

STILL MORE ON COLUMBIANS

In response to the report entitled "MORE ON COLUMBIANS," appearing on page 2 of the of the September 1977 Bulletin, Vernon S. Stroupe, Jr. (#882) offers the following updating:

"I answered Craddock's inquiry directly to him and sent him a copy of the front page of the May 1973 Bulletin. He replied and very graciously sent me an A-60, ACB/LD, on the 50¢ of the 1902 issue," which he acquired from the same source as the Columbian Perfin on the 50¢. Craddock's copy was number 4 reported.

"The big story is that he not only found one copy, but three more, all with the A-60, all on the 50¢ value of the Columbian issue. In his letter he states that all are in poor condition. This lays to rest forever any doubt about the Columbians being a philatelic Perfin. It is interesting to note that his copies came from a Berkeley dealer; mine from a Palo Alto dealer who lived in Oakland.

"The Anglo-California Bank, Ltd., used Perfins on every issue from 1902 through 1954, according to my collection. I would not be a bit surprised to hear of them being used prior to 1908 in the U.S., on the issue of 1898 and the Pan-American issue. I know a dealer who swears that she has one on the Trans-Mississippi, but cannot locate it among her odds and ends.

"There is no telling what is going to turn up next in Perfins, and that is what makes it fun!"