment card should be filled out for especially helpful clerks.

Judy Bruno
Sunnyvale, Calif.

In reply: It does not seem possible for collectors to collect this ever-changing data. The people who should publish it are in the Postal Service. Your letter is being forwarded to stamp czar Azeezaly Jaffer.

Who was first?

The May *TPN* gave credit to Bob Novak as the discoverer of the "extra blue #1" variety on BEP's Eagle and Shield. The May issue of Coil Line gave Gene Ernst credit for discovering this variety on 22222. I believe both are wrong.

Kim Cuniberti described and named "extra blue #1" on a roll of the tagged E&S 22221 that he sold to me in January. At the time, Kim wasn't aware that it existed on the untagged 22221 and on 22222. Immediately after he pointed this variety out to me, I found it on both the untagged 22221 and on 22222.

[*TPN note: A little logic applied here tells us that a blue mark on a stamp must come off the blue plate (the first digit in the plate-number combination) and thus has to be on every plate printed from blue 2. It has nothing to do with the tagging. "Extra blue 1" looks like an additional blue plate number to the right and below the others.*]

The "bluebird over wing" variety, again on 22221 and 22222, was discovered and named by this writer the day after Kim pointed out the "extra blue #1." These varieties were described and illustrated to all of my new-issue subscribers in February at the time the normal E&S 22222 was distributed to them.

[*TPN note: The "bluebird" variety is at the top of the eagle's left wing (on the right as we look at the stamp) and has also been described as looking like an insect.*]

In addition, another variety related to the "extra blue #1" was described. It has been found on 22222 where many of the rolls were cut low enough so part of the blue line

was chopped off. Thus, an extension appears on the top of some 22222 numbered stamp from the row directly below the row bearing the "extra blue #1."

Finally, another numbered stamp variety has been found on BEP's E&S. It was first pointed out to me by a philatelic clerk in the Midwest. It appears as a dot to the right of the middle of the wing. Like the "bluebird," it is most interesting under magnification and appears to resemble a roundworm or a © copyright symbol. This variety, like the other two, appears on both 22221 and 22222.

[TPN note: This flaw is extremely small, too small for most people to see at all without magnification. Under our 10-power magnifier, we still only saw a blue dot, no worm and no ©.]

While my focus has been on blue varieties appearing on the numbered stamp, others have pointed out additional ones in various other positions along the strip. And unlike the flyspecks that have been noted with respect to the 25¢ Honeybee, the blue E&S varieties are very predictable in terms of their repetition.

Robert Rabinowitz
Stamford, Conn.

[In reply: TPN has been consistent in stating that flaws on all but the black intaglio sleeve of the Honeybee are from the offset sleeves. These can come at intervals of 24 or 25; the intaglio interval is 48. Thus, only the offset flaws from the sleeve with the repeat every 24 stamps can stay in the same position in respect to the plate number; the other moves. But no matter which offset sleeve was used, flaws repeat regularly in the same roll. The trouble was that so many offset plates were used, that any attempt at systematic study was overcome by sheer volume.

Why all this whining?

In the May 21, 1994, edition of *Stamp Collector*, Robert Rabinowitz was whining about the decline of PNC collecting and blamed it on the Postal Service for issuing self-adhesive coils. In the issue of May 28 he's complaining because he can't get full rolls (of self-adhesives, ed.), only in strips of 18.

If there's no one out there to sell PNCs to, what does a dealer want them for? And what difference does it make if he has to buy in strips of 18 or coils of 5,000-plus? Any collectors is only going to buy in strips of three or five or singles no matter in what form the dealer purchased them in. My heart does not go out to him because this may cause him extra hours of labor.

Anyone who calls the USPS liars doesn't deserve any sympathy.

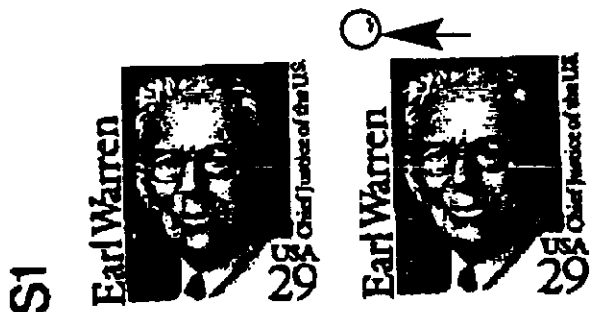
[TPN note: In his May 28 article, Dr. Rabinowitz quoted USPS' claim that self-adhesive coils were "created to facilitate the automatic affixing of stamps to envelopes such as U.S. Postal Service first day covers" and said he did not believe it. He said he would call Robin Minard to inquire about this.]

Perhaps the USPS does not have the equipment in place to start using coils to affix stamps to FDCs. That doesn't mean that that is not the reason they were issued.

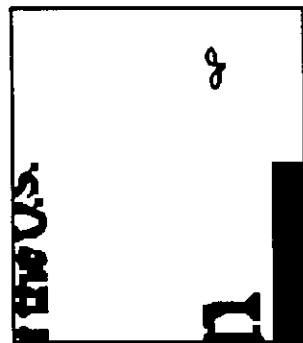
André P. Thiele

In reply: Dr. Rabinowitz was reacting to an article in Linn's

bewailing the fact that dealers were privileged to buy whole rolls while collectors were not. The Linn's article, Steve Estrati's article in *Stamp Collector* and Alan Malakoff's article on the front page of this issue of TPN sought to show that USPS was giving special care to dealers.



EYEGLASSES—UL plate block from Plate S1 of the 29¢ Warren shows tiny spectacles just above the second stamp in the top row. Enlargement may be seen at right.



Earl Warren's eyeglasses

I have a Self-Service Pack of 10 29¢ Warren stamps (Item 1055S) on which there is a pair of old eyeglasses in the upper margin. Is this a constant plate variety?

In reply: It will be regarded as constant when another similar item is reported.

I also have a roll of 500 of the 10¢ Eagle and Shield with the numbers 22221 that shows a constant variety at 7L on all 20 numbered strips. I call it the dropped worm because it looks like a "W."

In reply: Please send a copy to A.S. Cibulskas, 28 Westwood Rd., Stamford CT 06902.

Then I have a roll of Eagle and Shields with (I think) gripper marks across all stamps. Usually these show up only on the white part of the stamp. They are from 22221.

In reply: Your horizontal lines were explained in the last issue of TPN by Ken Lawrence as being the result of a nick in the doctor blade, the squeegee that wipes off excess ink.

I also have a roll of 22221 with an extra blue "1" just behind and below the last digit of the plate numbers. These look like they are on some kind of tagged paper.

In reply: Congratulations. You have found the tagged error. The extra blue is a constant plate variety.

On my 1¢ Omnibus from Plate 3, the plate number on all my strips looks like a broken negative "3."

Mike Keller
Brooklyn

In reply: There appear to be three types of plate number on Plate 3 of the new Omnibus. They may be row specific.

One 3 looks like a purple blob with a white "3" inside.

One 3 looks fuzzy at its left side and has a mishapen 3.

One 3 is normal.

Cheating with self-adhesives

In his "Plate Number Coils" column in the March 28 issue of *Linn's*, Ken Lawrence wrote about Eugene Liu's observation that it is possible to change the position of self-adhesive coil stamps within a strip. This started me thinking, and I don't like what I came up with.

Suppose there were two different self-adhesive sheetlet issues printed by the same printer in the same colors. Let's say one issue features a frog and was printed with 1111 as a common plate-number combination and 1212 as a less common combination, and let's say the other issue features a prince and was printed with 1111 as a scarce combination and 2222 as a common combination. A dishonest person could buy a 1111 Frog and a 2222 Prince and take the central plate strip from the Frog and move it to the Prince sheetlet and create a scarce sheetlet—the philatelic equivalent of turning a frog into a prince, but without the benefit of a kiss, or, in this case, a lick.

I urge the Postal Service to make the above impossible. One way to do this would be to move the plate numbers on to one of the stamps. Another possibility would be to put something on the central strip that identifies the sheetlet it belongs to. It could be as simple as a number that is increased by one for each new sheetlet issue. Space for this could be found by shortening the phrase "Self-adhesive stamps" to "Self-adhesives."

To add fuel to the fire, a few days ago another collector wrote me:

Recently, while out looking for Love Sunrise numbers, I found a small post office in the back of a store in a little run-down town. The clerk was very helpful and pulled everything she had out of the safe.

The first Red Squirrel sheetlet in her stock had plate number M112—obviously, either USPS had switched printers without anyone's knowledge, or someone had switched peel-off strips with an Eagle sheetlet. A close examination revealed the latter to be the case, but the clerk swore she hadn't done it.

I suspect some customer had done it. The moral is that at some point one of the self-adhesives' printers will print two different sheetlet issue with the same colors, and then some enterprising person will "create" a new combination on one of them by switching center strips.

That's what I think, too.

Doug Iams

San Jose, CA

No such thing as band tagging

I received the plate block of the 21¢ Chester Carlson,

and the tagging—as described in the May TPN—is all wrong.

I examined the block, only to find that it is a normally block-tagged issue in which the horizontal rows were to have been tagged.

The explanation is just as hinted in the article by Ken Lawrence.

There is a faint but visible differentiation between the block-tagged areas over the design ink. Without a doubt, in my mind anyway, the areas between the stamps that should have been left untagged were tagged due to some type of buildup of material, probably dried out or "pasty taggant" left on the tagging mat for whatever reason (poor cleaning of the tagging mat by BEP pressmen or very dry taggant that caked to the mat).

I am not writing to express my dissatisfaction with the block or even its price of \$50. I am only telling you and others that this is not a new type of tagging nor is it an experimental type that may have slipped past the tagging community. This is only a variety of block tagging that is caused by pressmen's error or the improper mixing of the tagging material during the press run.

I have dozens of other examples on other stamp issues that have the same problem. I have even had these on slides for several years and have been showing them at stamp shows and club meetings to explain the "what and why."

Please change your explanation as to what you are offering and what causes this variety.

Bruce Menia

Selkirk, N.Y.

In reply (by Ken Lawrence, by phone): Charles Yeager took my pane of the band-tagged Carlson to the BEP for examination, and nobody there could come up with an explanation as to what caused the strange tagging on this pane. If Menia's theory were correct, they would certainly have said so.

If Menia has seen other versions of this phenomenon, I certainly would like to see them and to get them on the record.

Self-stick coils not listed

Scott announces new numbers

The Unisys version of the Universal Vending Coil (UVM) has been given the Scott number CVP32, but only as a 29¢ value.

"CVP" means it is listed as computer-vended postage at the back of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps*. The stamps are not listed at all in Volume 1 of Scott's *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*.

According to Wayne L. Youngblood, editor of *Scott Stamp Monthly*, the new UVM will appear in Scott's PNC al-

bum supplements and will also appear as a 29¢ single in the next CVP supplement. It will not be in the supplements to the National album.

No new numbers have yet been announced by Scott for the gravure-printed version of the 10¢ Tractor Trailer.

The 1994 edition of the *Scott Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps* did not list any self-adhesive coils, nor did the U.S. section of the 1995 *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*. The sheetlet versions are listed.

Open letter to Ken Lawrence

In your letter to me of April 9, 1994, you accuse me of "starting a campaign against you." Why would I want to do that?

The editor of *TPN* paraphrased me, immediately after your article on the prephosphored Cody in the *Linn's* issue dated Jan. 31, 1994, as "annoyed" with you. Hardly an auspicious start to a "campaign." But annoyed is hardly the word. I think you did an injustice to me in writing your *Linn's* article, despite the fact that you were fully aware that the substance of your article had been published earlier. You wrote it not as a news article, but as your personal discovery. I think your behavior has been less than admirable and I find your explanations inadequate.

I sent copies of all my correspondence in this matter, with your letter of April 9th, to Stephen Esrati to show I answered you in context. I also included a listing of my credentials, to be forwarded to any interested parties. It wouldn't be fair to tie up *TPN* space.

[*TPN* note: Dr. Kugel's résumé is available from *TPN* against a Number 10 SASE (with 52¢ in postage).]

The correspondence, in which you claim I "complained repeatedly to others" were letters to Esrati (my publisher) and Michael Lawrence (your publisher). The intent was to give you a gentle push toward recantation. I also replied to Elaine Boughner, managing editor of *Linn's*, who was confused as to what all the fuss was about. The letter to *TPN* was to be published; not the letters to *Linn's*. Last, I commented on your letter to Esrati (which he forwarded to me at your request). I thought it would end the matter. However, the tone of your letter to me has given

What this is all about

Dr. Robert Kugel wrote a letter to *TPN* to explain how he had determined that the 15¢ Cody from Plate 1 existed on prephosphored paper. At that time, *TPN* doubted its existence. Later, Ken Lawrence wrote an article for *Linn's* to say how he had determined that a prephosphored Cody existed.

Dr. Kugel believed that since Lawrence verified work published four months earlier, he was obliged to reference the work. He refused.

In the meantime, Richard C. Schulman, who edits the list of Great Americans in *Linn's Yearbook*, has dropped the listing for an overall-tagged Plate 1, saying it does not exist. Wayne L. Youngblood, the Plate Number Coil Study Group's expert on tagging, says he is not so sure and reserves judgment.

it new life.

I never claimed to have discovered the prephosphored Cody or to have invented the method which showed the Cody to be prephosphored. I do claim to have ended the dispute over the existence of the prephosphored Cody. You cannot deny that the dispute existed.

I started with a hypothesis as to how overall-tagged and prephosphored stamps differed. Using an obvious method, I made observations on all the varieties of phosphor-coated Great Americans stamps and concluded that my hypothesis was valid. I applied it to the Cody stamps, made my observations, and concluded that the Cody stamps were prephosphored.

This scheme is known as The Scientific Method. I published my observations and conclusions and the means by which I made these observations, so that anyone could do what I did and draw their own conclusions. The material was published in a forum where the readers are knowledgeable, that is, in *TPN*, the only specialty publication for the Great Americans.

If the work cannot be duplicated, it is shot down. If the hypothesis is in error, it can be challenged. If the results are

interpreted incorrectly, alternatives can be offered.

But if the results can be duplicated, if the hypothesis goes unchallenged, if the interpretation is accepted, then the work stands. It is verified. This is how a scientist works.

You seem to have agreed with my hypothesis, for you used the same one. You also used the same method to make your observations. You then made the same observations and drew the same conclusions. In so doing, you verified my work.

Why then did you, four months later, publish your results in a lesser, more popular forum and deny my work even occurred? Naturally, you can explain it.

I have read and I reject your explanations.

First, you claim Esrati neglected to include the prephosphored Cody, from your list, in his *Summary of Data on the Great Americans*, giving the impression that he "muzzled" you. His summary was published in January 1993. Since you were probably the major contributor to *TPN* in all of 1993, you might have protested, but you didn't. You are a regular columnist in *Linn's*. You write for *The American Philatelist* and *The U.S. Spe-*

cialist. I think that if Esrati had muzzled you, you had sufficient other forums in which to print your arguments. You simply failed to use them. Blame yourself, not Esrati. Anyway, this is irrelevant.

Second, you explain that when you said, in your April 1993 *American Philatelist* article, that the prephosphored Cody "probably" exists, it was a diplomatic device used by BIA writers to protect a source whose information deviates from the official line. Now, I doubt there are 100 BIA writers, but let's just say there are. This means that of the 55,500 readers of *The American Philatelist*, to whom the article was directed, 55,400 of them thought as I that "probably" denoted uncertainty. So, this argument falls flat.

Third, even if I were to accept this, your explanation of how you knew the prephosphored Cody existed demands that you were relying on the memory of someone at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, not your personal knowledge, just as Esrati relied on Akbar. You could have said in *The American Philatelist* article, "It exists. I have personally seen it." Who would argue? You're a big shot. But you didn't, not until Jan. 31, 1994.

Fourth, you say that photographs you submitted with *The American Philatelist* article would have shown the prephosphored Cody existed. You argue they didn't print well so they weren't used. But that's just it, they weren't used.

Nothing in that article indicates your knowledge of the existence of the prephosphored Cody except it "probably" exists. Intentions count for nothing.

Fifth, if I were to accept either of your arguments rela-

tive to *The American Philatelist* article as plausible, I find it difficult to imagine that a skilled writer such as you would say in the text, "It probably exists," while simultaneously offering a photograph of "that which probably exists." This is such an illogical statement that I cannot believe you would have written it.

Sixth, you say I can contact certain parties who might attest that those photographs were indeed submitted with your *American Philatelist* article. Just as you could have contacted certain parties to attest to my credentials, which you out-of-hand dismissed. I have no objection to you presenting this information, but don't expect me to waste any more time on you than I am doing now. And that is beside the point.

The point is: "What did you have in print before the September 1993 issue of *TPN* was circulated?" The answer is, "Nothing."

Seventh, you write that at the 1993 APS Summer Seminar you showed Wayne Youngblood your prephosphored Cody stamps using the technique you say I claim to have invented. Youngblood's memory of what transpired at the APS seminar differs from yours. He, you, George Brett, Rich Schulman, and possibly others, were using Youngblood's UV box to examine Cody stamps on the possibility that prephosphored Codys might exist. Youngblood mentioned my letter in *TPN*, which Esrafi had discussed with him. He was quite positive that you showed no reaction whatsoever to this information. You did not claim to have done the same work earlier, and there were no "re-invented wheels." Youngblood was equally positive that he never sat down with you to examine Cody

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stamps using a microscope technique. Am I still "mistaken on the facts?"

In your letter to me, you state that if I had written you and let you examine my stamps, you would have credited me. You also stated that you always name and credit your relevant correspondents. I couldn't believe what I was reading. This smacks so strongly of elitism. Does one actually have to be a relevant correspondent of yours to be named and credited? What about George Brett? Would you overlook him if he failed to check in with you? Come on.

Between Jan. 1, 1993, and Jan. 30, 1994, you had nothing to say about the Cody stamp in *TPN*, *Linn's*, *The American Philatelist*, and *The U.S. Specialist* except that it "probably" exists. Which leads us to the following:

I'm not clairvoyant. Because of your silence, in my mind you had no part in this until Jan. 31, 1994. The name that kept appearing was that of Wayne Youngblood. He was the one who never saw a prephosphored Cody. He was the one to win over. You must have felt the same

way, because you claim you finally straightened him out at the APS seminar. So, why would I have written you? You write good review articles, but review articles rarely contain original work. Youngblood, the expert, was the player, not you.

Did you actually believe I would hand my work over to you in order for you to pass on it, publish the results under your name, and then give me the kindly nod? Grow up! The idea was that I was publishing these results, not you. You're really a very funny guy.

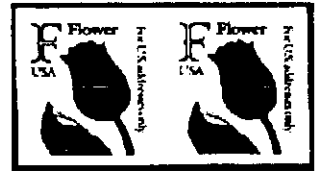
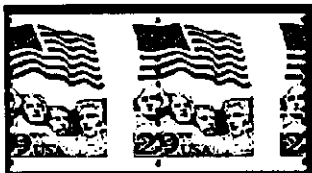
I gave you every opportunity to redress my grievance, with no loss of face. I avoided going public in *Linn's* with its very large circulation to protect your reputation and to protect *Linn's*. I kept the arena confined to *TPN*, where no more than 450 people read my original letter, and they certainly would have expected some comment by me. I wasn't looking for credit. Reread my reply to Elaine Boughner at *Linn's*. All I asked was that you not take the credit. Instead I was met with stonewalling.

I believe there is a code of ethics among writers. If you aren't aware of it, perhaps now is the time. I believe that if a writer puts a new fact into print he is entitled to credit for it. Maybe you thought about the prephosphored Cody, talked about the prephosphored Cody, but you never got around to putting it in print until after I did. I think you crossed over the line when you deliberately refused to give me credit for my work and took all the credit for yourself.

You wouldn't have put up with this. Why the [blank] should I?

Robert L. Kugel.

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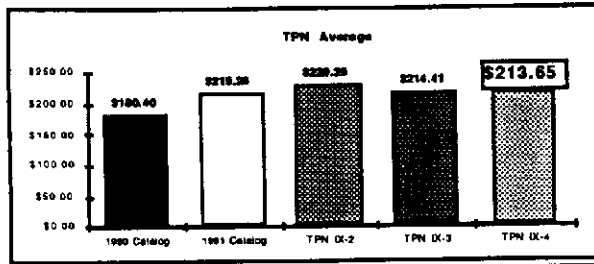
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Linn's 'Trends' finally catches up on PNC price cuts, but is still high

It was inevitable. Long after the TPN Average had started its decline from 244.52 in May 1993, caused by Dr. Robert Rabinowitz' price cuts, Linn's "Trends" finally caught up.

Dr. Rabinowitz' cuts at first were as much as 40% while also ending discounts of up to 25% for large purchases.

Other dealers followed. Dr. Rabinowitz has cut prices more since then.

Greg Manning, who supposedly does the pricing for Linn's, made this comment:

Prices for many of the lower-valued plate number coils have been reduced because of increased competition during the past six months. A miniprice war has taken place, and all this put downward pressure on the more common PNCs. The market for scarce PNCs remains strong, with a few upward changes at the top end of the market.

Is that so?

Manning, a non-PNC dealer, does not do the pricing for "Trends." It is done by Dale Hendricks of Dale Enterprises. Hendricks lowered the price of a PS5 of Plate 3 of the 18¢ Flag from \$1,050 to \$990, a 5.7% decline. But the highest price found in TPN's survey of dealer prices is \$850. The lowest price is \$775 from Hendricks. The 1991 PNC Catalog priced a PS5 at \$1,100. The TPN Average now lists it at \$860.

Manning dropped Plate 1 of the 20¢ Fire Pumper from \$200 to \$175. The 1991 catalog priced it at \$185. The strip can now be bought for as little as \$125 from Hendricks. The TPN Average now lists it at \$155.60.

What is also most surprising in Dale's revisions is that while he has adjusted many prices in "Trends," there is hardly a ripple in the price of used singles. (Hendricks doesn't do used prices.)

Since many small dealers price their stock according to Linn's "Trends," collectors should be warned to approach a bourse dealer and ask him how he arrives at his prices. If the answer is "Trends," smart collectors should be very careful not to overpay.

It may be useful to track the price of F18-3 over the past year or so:

| TPN Issue | Price | Change |
|----------------|--------------|---------|
| January 1993 | \$1,176.02 | -0.78% |
| March 1993 | \$1,176.02 | 0% |
| May 1993 | \$1,210.86 | +2.96% |
| July 1993 | \$1,160.50 | -4.16% |
| September 1993 | Not compiled | |
| November 1993 | \$1,147.85 | -1.09% |
| January 1994 | \$1,147.85 | 0% |
| March 1994 | \$1,124.13 | -2.07% |
| May 1994 | \$989.00 | -12.02% |
| July 1994 | \$975.20 | -1.40% |

But there's a rub in all these statistics. One TPN reader has been attempting to buy an F18-3 in XF condition for some time. He cannot find one.

That tagged Eagle and Shield

Prices on the tagged 10¢ Eagle and Shield error fell dramatically in April after Michael Lipson found a new supply.

The original find by Kim Cuniberti was originally offered in Linn's at \$10 for VF strips of five. That ad was pulled after two weeks and replaced with a higher price.

Within a month, when Cuniberti could find no more, the retail price rose to around \$60 for VF and \$80 for XF. The rub was that VF copies had all been sold out.

Lipson's find first lowered the price to \$30, later to \$25. Almost all dealers who had bought their supplies from Cuniberti, immediately dropped their prices, too.

Changes in components of TPN Average

| CAT | STAMP | PLATE | TPN IX-3 | TPN IX-4 | % Change |
|---------------|-------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| C29-1211 | "F" | 1211 | \$30.11 | \$30.60 | 1.63% |
| M10-A3333 | E&S | A33333 | \$4.82 | \$4.77 | -0.99% |
| M19-A1112 | Fishing | A1112 | \$9.06 | \$9.30 | 2.69% |
| M19-AS555-unt | Fishing | AS555 | \$10.44 | \$10.44 | 0.02% |
| M20-1 | Consumer | | \$205.56 | \$200.77 | -2.33% |
| M20-3 | Consumer | 3 | \$121.42 | \$119.03 | -1.97% |
| Q20-1 | Official | 1 | \$69.91 | \$69.91 | 0.00% |
| Q22-1 | Official | 1 | \$84.94 | \$84.94 | 0.00% |
| F18-1 | Flag | 1 | \$471.79 | \$470.35 | -0.31% |
| F18-3 | Flag | 3 | \$989.00 | \$975.44 | -1.40% |
| F20-4 | Flag | 4 | \$778.41 | \$778.41 | 0.00% |
| F20-11 | Flag | 11 | \$11.05 | \$10.89 | -1.44% |
| F22-1 | Flag | 1 | \$14.85 | \$14.93 | 0.52% |
| F22-3 | Flag | 3 | \$59.13 | \$59.13 | 0.01% |
| F25-Sblock | Flag | 3 | \$4.58 | \$4.58 | -0.07% |
| F25-Schoc | Flag | 3 | \$9.48 | \$9.32 | -1.74% |
| F29-1Mn | Rushmore | 1 | \$4.91 | \$4.96 | 0.95% |
| F29-1WH | White House | 1 | \$5.08 | \$5.23 | 3.00% |
| T5-2-3 | Trans | 3 | \$230.86 | \$230.86 | 0.00% |
| T5-2-4P-2L | Trans | 4 | \$15.42 | \$15.53 | 0.68% |
| T5-9-3P-LN | Trans | 3 | \$29.88 | \$30.06 | 0.57% |
| T5-9-6P-LN | Trans | 6 | \$94.56 | \$95.01 | 0.48% |
| T7-4-2 | Trans | 2 | \$11.43 | \$11.27 | -1.40% |
| T8-4-3P | Trans | 3 | \$19.31 | \$19.39 | 0.41% |
| T9-3-1P-ND | Trans | 1 | \$17.84 | \$17.84 | -0.58% |
| T9-3-6 | Trans | 6 | \$298.82 | \$303.11 | 1.10% |
| T9-3-6P-2L | Trans | 6 | \$208.60 | \$208.60 | 0.00% |
| T10-9-1P-LN | Trans | 1 | \$35.03 | \$35.03 | 0.00% |
| T10-9-4P-LN | Trans | 4 | \$385.25 | \$386.69 | 0.37% |
| T17-6 | Trans | 6 | \$17.46 | \$17.46 | -0.02% |
| T17-6Pda-1L | Trans | 6 | \$53.41 | \$52.26 | -2.16% |
| T18-1 | Trans | 1 | \$98.47 | \$97.77 | -0.71% |
| T18-3 | Trans | 3 | \$79.81 | \$79.81 | 0.00% |
| T18-17 | Trans | 17 | \$6.74 | \$6.66 | -1.21% |
| T20FP-1 | Trans | 1 | \$178.94 | \$176.07 | -1.61% |
| T20FP-2 | Trans | 2 | \$964.08 | \$964.08 | 0.00% |
| T20FP-7 | Trans | 7 | \$175.79 | \$177.43 | 0.93% |
| T20FP-11 | Trans | 11 | \$88.46 | \$87.49 | -1.09% |
| T20FP-12 | Trans | 12 | \$9.64 | \$9.37 | -2.77% |

Averages of E&S prices

| Number | PS/5 | PS/3 | Number | PS/5 | PS/3 |
|------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|--------|
| 11111 | \$2.96 | \$2.76 | A54444 | \$3.80 | \$3.72 |
| 22221 | \$3.16 | \$2.91 | A54445 | \$3.80 | \$3.72 |
| 22221 phos | \$22.06 | \$17.97 | A77777 | \$2.94 | \$2.79 |
| 22222 | \$3.11 | \$2.94 | A88888 | \$2.94 | \$2.79 |
| A11111 | \$2.75 | \$2.59 | A88889 | \$3.51 | \$3.26 |
| A11112 | \$2.75 | \$2.59 | A89999 | \$3.19 | \$3.03 |
| A12213 | \$19.50 | \$19.17 | A99998 | \$3.56 | \$3.35 |
| A21112 | \$2.75 | \$2.59 | A99999 | \$3.10 | \$2.92 |
| A21113 | \$3.76 | \$3.68 | A1010101010 | \$3.38 | \$3.05 |
| A22112 | \$2.75 | \$2.59 | A1011101010 | \$3.50 | \$3.14 |
| A22113 | \$2.66 | \$2.51 | A1011101011 | \$3.50 | \$3.14 |
| A32333 | \$225.56 | \$213.80 | A1011101012 | \$3.43 | \$3.08 |
| A33333 | \$4.15 | \$3.95 | A1110101011 | \$3.50 | \$3.14 |
| A33334 | \$83.34 | \$81.01 | A1110111010 | \$3.58 | \$3.25 |
| A33335 | \$4.08 | \$3.98 | A1111101010 | \$3.58 | \$3.28 |
| A34424 | \$4.95 | \$4.70 | A1111111010 | \$3.43 | \$3.08 |
| A34426 | \$4.33 | \$4.03 | A1111111110 | \$2.50 | \$2.30 |
| A43324 | \$4.03 | \$3.93 | A1211101010 | \$3.50 | \$3.14 |
| A43325 | \$3.51 | \$3.43 | A1411101010 | \$3.58 | \$3.28 |
| A43326 | \$3.73 | \$3.68 | A1411101011 | \$3.08 | \$2.71 |
| A43334 | \$3.03 | \$2.89 | A1412101010 | \$5.50 | \$4.50 |
| A43335 | \$3.03 | \$2.89 | A1412111110 | \$3.00 | \$2.71 |
| A43426 | \$4.14 | \$3.94 | A1412111111 | \$3.20 | \$2.87 |
| A53335 | \$3.41 | \$3.25 | | | |

PERF-VARIETIES, ETC.—TAGGING

| | | Single | Block | P-Block |
|-------|---|--------|-------|------------|
| 1735 | A (15¢) L Perf | .45 | 1.80 | 3.00 |
| 1844 | 1¢ Dorothy Dix L Perf | .10 | .40 | 3.50 (20) |
| 1862 | 20¢ Truman "A" Press, Floating Pl. L Perf, Block Tag (small) | .60 | 3.00 | 12.00 (20) |
| 1862a | Truman Bull's Eye Perf. Block tag (large) | .60 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| 1862b | Truman Bull's Eye Perf. Overall Tag | .60 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| NEW | Truman Prephosphored Bull's Eye Perf, shiny gum | .60 | 2.50 | 3.00 |
| 1863 | 22¢ Audubon L Perf Block tag (small), dull gum | .75 | 3.00 | 15.00 |
| 1863d | 22¢ Audubon Bull's eye | .75 | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| 1864 | 30¢ Laubach L Perf, Block tag (small) | .75 | 3.00 | 15.00 (20) |
| | Bull's Eye, Block tag (large) | .75 | 3.00 | 4.50 |
| | Bull's Eye, Overall, Plate 2 | 5.00 | 20.00 | POR |
| 1867 | 39¢ Clark L Perf, Block Tag (small) | 1.20 | 4.80 | 24.00 (20) |
| | Block Tag (large) Bull's Eye | 1.20 | 4.80 | 6.00 |
| 1868 | 40¢ Glibeth L Perf, Block Tag (small) | 1.20 | 4.80 | 24.00 (20) |
| | Block Tag (large) Bull's Eye | 1.20 | 4.80 | 6.00 |
| 1869 | 50¢ Nimitz Overall tag, shiny gum, L Perf | 1.50 | 6.00 | 7.50 |
| | Block Tag, Bull's Eye, dull gum | 1.50 | 6.00 | 7.00 |
| | Overall tag, Bull's Eye, dull gum | 1.50 | 6.00 | 7.50 |
| | Prephosphored, Bull's Eye, shiny gum | 1.50 | 6.00 | 7.50 |
| | Untagged, Bull's Eye | 10.50 | 47.00 | POR |
| 1894 | 20¢ Flag L Perf | .80 | 3.20 | 14.00 (20) |
| 2168 | 1¢ Mitchell, Normal inking | .05 | — | .25 |
| | Light inking | .10 | — | .50 |
| 2170 | 3¢ White untagged | 10.50 | — | POR |
| | Untagged ZIP or © block | 75.00 | — | — |
| 2171 | 4¢ Flanagan Plate 2 New color, untagged | .15 | — | .75 |
| | Block tagged | .15 | — | .75 |
| | Untagged | .15 | — | .75 |
| 2173 | 5¢ Muñoz Marin Tagged Normal placement of PI # | .10 | — | 1.00 |
| | Plate strip of 20 | — | — | 6.00 |
| | Tagged Zip + PI # on same piece of salvage | — | — | 1.00 |
| | Plate strip of 20 | — | — | 6.00 |
| | Untagged normal placement of PI # | .10 | — | 1.00 |
| | Plate strip of 20 | — | — | 6.00 |
| 2176 | 10¢ Red Cloud Block Tagged | .30 | — | 1.50 |
| | Overall tagged | .30 | — | 1.50 |
| | Prephosphored Paper | .30 | — | 1.50 |
| 2178 | 15¢ Cody Prephosphored Paper | 2.00 | 8.00 | 10.00 |
| | Block Tagged | .40 | — | 2.00 |
| | Set-tenant strip showing original and re-entry, strip of 3 | 5.00 | — | — |
| | Overall Tagged | .40 | — | 2.00 |
| | Untagged | 15.00 | — | POR |
| 2182 | 23¢ Cassatt Block Tagged | .50 | — | 4.00 |
| | Overall Tagged | .75 | — | 5.00 |
| | Phosphorescent paper | .50 | — | 4.00 |
| | Untagged | 10.50 | 47.00 | POR |
| | Shiny gum, prephosphored, bull's eye | .75 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| 2186 | 40¢ Chennault Overall Tagged | 1.00 | — | 5.00 |
| | Prephosphored | 1.00 | — | 5.00 |
| 2188 | 45¢ Cushing Block Tagged | 1.00 | — | 5.00 |

| | | Single | Block | P-Block |
|---------|---|--------|------------|------------|
| 2188 | 45¢ Cushing Overall Tagged | 1.00 | — | 5.00 |
| 2190 | 52¢ Humphrey, phosphor coated, dull gum, wrong term (1964-1968) | 1.25 | 6.25 | 25.00 (20) |
| | Shiny gum, correct term (1965-1968) | 1.25 | 6.25 | 25.00 (20) |
| 2192 | 75¢ Willkie phosphor coated dull gum | 2.00 | — | 10.00 |
| | Prephosphored, shiny gum | 2.00 | — | 10.00 |
| 2194A | S1 Hopkins new prephosphored shiny gum # 2 | 2.00 | — | 10.00 |
| | Sheetlet 20 | — | — | 30.00 |
| | Block Tagged | 2.00 | — | 10.00 |
| | Overall Tagged | 2.00 | — | 10.00 |
| | Prephosphored | 2.00 | — | 10.00 |
| 2196 | S5 Harte Block tagged | 8.00 | — | 40.00 |
| | Prephosphored, Pl. 2, new format | 8.00 | — | 40.00 |
| 2524 | 29¢ Flower Bull's eye perf | .75 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
| | L Perf | .60 | 2.40 | 3.00 |
| 2535 | 29¢ Love Bull's eye perf | 1.00 | 4.00 | 5.00 |
| | L Perf | .60 | 2.40 | 3.00 |
| 2616 | 29¢ Columbian Broken "a" Plate variety | 2.00 | — | 6.00 |
| | Set-tenant pair, 1 normal, 1 variety | 2.50 | — | — |
| | Untagged | 10.50 | 47.00 | POR |
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| 2719 | Chinese New Year Prephosphored Tagged under red intaglio printing | .60 | 3.00 | 11.00 |
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Details of self-adhesive coils with plate numbers

By Alan M. Malakoff

Full, sealed rolls of the four numbered self-adhesive coils were obtained. For posterity and future reference, the rolls were carefully inspected and characterized before being broken down. The details are summarized below. Note that this applies only to these four rolls and may vary in some details on other rolls.

Love Sunrise

Printed by Banknote Corp. of America (BCA) in rolls of 5,004 with plate numbers on every 18th stamp. Unlike the first BCA product (the brown Eagle and Shield), the roll is continuous rather than having splice every 21 stamps. This indicates a

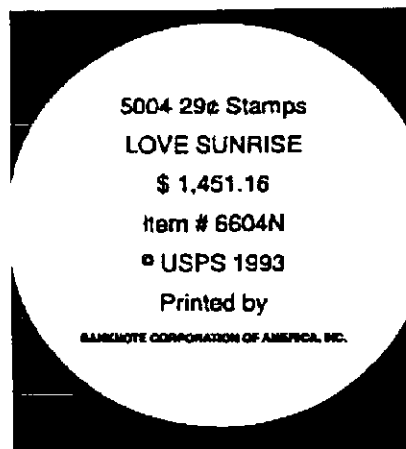


Figure 1—Reduced view of the 3 1/8-inch-diameter Love Sunrise label.

switch from a continuous rather than a sheet-fed press.

The label for the coil is shown in Figure 1. The label is printed in chestnut brown. The roll was shrink-wrapped with a half-inch piece of masking tape, about three inches long, applied to the circumference of the roll to hold it closed. There was no leader strip on the roll and the numbered stamp was the sixth stamp in the roll.

The roll itself was wound very loosely, with a tendency toward what the industry calls telescoping when unwrapped. The diameter of the coil, while wrapped, was nine inches, but varied with the pressure of the shrink wrap on the loosely wound roll.

The roll was made on a three-inch cardboard core, a standard industry size and material. The end of the roll of stamps was taped to the core. There was no trailing strip. This particular roll had no splices of any type.

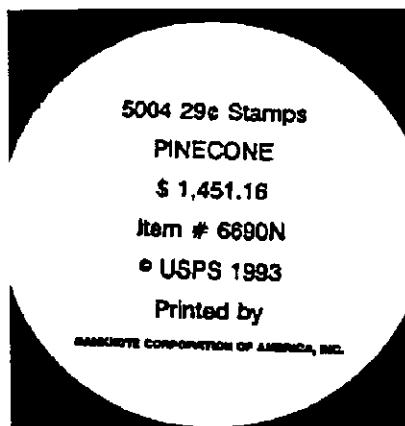


Figure 2—Pine Cone is all one word on this 3 1/8-inch label.

Pine Cone

Also printed by BCA, the Pine Cone was very similar to the Love Sunrise in size, packaging, and the brown label (see Figure 2). It was also a 5,004-stamp roll with plate-number spacing of 18 throughout the roll. Again, there was no leading or trailing strip. The plate number was on the 13th stamp from the start.

One difference between the Pine Cone and the Love Sunrise was in the tape used to hold the roll together. While still half-inch masking tape, a 4 3/4-inch-long strip was applied radially over the edge of the roll, rather than along the circumference. This particular roll had no splices of any type. The end was taped onto the core as with the Love Sunrise.

Eagle

The blue Eagle was printed by 3M, also as a roll of 5,004. The label, printed in

green, is shown in Figure 3. The roll was shrink wrapped with a diameter of 8 1/4 inches. The winding tension was proper, unlike the BCA coils. Under the shrink wrap was a rubber band wrapped around the roll to keep it together. The shrink-wrapped roll itself was placed into a large glassine envelope.

There was an 11-inch leader strip at the start of the roll, consisting of backing paper showing evidence of die cuts. It is not known if these indications of die cuts mean that stamps were removed from this leader strip. The numbered stamp was the 18th in the roll. The end of the roll had no trailing strip and the backing paper was glued to the three-inch core.

This particular roll had two clear splices in it. Both occurred in the first half of the roll rather than at any type of equal spacing. One of the two splices covered a

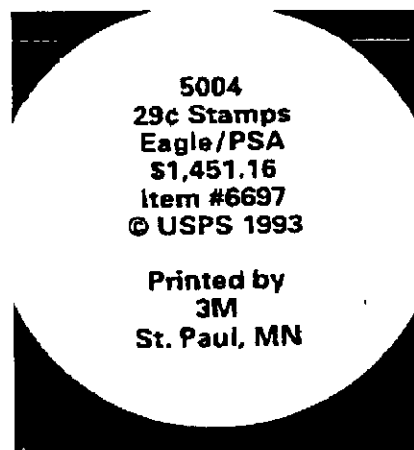


Figure 3—While BCA labels are chestnut brown, 3M's is green.

Dealers get advantages, collectors do not

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preferred strips of nine was unable to obtain them unless he were willing to order from a dealer at a premium over face. There were similar occurrences for other collectors who preferred long strips.

And, finally, we come to the soon-to-be-issued Statue of Liberty self-adhesives, printed by Dittler Bros. At the request of Scott Beach, manager of the PFSC, Dittler added perforations to the coil every 18 stamps. This was done to make the job of PFSC clerks easier. Beach had asked, in deference to collectors, that the perforation be several stamps away from the plate number. But the second part of his request was not, at least at first, communicated to Dittler. The perfs were put right next to the numbered stamp. Thus, collec-

tors would be forced to buy even their simple, conventional strips of three or five from a dealer, rather than at face.

[TPN note: Beach has assured TPN that arrangements would be made to hand cut the Statue of Liberty liner to provide collectors with strips where the perforations are not adjacent to the plate number.]

The official line out of the PFSC is that the sale of full, sealed, self-adhesive coils to dealers was a mistake and was discontinued on April 25. This is not a totally satisfactory answer to collectors of labels and longer strips. But at least the field on which dealers and collectors play has become a little more level.

switch in backing paper from Type A to Type B.

The plate-number interval of 18 was maintained over the splices.

Christmas Greetings

The four-design Christmas Greetings stamp was different from the three other numbered coils. It was printed by Avery Dennison in coils of 3,336. It was shrink wrapped into a diameter of $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Within the shrink wrap was a square piece of cardboard, about the size of the roll, to hold it flat and protect it. The label (Figure 4) was rectangular, about $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches high (much larger than the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -inch diameter of the others), and printed in black ink. Information on the label included a manufacturing date and the plate number.

The Christmas stamp had a leader strip about 27 inches long, with the plate number on the first stamp. The leader also showed evidence of die cuts.

The roll was held closed by a small torn piece of masking tape, which had a handwritten three-line code on it ("295B—1 / REW2 / #7") The end of the roll was glued to the core, without a trailing strip.

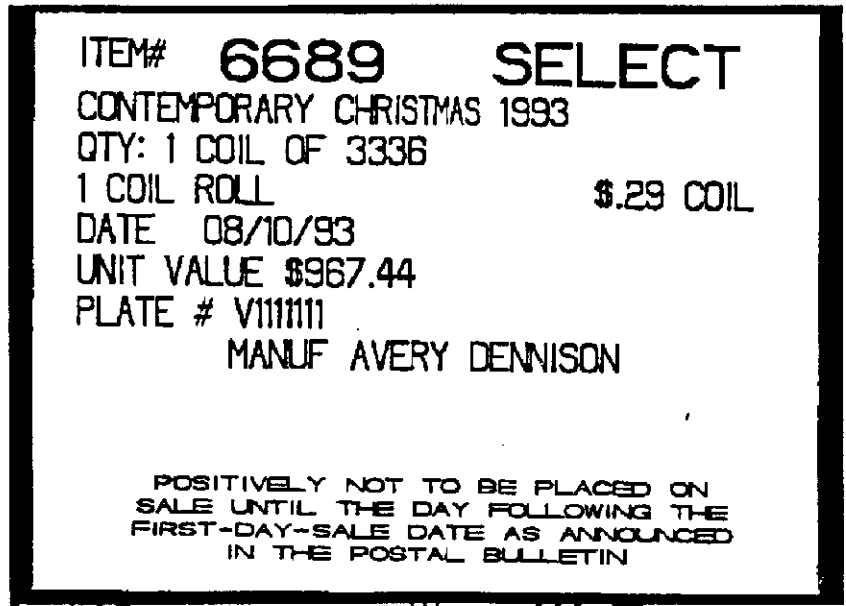


Figure 4—The actual size of this label is $5\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$ inches and is printed in black. The four bottom lines are intended to prevent early release of the stamps. This label also gives the plate number.

1995 Scott gets it all wrong for self-adhesives, omits coils

Volume 1 of the Scott 1995 *Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue* is used by a lot more collectors than is the more detailed 1994 *U.S. Specialized* (the 1995 edition is due this autumn).

But for PNC collectors, Volume 1 is a waste of money. While each stamp is duly listed, there is less precision than in the other imprecise work. Both books are perfect reasons why PNC collectors (and even collectors of definitives that were printed in panes) need specialized catalogs. Scott simply does not meet their needs. Even Scott has recognized this, so in 1995, it will go to tenths in perforations.

Here is Scott's explanation:

There are a number of examples in the Great Americans Series to illustrate the point. The 50¢ Chester W. Nimitz issue was produced in several different versions. The first printing, done on a currency press, has a glossy gum while some later printings have a dull gum. The phosphorescent tagging also differentiates between these versions, but for those who don't own ultraviolet lamps, perfs become the most affective distinguishing features between printings. The first printing, Scott 1869, is perf 10.9×10.8, and all later printings (including a second shiny-gum type) are perf 11.2×11.1.

The way 1869 was listed previously was simply "Perf. 11." The others were listed as "Perf 11.2."

Linn's Multi-Gauge will now be marked in tenths, too.

The 1995 edition does call one Scott editorial decision into question. While it lists the various self-adhesives as booklet panes of 17 or 18, it does not list them as coils. Surely Scott Publishing Co. does not accept the dictates of the Stamp Acquisition and Distribution Branch, which insists that the stamps are identical.

Not only do the coil stamps have liner paper all around the stamp, which the booklets do not, but in some cases they also include plate numbers on the stamps. That makes these stamps face-different from the booklet stamps.

OK, so Scott has never worried in its *Standard Postage Stamp*

Catalogue about such niceties, but in this 1995 edition it does differentiate between the Cottrell and B Press versions of the 14¢ Iceboat (something it failed to do for many years even in the *Specialized*.) Is it going to take years for Scott to realize that self-stick coils are not identical to self-stick booklet panes?

This is all reminiscent of Scott's attitude in the early days of PNCs, where coils were listed only as pairs and joint line pairs and plate numbers were ignored.

Scott, however, is to be congratulated for officially designating the Wildlife Series a series. It lists it as the "Flora and Fauna Series" and includes the following stamps (in the following peculiar order which is based on chronology, a totally inconsistent way for Scott to handle things because on the same page the third batch of the Transportation Series is listed by denomination with the heading "1990-92"):

- \$2 Bobcat
- 29¢ self-adhesive Red Squirrel single and "booklet"
- 29¢ self-adhesive Rose single and "booklet"
- 29¢ self-adhesive Pine Cone single and "booklet"
- 1¢ Kestrel
- 3¢ Bluebird
- 19¢ Fawn
- 30¢ Cardinal
- 45¢ Sunfish
- 29¢ Wood Duck, black, perf 10
- 29¢ Wood Duck, red, perf 11
- 29¢ African violet

It is precisely because Scott has always said it is not a chronological catalog that we find a set spread throughout the book.

But please note that Scott left out the 1988 25¢ Pheasant, the 1988 Grosbeak and Owl, and the 1988 Honeybee. Surely they also belong in the Flora and Fauna Series. Ah, consistency!

Stephen G. Esrafi

Malakoff keeps digging up secrets

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involved additional time and expense.

Here's the design

The design of the "G" First-Class Presort coil is now available. It is nearly identical to the regular "G" stamp except for the additional text at the bottom.

The colors of the stamp will be red, blue, black, gray and light blue.

Although not yet seen, it is believed that the Nonprofit Presort "G" stamp is of a similar design, with green rather than light blue lettering.

TPN note: We cannot understand the reason the Postal Service is issuing "G" stamps for nonprofit, nonprofit presort, first-class presort, or other special rates that are met by current generic precancels such as the 5¢ Canoe, the 10¢ Eagle and Shield, and the 23¢ USA.

The only "G" stamps that are needed are for the first-class rate. Current generics can meet all new 1995 rates.

Circus Wagon test finds unexpected machine cancels

By Joann Lenz

In May, I sent out three covers to about 45 fellow collectors. They were to mail them back to me.

The covers were franked as follows:

- 5 tagged 5¢ Circus Wagons plus 2 untagged 2¢ Locomotives
- 5 untagged Circus Wagons (from Plate A2) plus 2 untagged 2¢ Locomotives
- 5 glowing ink Circus Wagons (from Plate A3) plus 2 untagged 2¢ Locomotives

94% of the covers with tagged Circus Wagons received proper machine cancels while only 23% of the untagged Circus Wagons did. 52% of the covers with the glowing ink stamps had machine cancels.

To me it looks as if USPS did create much extra work for itself, and also large numbers of uncanceled stamps, by switching to untagged low values, especially those stamps regularly used by charities such as the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). Wherefore art thou oh automation savings/revenue protection?

Secondly, our little test seems to show that the glowing ink stamps do seem to activate some facer/cancelers, more than do the untagged versions of these stamps, no matter how loudly Dr. Al Fatah and USPS deny this possibility.

All covers from Washington D.C. (no

Smaller self-stick coils

USPS is working on rolls of pressure self-adhesive (PSA) coils in sizes ranging from 100 to 30,000 stamps.

The 100s and 500s will use one-inch cores rather than the three-inch cores found on current, larger rolls.

A roll of 30,000 self-adhesive stamps will measure about 1 3/4 inches in diameter.

A maximum splice specification has also been set, ranging from 1 per roll on the 100s to 12 per roll on the 30,000s.

It is believed that USPS received test coils of dummy PSA stamps in the 100, 500, and 10,000 sizes last summer.

Splices regulated

Specifications have also been set by USPS for the maximum number of splices on stamps with water-based adhesives. Rolls of 50 or 100 are to have no splices. Rolls of 500 may have one, rolls of 3,000 may have 3 and rolls of 10,000 may have 5. An interesting omission is the 30,000

matter what stamps) received proper machine cancels. Untagged and glowing ink covers from Cincinnati received hand cancels.

Covers from other post offices received mixed treatment. One cover from Royal Oak, Mich., got a dauber cancellation on untagged stamps, the other got no cancel at all. Of the glowing ink covers from there, one got a machine cancel, the other no cancel.

In comparing these results with an earlier test, we got back different covers. For example, on this mailing Roanoke, Va., covers received a hand cancellation on the tagged stamps, a proper machine cancel on the glowing ink and no cancel on the untagged. In the previous mailing, glowing ink stamps got a proper machine cancel.

It appears to me that the facer/cancelers at some locations are more sensitive than others at other times or locations. Perhaps there are sensitivity switches on this machinery. This is a question I'll leave to those more knowledgeable about postal equipment and procedures.

I'll be glad to share my complete results with anyone interested in pursuing this adventure. (SASE to 37211 Alper Dr., Sterling Heights, MI 48312-2203).

size on stamps with plain gum, implying that this size may only be planned for self-stick stamps.

Self sticks from BEP?

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Self-adhesive master list as reported through June 15, 1994

By Gerald H. Clark

Code to text on liner

- Type A: Right side up, from UL to LR
- Type B: Upside down, from LR to UL
- Type C: Right side up, from LL to UR
- Type D: Upside down, from UR to LL

2431a 25¢ Eagle and Shield
 Sheetlet A1111 -----C--D
 Coil: No numbers -----C--D

2475a 25¢ USA Flag ATM
 No numbers --A from back

2478a Red Squirrel ATM
 D11111 -----D
 D22211 -----D
 D22221 -----D
 D22222 -----D
 D23133 -----D
 Coil: No numbers -----C

2479a 29¢ Rose
 (UPC 94) S111 -----A
 (UPC 91) S111 -----A
 Coil: No numbers -----C
 Note: 40% of the first production was incorrectly inscribed with Universal Product Code (UPC 91) for the \$2.90 African Violet booklet, instead of correct \$5.22 for the Rose booklet.

2480a 29¢ Pine Cone
 B1 to B 16 -----B
 Coil: B1 -----A--B
 PNC Catalog: SA29PC-B1
 (clear or red splices)

2522a 'F' (29¢) Flag ATM
 No number ---A from back

2531A 29¢ Torch
 Does not apply to any of the three printings. No writing
 Note: There are two varieties of the booklet with the first cover (text only): lacquered and not lacquered. The second cover features an enlarged picture of the stamp.

29¢ Eagle and Shield
2595a Banknote Corp. of America
 B1111-1 -----A--B
 B1111-2 -----A--B
 B2222-1 -----A--B
 B2222-2 -----A--B
 B3333-1 -----B
 B3333-3 -----B
 B3434-1 -----B
 B3434-3 -----B
 B4344-1 -----B
 B4344-3 -----B
 B4444-1 -----A--B
 B4444-3 -----A--B
 Coil: No numbers ---A--B
 (yellow or red splices)

2596a Dittler Bros.
 D11111 -----A
 D21221 -----A
 D22322 -----A
 D32322 -----A
 D32332 -----A
 D32342 -----A
 D42342 -----A
 D43352 -----A
 D43452 -----A
 D43453 -----A
 D54561 -----A
 D54563 -----A
 D54571 -----A
 D54573 -----A
 D54673 -----A
 D61384 -----A
 D65784 -----A
 Coil: No numbers -----C

2597a Stamp Venturers
 S1111 -----C
 (top, center, and bottom positions)
 Coil: No numbers -----C

2598a 29¢ Eagle
 M111 -----A--B
 M112 -----A--B
 Coil: 111 -----A--B
 PNC Catalog: SA29E-111
 (clear splices, one splice known with A liner to the left of the splice and B liner to the right)
 (one row is known with numbers on the back of the liner at 18-stamp intervals with Position A)

2719a Christmas Train ATM
 V11111 -----No writing

2802a 29¢ Christmas (4 designs)
 V111-1111 -----B
 V222-1222 -----B
 V222-2112 -----B
 V222-2122 -----B
 V222-2221 -----B
 V222-2222 -----B
 V333-3333 -----B
 Coil: V1111111 -----B
 PNC Catalog: SA29G-V1111111
 (red splices)

2803a 29¢ Snowman ATM
 V1111 -----No writing
 V2222 -----No writing

2813 29¢ Love Sunrise
 First printing
 B111-1 -----B
 B111-2 -----B
 B111-3 -----B
 B111-4 -----B
 B111-5 -----B
 B121-5 -----B
 B221-5 -----B
 B222-4 -----B
 B222-5 -----B
 B222-6 -----B
 Second printing
 B333-5 -----B
 B333-7 -----B
 B333-8 -----B
 B333-9 -----B
 B333-10 -----B
 B333-11 -----B
 B333-12 -----B
 B333-13 -----B
 B333-14 -----B
 B333-17 -----B

B344-11 -----B
 B344-12 -----B
 B344-13 -----B
 B434-10 -----B
 B444-7 -----A--B
 B444-8 -----B
 B444-9 -----B
 B444-10 -----B
 B444-13 -----B
 B444-14 -----B
 B444-15 -----B
 B444-16 -----B
 B444-17 -----B
 B444-18 -----B
 B444-19 -----B
 Coil: B1 -----A
 PNC Catalog: SA29L-B1

NEW 29¢ Statue of Liberty
 D1111 -----D
 Coil: DXXXXX ---unknown
 PNC Catalog: SA29SOL-DXXXXX

Coming new issues
 29¢ Blue Jay sheetlet
 Same, coil of 5,004
 29¢ Christmas Santa booklet (SV)
 Same, coil of 3,336
 29¢ Christmas ATM booklet (SV)
 "G" booklet (Avery Dennison)
 Same, coil of 5,015
 "G" ATM (Avery Dennison)

For helping with this project in these two months and aiding in keeping the record straight, thanks to Richard Beecher, A. S. Cibulskas, Doug Iams, Hank Karen, Robert Kitson, Joann Lenz, Michael Lipson, Alan Malakoff, Richard Nazar, Michel Perry, Joseph Reymer, Dr. Robert Rabinowitz, Dr. David Schneider, and André Thiele.

Please send your reports to Clark at 424 Roosevelt St., Midvale, UT 84047-3622. If you find a new plate number, a photocopy would be appreciated.

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30 new numbers found since last *TPN*

By Gerald H. Clark

Collectors, traders, and dealers of self-adhesive booklets have kept up a frantic pace since the last issue of *TPN*. Finding new numbers, reworking and mailing out new want lists, packaging trades, weeding out erroneous reports of new numbers, and stockpiling duplicates turned into more than a full-time job for most of us.

Although some new numbers were expected, 30 new finds came as a real surprise.

The Love Sunrise booklet was the most prolific issue, with 20 additional numbers found from the second printing.

Dittler Bros. (green) Eagle and Shield yielded 9 surprises.

Only one plate number has been found on the new Statue of Liberty booklet up to the time of this writing.



The confirmed Love Sunrise numbers are:

B333-5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17.

B344-11, 13.

B434-10.

B444-7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

All new numbers were found with the liner position B except 444-7, which was confirmed with both A and B liners.

B333-11 was found miscut by Michael Perry. It shows die-cutting marks at the bottom.

We were not expecting new numbers on the Eagle and Shield booklets printed by Dittler Bros. It is now apparent that these confirmed reports may only be the tip of the iceberg. (*TPN* note: See the "Supply/Demand" story above.)

New in this *TPN*'s master list are:

D32342 D43452 D43352 D54563 D54571

D54573 D54673 D61384 D65784

Joseph Reymer shocked us all when he found only five copies of D43352 in an outlying post office. Luckily for us (Sorry, Joe) more copies have been found and supply should cover demand.

New numbers were expected from the second printing of the Rose booklet as announced in the last issue of *TPN*. It appears, however, that all copies were printed using the same combination of S111 plates that were used in the first printing. Stamp Venturers has a remarkable record for keeping the same plate-number combination even on extremely large printings.

With still a third printing to come, only time will tell if Stamp Venturers can keep to only one set of plates.

The Statue of Liberty booklet and coil have not been issued when this was written. I was allowed to see a booklet and can verify the number D1111 with liner position D. The coil is still unseen and the plate number is unknown.

TERMINOLOGY

With this issue, *TPN* will attempt to fall in line with terminology used by USPS and the printers in describing the characteristics of self-adhesive products.

The backside of the booklet will be termed the "cover." What we previously referred to as backing will be termed "liner." ATMs will be referred to as sheetlets.

EFOs

Probably the most exciting part of the philatelic search is the finding of something that just isn't quite right. Reports of self-adhesive EFOs have been coming in this month and I would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who finds something that's just a little bit different. Many times these reports lead to the discovery of printing techniques, production methods, plate layout, or other knowledge.

Alan Malakoff's discovery of a splice on the 29¢ Eagle with liner position A to the left and liner position B to the right of the splice may lead to an explanation of why the liners differ in position.

Reports are coming in on Love Sunrise booklets without intaglio plate numbers. Some have raised impressions with no ink and some have absolutely no trace of a number at all.

Portions of BCA (brown) Eagle and Shield panes with the die cutting omitted have appeared in two different auction catalogs. Sam Houston offered a block of four and Lowell S. Newman & Co. offered a center pair with the intaglio number "2." *TPN* still does not know from which plate numbers these came.



Joe Reymer submitted a strip of Love Sunrise coils with what appears to be a printed half circle on the back of the liner behind the 12th stamp to the right of the plate number. This could be a back marking similar to the guide arrows on the BCA Eagle and Shield coils. *TPN* would appreciate reports on any other such markings on the backs of any coil issues.

NEW DEALERS

Jerry Koepp or Stamps 'n' Stuff and Dr. Robert Rabinowitz have run ads offering self-adhesive booklets and coils by plate number. Dr. Rabinowitz is offering a new-issue service similar to his PNC service.

Updating the 1991 PNC Catalog

Editor's note: *It has been almost three years since the last edition of the PNC Catalog was published. Many collectors have asked TPN to list all the stamps that were not listed in the 1991 catalog. This list adopts the new catalog numbers which will be used in the next edition (see TPN September 1993).*

Richard Nazar, editor of the next edition of the catalog, said he would not assign V numbers to varieties but would list the varieties as before.

Printer is Bureau of Engraving and Printing unless otherwise stated.

Flag Series

23¢ Presorted First-Class (untagged) (American Bank Note Co.)

- F23PFC-A111—Numbers say "A111"
F23PFC-A112—Numbers say "A112"
F23PFC-A212—Numbers say "A212"
F23PFC-A222-thin—Numbers say "A222," thin red "2"
F23PFC-A222-fat—Numbers say "A222," fat red "2"
F23PFC-A333—Numbers say "A333"

23¢ Presorted USA (untagged) (American Bank Note Co.)

- (Shiny gum appears dull, 24-stamp interval)
F23USA-A1111—Numbers say "A1111"
F23USA-A2222—Numbers say "A2222"
F23USA-A2232—Numbers say "A2232"
F23USA-A2233—Numbers say "A2233"
F23USA-A3333—Numbers say "A3333"
F23USA-A4364—Numbers say "A4364"
F23USA-A4444—Numbers say "A4444"
F23USA-A4453—Numbers say "A4453"

(BEP)

(Many differences in design, shiny gum has high gloss, 24-stamp interval)

- F23USA-1111—Numbers say "1111"

(Stamp Venturers)

- (Stamp appears violet, not blue; 33-stamp interval)
F23USA-S111—Numbers say "S111"

25¢ Flag Over Yosemite (intaglio)

(Mottled prephosphored paper)
F25-9—Color variety. Black Forest. No ski slope.

29¢ Flag Over Mt. Rushmore (intaglio)

- (Mottled prephosphored paper is normal)
F29MR-1—Toledo brown, Plate 1
F29MR-2—Plate 2, solid prephosphoring (Lenz paper)
F29MR-5—Plate 5, mottled prephosphoring
F29MR-6—Plate 6, solid prephosphoring (Lenz paper)
F29MR-7—Toledo brown, Plate 7
F29MR-8—Plate 8, mottled prephosphoring
F29MR-9—Plate 9, mottled prephosphoring

29¢ Flag Over Mt. Rushmore (gravure) (American Bank Note Co.)

(Very dark brown, faces unclear. Mottled prephosphored paper)
F29MR-A22211—Numbers say "A22211"

29¢ Flag Over White House

- F29WH-6—Plate 6
F29WH-6—Same, indigo instead of blue.
F29WH-6—Same, navy blue. The Philatelic Foundation has ruled this a variety of the indigo variety.
F29WH-7—Plate 7
F29WH-8—Plate 8
F29WH-9—Plate 9
F29WH-10—Plate 10
F29WH-11—Plate 11
F29WH-12—Plate 12
F29WH-13—Plate 13
F29WH-14—Plate 14
F29WH-15—Plate 15

Transportation Series

1¢ Omnibus (untagged)

T1(C)-3—Plate 3 reprinted on the C Press., intentionally untagged.

2¢ Locomotive (untagged)

T2(C)-2—Plate 2 reprinted on the C Press., intentionally untagged.

3¢ Conestoga Wagon (untagged)

T3(B)-2—Plate 2 reprinted on the B Press, intentionally untagged.
T3(C)-3—Plate 2 reprinted on the C Press, intentionally untagged.

5¢ Circus Wagon (intaglio)(untagged)

(This stamp was listed in 1991 catalog, although it had not yet been issued).

S11Y—Intentionally untagged. Stamp is now listed as:
TSCW1-unt—Plate 1, intentionally untagged

5¢ Circus Wagon (gravure)(untagged) (American Bank Note Co.)

(Intentionally untagged)
TSCWA1—Numbers say "A1"
TSCWA2—Numbers say "A2"
TSCWA3—Numbers say "A2," red is luminescent

5¢ Canoe (brown) (untagged)

TSC-2—Plate 2
TSC-3—Plate 3

5¢ Canoe (red) (gravure) (untagged) (Stamp Venturers)

TSC-S11—Numbers say "S11." Stamp has shiny gum with diagonal gum ridges. Paper is white in long-wave UV on gum side.

TSC-S11—1994 reprinting. Stamp has smooth gum without diagonal gum ridges. Paper is dead in long-wave UV on gum side.

5.2¢ Sleigh (untagged)

(New precancel gap)
T5.2-1P-1L—Plate 1, Gap 1L

5.9¢ Bicycle (untagged)

(New precancel gap)
T5.9-3P-1R—Plate 3, Gap 1R

10¢ Canal Boat

(Overall tagged)
T10-1-ot, dull—Plate 1, dull gum, Paper #1n
(Solid prephosphored paper)
T10-1-phos—Plate 1, shiny gum

10¢ Tractor Trailer (intaglio) (untagged)

T10TF1—Plate 1, privately overprinted
Overprints known to date (in red)
"Bulk Rate," "Blk. Rt.," "First Class"

10¢ Tractor Trailer (gravure) (untagged)

T10TF11—Numbers say "11"
T10TF22—Numbers say "22"

11¢ Caboose (untagged)

(Intentionally untagged for service-inscribed bulk-rate use)
T11C-2—Plate 2

17¢ Electric Auto

(New precancel gap)
T17EA-5P-Ln—Plate 5, typeface A, Line Gap

Miscellaneous Series

10¢ Eagle & Shield (untagged) (American Bank Note Co.)

(Inscribed "Bulk Rate USA" 24-stamp interval)
Following are all dead in shortwave UV
M10-A11111—Numbers say "A11111"
M10-A11111—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A11112—Numbers say "A11112"
M10-A11112—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A12113—Numbers say "A12113"
M10-A12113—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A12213—Numbers say "A12213"
M10-A12213—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A21112—Numbers say "A21112"
M10-A21112—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A21113—Numbers say "A21113"
M10-A21113—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A22112—Numbers say "A22112"
M10-A22112—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A22113—Numbers say "A22113"
M10-A22113—Same, top of yellow "1" clipped.
M10-A32333—Numbers say "A32333"
M10-A33333—Numbers say "A33333"
M10-A33334—Numbers say "A33334"

M10-A3335—Numbers say "A3335"
 M10-A3424—Numbers say "A3424"
 M10-A3426—Numbers say "A3426"
 M10-A4324—Numbers say "A4324"
 M10-A4325—Numbers say "A4325"
 M10-A4326—Numbers say "A4326"
 M10-A4334—Numbers say "A4334"
 M10-A4335—Numbers say "A4335"
 M10-A4326—Numbers say "A4326"
 M10-A5335—Numbers say "A5335"
 M10-A5444—Numbers say "A5444"
 M10-A5445—Numbers say "A5445"
 M10-A8888—Numbers say "A8888"

Note: This is only stamp with a number higher than 5444 found on dead and bright paper.

Following are all bright in shortwave UV

M10-A7777—Numbers say "A7777"
 M10-A8888—Numbers say "A8888"
 M10-A8889—Numbers say "A8889"
 M10-A8999—Numbers say "A8999"
 M10-A9998—Numbers say "A9998"
 M10-A9999—Numbers say "A9999"
 M10-A10101010—Numbers say "A10 10 10 10 10"
 M10-A1110101011—Numbers say "A11 10 10 10 11"
 M10-A1110111010—Numbers say "A11 10 11 10 10"
 M10-A1111101010—Numbers say "A11 11 10 10 10"
 M10-A111111010—Numbers say "A11 11 11 10 10"
 M10-A1211101010—Numbers say "A12 11 10 10 10"
 M10-A1411101010—Numbers say "A14 11 10 10 10"
 M10-A1412111110—Numbers say "A14 12 11 11 10"
 M10-A1412111111—Numbers say "A14 12 11 11 11"

(BEP)

(Inscribed "USA Bulk Rate." 24-stamp interval)
 M10-11111—Numbers say "11111"
 M10-22221—Numbers say "22221"
 M10-22221-phas—Same, prephosphored (error)

(Stamp Venturers)

(Inscribed "USA Bulk Rate." 33-stamp interval)
 (Eagle appears golden)
 M10-S1111—Numbers say "S1111"

19c Fishing Boat

(American Bank Note Co.)
 (Multicolor Corp., printer on Schläfli Press)
 (Solid, but spotty, prephosphored paper, 36-stamp interval)
 (Vignette made up of coarse dots)
 M19-A1111—Numbers say "A1111"
 M19-A1112—Numbers say "A1112"
 M19-A1212—Numbers say "A1212"
 M19-A2424—Numbers say "A2424"

(Guilford Gravero, printer on Andreotti Press)

(Solid prephosphored paper, 24 stamp interval)
 (Vignette has more solid colors)
 M19-A5555—Numbers say "A5555"
 M19-A5555-unt—Same, printed on unphosphored paper (some phosphors visible in high magnification) (error)
 M19-A5556—Numbers say "A5556"
 M19-A6667—Numbers say "A6667"
 M19-A7666—Numbers say "A7666"
 M19-A7667—Numbers say "A7667"

M19-A7679—Numbers say "A7679"
 M19-A7779—Numbers say "A7779"

(Stamp Venturers, contractor, J.W. Ferguson & Sons, printer)

Note: This stamp not yet seen by PNC Study Group, due to be released June 24, 1994. Plate number unknown. Interval is probably 33.

29c Flower (rouletted)

(Stamp Venturers)
 (Solid prephosphored paper, 33-stamp interval)
 M29-S1111—Numbers say "S1111"
 M29-S2222-roul—Numbers say "S2222"

29c Flower (perforated)

(Stamp Venturers)
 (Solid prephosphored paper, 33-stamp interval)
 M29-S2222-perf—Numbers say "S2222"

Universal Vending Machine coil

(also called Variable-Rate Coils or VRC)
 (Plate numbers appear at left edge of stamps)
 (Sold by Philatelic Sales Division only as 29c stamp, but available from ECA-GARD Machines with inscribed values from 1c to \$99.99)
 (Made for ECA-GARD machines)
 (Solid prephosphored paper)
 M29UVM-1-dull—Plate 1 (dull gum)

(Sold by Philatelic Sales Division only as 29c stamp, but available from ECA-GARD Machines with inscribed values from 19c to \$99.99. Some stamps illicitly prepared with denominations lower than 19c)

(Mottled prephosphored paper)
 M29UVM-1-glos—Plate 1 (shiny gum)

(ABN, printed by Guilford Gravero)

M29UVM-A11—Numbers say "11"
 (Plate numbers appear at bottom of stamps)
 (Sold by Philatelic Sales Division only as 29c stamp, but available with inscribed values from 19c to \$99.99)
 (Made for Paramax machines. Paramax is a division of Unisys)

Self-adhesive coils

29c Pine Cone

(Banknote Corp. of America)
 (Interval of 18 between plate numbers)
 SA29PC-B1—"B1" appears under pine needles at lower left of stamp.

29c Christmas Contemporary (Snowman)

(Avery Donalson)
 (Interval of 12 between plate numbers)
 (These stamps appear in a strip of four designs. Because a strip of 5 with the numbered Snowman at the center would not show an unnumbered Snowman, these are preferred as strips of 8 with the numbered Snowman on the extreme left.)
 SA29GV1111111—Plate numbers appear at bottom of stamp.

29c Love (Sunrise)

(Banknote Corp. of America)
 (Interval of 18 between plate numbers)
 SA29L-B1—Plate numbers appear above "29."

29c Eagle

(SM Corp)
 (Interval of 18 between plate numbers)
 SA29E-111—Plate numbers appear at bottom of stamps.
 SA29E-111—Counting numbers appear on the backing.
 Such numbers also have an interval of 18 and appear across several stamps, starting with the second stamp to the right of the plate number (2R) and continuing to the fourth (4R). The counting numbers are in a series as follows:
 00040143 361 16:16
 The last digit in the eight-digit number increases by one as the number moves across the web.

29c Statue of Liberty

(Dittler Bros., contractor, Avery Donalson, printer)
 (Interval of 18 between plate numbers)
 SA29SOL-DXXXX—Position of plate number unknown.
 (Numbers unavailable. Stamp issued after TPN went to press.)
 Microperforations through liner at left of numbered stamps.

Please save me money

I do not own a FAX machine. Whenever you send me a FAX, my neighborhood printer calls me to tell me that I have a FAX waiting. Then I pay for each page. If you've kindly provided a header sheet, it costs me an extra \$2. So I'd like you to think twice before you send a FAX.

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Tagging breaks on Cottrell Press PNCs (updated through June 15, 1994)

| Cat. No. | 6L | 5L | 4L | 3L | 2L | 1L | 1R | 2R | 3R | 4R | 5R | 6R |
|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|----|----|-------|---------|-----|----|
| T2-2 | | B Sib | B Sib J | B Cib Sib | B Cib J | | | | | | | |
| T2-6 | | B Sib | B Sib J | B Cib Sib | B Cib J | | | | | | | |
| T2-8 | B | B Sibc | | B Cibc J | B Cibc J | | | | | | | |
| T2-10 | B | B Sibc | | B Cibc J | B Cibc J | | | | | | | |
| JOINT LINE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| T5M-1 | | | | | | | | | B Sib | B Sib J | Sib | |
| T5M-2 | | | | | | | | | B Sib | B Sib J | Sib | |
| T5M-3 | | B Sb | B Sib J | B Cib J | B Cib | B Cib J | | | | | | |
| T5M-4 | | B Sb | B Sib J | B Cib J | B Cib | B Cib J | | | | | | |
| T5-2-3 | | | B Sib | | | | | | | | | |
| T5-2-5 | | | B Sib | | | | | | | | | |
| T17EA-1 | | | | B Cib J | B Cib J | | | | | | | |
| T17EA-2 | | | | B Cib J | B Cib J | | | | | | | |
| T17EA-3 | B Cb J | | | B Cibc J | B Cibc J | | | Sb | | | | |
| T17EA-4 | B Cb J | | | B Cibc J | B Cibc J | | | SI | | | | |

Symbols, abbreviations
 B = Bar (vertical)
 C = Clip (T-shaped)
 S = Screw head
 Clips and screw heads also show bar breaks.
 Clip and screw locations: t=top; b=bottom; c=complete fastener
 J = a junction of four mats has been found at this location. This is seen as a horizontal break PLUS a vertical break.

NOTE: Plates 1 and 2 of the 5.2¢ Sleigh have been found with a horizontal joint line, meaning a vertical tagging break exists. Anyone with a full roll would be able to confirm location of vertical breaks.

Notes to above chart

T17EA-4-3R found used as a PS/4.
 T17EA-3-3R, found mint.

All positions are given by stamp, not by perforation. 1L is the stamp with the plate number.

This chart developed and updated by Eugene R. Ernst. Please report new finds to him at 15522 Windy Cove, Houston, TX 77095. Please include a diagram showing how you count position.

Overall tagging

(only on rolls where the tagging break is constant and does not 'walk')

- T4SR-1-ot (W) 2LC, 9RC
- T4SC-1-ot (on stamps)(W) 9L, 8L, 7L, 6L, 1L, 3R, 5R, 7R
- T4SC-1-ot (on perfis) 12L, 11L, 10L, 9L, 8L, 7L, 6L, 5L, 3L, 2L, 1L, Line, 1R, 2R, 3R, 5R, 6R, 8R, 9R, 10R, 11R, 12R
- TSCW-1-ot # #13L, 10L, #8L, #7L, 6L, 5L, 3L, #2L, #1L, 3R, 4R, 5R, 8R, 12R, 9R, 10R
- T10CB-1-ot 12L, 11L, 10L, 9L,
- T15-2-ot (W)

- 8L, 7L, 6L, 5L, 4L, 3L, 2L, 1L, Line, 1R, 2R, 3R, 4R, 5R, 6R, 8R, 11R
- T20CC-2-ot 12L/R
- T\$1-1 (W) 12LC, 11LC, 7L, 6L, 5L, 4L, 3L, 2L, 1L, Line, 1R, 2R, 3R, 4R, 5R, 6R, 7R, 8R

Circus Wagon is confirmed with only one break in 52 stamps; stamps not marked have two.

"W" indicates that a "walking" tagging break has also been reported. This means a break can be found on all positions.

"C" indicates a constant position where

A question mark indicates that the reported position has not been confirmed.

Untagged stripe across top or bottom

- T4S-1-ot Top
- T5CW-1-ot Top, bottom
- T10CB-1-ot,dull Top
- T15-2-ot Top, bottom
- T\$1-1 Top, bottom

Ernst welcomes new reports.
 Untagged
 T1(B)2, T3CW-2, T4SC-1, T5CW-1, T15-2a "walking break" also exists.

Amick beats USPS gag rule, secrecy; produces another Yearbook miracle

Linn's U.S. Stamp Yearbook 1993, by George Amick, published by Linn's Stamp News. soft cover \$18, hard cover \$30.

George Amick, and his Washington sidekick Charles Yeager, did the impossible in producing the new Linn's Yearbook. They penetrated the Official Secrets Act, snuck around Rick Arvonio's infamous gag order on the printers, and were able to report what they learned.

Yeager does not get a lot of credit in the book, but he did most of the spadework in Washington, getting special dispensation not only from the Postal Service, but also from the printers.

The book, unfortunately, is not much help to collectors of PNCs or Great Americans because only one stamp—the 29¢ Thomas Jefferson—was issued in these series.

Amick notes it was the first year in which there was no new stamp in the Transportation Series.

Among the strengths of the book is the detailed background on the printing of each stamp, information it has been impossible to obtain from the Postal Service.

In the new field of self-adhesive stamps, Amick has compiled all the information anyone should ever need on these (but he was unaware of the full rolls, on which Alan Malakoff reports in this issue).

One notable change from previous years is that the listing of the Great Americans has dropped the overall-tagged 15¢ Cody from Plate 1 completely. It has been replaced by the prephosphored, Richard C. Schulman, who compiled the list this year and last year, said there is no overall-tagged Cody from Plate 1. Wayne Youngblood, who compiled the list until two years ago, said he is not convinced there are no overall-tagged Plate 1 Cods, but has not yet had a chance to check.

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E&S total hits 43

By Stephen G. Esrati

Bob Novak reported the finding of two new plate-number combinations of the Eagle and Shields on May 17. The numbers were: A1011101010 and A1211101010.

At first, I told Novak both numbers had appeared in the compilation of 42 plate numbers in the May issue of *TPN*. But he called back a little later to say that A1011101010 was not included, thus making it the 43rd Eagle and Shield.

Since members of the Plate Number Coil Study Group usually share some information about newly found plate numbers (usually withholding only the exact location of the find or, sometimes, the size of the rolls) I informed Dr. Robert Rabinowitz of Novak's finds the following day.

His sole reaction then was to inquire who had found them. He volunteered to give the finder's name in just one guess and immediately named Novak.

When I confirmed his guess, he said: "Then I know where to find them, too."

There was no hint then that Dr. Rabinowitz already had the two strips in hand. But the next day (May 19) he called "to confirm that Al Haake and I have had those two numbers for a week."

Not really a new number

Dr. Rabinowitz also pointed out that both

The case of the unreported find

numbers had actually been known to *TPN* in the May issue even though A1011101010 was omitted from the compilation on Pages 61 and 63.

The number was listed, Dr. Rabinowitz pointed out, in "Data Bank" where A1011101010 was shown among the stamps listed as having been printed in rolls of 3,000.

These were the stamps that were originally listed by USPS as having plate numbers made up "of the numbers 0, 1, and 2." Later, Robin Minard provided actual numbers.

But because A1011101010 was not counted when the large compilation on Pages 61 and 62 was prepared, Novak's reported find raised the total of E&S stamps to 43.

A third number reported

Also reported as having been found was A1412111111, which Dr. Rabinowitz found on April 18, just three days after the May *TPN* was taken to the printer. The finding of that number, however, did not increase the total because it was counted as one of the E&S combinations listed on Pages 61 and 62.

Move over ABN, here comes BCA with lots of numbers

By Doug Iams

Now that we are faced with the likely mass release of self-adhesive (SA) coils in 1995, it is useful to look at the track records of some of the SA printers and what it may mean for self-adhesive coils. (To keep this from getting too long, 3M and Avery Dennison are not included.)

The first SA sheetlets (a.k.a. "booklets") that were released for mass consumption were the trio of Eagle and Shield (E&S) sheetlets. Earlier SA sheetlets were given only limited distribution.

Using figures published in *Linn's 1992 Yearbook*, it is possible to calculate the average number of sheetlets per plate-number combination for the brown, denominated E&S printed by Banknote Corp. of America (BCA). The average works out to be 1.667 million sheetlets per plate-number combination (12 combinations).

[Author's query: Can anyone out there dig up the actual numbers for specific combinations?]

Things are more complicated for the red version printed by Stamp Venturers (SV) and for the green version printed by Dittler Bros. (DB) since the *Yearbook* reported that

these two printers had not delivered the total number of stamps specified in their contracts.

Around the end of 1993 or the beginning of 1994 two new plate-number combinations turned up on the green E&S, so it is possible that DB has finally fulfilled its contract. If that is the case, the average number of sheetlets per plate-number combination is 8.125 million (8 combinations).

Since only one plate-number combination has been reported on the red E&S, it is hard to know if SV has ever completed its E&S contract, but if it has then SV managed to squeeze out 50 million sheetlets with just one plate-number combination.

Before I make any comparisons with American Bank Note's 10¢ E&S coil, it should be noted that BCA used four numbers for offset colors and one for intaglio; DB used five gravure numbers; SV used four gravure numbers, and ABN used five gravure numbers.

For the first 23 plate-number combinations for the 10¢ E&S coil, ABN printed an average of 2.5 million plate-number strips per plate-number combination, which means that it took BCA 50% more plate-number combinations per sheetlet than it

The only number reported by USPS and still unreported by collectors appears to be A1110101011, which was also reportedly printed in rolls of 3,000.

1 number, 2 paper types

Helmuth A. Merkel Sr. has submitted three covers showing that the change to papers with optical brighteners was not complete with the printing by American Bank Note Co.'s subcontractor, Guilford Gravure, of stamps with the plate-number combination A77777 or higher.

In one numbered cover addressed to Merkel's son, mailed by a sweepstakes promoter, the numbered stamp (A88888) is on paper that appears dead in long- and short-wave UV.

Our report in the May issue indicated that all stamps from A77777 and up were on paper that contained brighteners. Obviously some remainder stocks of the old paper were used in printing the stamps on Helmut A. Merkel Jr.'s cover.

A similar cover, from the same source and using the same addressing methods and labeling criteria was sent with an unnumbered stamp to Merkel Sr. It is also dead in UV.

But a third cover, sent by the American Automobile Association, shows an A88888 stamp on optically brightened paper.

took ABN per plate-number strip.

In addition to the E&S sheetlets, SV printed the Rose issue with a single plate-number combination, although a new distribution is due shortly and may involve a new combination. DB printed the Squirrel issue using five plate-number combinations. BCA used 16 plate numbers for the Pine Cone issue. The total for BCA's Love Sunrise has already gone higher than 30 plate-number combinations and more are expected. The total keeps rising.

The trend for BCA is clear. There is no reason to believe that BCA will be more efficient at producing coils. BCA also has more trouble with centering and smearing than the other printers.

Some collectors are already grumbling about the endless flood of ABN coil plate-number combinations and similar noises are beginning to be heard among SA sheetlet collectors. Only one plate-number combination per issue is boring, but at some point too many combinations changes from being a challenge to becoming a burden.

Someone needs to warn USPS that if BCA does not get itself under control it may cripple the collecting of SA sheetlets and coils in their infancy.

Incidence of recent stamps in mixtures

The most important finding from reports to *TPN* of the incidence of numbered stamps found on cover lots or in mixtures is that Plate 9 of the 29¢ White House, which is known to have been taken off the press because of damage, has been low.

Unfortunately, the total sample is still too small to use this finding to draw any conclusions about the possible rarity of Plate 9.

In any event, these reports are never timely. They do not usually reflect recent stamps. Thus, none of the double-digit Eagle and Shield stamps show up in the data so far.

But there should have been time to get a decent reflection of the incidence of the 25¢ Flag Over Yosemite. And here we have confirmation of the fact that stamps issued only as coils of 10,000 are harder to find as well as confirmation of the low output of Plates 6 and 15. Finally, the stamps that are most costly are also least often found by mixture hunters and cover sorters. Thus, with time, the incidence reports do correlate somewhat to scarcity.

| Plate | Actual # | Incidence of 25¢ Flag | | % Block Tagged | # Phos Tagged | % Phos |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| | | Actual % Tagged | # Block Tagged | | | |
| 1 | 48 | 0.54% | 48 | 1.78% | | |
| 1 phos | 20 | 0.23% | | | 20 | 0.33% |
| 2 | 368 | 4.17% | 368 | 13.63% | | |
| 2 phos | 109 | 1.23% | | | 109 | 1.78% |
| 3 | 332 | 3.76% | 332 | 12.30% | | |
| 3 phos | 99 | 1.12% | | | 99 | 1.61% |
| 4 | 448 | 5.07% | 448 | 16.60% | | |
| 5 | 569 | 6.44% | 569 | 21.08% | | |
| 5 phos | 205 | 2.32% | | | 205 | 3.34% |
| 6 phos | 141 | 1.60% | | | 141 | 2.30% |
| 7 | 456 | 5.16% | 456 | 16.90% | | |
| 7 phos | 205 | 2.32% | | | 205 | 3.34% |
| 8 | 322 | 3.64% | 322 | 11.93% | | |
| 8 phos | 269 | 3.04% | | | 269 | 4.38% |
| 9 | 156 | 1.77% | 156 | 5.78% | | |
| 9 phos | 1,720 | 19.47% | | | 1,720 | 28.03% |
| 10 phos | 1,005 | 11.38% | | | 1,005 | 16.38% |
| 11 phos | 862 | 9.76% | | | 862 | 14.05% |
| 13 phos | 707 | 8.00% | | | 707 | 11.52% |
| 14 phos | 750 | 8.49% | | | 750 | 12.22% |
| 15 phos | 44 | 0.50% | | | 44 | 0.72% |
| Totals: | 8,835 | 100.00% | 2,699 | 100.00% | 6,136 | 100.00% |

Eagle and Shield Incidence

| Number | Found | Percentage |
|---------------|------------|----------------|
| 11111 | 5 | 1.01% |
| A11111 | 26 | 5.27% |
| A11112 | 8 | 1.62% |
| A12113 | | 0.00% |
| A12213 | 2 | 0.41% |
| A21112 | 43 | 8.72% |
| A21113 | | 0.00% |
| A22112 | 20 | 4.06% |
| A22113 | 29 | 5.88% |
| A32333 | 1 | 0.20% |
| A33333 | 2 | 0.41% |
| A33334 | | 0.00% |
| A33335 | 5 | 1.01% |
| A34424 | 2 | 0.41% |
| A34426 | 11 | 2.23% |
| A43324 | | 0.00% |
| A43325 | 17 | 3.45% |
| A43326 | 10 | 2.03% |
| A43334 | 48 | 9.74% |
| A43335 | 29 | 5.88% |
| A43426 | 9 | 1.83% |
| A53335 | 2 | 0.41% |
| A54444 | 21 | 4.26% |
| A54445 | 23 | 4.67% |
| A77777 | 54 | 10.95% |
| A88888 | 103 | 20.89% |
| A89999 | 9 | 1.83% |
| A99999 | 14 | 2.84% |
| A1010101010 | 1 | 0.20% |
| Totals | 493 | 100.00% |

Incidence of 29¢ White House

| Plate | Found | Percentage |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | 267 | 2.64% |
| 2 | 282 | 2.79% |
| 3 | 629 | 6.23% |
| 4 | 1,148 | 11.37% |
| 5 | 121 | 1.20% |
| 6 | 1,524 | 15.09% |
| 7 | 2,818 | 27.91% |
| 8 | 1,213 | 12.01% |
| 9 | 29 | 0.29% |
| 10 | 767 | 7.60% |
| 11 | 384 | 3.80% |
| 12 | 569 | 5.64% |
| 13 | 346 | 3.43% |
| 14 | 6 | 0.06% |
| 15 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Totals: | 10,097 | 100.00% |

| Incidence of 'F' stamps | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Plate | Found | Percentage |
| 1111 | 662 | 17.14% |
| 1222 | 904 | 23.40% |
| 2222 | 2,191 | 56.72% |
| 1211 | 35 | 0.91% |
| 2211 | 71 | 1.84% |
| Totals: | 3,863 | 100.00% |

| Incidence of 29¢ Rushmore | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Plate | Found | Percentage |
| 1 | 1,297 | 18.47% |
| 2 | 252 | 3.59% |
| 2 Lenz | 4 | 0.06% |
| 3 | 1,340 | 19.09% |
| 4 | 945 | 13.46% |
| 5 | 30 | 0.43% |
| 6 | 301 | 4.29% |
| 6 Lenz | 1 | 0.01% |
| 7 | 2,734 | 38.94% |
| 7 Toledo | 3 | 0.04% |
| 8 | 12 | 0.17% |
| 9 | 98 | 1.40% |
| A11111 | 4 | 0.06% |
| A22211 | 3 | 0.04% |
| Totals: | 7,021 | 100.00% |

Contributing to these reports (to *TPN* and *Coil Line*) were:

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Page 41—"I say, Watson, this is a case of larceny" was, like Sherlock Holmes' cerebral solutions, based on observation. The three covers were all mailed by an Evanston, Ill., hotel to addresses north of Chicago by carrier-route sort. We assumed they had been culled by a mail clerk. We

were wrong. They were retrieved from a postal dumpster by a *TPN* reader. We apologize to the reader for our incorrect conclusion.

The headers on Pages 57-59 said January 1994. They should have said May.

Page 57—Ken Lawrence uses the 21¢ Carlson

on his 29¢ stamped envelopes to make up the 50¢ international air mail rate, not the 40¢ rate to Canada. He uses 11¢ Partridge stamps for Canada.

Page 68—We listed Type A as well as Type B for Dittler Brothers' D21221. B has not yet been reported.



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| 3, 4 | .50 |
| B Press 1, 2 | .55 |
| B Press Untagged 2 | .50 |
| C Press 3 (normal 3) | 3.00 |
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| C Press 2 | .60 |
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| 3c Conestoga Wagon 1 | 1.00 |
| 2, 3 untagged | 1.00 |
| 3.4c School Bus 1, 2 | 1.00 |
| PC 1, 2 (1R, No Gap) | 5.00 |
| 4c Stagescoach 1, 2, 3, 4 | 1.00 |
| 5, 6 (VF, Post only .50) | 1.50 |
| PC 3, 4 (1L, 2L) | 6.50 |
| PC 3, 4 (Line Gap) | 10.75 |
| PC 5, 6 (1L, 2L) | 6.50 |
| PC 5, 6 (Line Gap) | 10.75 |
| Same, B Press 1 | 1.00 |
| Overall tagged 1 | 14.00 |
| 4c Steam Cabbage 1 | 1.00 |
| Untagged | 1.00 |
| 4.9c Buckboard 3, 4 | .90 |
| PC 1, 2 (1R, No Gap) | 1.80 |
| PC 3, 4 (2L, 1L) | 1.65 |
| PC 3, 4 (Line Gap) | 2.00 |
| PC 5, 6 (2R, PS/7) | 1.75 |
| PC 5, 6 (No Gap) | 1.75 |
| PC 5, 6 (1R) | 7.50 |
| PC 5, 6 (3L, PS/7) | 7.50 |
| PC 5, 6 (2L) | 1.75 |
| 5c Motorcycle 1, 2, 3, 4 | 1.00 |
| 5c Milk Wagon 1 | 1.00 |
| 5c Circus Wag. 1, unt. 1, | |
| A1, A2, A3 | 1.50 |
| 5c Carve 1, 2, 3 | 1.50 |
| Ground S11 (hatched, ridged gum) | 1.25 |
| Ground S11 (dead in UN, smooth gum) | 2.00 |
| 5.2c Sleigh 1, 2 | 8.50 |
| 3 | 240.00 |
| 5 | 170.00 |
| PC 1, 2 (No Gap) | 12.00 |
| PC 3, 5 (No Gap) | 14.00 |
| PC 4, 6 (2L) | 13.00 |
| PC 4, 6 (No Gap) | 20.00 |
| 5.3c Elevator 1 | 1.00 |
| 5.5c Star Route Truck 1 | 1.75 |
| PC 1 | 1.50 |
| PC 2 | 4.00 |
| 5.9c Bicycle 3, 4 | 15.00 |
| PC 3, 4 (No Gap) | 25.00 |
| PC 5, 6 (Line Gap) | 80.00 |
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| PC 2 | 8.00 |
| 7.1c Tractor 1 | 3.00 |
| PC 1 | 3.50 |
| PC 1 "ZIP-4" | 2.00 |
| 7.4c Baby Buggy 2 | 9.00 |
| PC 2 | 5.00 |
| 7.6c Carrot 1, 2 | 2.50 |
| 3 | 6.50 |
| 8.3c Ambulance 1, 2 | 1.50 |
| PC 1, 2 (2L, 1L, Line) | 2.00 |
| PC 3, 4 (No Gap, PS8) | 8.00 |
| PC3, 4 (1R) | 5.75 |
| B Press 1 | 3.25 |
| 2 | 7.50 |
| 8.4c Wheelchair 1, 2 | 2.00 |
| 3 | 13.00 |
| 8.5c Tow Truck 1, reg or PC | 2.50 |
| PC 2 | 11.00 |
| 9.3c Mail Wagon 1, 2 | 12.50 |
| 3, 4 | 33.00 |
| 5, 6 | 250.00 |
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| PC 3 (2R, No Gap) | 75.00 |
| PC 4 (1R, 2L) | 45.00 |
| PC 4 (Line Gap) | 20.00 |
| PC 5, 6 (2L, No Gap) | 3.00 |
| PC 8 | 180.00 |
| 10c Canal Boat 1 (black top) | 1.50 |
| 1 overall tag (dull gum) F-VF | 3.50 |
| 1 overall tag (dull gum) XF | 5.00 |
| 1, 2 plus shiny gum F-VF | 3.50 |
| 10c Tractor Trailer 1 | 2.00 |
| 10c Tractor Trailer grove 11, 22 | 2.25 |
| (10c) Eagle, Shield | |
| A11111, A11112, A21112, A21113, A22112, | |
| A22113, A33333, A33335, A43324, A43325, | |
| A43326, A43334, A43335, A43426, A53335, | |
| A54444, A54445, A77777, A88888, A99999, | |
| | 2.75 |
| A88889, A89999, A99998, A1010101010, | |
| A101101010, A1011101011, A1011101012, | |
| A110101010, A1101010101, A1101101010, | |
| A111101010, A1111101010, A121101010, | |
| A141101010, A1411101011, A1412111110, | |
| A1412111111, S11111 | 3.50 |
| 11111, 22221, 22222 | 2.75 |
| 22221 phosphored (error) | 25.00 |
| A34424, A34426 | 5.00 |
| A12213 | 20.00 |
| A32333 | 200.00 |
| A33334 | 85.00 |
| 10.1c Oil Wagon 1 | 2.50 |
| PC 1, 2 (No Gap) | 2.50 |
| PC 2 (Line Gap) | 3.50 |
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| PC 1 Light olive, 11c | 2.70 |
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| PC 2 | 5.00 |
| 13c Patrol Wagon 1 | 2.50 |
| 13.2c Card Car 1, 2 | 2.50 |
| 14c Caboose 1, 2, 3, 4 | 2.00 |
| 14c Caboose B Press 2 | 3.00 |
| 15c Tugboat 1 | 2.00 |

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| Overall 2, Block 2 | 3.00 |
| 16.7c Popcorn 1, 2 | 3.00 |
| 17c Auto 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | 2.00 |
| 6 | 12.00 |
| 7 | 5.00 |
| PC 1C, 2C (F only) | 6.00 |
| PC 3A, 4A (2L, 1L) | 3.50 |
| PC 3A, 4A (Line Gap) (Low) | 10.00 |
| PC 3A, 4A (No Gap) | 3.50 |
| PC 3B, 4B (1L Line Gap) | 22.00 |
| PC 3C, 4C (No Gap) | 7.00 |
| PC 3C, 4C (1R Line Gap) | 7.00 |
| PC 3BA, 4BA (PS/10) | 23.00 |
| PC 5A (1L, 2L, No Gap) | 5.00 |
| PC 5B, 6B (1L Line Gap) | 18.25 |
| PC 5AB, 7AB (PS/9) (5R) | 13.00 |
| PC 6A (1L, 2L) | 13.00 |
| PC 5C, 7C (No Gap) | 24.00 |
| PC 7A (No Gap) | 12.00 |
| 17c Dog sled 2 | 3.00 |
| 17.5c Racer 1, reg or PC | 3.00 |
| 18c Sunray 1 | 76.00 |
| 2, 5, 6, 8, 17, 18 | 3.00 |
| 3, 4 | 63.75 |
| 7 | 30.00 |
| 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 | 12.50 |
| 13, 14 | 5.50 |
| 18c Flag 1 | 450.00 |
| 2 PS/5 | 45.00 |
| 2 PS/3 | 20.00 |
| 4 | 7.00 |
| 5 | 4.00 |
| 7 | 30.00 |
| 18c Wash 1112, 3333 | 3.00 |
| PC 11121 | 6.00 |
| PC 33333 | 3.00 |
| PC 33333 (dull gum, tagged) | 5.75 |
| PC 43444 | 7.00 |
| 19c Fishing Boat | |
| A1112 | 6.00 |
| A1212, 1111, 2424, 5555, 5556, 6667 | |
| 7667, 7679, 7766, 7779 | 4.00 |
| A5555 untagged | 10.00 |
| 20c Fire Pumper 1 PS/5 | 175.00 |
| 1 PS/3 | 50.00 |
| 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16 | 4.50 |
| 7, 8 (PS/5 F-VF only) | 160.00 |
| 12, 14 | 8.00 |
| 6 | 35.00 |
| 11 PS/5 | 75.00 |
| 11 PS/3 | 29.00 |
| 20c Consumer Ed. 1, 2 PS/5 | 150.00 |
| 1, 2, 3, 4 PS/3 | 25.00 |
| 3, 4 PS/5 | 95.00 |

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| 20c Flag 1 PS/5 | 70.00 |
| 1 PS/3 | 4.25 |
| 2, 11, 12 | 8.00 |
| 3 | 5.00 |
| 4 PS/3 only | 33.50 |
| 5, 9, 10, 13, 14 | 4.00 |
| 6 PS/5 | 125.00 |
| 6 PS/3 | 69.00 |
| 8 PS/5 | 12.00 |
| 8 PS/3 | 3.00 |
| 12 | 7.50 |
| PC 14 | 50.00 |
| 20c Official 1 PS/5 | 57.00 |
| 1 PS/3 | 11.00 |
| 20c Cable Car 1, 2 (black) | 3.00 |
| Overall tagged 2 | 5.00 |
| 20.5c Fire Engine 1 | 3.00 |
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| C29-1111 | 3 | "F" Flower | Farnam | \$5.00 | T4SC-1-tag | 3 | Carriage | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T10.1-2PRed | 3 | Oil Wagon | Farnam | \$5.00 |
| C29-1111 | 3 | "F" Flower | ArtCraft | \$4.00 | T5M-1 | 4 | Motorcycle | ArtCraft | \$12.50 | T10.1-2PRed | 3 | Oil Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
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| F22-T1 | 3 | Test coil | ArtMaster | \$7.50 | T5M-2 | 4 | Motorcycle | ArtCraft | \$12.50 | T10.9-1 | 4 | Hans Cab # left | ArtMaster | \$15.00 |
| F22-T1 | 3 | Test coil | KMC | \$10.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | Farnam | \$5.00 | T10.9-2 | 4 | Hansom Cab | Farnam | \$25.00 |
| F23PFC-A111 | 3 | Flag Presort | Farnam | \$5.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtCraft | \$4.00 | T11-1 | 2 | Cabooses # rt | Benham | \$20.00 |
| F23PFC-A222 | 3 | Flag Presort | Farnam | \$7.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T11-1 | 3 | Cabooses | ArtCraft | \$7.50 |
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| F25-6phos | 3 | Yosemite, phos | ArtMaster | \$15.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
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| F25-8phos | 3 | Yosemite, phos | ArtMaster | \$30.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
| F25-8phos + F25-8bk | 3+3 | Yosemite, block + phos | Farnam | \$50.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
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| M10-A22113 | 3 | ABN E&S | Farnam | \$5.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
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| M19-A1212 | 3 | Fishing Boat | Farnam | \$5.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
| M20-4 | 2 | Consumer | ArtCraft | \$25.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
| M25-1 | 3 | Honeybee | Farnam | \$5.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
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| T2(B)-1 + T2-4 | 5+5 | Loco Coll+B | ArtMaster | \$14.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
| T2(B)-1 + T2-6 | 5+5 | Loco Coll+B | ArtMaster | \$14.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
| T2(B)-1 + T2-8 | 5+5 | Loco Coll+B | ArtMaster | \$14.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |
| T2(B)-1 + T2-10 | 5+5 | Loco Coll+B | ArtMaster | \$14.00 | T5MW-1 | 3 | Milk Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 | T13-1 | 3 | Patrol Wagon | ArtMaster | \$4.00 |

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Eagle self-sticks called a USPS gold mine

Ken Lawrence, writing in *Linn's*, reports that USPS paid \$12,563.24 to 3M for printing the 29¢ Eagle self-stick coils.

Noting that 2 million stamps had been ordered printed, he said: "That tends to confirm the suspicion, that these were issued only to gouge collectors, because 2 million stamps is the quantity of almost every stamp issue required for philatelic sales."

He added that the Eagle self-stick coil should net a profit of half a million dollars to USPS.

High-bright Greats

Lawrence also sent in an envelope bearing a prephosphored 23¢ Cassatt that is high bright in long-wave UV.

When checked against *TPN's* reference collection, the Cassatt turned out to be the new Plate 3 with mottled tagging and shiny gum.

Other stamps with exactly the same characteristics are the new Plate 3 50¢ Nimitz with shiny gum and the 75¢ Willkie with shiny gum. The \$1 Hopkins with shiny gum (Plate 2) is not high bright.

Now it can be told

Jerry Koepp is only one of several PNC dealers who are trying hard to lay in complete stocks of self-adhesive "booklets."

Koepp says he has all but one of the numbers known to exist. He did it by writing directly to every philatelic clerk in the country, a method he also used in the early days of PNCs when he found 5.2¢ Sleights, 5.9¢ Bicycles, 10.9¢ Hansom Cabs, and 20¢ Flags at State College, Pa.

Koepp said he was doubly lucky on that \$15,000 purchase. The regular philatelic clerk was away when Koepp's letter arrived, and the substitute was willing to fill the order.

But the substitute would take no checks, so Koepp was lucky to find an insurance colleague nearby who could scurry to the post office with cash.

Other PNC dealers now getting into self-sticks are A.S. Cibulskas, Michael M. Karen Inc., Michael Lipson, and Dr. Robert Rabinowitz.

Early E&S found in mail

Richard Perls has just found a commercial cover in his own firm's mail bearing an Eagle and Shield with the plate-number combination A21112. That stamp was among the first five numbers printed by American Bank Note way back in 1991.

all the PNC news that fits we print
(and some Great Americans, too)

If such an early stamp can pop up in the mails today, there's hope that A12213, printed just a little while after A21112, may still turn up. So far, A21112 has never been found by collectors.

Untagged Pumpers found

Dealer Frank Marrelli recently bought a lot that included untagged errors of the 20¢ Fire Pumper. Marrelli believes the stamps to be from among the first four plates printed because all other stamps in the lot were from printings earlier than that.

Marrelli has volunteered to become a clearinghouse for data on untagged PNCs and plans to issue a checklist under the auspices of the Plate Number Coil Study Group.

Reports on untagged errors are welcome at 4617-23rd Ave., Kenosha WI 53140-3146.

More I-8 Press yellow gum

Steve Burke, who reported in the March issue of *TPN* that he had found yellow gum on Plate 4 of the 50¢ Nimitz printed on the I-8 Press, has now found the same gum on Plate 3 of the 11¢ Partridge, also printed on the I-8 Press.

Collectors are urged to check their holdings of stamps printed on the I-8 currency press for other examples of this phenomenon.

Stamps printed on the I-8 Press were: 8¢ Knox, 11¢ Partridge, and 50¢ Nimitz. That press printed four plate numbers at a time, so finding one number with yellow gum means the other numbers should be available, too. But has anyone seen a yellow-gum Knox?

Sorry, no cigar

Scott F. Smith, who commutes between Colorado and Little America in Antarctica, returned Stateside recently and thought he found a new half gap—a 9.3¢ Mail Wagon from Plate 2 with the gap at 2½ left.

The problem is that the "half gap" is way past the middle of the stamp, making it a badly centered 3L.

Over 10 times face?

American Philatelic Equities is advertising some self-adhesive Eagle and Shield "booklets," face value \$4.93, at \$50 each.

The numbers tied to these prices are B333-1 and B3434-3.

On Pine Cones, the firm is asking \$35 for 5 and 12.

Untagged White identified

Carol Morehouse has identified one untagged 3¢ Paul Dudley White stamp. Hers is from Plate 3 and is on Type IIIb paper. An untagged White was known, but its provenance was not. Does anyone have any untagged Whites with other paper types?

The new Tractor Trailer

Alan Malakoff, who lives near Secaucus, N.J., the first-day city, says the only difference (other than the plate numbers) between the intaglio and the gravured 10¢ Tractor Trailer is the glossy gravure paper, which has a smoother surface. This makes the green look greener than on the old stamp. The text size and the lettering are very similar in size and font.

And the big surprise is that the plate-number combination found at NOJEX a few days after the first day was 22. That'll be the number on may unofficial FDCs.

Al Haake obtained his supply from the philatelic cave and also got 22, but a few hours later, he was informed of an 11. His 22s, however, wavered up and down in the roll so that some of them had numbers only at the top.

Koepp found that one roll in every 18 of the stamps with the "22" has a large period after the plate numbers. It's a constant plate variety.

Receipts with coil stamps

PNC collectors are always worrying that they're somehow being left out of something. The latest wrinkle is that coils sold in vending machines come with receipts. So *TPN* asked.

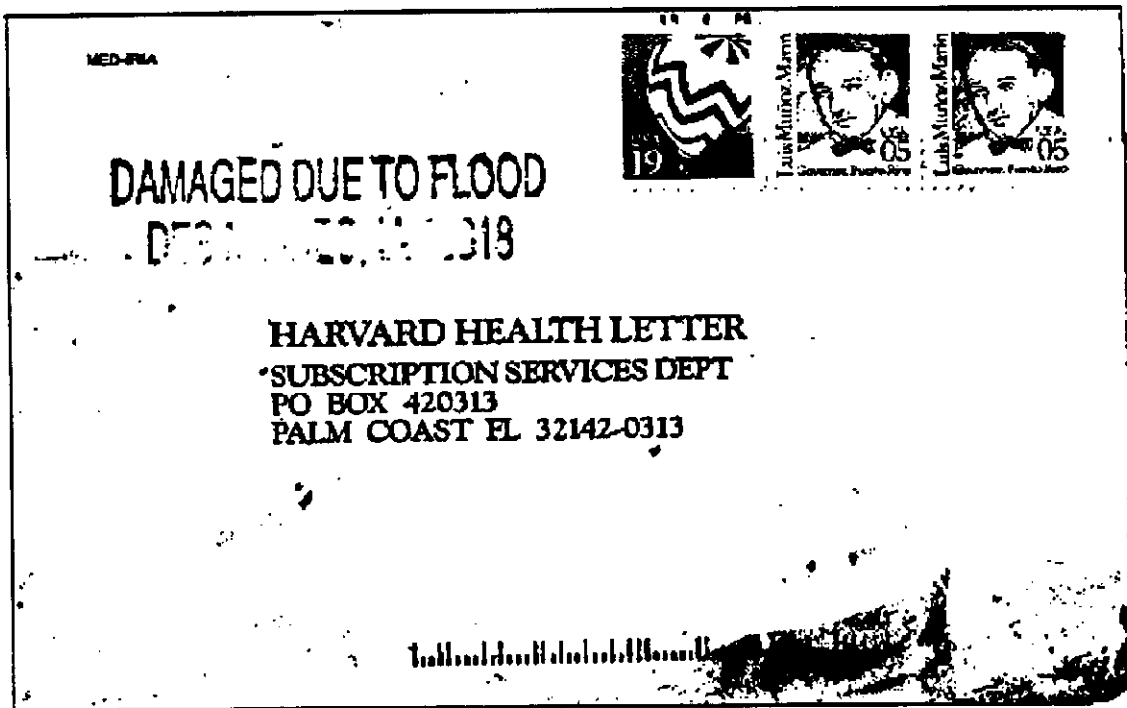
According to Robin Minard, these are "fill-them-in-yourself" cardboard backings to let petty cash know you bought a roll of stamps. They're not really receipts.

All the packaged stamps you find in vending machines in post office lobbies or in Stores of the Future are packaged by MDI Inc. under a national contract. MDI used to mean Minnesota Diversified Industries.

Another USPS lie? No!

The explanation given to collectors as to why there are plate numbers on coils of self-adhesives was that it made it easier to apply self-sticks to FDCs.

Dr. Rabinowitz assumed that this meant



Cover of the Bi-Month by Richard L. Beecher

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD—This cover, bearing two 5¢ Muñoz stamps, appears to have some relation to the great Midwest flood of 1993. Regrettably, the stamps are not postmarked, but a rubber stamp saying "DAMAGED DUE TO FLOOD/ DES MOINES, IA" has been applied. The ZIP code is not fully legible, but is believed to be 50318. The envelope is actually in much worse shape that *TPN's* scan-

ner would indicate. There are red stains all over the front, probably from the ink used to put on the "DAMAGED" message. The entire envelope is water stained and dirty. (Cover courtesy of Rob Washburn)

If you have a candidate for a cover of the bi-month, please send it to Richard L. Beecher, 2641 Locksley Pl., Los Angeles CA 90039.

that the cave in Kansas City had machines to affix the stamps. And in his PNC column in the June 4 issue of *Stamp Collector* he reported that he finally got USPS to admit that no such machines are yet in use in the cave.

But USPS was telling the truth, and it had nothing to do with an affixing machine. Because each stamp on a self-stick coil has space around it, while the so-called booklets are cheek-by-jowl, it is easier to peel off coil stamps and that is what has been happening.

FDCs sold by the cave show plate numbers on every 18th stamp (or whatever the interval between plate numbers is).

Varieties on 1¢ Omnibus

Haake has added three varieties of the C Press version of the 1¢ Omnibus to his Price List 47:

Variety 1—The most common appears to be the "Cloudy 3." Perhaps caused by an accumulation of particulate matter around the plate number during produc-



tion.

Variety 2—Truncated midsection: has a distinctly shorter midsection of the number "3" and is the most legible to the naked eye.

Variety 3—Clear, full size, but still not a normal "3." It has extensions of the horizontal elements to the left.

Haake sent samples of the three varieties to *TPN*. Variety 3 was drawn on the computer to replicate the cobweb-like extensions of the upper and lower arcs and the thinning out of the midsection.

Haake did not have a normal 3. But *TPN* found one, which may be the rarest of the four types.

The Postal Service's *Information from...* for April indicated that a new 1¢ Omnibus may be entering distribution channels in May.

Dr. Rabinowitz found one roll in which the 3 changed from a perfectly normal 3 to the cloudy 3. But he did better than Haake because he sent his rolls with the



illegible 3s back to the cave for replacement with good rolls.

A reward to the finder

Dr. Rabinowitz, who says he did well with the varieties on the 10¢ undenominated Eagle and Shield in which the top of the yellow plate number "1" is truncated, has revealed that the first finder of the variety was F. Joseph Coveney.

Coveney reported the variety to *TPN's* variety archivist, A.S. Cibulskas, who told Dr. Bob.

Now, in recognition of Coveney's find, Dr. Rabinowitz is sending a full set of all eight stamps that show the variety, including the costly A12213 to Coveney.

Philly gets UVMS

USPS will add a dozen ECA-GARD machines in post office lobbies in the Philadelphia area.

Two varieties of ECA-GARD stamps are known, both with the plate number "1" at the left side of the stamp.

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Update

New PNCs

F29WH-15—Plate 15 of the 20¢ Flag over the White House. About May 2. (A Florida collector via Koepf and Dr. Rabinowitz)

M10-A1011101010—The undenominated 10¢ Eagle and Shield with the plate number combination "10 11 10 10 10." This stamp was announced by USPS but omitted from TPN's count, bringing the total of plate-number combinations to 43. May 17. (Novak)

M10-A1211101010—The undenominated 10¢ Eagle and Shield with the plate number combination "12 11 10 10 10." This stamp had been announced by USPS and was included in the 42 plate-number combinations reported in the May issue of TPN. May 17. (Novak)

M10-A1412111111—The undenominated 10¢ Eagle and Shield with the plate number combination "14 12 11 11 11." This stamp had been announced by USPS and was included in the 42 plate-number combinations reported in the May issue of TPN. April 18. (Dr. Rabinowitz)

T3CW-3—Plate 3 of the 3¢ Conestoga Wagon, untagged, C Press. 48-stamp plate-number interval. April 13. (Dr. Rabinowitz)

T10TT-22—The plate-number combination 22 on the gravure version of the 10¢ Tractor Trailer, issued at Secaucus N.J., on May 25. (Malakoff)

T10TT-11—The plate-number combination 11 on the gravure version of the 10¢ Tractor Trailer. Reported by Haake on May 31.

T20-?—Untagged errors from scrap. Bought in a lot indicating it was assembled early in the days of the Fire Pumper. No previous reports of untagged Fire Pumpers known. (Marrelli)

PLEASE NOTE: No information available from Postal Service on two issues of June 24: 29¢ self-adhesive statue of liberty (PNC Catalog Number needs plate number for completion of SA29SOL-DXXXX) and Stamp Venturers version of 19¢ Fishing Boat (PNC Catalog Number needs plate number for completion of M19-SXXX).

Great Americans

20¢ Bunche. Plate 2—Untagged error. (Thiele)

Data Bank

(all text from USPS, TPN additions in brackets)

Information from ... April 1994

May Stamp Issues

Tractor Trailer (coil) Item 7910 May 25, Secaucus, N.J.
(Gravure version of intaglio stamp issued in 1991—No ceremony)

BEP

Deliveries are continuing on the following stamp issues in Accounting Period 8 (or, roughly, May):

- 1¢ Omnibus Coil of 500 (Item 7704)
- 5¢ Canoe Coil of 3,000 (Item 7906)
- 10¢ Canal Boat Coil of 3,000 (Item 7740) [C Press, ed.]
- 23¢ USA First-Class Presort Coil of 3,000 (Item 7926)
- 29¢ Flag/White House Coil of 100 (Item 7922)
- 29¢ Flag/White House Coil of 500 (Item 7923)
- [10¢ undenominated] Eagle and Shield Coil of 500 (Item 7976)

Private Contractors

5¢ Circus Wagon of 10,000 [Source not given. Previous stamps were from ABN, which has lost contract]

[10¢ undenominated] Eagle and Shield Coil of 10,000 (Item 7978A) [SV]
19¢ Fishing Boat Coil of 500 (Item 7718) [Item number belongs to ABN version from Multi-Color printing, but ABN has lost contract. Item number given as 7718S in news release for stamp]

19¢ Fishing Boat Coil of 3,000 (Item 7719) [Item number belongs to ABN version from Multi-Color printing, but ABN has lost contract.]

Information from ... May 1994

June Stamp Issues

Statue of Liberty June 24, Haines City, FL
(Self-Adhesive Convertible Booklet) Item 6661 [No mention of coil, ed.]

BEP

Deliveries are continuing on the following stamp issues in Accounting Period 9 (or, roughly, June):

- 5¢ Canoe Coil of 3,000 (Item 7906)
- 10¢ Canal Boat Coil of 500 (Item 7739) [C Press, ed.]
- 23¢ Lunch Wagon Coil of 100 (Item 7913)
- 23¢ USA First-Class Presort Coil of 500 (Item 7925)
- 23¢ USA First-Class Presort Coil of 3,000 (Item 7926)
- 29¢ Flag/White House Coil of 100 (Item 7922)
- 29¢ Flag/White House Coil of 500 (Item 7923)
- [10¢ undenominated] Eagle and Shield Coil of 500 (Item 7976)
- [10¢ undenominated] Eagle and Shield Coil of 3,000 (Item 7977)

Information from ... June 1994

BEP

Deliveries are continuing on the following stamp issues in Accounting Period 10 (or, roughly, July):

- 5¢ Canoe Coil of 3,000 (Item 7906)
- 23¢ Lunch Wagon Coil of 100 (Item 7913)
- 23¢ USA First-Class Presort Coil of 3,000 (Item 7926)
- 29¢ Flag/White House Coil of 100 (Item 7922)
- [10¢ undenominated] Eagle and Shield Coil of 500 (Item 7976)
- [10¢ undenominated] Eagle and Shield Coil of 3,000 (Item 7977)

Self-Adhesive Convertible Booklets

Headquarters is aware of the shortage of the new self-adhesive booklets on the field. As an alternative, we are asking all SDOs (stamp distribution offices) to distribute the 17 29¢ Eagle/Shield booklets (Item 5540) that are available at the AODs [accountable paper depositories] or Kansas City. However, as information, we have begun producing additional Rose, Statue of Liberty, and Love Sunrise booklets. The delivery schedules are as follows:

| Booklet | Quantity | Distribution Dates |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Rose | 10 million booklets | Delivered in May |
| Rose | 10 million booklets | June 20 - July 22 |
| Statue of Liberty | 10 million booklets | June 24 - Aug. 5 |
| Statue of Liberty | 10 million booklets | June 24 - Aug. 19 |

29¢ White House EFOs

Compiled through June 1, 1994, by John Tison

| Plate Number | Imperf | Imperf Miscul | Imperf between | Transition Perf-imperf | Transition Imperf-Perf | Imperf Splice | Perfed Splice | Perfed Miscul | Transition Misperfed | Transition Perf-Imperf-Perf | Perfed Splice Miscul, misperf | Albino |
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| No. no. | | | | | | | | | | | | X |
| 1 | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | X | | | | | | X | X | X | | X | |
| 3 | X | X | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | X | | X | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | X | X | | X | X | X | | | | | | |
| 7 | X | | | X | | X | | X | | | | |
| 8 | X | X | | X | | | | | X | | | |
| 9 | X | | | | X | | | | | | | |
| 10 | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | X | | | | | X | | | | | | |
| 12 | X | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | X | | | | | | | X | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Please report any other EFOs to John Tison, PO Box 8755, Newport Beach, CA 92658 or phone 1-800-854-4487

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Rose | 20 million booklets | Aug. 15– Oct. 15 |
| Statue of Liberty | 10 million booklets | Aug. 15– Oct. 15 |
| Love Sunrise | 10 million booklets | Oct. 15– Nov. 15 |

All SDOs [stamp distribution offices] will receive an automatic distribution of these booklets when they become available.

The Postal Bulletin

\$5.22 Statue of Liberty Self-Adhesive Convertible Booklet

The \$5.22 Statue of Liberty self-adhesive stamp sheetlet of 18 29¢ stamps, Item 6661, can be folded by customers into a convertible booklet. This booklet goes on sale June 24 in Haines City, Fla.

Place on Sale Nationwide June 25, 1994

Dittler Bros., Inc., is the contractor, and Avery Dennison is the printing subcontractor. ...

Marketing, May 26, 1994



A computerized preview

The Postal Service sent us a glossy photo of the new 19¢ Fishing Boat, which TPN could not reproduce.

So we removed the lower strand of rope from the piling to show what the new Stamp Venturers Version looks like.

The old version of the stamp, with two strands of rope, is shown on the left.

Other changes that we have attempted to highlight are:

The new "9" is only as deep as the "1." It is also thinner, as is the 1. In the old version, the 9 dipped below the 1's baseline.

The lettering in "USA" is thinner.



Self-adhesives pose a supply/demand anomaly for USPS

Those of us who are seeking the various plate numbers on self-adhesive booklets are hearing the phrase "We're out!" with increasing frequency at post office windows.

In spite of the recent issue of the Eagle booklet and the reissue of the Love Sunrise booklet, the supply of self-adhesives has not been able to keep up with customer demand at post office windows across the country.

USPS has finally came up with a product with all the features consumers want.

USPS officials have been aware of a "shortage" situation and have begun producing additional quantities of Rose, Statue of Liberty, and Love Sunrise booklets that will become available in the next several months.

Automatic distribution to postal distribution offices will occur when these booklets become available. Therefore, collectors cannot assume we've found all the numbers. We have to keep looking.

TPN has learned of the following timing for these distributions:

| Sheetlet | Quantity | Distribution Dates |
|-------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Rose | 10 million booklets | Delivered in May |
| Rose | 10 million booklets | 6/20 to 7/22 |
| Statue of Liberty | 10 million booklets | 6/24 to 8/5 |
| Statue of Liberty | 10 million booklets | 6/24 to 8/19 |
| Rose | 20 million booklets | 8/15 to 10/15 |
| Statue of Liberty | 10 million booklets | 8/15 to 10/15 |
| Love Sunrise | 10 million booklets | 10/15 to 11/15 |
| Total | 80 million booklets | |

But is there really a shortage of self-adhesives? TPN's research showed that booklets in the 18-stamp format had virtually disappeared from Postal Service inventories.

But the rapid discovery of nine new plate numbers on Dittler

Bros.' Eagle and Shield within a four-week period raised some interesting questions.

This stamp had been issued 19 months earlier and one would certainly assume that the philatelic community would have found all plate numbers during that time.

There has been no advance notice of second printings or of distributions similar to what we are seeing now. So where did they all come from? Will we find more? TPN went to work.

Research showed that as of June 1, 1994, less than one-third of the quantities originally ordered of the three Eagle and Shield booklets (in 17-stamp format) had been distributed to the field. The rest sit in post office vaults. The Dittler Bros. version received the lowest distribution.

| Printer | Sheetlets ordered | On hand 6/1/94 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| BCA | 20 million booklets | 7.79 million |
| Stamp Venturers | 50 million booklets | 34.22 million |
| Dittler Bros. | 65 million booklets | 48.82 million |
| Total | 135 million booklets | 90.83 million |

It seems strange that with 90 million booklets on hand, USPS should have to print 80 million more to relieve the "shortage."

Several messages have been sent out to the field urging post offices to requisition booklets of 17. It does not appear that there have been too many takers.

The simple fact is that the person behind the counter does not want to be bothered with two different formats and retail prices to account for.

It is obvious that the demand for self-adhesives is there, but so is the supply. The problem is just in the format of the panes.

As demand continues to increase, larger quantities of these 17-stamp panes will be forced into the field. Collectors should keep looking for new numbers.

Statue of Liberty self-adhesive to be sold in full rolls; Fishing Boat reissued

A 29¢ Fishing Boat self-adhesive was issued at the annual meeting of the American First Day Cover Society in Haines City, Fla., on June 24.

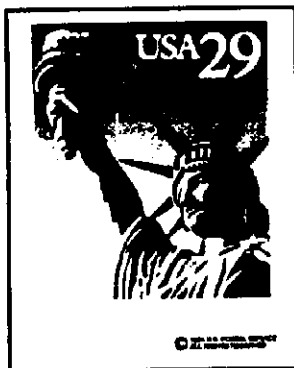
According to information developed by Alan Malakoff, the sheetlets were printed on thick liner, not the thin liner used for ATM sheetlets.

The stamps were contracted to Dittler Bros., but were printed by Avery Dennison. When Malakoff spoke to Dittler, he was asked: "How did you know this?" The news release from USPS did not mention Avery, although the information had appeared in the *Postal Bulletin*.

USPS reversed its policy against the sale of full rolls for these and all future self-adhesives. The reason may have been because the Statue of Liberty coil has microperforations just left of the number, making a normal PS/S—with the numbered stamp in the middle—impossible if separated that way. Scott Beach, manager of the Philatelic Fulfillment Service Center, told *TPN* he was looking for a way to sell strips the way collectors want them.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue: 29¢ Statue of Liberty
Format: Self-adhesive sheetlet of 18 (convertible booklet) and coil of 5,004
Issue date: June 24, 1994
First-day city: Haines City, Fla.



Printer: Dittler Bros. [(contractor): Avery Dennison (actual printer)]

Printing process: Gravure

Colors: Yellow, magenta, light blue, dark blue

Size: Image 0.71×0.82 inches/18.0×20.8mm

Overall 0.87×0.98 inches/22.1×24.9mm

Plate numbers: "D" followed by four single digits [D1111 on sheetlet]

[Interval: 18]

Item number: 6661 (sheetlet of 18); 66611 (full coil of 5,004); 6661N (strip of 18—includes plate number)

[PNC Catalog number: SA29SOL-DXXXXX]

Also being issued June 24 is the third version of the 19¢ Fishing Boat. The first was printed by Multi-Color Corp. with an interval of 36. The second was from Guilford Gravure, with an interval of 24. Both were contracted to American Bank Note, which lost its postal printing contract at the end of 1993. The new stamps were printed by J.W. Fergusson & Sons and differ from the original in that there is only one loop of rope around the piling; the original stamps had two loops (see Page 99).

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Issue: 19¢ Fishing Boat (Reprint, new printer)

Format: Coil of 500

Issue date: June 24, 1994

First-day city: Arlington, Va.

Printer: Stamp Venturers [(contractor), J.W. Fergusson & Sons (printer)]

Printing process: Gravure

Colors: Yellow, magenta, and cyan

Size: Image 0.71×0.82 inches/18.0×20.8mm

Overall 0.84×0.99 inches/22.3×25.1mm

Plate numbers: "S" followed by three single digits

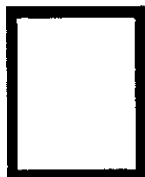
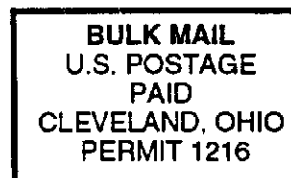
[Interval: unknown, probably 33 from a Champlain press]

Item number: 7718S (full coil of 500)

[PNC Catalog number: M19-SXXXX]

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