

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

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For the first time in many years, the editor is enjoying the pleasures of a backyard vegetable garden. It takes a little time away from Perfins, but maybe everyone needs a little diversion - even from his hobbies.

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The editor recommends that every member read "About The Sales Department" on page 9 of this issue. The great majority of our members can read it with a clear conscience. Some who are new to stamp collecting may not have realized prior to reading it that substituting poorer copies of stamps is a philatelic sin. It is hoped that those of you in that category, having now learned better, will cease this practice.

As for the real culprits, those who substitute stamps for their own benefit, knowing full well that it is dishonest and unfair to the owners of the stamps, what can be said? Such persons, unfortunately, are occasionally found in all stamp societies and all walks of philately, even as they are found in all walks of life. They are indeed a puzzle to the great majority of us, who do not understand how they can give up their self respect for a few postage stamps.

Sales Manager Ivan Ley is to be commended for the job he has done with the Sales Department in spite of the problems given him by a small minority of the membership. As Ivan says, the good far outweighs the bad.

Most officers of any organization, including the Perfins Club, probably wonder at times if all the time and effort they put in is worth it. Sometimes it appears that the average member doesn't realize how much of his or her own personal time a club officer is giving up in order to serve the membership. Look at all the time and effort Joe and Dorothy Balough have put into giving us an excellent new U. S. Perfins catalog. Sure, it was a labor of love or they wouldn't have done it, but does that lessen the debt of gratitude we all owe them for this great contribution to our hobby? The editor sincerely hopes that many members will write to Joe and Dorothy to express personal appreciation for the catalog.

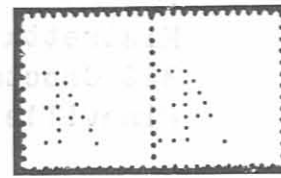
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Another hard worker for the Perfins Club, Vice President Dorothy Savage, reports that she sent out 12 Perfin Primers in May and 11 in June. She adds that we need more good publicity, but that publication of the new U.S. Perfins Catalog should help us in this respect.

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Dr. John Doering (#449) submits the pair of Perfins illustrated below, consisting of A94a (left) and A94. He remarks that this would make it appear that sub-type A94a is simply an A94 with a couple of the pins missing. If not, how do both types appear

in the same sheet of stamps? Anyone care to comment on this?



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Dr. Doering adds the following bit of information concerning the user of A94a: World Fire & Marine Insurance Co. was controlled 100% by Aetna Insurance Co. It was incorporated under Connecticut law in May 1921, and began business in January 1924. Home office address the same as Aetna's.

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It appears that there will be no meeting of the Perfins Club this year, as no host club for a stamp exhibition has invited us. We are all set for next year, however, as we have been invited to hold our meeting at ELPEX '80 in El Paso, Texas, where we had a very successful meeting a few years ago.

Since Joe Balough, who has just produced our new U. S. Perfins Catalog, is involved in the El Paso club, we can be sure that our meeting there next year will receive a lot of attention toward making it a most successful one. Your editor has been invited to serve as a judge of the exhibition, and is looking forward to the show. After skipping a meeting this year, perhaps we can drum up a really good attendance of Perfins Club members at El Paso.

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