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MASSACHUSETTS ARCHERY COLOR MISSING ERROR

by Terence Hines

A spectacular missing color error has been found on the 1974 Massachusetts Archery stamp (Hines #A15). The stamp is normally printed in yellow, brown and black. On the error the brown color is totally missing. This color was used to print the deers' heads that flank the bow shown on the stamp. With the brown gone, all one sees are each deers' two eyes and nose (in black) and a ghostly white area where the brown impression would have been. Both the normal and the error are illustrated below. Only two copies of the error are known. However, since these stamps were printed in sheets of 12 (straight-edged all around), 10 more copies may be in existence. The errors were found in a large lot of stamps purchased as remainders from the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and thus do not bear the manuscript surcharge that changes the face value from the printed \$5.25 to the correct \$5.10. This stamp is assigned catalog number A15b.



RENEW YOUR SRS MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Removing Self-Adhesive Stamps from Margarine Packages

It is very difficult to peel the Wisconsin self-adhesive tax stamps off the surface of an oleomargarine package without tearing them or having them come off all wrinkled. The following procedure, adapted from Menker (United States Specialist, Jan. 1976, p. 45), avoids these difficulties.

Use only petroleum naphtha (sold as cigaret lighter fuel and as paint thinner). Lay the stamp, attached to a cut square of the packaging cardboard, in a small dish and pour in only enough solvent to cover the stamp. Soak for just a minute or so and then slowly lift the stamp off the cardboard with tongs. Next lay the stamp face down on a clean surface and use a white cloth soaked in petroleum naphtha to wipe all the remaining adhesive off the back. Dip into clean naphtha for a final wash. Remove, air dry, and the press between blotters in the usual manner.

Note that petroleum naphtha is flammable and should only be used with plenty of ventilation. Discard all used solvent, since it will contain dissolved wax, gum, etc. that you do not want passed on to your other stamps.

CAUTION: Common spot-removing (chlorinated) solvents should not be used. They will dissolve the pressure-sensitive adhesive, but they often change the color of the ink on the stamp or remove it entirely.

----- Carter Litchfield

Carter Litchfield, Bill Smiley,
and Douglas Berryman

The recent discovery of several new types of Wisconsin oleomargarine tax stamps necessitates a revision of the 1968 Litchfield checklist of these stamps. The following compilation summarizes the information currently available.

TAX LAWS

1932-1935	6¢ per pound on uncolored oleomargarine. Colored product banned. Tax paid by return.
1935-1949	15¢ per pound on uncolored oleomargarine. Colored product banned. Tax paid by return.
1949-1967	15¢ per pound on uncolored oleomargarine. Colored product banned. Tax paid with stamps.
1967-1973	5½¢ per pound on both colored and uncolored oleomargarine. Tax paid with stamps.
1973	Oleomargarine taxation ended.

DECAL ISSUES



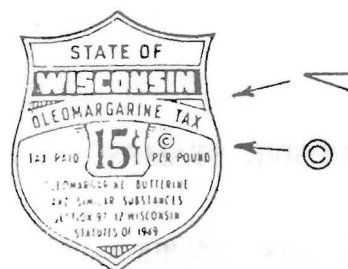
1949. TYPE A. Shaded right triangle under "WISCONSIN." No "©" above "PER POUND". Size 21 x 26 mm. Decal on yellow card with or without grey safety. Card rouletted 6½ in black between panes.

O-1 15¢ green on white 1.50 .75



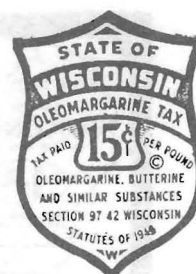
1954. TYPE B. Shaded right triangle under "WISCONSIN." Has "©" above "PER POUND." Size 20 x 24½ mm. Decal.

O-2 15¢ green on white --- .75



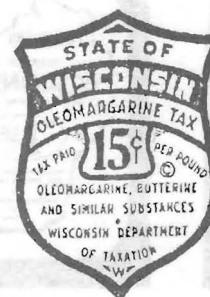
1955(?). TYPE C. Hollow right triangle under "WISCONSIN." Has "©" above "PER POUND." Size 20 x 24½ mm. Decal.

O-3 15¢ green on white --- 15.00



1957(?). New design. Imprinted "SECTION 97 42 WISCONSIN STATUTES OF 1949". Size 19½ x 26½ mm. Decal.

O-4 15¢ green on white --- 5.00

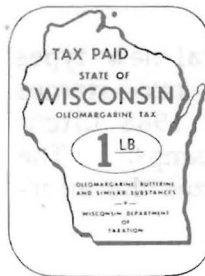


1959. Similar to O-4 but imprinted "WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION". Size 19½ x 26½ mm. Decal.

O-5 15¢ green on white --- 20.00

On September 23, 1959 the responsibility for collecting oleomargarine taxes was transferred from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture to the Department of Taxation.

BORDERLINE AT EDGE OF PAPER



Subtype a
line present



Subtype b
line absent

SELF-ADHESIVE STAMPS

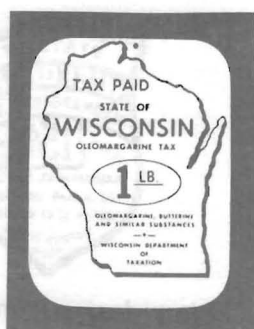
1966-1968 MAP ISSUES

All stamps are die cut on unwatermarked, glossy white paper with pressure sensitive adhesive. Paper size 19 x 25½ mm. Design varies according to position of a code dot and the presence or absence of a thin borderline at edge of paper.

POSITION OF CODE DOT



TYPE I
bottom center



TYPE II
top center



TYPE III
right center



TYPE IV
bottom right

Six of the possible eight combinations have been reported to date. To cover possible new discoveries, numbers O-7, O-9, and O-15 have been left unassigned.

Type			
O-6	Ia	1 lb. green (1966)	3.00
O-8	IIa	1 lb. green	2.00
O-10	IIa	1 lb. black (1967)	.15
O-11	IIb	1 lb. black	.15
		break in right border of map	1.00
O-12	IIIa	1 lb. green	15.00
O-13	IIIb	1 lb. green	15.00
O-14	IVa	1 lb. green	15.00

The significance of the code dots is unknown. The borderline on the stamps was produced when die cutting and printing were performed simultaneously so that the cutting edges were inked. When the printing and die cutting were two separate operations, no borderline was produced.



1968. Die cut stamp on unwatermarked, glossy white paper with pressure sensitive adhesive. Paper size 19 x 25½ mm.

O-16 1 lb. bright green/blue-green .10
(many shades exist)
O-17 1 lb. pale green (1972) .35

A procedure for removing these self-adhesive stamps from the cardboard of the margarine package is given in the adjacent article.

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SOUTH DAKOTA HUNTING & FISHING ISSUES

Member Barry Porter reports seeing the following 1984 South Dakota Hunting and Fishing items. All have black printing and the color indicated is the paper color. Report any other items to both Barry and this NEWSLETTER.

\$2 Prairie Canada Goose-yellow
\$4 Fall Black Hills Turkey-orange
\$4 Spring Black Hills Turkey-blue
\$4 Fall Prairie Turkey-blue
\$4 Spring Prairie Turkey-yellow
\$5 Pheasant-multicolored
\$6 Small Game-blue
\$7 Fishing-red
Free Senior Fishing-green
\$8 Furbearer-blue
\$15 Antelope-orange
\$15 Archery Antelope-yellow
\$15 Archery Deer-orange
\$15 Black Hills Deer-green
\$15 Black Hills Elk-green
\$15 Special Black Hills Deer-blue
\$15 East River Deer-orange
\$15 Prairie Deer-white
\$200 Custer State Park Elk-yellow
\$15 Refuge Deer-yellow
Setline-blue

BRUNDAGE COLLECTION OF LOCAL REVENUES-A FEW CORRECTIONS

Some additional information has come to light supplementing the material presented in the State Revenue NEWSLETTER of January-February/March-April 1984(Whole No. 164).

Under Woodland, AL is a 3¢ green cigarette tax stamp listing. The denomination is a typographical error. It should read 1¢.

The Covington, VA 20 cigarettes "TAX PAID" decal was not illustrated in the original listing and is shown here.



There are two distinct types of the Breckenridge, MO 2¢ black cigarette tax decal. One is clearly printed with a small (3 mm.) "2¢". The other is blurred with a larger (about 4 mm.) "2¢".

--Terence Hines

MARYLAND ISSUES TIDAL BOAT FISHING STAMPS

By Bill Burton

(Editor's Note: The following article provided by Harold A. Effner, Jr. is reprinted by permission of The Baltimore Evening Sun. It appeared in the December 16, 1984 issue).

History repeats itself. In 1934 the late Ding Darling, then chief of the United States Bureau of Biological Survey, sketched a pair of mallards pitching into a marsh intending them to be only a rough guide for planning the nation's first duck stamp.

When the stamp was issued August 4 of that year, Darling's brush and ink drawing was on its face, and 635,000 were sold at a buck each.

Earlier this year, Bonnie Mulieri traced the outline of a rockfish intending that it serve only as a sample of what the new tidewater boat fishing sticker should look like. Boatmen who purchase that \$25 stamp offered in the recent boat license renewal mailings will see Muliere's artwork.

As with Ding Darling, an aide in the licensing division of the Department of Natural Resources chose to use the sample as the real thing for Maryland's blue and white pleasure-boat Chesapeake Bay Sport fishing boat decal. Mulieri is deputy director of DNR licensing and consumer services.

Darling was a professional and Pulitzer prize winning cartoonist for the Des Moines Register before taking over as head of what was to later become the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Muliere's credentials can't match that though her mother Betty Pettebone is an artist who specializes in portraits and landscapes.

Some claim Muliere's piscatorial rendition is supposed to portray a rockfish, the species much of the license revenues will be diverted to in a massive restoration effort, I disagree.

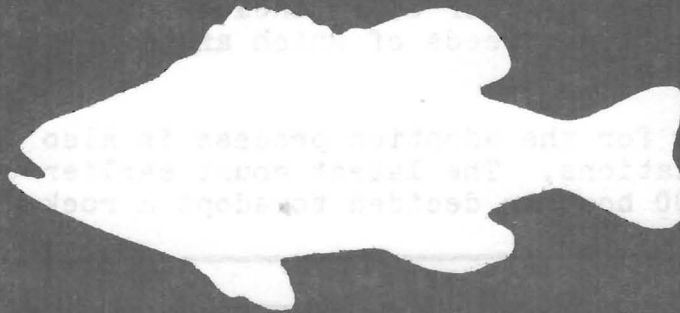
Muliere's tracing is more representative of many of the fishes that can be taken by those who purchase the stamp. The white silhouette against the royal blue background is unique, artistically so.

It is a tidewater species composite, what one might call a fish representative of the Chesapeake. The head is that of a rockfish, the broad sides are those of a striped bass hybrid. Note the similarity of a black drum, and the likeness of the caudal fin to that of the white perch.

The anal fin reminds one of the tautog, the mouth is more like that of a shad. What fish was Mulieri tracing? She said she can't say for sure, though she thought it was a rockfish illustrated on a chart she found in the Tawes State Office Building where her office is located.

Incidentally, the artist who drew the rockfish that is on the basic individual angler's tidewater stamp (as opposed to the boat decal) is Tom Freeman of Long Green. His detailed painting has a large rockfish in chase of a baitfish with the Bay Bridge, a skipjack and some sailboats in the background.

1985
CHESAPEAKE BAY SPORT
FISHING LICENSE



PLEASURE BOAT

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STATE OF MARYLAND

Surprisingly, there are no powered fishing boats, but overhead there are three Canada geese, and in the foreground, a distinctive Chesapeake Bay blue crab.

B. Bess Crandall, director of licensing and consumer services, said orders are picking up for the boat fishing license. Early boat registration renewals indicate that more than 11 percent of boat owners are sending in the extra \$25 so that they or anyone else aboard their boat can fish from it. Otherwise to fish, they will be obliged to purchase either a \$5 individual stamp, a \$2 three-day stamp, or a \$2.50 stamp to be applied to their freshwater license, or be over 65 or under 16--or be a licensed commercial fisherman.

However, boatmen must keep in mind that the decal is issued for a boat, not an individual. The fisherman who purchases a stamp for his boat, cannot fish from shore or any unlicensed boat and assume that he is covered. He isn't.

The decal applies only for fishing in the licensed boat--and covers anyone else on board.

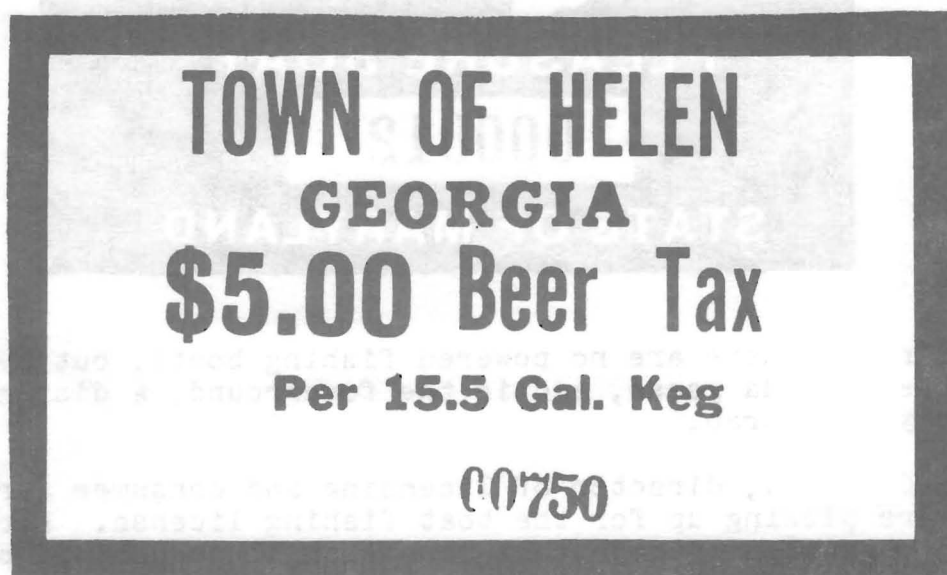
If the \$25 sounds steep, consider that charterboats carrying six or less passengers must display a \$200 annual stamp, those accomodating more than six anglers are required to have a \$240 decal. Rental boats at liveries can be licensed for \$25 each to cover all fishermen.

The decal is to be attached to the front quarter of a boat. It can be on a windshield, or above, below, in front of, or back of the registration number. No other papers are issued, just the decal as a means to keep cost low so all possible funds can be used for the tidewater fishery, said Crandall, who adds that records of sales are maintained in her offices.

If a boat is sold, the decal is not valid for the new owner. The seller is expected to remove it if possible or disfigure it. He then can apply at no cost for replacement decal for his new boat if he is getting one. The buyer of his boat must then purchase another stamp.

As for the current license renewal mailings, an applicant can make out one check for both the \$12.50 boat registration and the fishing decal. He can also add another \$5 to include participation in the Adopt-A-Rockfish program, the proceeds of which are diverted exclusively for rockfish.

An application for the adoption process is also included in the license renewal applications. The latest count earlier this week indicated that more than 1,000 boatmen decided to adopt a rock, said Crandall.



HELEN, GEORGIA BEER TAX

Illustrated, actual size, is a \$5 beer tax stamp from this town. It is printed in blue with a red serial number. It has pressure-sensitive gum which is protected by a paper backing that is to be peeled off when the stamp is affixed.

--Terence Hines



ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI CIGARETTE TAX

This blue decal is on cream safety card, black roulette 6. Whether it is a current issue is unknown.

--Terence Hines

UTAH FISHING STAMPS

Member Keen Fee sends along this letter from the State of Utah Department of Wildlife Resources which denotes four different fishing stamps which are available to collectors. Ken advises that the trout stamp is new--first issued in 1983 over the vocal protest of trout fishermen who have been trying, although unsuccessfully, to have it torped-oed.

Ken also points out that the trout stamps, unlike the other issues, are not sold at reduced prices as can be noted in the text of the letter. By the way, the cost of the trout stamps is \$3.00 each and not \$3.30. The later price as quoted in the body of the letter reflects the agent's fee which is collected when each stamp is sold to fishermen but this is not assessed when purchased directly from the state.

Collectors sending requests must adhere to the "certified check or money order" stipulation. Personal checks will not be honored.



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In answer to your request for Utah Wildlife Resources fishing stamps. For 1976 we have Flaming Gorge and Lake Powell stamps available at \$1.00 each. For the years 1977 through 1984 we have Flaming Gorge, Lake Powell and one-day Non-resident stamps available at \$1.00 each. For 1983 and 1984 there is a trout stamp available at \$3.00 each.

If you would like to purchase 1985 stamps the price is:

Flaming Gorge	\$3.00
Lake Powell	\$8.00
Non-resident	\$5.00
Trout Stamp	\$3.30

We will be glad to fill your request for these stamps. Send a detailed list of stamps you want with a certified check or money order.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Stewart
Accountant

by M.E. Matesen

For those of you who have been anxiously awaiting (and even those who haven't) the results of the lottery poll (see SRS NEWSLETTER, Jan.-Feb., 1985), wait no longer. First let me say that the following percentages were based on the respondents who were dues paying members at the time the survey was conducted. Results have been grouped into four main categories which are as follows:

Group I- 63.6% of the respondents considered lottery items to be a TICKET. Asked if they would like to see more SRN articles 30.1% checked the SELDOM response and the remaining 69.2% noted NEVER.

Group II- From here on the responses were clustered in the category which classified them as a RECEIPT (18.2%) with the outlook for more articles being equally distributed in the three listed categories (i.e. OFTEN-SELDOM-NEVER).

Group III- Last but almost not least 13.6% of the respondents plunked them into the OTHERS category. Asked to be "specific" as to what OTHER meant to them the answers included:

- a) Not enough information
- b) Who cares
- c) Lottery ticket
- d) Cinderella perhaps??

Group IV- Where is the other 4.6%? Ah--we have a few "true collectors" who considered these to be STAMPS and wanted articles more OFTEN.

What's lacking in this analysis is the potpurri of letters, notes and doodles that accompanied many (but not all) of the survey forms. An unrepresentative and even unedited summary is as follows:

. . . All such items should be classified as tickets. When it comes to publications in the NEWSLETTER, I think that the only restriction should be if there is a surplus of articles about "true revenues". . .

. . . I know that lottery tickets or receipts or whatever you want to call it is nothing more than that and surely is not a stamp by any stretch of the imagination. . .

. . . The lottery ticket, just like a revenue stamp, is a receipt for a tax paid. . .

. . . these items should be treated as revenue receipts similar to the old Ohio Sales Tax items. . .

. . . The reason for the ticket not being a receipt is that in some states they have instant winners, thus I don't think this ticket could be call a receipt. . .

. . . If you start calling lottery tickets Revenue Stamps, you're opening a Pandora's Box. . .

. . . Does it really make a difference? There are always questionable items--if enough members are interested then its a U.S. rev. if not--not. . .

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Documentary Stamp Purchasers

FROM: Ernest L. Isenhower
Sales & License Division *ELI*

DATE: May 24, 1985

SUBJECT: Documentary Tax Rate

This memorandum is to remind you that the documentary tax rate will decrease effective July 1, 1985.

The tax rate on notes, mortgages and leases will be two (2) cents for each one hundred dollars or fraction of consideration.

The tax rate on bonds will be five (5) cents on each one hundred dollars of face value or fraction.

The tax rate on stocks will be five (5) cents on each one hundred dollars of face value or fraction.

The tax rate on deeds remains the same.

If you have any question concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me by letter or by calling (803) 758-2811.

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The color of the New York State and New York City and State cigarette tax heat transfer decals has been changed again as of late May, 1985. The state decal is now red and blue on white and the city plus state decal is green and black on white.

In another development, the Lorillard Company, makers of True cigarettes, are test marketing packs of 10 cigarettes in the Westchester County area, at least. These packs bear a 1967 20 cigarette blue decal that was illustrated on page 80 of the September, 1967 NEWSLETTER. Apparently the state has had these old decals in storage all this time. Of course, if this test marketing is successful, 10 packs will begin to appear in other states and special stamps for the 10 cigarette tax rate will be needed, just as special stamps for the 25 cigarette packs were needed when these were introduced in 1983.

--Terence Hines



WYOMING CONSERVATION STAMPS

Wyoming introduced a conservation stamp in 1984. These stamps have a face-value of \$5 and are required on all Wyoming hunting and fishing licenses, both resident and non-resident. Exempt are what the state calls "pioneer" licenses, which I assume are senior citizen licenses. A used copy of the 1984 issue is illustrated. Copies of both the 1984 and 1985 stamps are available at face value from the License Section, Wyoming Fish and Game Department, 5400 Bishop Boulevard, Cheyenne, WY 82002

--Terence Hines

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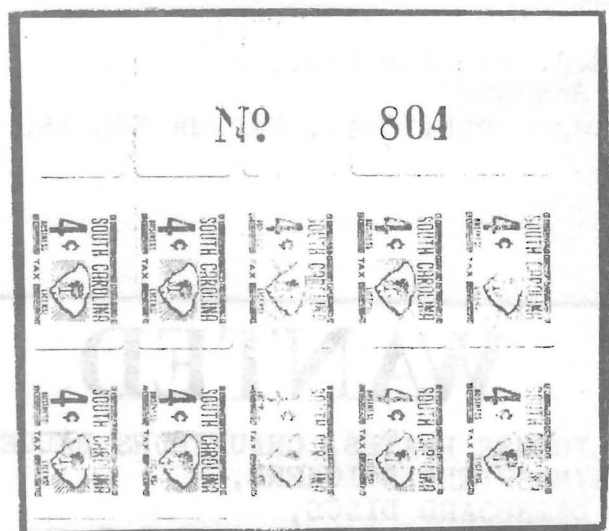
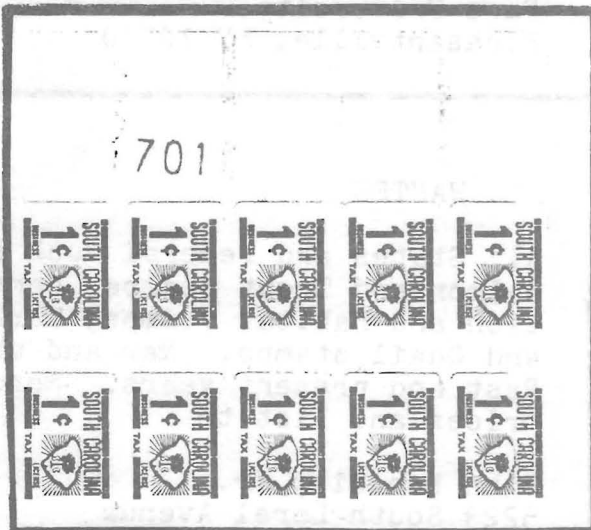
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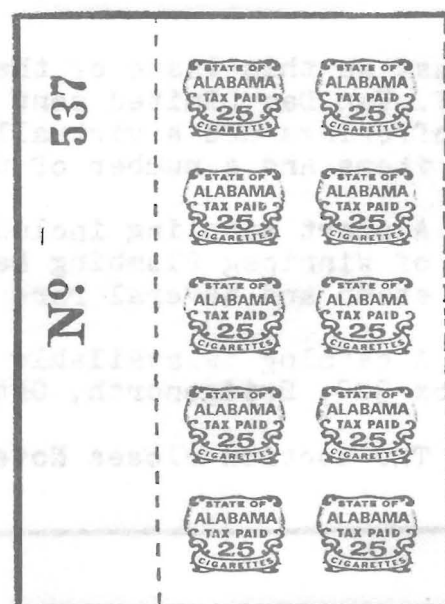
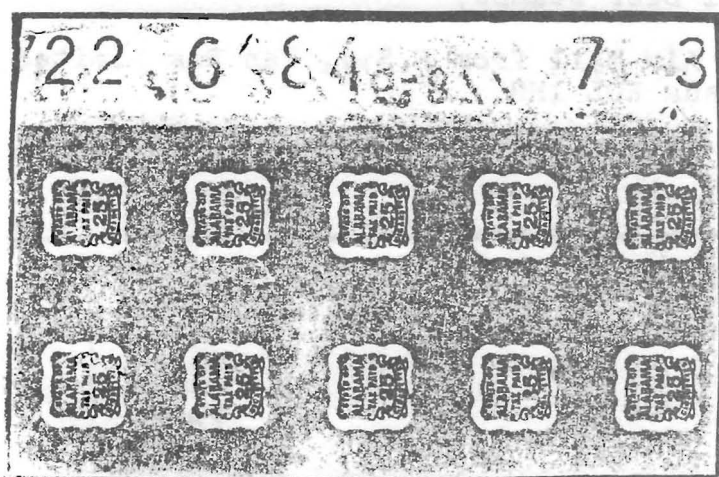
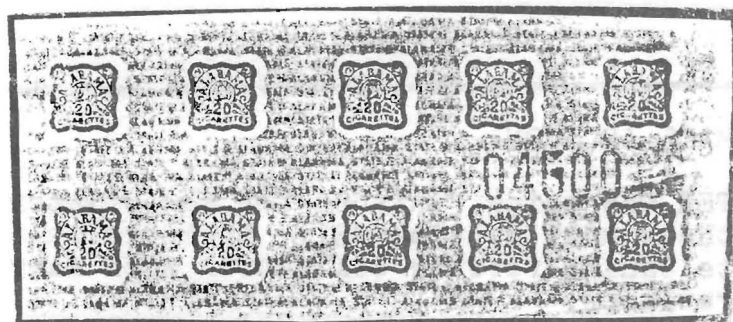
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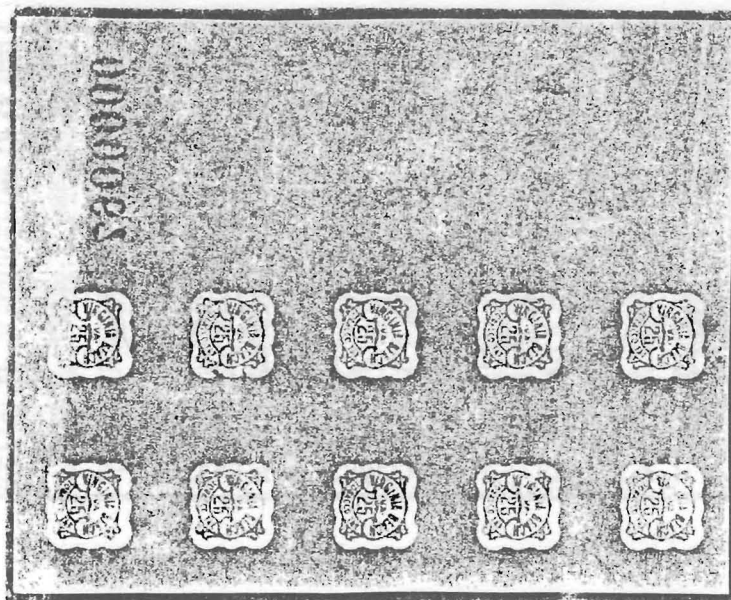
STAMPS FOR SALE

The State Revenue Society has the following stamps for sale. Write Secretary/Treasurer Harold A. Effner, Jr. His address is in the masthead. These are available singly or in panes of 10. All are illustrated here.

1¢ black South Carolina Business Tax License	1¢ each	10¢ for pane
4¢ green South Carolina Business Tax License	4¢ each	40¢ for pane
10¢ blue South Carolina Documentary	10¢ each	1.00 for pane
\$1 South Carolina Documentary	\$1 each	10.00 for pane
16 1/2¢ green Alabama 20 Cigarettes	17¢ each	1.65 for pane
20 5/8¢ Alabama 25 cigarettes (small design)	21¢ each	2.06 for pane
20 5/8¢ Alabama 25 cigarettes (large design)	21¢ each	2.06 for pane
18 3/4¢ Virginia Beach, Va 25 cigarettes	19¢ each	1.88 for pane
4¢ Bibb County Tobacco Tax	4¢ each	40¢ for pane







VAN DAM MAIL AUCTION

Just as this issue of the NEWSLETTER was being finished for the printer E.S.J. Van Dam Limited sent word of their mail auction #31. Included in the offerings are a virtually complete Canada revenue collection with many rare items and a number of unlisted revenues.

A short sampling include a 1946 British Columbia Duck Stamp, an unlisted City of Winnipeg Plumbing Department stamp, a Saskatoon Electrical Inspection stamp and several rare provincial Beer stamps.

A catalog is available for \$2 by Air Mail from E.S.J. Van Dam Limited, PO Box 300, Bridgenorth, Ontario, Canada K0L 1H0.

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Dear Mack:

I read your article about State Lottery stamps on page 12 of this issue of the STATE REVENUE NEWSLETTER. I think that such items should be classified as:

(check one) A Stamp _____ A Receipt _____ A Stub _____

A Ticket _____ Other (please specify) _____

I think the NEWSLETTER should provide information on such Lottery items:

(check one) Often _____ Seldom _____ Never _____

Mail to: M.E. Matesen
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