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SKYROCKETING REGULATION BY INDIANA AND OTHERS

The 4th of July is parades, flags waving in warm summer breezes, picnics, bands playing patriotic tunes and long-winded orators extolling the virtues of America.

The 4th of July is also fireworks. Remember cherry bombs? How about the whirling beauty of pinwheels? Roman candles lighting the sky? And (my former favorite) the F-80?

Along with all the fun we had with these firecrackers we all enjoyed when young went a considerable element of danger. Unsupervised kids were often seriously burned or had eyes damaged from the incautious use of fireworks.

Noting this, many states passed restrictions on the types of firecrackers legally available to the general public. Today all states regulate these items, although most allow the "safer" varieties to be used by their citizens.

Indiana is no exception to this rule. A state law has been on the books for many years prohibiting the more lethal fireworks while permitting the use of sparklers, snakes, smoke bombs and similar non-explosive devices. In 1975 this act was amended to include examination by the State Fire Marshal

of samples of the devices and manufacturing specifications as submitted by the producers or wholesalers. The law states: "If upon inspection, the state fire marshal finds that the provisions of this chapter have been complied with, a certificate of compliance shall be issued to such manufacturer, wholesaler or shipper and adhesive seals indicating approval of the state fire marshall shall be affixed to each package of such items. . . . The state fire marshal shall determine and set a fee for such seals which shall cover the expense of printing, processing and issuing such seals." Thus was born the 1976 Indiana fireworks inspection stamp.

The stamp is self-adhesive, 21 x 16 mm. die cut with red lettering on white paper. The small numbers appearing on it are presumed to be control numbers; the State Fire Marshal failing to reply on three occasions when asked about these numbers.

The stamps were used in 1976 only, although the author purchased several packages in 1977 that still bore the 1976 stamps; undoubtedly those which did not sell in 1976 were retained by the manufacturer for 1977 sale. No 1977 stamp was observed—the fire marshal allowing imprinted notations such as "SFM 1000" and "SFM 1010" to be used in place of the time-consuming application of the stickers.

Through the courtesy of William A. Goodwin, the Indiana State Fire Marshal, the following cost analysis of the 1976 implementation of the state law appears below:

Income: Sale of stamp Refund		\$31,500.00(@ 1¢ each) 600.00
	Total Income	30,900.00
Expenses	Cost of 4,000,000 stamps Salary of Clerk(3 mos.) Postage(mailing certified) Miscellaneous charges	7,080.00 1,494.00 130.00(64 packs)
Total Expenses		\$8,804.00
Difference of income over costs		\$22,096.00

A little fast arithmetic indicates that 3, 090,000 stamps were sold and that the fire marshal's office derived a significant income from these sales.

Pictured here are a number of Washington fireworks stamps, all being printed on the labels of the packages. There are furnished through Dr. William Halladay.



Red on light blue.



Black on white.



Black on yellow.



Blue on white.



Bright green on silver.



Black on white.

Charles H. Hermann responded to a request for other states' fireworks stamps with this California example. It is dark red on cream card stock (photo 150%).

Other members possessing material from other states are invited to submit it to the NEWSLETTER for publication.



-- David L. Drury

NEBRASKA FORTIFIED WINE VARIETY

In the November, 1976 NEWSLETTER I reported a variety of WF 55 (Sheet 18221-stamp 43). I have now found this variety on Sheet 17843-stamp 18, which rules out a plate variety. The highest regular sheet I have is 17658 and the variety is now known in 17843 and 18221.

If anyone has an in-between or higher number sheet please advise me of the type stamp and I will refund postage with thanks.

My address is 9507 Binney, Omaha Nebraska 68134.

-- Amos L. Henely

SOUTH DAKOTA PHEASANT STAMP

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is selecting the design for its 1979 South Dakota Pheasant Restoration Stamp through a contest open to any resident of the state. Although termed a "Pheasant Restoration Stamp" these items are really a small game stamps since they are required to hunt quail, grouse, squirrels, rabbits, etc., as well as pheasants.

The first year of issue for these stamps was 1977 portraying a cock pheasant with a \$5 value.

-- E.L. Vanderford

PYMATUNING LAKE, OHIO FISHING STAMP



In his Handbook of Fish and Game Stamps, E. L. Vanderford records a 1938 hunting stamp which validated Ohio licenses for Pymatuning Lake which lies between Pennsylvania and Ohio. Recently I acquired an almost identical fishing stamp issued in 1940. This stamp is \$1 black on yellow. A study of the Ohio law and agreement signed between Pennsylvania and Ohio suggests answers to some of the questions posed by Mr. Vanderford.

Pymatuning Lake is a man-made reservoir constructed primarily for flood control. The lake is fed by the Shenango and Beaver Rivers which origin ate in Pennsylvania and most of the lake lies in

Pennsylvania which had primary control of the waters. However, Pennsylvania signed an agreement with the Ohio Conservation Council which would permit persons holding a valid Ohio license to hunt and fish on the lake. There was no provision in either the Ohio or Pennsylvania laws which required any special license for Pennsylvania residents. Thus it seems safe to conclude that no similar Pennsylvania stamps exist.

No stamps are mentioned in either law. However the agreement did specific certain fees to be charged Ohio residents even though the revenue from those fees belonged to Ohio. The fishing license fee was \$1.50 for Ohio residents and \$2.50 for non-residents plus a 10¢ handling fee which could be charged (optional) for issuing the licenses. For hunting, the license fees were \$2.00 for residents and \$15.00 for non-residents plus an optional 15¢ issuing fee.

In 1938 the regular Ohio fishing license cost 50¢ plus a 10¢ fee. Thus an additional charge of \$1.00 would bring the cost up to the amount specified in the agreement. Similarly the regular hunting license was \$1.00 so again an additional \$1.00 fee would need to be added. Stamps probably seemed a simple means for surcharging regular licenses.

The agreement also specified the fees to be charged non-residents, these being \$2.50 and \$15.00 for fishing and hunting respectively. Since non-resident licenses for these purposes were already equal to or above these amounts (\$3.00 and \$15.00), no additional surcharge would be needed. Thus if my conjecture is correct, we also need not worry about non-resident stamps being discovered.

The only question I can not answer is the number of years such stamps were actually issued. Certainly the 1938 stamps were the first year of issue and now we know stamps continued in use at least through 1940. The last possible year of issue is 1945 when the law was repealed and the lake opened to persons licenses in either state without any extra charge. But only time (and luck) will tell if stamps actually continued in use that long.

-- Kenneth P. Pruess

AND MINNESOTA REQUIRED A BOILER INSPECTION:

We continue showing segments of Dr. Edward H. Miles' collection of automobile related tax material. As in the past we request that you not send in comments or additional material until after the state has appeared in these pages.

A number of members have replied with additional data. This will be run as part of the next grouping of Dr. Miles' collection.

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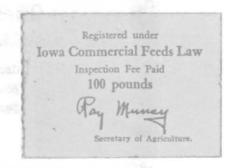
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Guam, black on white

1975 Minnesota, black on white

UNLISTED IOWA FEED

After over 40 years, a new Iowa feed stamp has come to light. This specimen is of particular interest to me as I have been compiling information on Iowa stamps for the past 7 years and this is the first new "old" stamp I have found in a number of years.



Both the Cabot and Hubbard catalogs list 3 Iowa feed stamps (25 lbs., 50 lbs. and 100 lbs.) with Murray as Secretary of Agriculture. However, in both catalogs the listed stamps are those with Thronburg's signature ruled out by three horizontal lines and "Ray Murray" printed below the old signature in block capital letters. The recently discovered Murray stamps de-

picts a facsimile signature. And I would assume from previous catalog listings that this stamp was probably issued between 1933 and 1937. This 100 lbs. stamp is printed in black on light green paper and is rouletted 7. If this set is similar to the preceding and following issues, I suspect that 25 lbs. and 50 lbs. stamps with Murray signature should also exist. Who has these stamps in their collections?

-- E.C. Kettenbrink, Jr.

LOCAL MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION STICKERS

by Scott McClung

During a two week period while staying in a motel near Charleston, West Virginia I have personally seen almost forty different local' vehicle tax windsheild tickers. I do not at this time know how to obtain any for collecting, but I plan to write to some of the issuing governments in hopes of getting some of these stamps. Perhaps some SRS members in issuing states can give me some help in obtaining copies.

Virginia-Counties

Augusta
Fairfax(previously mentioned in
NEWSLETTER #127 by Louis
Alfano)

Powhatan
Roanoke
Bath
Buchanan
Albermarle
Prince William(NEWSLETTER #127)

Virginia-City and Town

Norfolk
Blacksburg
Roanoke
Arlington
Virginia Beach(NEWSLETTER #127)
Crewe
Stuart
Bluefield

Tennessee-City and Town
Memphis
Nashville & Davidson County(appears to be issued jointly)
Chattanooga
Knoxville

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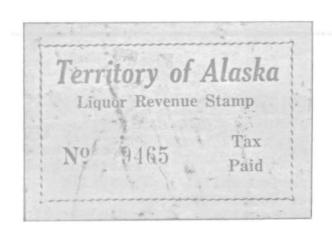
Ohio-City and Town Cincinnati Norwood Portsmouth(parking permit)

Illinois-City and Town

Alton Chicago Matesson Riverside Skokie

I would like to correspond with other collectors of state and local motor vehicle tax, registration and inspection stamps. My address is Appalachian Power Company, Construction Department, PO Box 4000, St. Albans, WV 25177

Both items date from the territorial period. The first stamp, L2, shows no specific value and was issued in 1937. It is imperforate and printed in dark blue ink on white paper. It is also a very scarce item, and as far as I can determine, it has not been illustrated elsewhere. I would like to see our members illustrate any item they might own which has been reported but not figured.



The second item is an interesting collateral piece which I recently obtained. This license was issued on May 22, 1901 to the firm of Qualley & Thorp who were engaged in the business of selling spirituous liquors at retail in Nome, Alaska. The license cost this firm \$687.50. This early revenue item was issued only 34 years after Alaska was purchased from Russia and it is the earliest revenue-related item from Alaska that I have seen. The license is printed in black with the exception of the border which is in light purple. All of the hand written data on this document has been underlined with red ink, probably as a security measure to eliminate later alteration. The dark colored (tarnished metalic gold) seal in the lower left corner reasd "UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF ALASKA, SECOND DIVISION." Value and serial number in upper left and right corners are also in red ink.

-- E.C. Kettenbrink, Jr.

TWO 1977-1978 CALIFORNIA DUCK STAMPS

California pulled a fast deal on migratory waterfowl hunters (and fish and game collectors) by quietly increasing the state 1977-1978 duck stamp fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00 on January 1, 1978.

California hunting licenses and stamps pertaining thereto normally run from July 1 until June 30 of the following year and all previously issued California duck stamps have been valid for this period.

Shortly after July 1, 1977 California issued the usual \$1.00 fee
duck stamp inscribed "expires 6-30-78".
In late November the Department of
Fish and Game notified all license
agents a new \$5.00 duck stamp was to
be required starting January 1, 1978
and under no circumstances should
the original \$1.00 stamps be sold
after December 31, 1978.

Inasmuch as the regular waterfowl season was to end on January 22 and most hunters had purchased their duck stamps prior to the fee increase, the

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Approximately 1/2 size

Department anticipated few sales of the \$5.00 stamp and discouraged agents from ordering them unless they foresaw a real demand.

Both the \$1.00 and \$5.00 were accepted a valid for hunting until June 30, 1978.

These stamps, green and reddish brown on white, depicting three Cinnamon Teal in flight, are identical except for the difference in the printed face values.

-- E.L. Vanderford

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SRS Secretary-Treasurer Harold A. Effner, Jr. has a few Pennsylvania bedding stamps available to members for a SASE. The supply is limited. Address in masthead.

Editor Dave Drury has a few Michigan deeds bearing a tax meter(most quite clear) which may be had for an SASE. Address in masthead.

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1978 N.H. PHEASANT STAMP AVAILABLE

The current New Hampshire Pheasant hunting stamp is now available for \$4.00 from the New Hampshire Fish & Game Commission, 34 Bridge Street, Concord, NH.

-- Terry Hines

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SOME NON-SCOTT NARCOTICS

by Elliot C. Chabot

Since their introduction into the Scott Specialized Catalogue in 1973 many U.S. revenuers have made it a point to become familiar with the federal narcotics tax stamps. Much less well known, however, are the narcotics stamps of Puerto Rico.

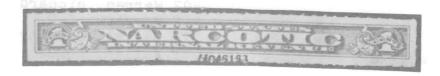


Figure 1

The earliest Puerto Rican narcotics stamp recorded is the purple U.S. lc narcotics issue of 1919(fig. 1) overprinted "PORTO RICO". The overprint is recorded as having been placed on all four versions of the 1919 lc (i.e. Scott RJA42, RJA43, RJA46 and RJA59). The overprinting itself was done by the U.S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving. According to the report of the Bureau for the year ending June 30, 1920, 10,000 copies of each of the four stamps were printed. It is not known if any copies of these stamps survive in the hands of collectors today.



Figure 2

The next reported set of Puerto Rican narcotics revenues came on the scene about twenty years later. Between 1942 and 1947, the Bureau created a new set of Puerto Rican internal revenue stamps by overprinting the then current stamps (Figure 2) with the san-serif inscription "SPECIAL TAX". These stamps also differed from the then current set (the series of 1938) in that the Bureau put no serial numbers on the 1942-47 issue.

It was intended that these special tax stamps would be overprinted in Puerto Rico and used to collect taxes for various special funds which were designated by law. The experiment was discontinued in 1950. The May 1968 issue of the American Revenuer records, however, that before the use of these stamps came to an end, some were overprinted "NARCOTICS TAX". Further information on this set is not available at this time.

ESTADO LIBRE ASOCIADO DE PUERTO RICO DEPARTAMENTO DE HACIENDA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO

NARCOTICO

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Figure 3

The final Puerto Rican narcotics stamp recorded to date is the black and red stamp pictured in Figure 3. The stamp is rouletted 10 horizontally and perforated 12 1/2 vertically. It is unwatermarked, measures 77 x 26 mm. and is printed on golden rod colored paper. While information as to the date of issue is not presently available, the inscription "ESTADO LIBRE ASOCIADO DE PUERTO RICO" (Freely Associated State of Puerto Rico) establishes it as being issued after Puerto Rico was granted commonwealth status on July 25. 1952. The stamp was first recorded in the philatelic press in the February 1962 issue of The STATE REVENUE NEWSLETTER. The inscription on the stamp indicates that it was used to seal legally repackaged narcotics.

C Elliot C. Chabot, 1978

SOUTH CAROLINA TAX-PAID LID

Pictured here is a large 4¢ tax-paid tin can lid from South Carolina submitted by M. Murry of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Although several states issue tax-paid lids for soft drinks and beer, this is the largest such lid seen so far.

Anyone know what might have been the can contents ??



THE POULTRY IN THIS COOP HAS BEEN INSPECTED FOR HEALTH AND CROP AND APPROVED BY A LICENSED VETERNARIAN AND INSPECTOR EMPLOYED BY THE NEW YORK LIVE POULTRY COMMISSION MERCHANT'S ASSOCIATION.

DATE: INSPECTOR:

Charles Hermann produced a listing of the New York City Chicken Inspection stamps in the January, 1970 issue of the STATE REVENUE NEWSLETTER. I have found a similar item, which predates, but perhaps is related to, these city-issued stamps. My "stamp" is imperforate and is printed in black on light green paper. Note that the word "veterinarian" is misspelled in this specimen. The May 23, 1940 date and the inspectors name (?) is a rubber stamping in blue ink. The earliest city-issued stamp that Hermann showed was probably printed in 1943(suggested by the printer's code which actually appears on these stamps). One should note the similarities of wording on the illustrated stamps and that of the city issues which read "The poultry contained in this basket has been inspected and approved for condition and crop content". I suggest that my stamp(which shows no fee paid) is probably not an official city issue, but that of a private trade association (New York Live Poultry Commission Merchant's Association) whose inspection activity may have preceded that of the city. If any of our New York members come up with the real story on this item I would surely like to hear about it. Until that time, the above specimen shall rest in my New York revenue collection.

-- E.C. Kettenbrink, Jr.

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