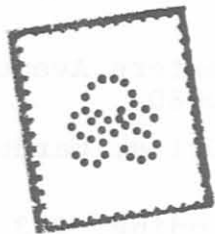


START YOUR YEAR WITH A NEW PERFIN



The Oregon Stamp Society has purchased a perforator from Baddeley Brothers in London and the new pattern, shown at left, will officially be presented to collectors on January 19, 1980. The perfin will see its first use on a limited edition cacheted cover struck with the special Portland Zoo Railroad cancel. The date coincides with the mailing of the Oregon Stamp Society's monthly publication, *The Album Page*. The covers are available for \$1 each, postpaid, from the Oregon Stamp Society, Box 2121, Portland, OR 97202.

After January 19, the OSS perfin will be used only for mailing *The Album Page*, so if you're not an OSS member, the pattern may be a little hard to come by.

You can become an OSS member, of course. Write John White (708 NW Wallula Avenue, Gresham, OR 97030) for an application blank. John is president of the OSS; he is also a member of the Perfins Club.

The illustration of the new perfin, incidentally, is a fake. John White and editor Harold Peterson generously provided a paper-perf copy of the new perfin and we put together the illustration from that and an unperfed stamp. The first stamps honestly aren't slated to be perforated until time for the first day of use!