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SUBSCRIPTIONS

The subscriptions of many members become due on 1st September and we should like to remind you that this is not many weeks away. A cross in the box opposite will indicate that yours is one of those due.



Subscriptions remain at 5/- (despite a typing error in our last issue) and prompt payment will be gratefully received.

POSTAL AUCTION

A postal auction of members perfins will be held on 20th Jan. 1962, at _____ and all members are invited to send lots to Chris J.T. Carr at that address, to arrive before 15th November in order that a catalogue may be prepared for distribution with the Nov.-Dec. News-Sheet. Overseas members are asked to send details of lots by airmail and to send the lots by surface mail.

Perfins whether singles, sets, covers, or bulk lots, or any country will be accepted and should be clearly and accurately described and any reserve stated.

It will not be possible to send out lots for viewing but in the event of a misdescription the purchase price will be refunded.

10% commission will be charged on all lots sold and purchasers will be charged postage on lots purchased.

All lots offered are subject to the Philatelic Auctioneers Conditions of Sale.

ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY

1. The American Perfins Club have kindly donated an up-to-date copy of their perfins catalogue to our library and have arranged to keep us provided with all amendments. Members wishing to borrow this publication are requested to enclose more than the usual 1/- for postage and packing.
2. A copy of Vallencey's handbook "Stamps Perforated With Firms Initials" is now available.

MEETING

Due to a meeting place being unavailable the proposed July meeting in London had to be cancelled. It is hoped, however, that a room will be available later in the year. Any member interested in attending is requested to write to Chris Carr.

The Secretary will almost certainly be unable to attend but if sufficient members are present, and are willing to form themselves into a committee to take over the running of the Club, he will be more than agreeable to abide by any decision taken.

Up to now the Officers of the club have more or less elected themselves by virtue of the fact that they were the only ones willing to take the job. Perhaps the time has now come for a more democratic system of election?

Would anyone who has any comments in any way, please write to the Secretary?

APOLOGY

Mr John Fosbery

one of our members who deals in the stamps of G.B., has written stating that he disagrees with our policy of giving free space to advertising perfins, but since we have done so he objects to being left out and non-members getting a mention.

Whilst we do not agree that our policy is wrong in giving notice of all sources of perfin material we were at fault in not giving John Fosbery equal billing with the rest. Our humble apologies John, and may we make amends by stating that you have stocks of Line Engraved Perfins, Underprints and copies of Vallency's handbook.

SCHERMACK COIL PERFINS

One of the American perfin rarities is the Schermack Coil perforated with 9 holes as a code for identification purposes. They all appear on the 1¢ & 2¢ 1912 issue (i.e. 4 years after perfins were officially sanctioned by the U.S. Post Office) and sell for \$1.00 each in the States.

Dave Stump, Secretary of the American perfins Club has offered to obtain any that are required so if anyone is interested perhaps they would write to our Secretary enclosing a postal order for 7/6d. He will then obtain them on your behalf and distribute them on receipt.

POSTAGE

The perfins used on this issue have been purchased from Margate Corporation, who have been using them for many years and at least since the 1920's. The values in current use are ½d, 1d, 2d, 2½d, 3d and 4½d of QEII and 1/- of KG VI all perforated by Slopers.

SECOND APOLOGY

We regret the delay in the issue of this News-sheet due to the fact that Mr. Carr had to go to hospital suddenly for an operation and the duplicating was held up until his return.