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## **REVENUES OF LITHUANIA WIN AWARDS**

Twenty-four pages of "Revenues of Lithuania," exhibited by Joseph Gudonis, ARA #545, were first in the Revenues group in the 18th Annual Frankford Arsenal Stamp Show. The same exhibit also received an A. P. S. Silver Medal as "3rd Best of the Show."

A 5-page exhibit of "Revenues of Memel under Lithuanian Occupation," also by Mr. Gudonis, won a "2nd Best of the Show" trophy in the 4th Annual Clothesline Exhibit of Chapter 2 of the Germany Philatelic Society.

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## **LIBRARY ADDITION**

Through the courtesy of John S. Bobo, ARA #3, the A. R. A. Library has received a copy of "Norwegian Railway and Steamship Parcel Stamps" by Frederick A. Brofos. This 52-page booklet was recently published by the Scandinavian Collectors Club.

The material covered is not strictly speaking in the revenue field, but it is close to it and may well fall in the interests of some of our members.

## **REVENUES AT WESTPEX**

At the 6th WESTPEX, a stamp exhibit sponsored by the Association for Western Philatelic Exhibitions, Inc., at the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco on April 23-24-25, 1965, there were three exhibitions of revenue stamps, all by members of this Association. First place was awarded to Robert M. Leard for his five frames of the First Issue, Selected Pages, while the second place medal went to W. C. Aichele who entered five frames of U. S. Stamped Paper. The third medal went to Abe Hochman who entered five frames of his outstanding collection of Trial Colors and Proofs of the Private Proprietaries. The revenue exhibits were placed in a very favorable location, near the entrance, and our well known dealer-member, L. J. Horovitz of Sunnyvale, California, acted as a judge for this section, assisted by Earl Oakley, Basil Pearce and William Wylie, publisher of the Western Stamp Collector. Quite a number of Revenuers were in attendance in addition to the exhibitors, including our Secretary-Treasurer, Frank Newton, one of our Eastern Directors, George Turner, and our first President, Elbert Hubbard, ARA #1.

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

A subject that comes up for discussion from time to time is whether or not this Association should, or should not, have a Sale Department. When this question was put to your Directors recently, there was a considerable diversity of opinion. It is a good means by which collectors may dispose of duplicates, and by which others may obtain items wanted for their collections. However these desirable results are not obtainable without a lot of effort, and some risk to the Association. It is probable that we would require a major part of some member's time to operate a Sales Department, the Sales Manager to be compensated in some manner based on the stamps sold. It would be necessary to have some sort of insurance to protect members entering stamps, for protection against substitution or loss, and against theft. At present we know of no one willing to undertake the chores of a Sales Manager, but would like very much to hear from members who may be interested, or to have your opinions on how the operation might be conducted.

Our most recent Roster was published by our immediate past Secretary-Treasurer, John Norton, at a minimum of cost to the Association, due to our limited finances at the time. It has been decided by the Directors to issue Directories in January of even numbered years, hence our next Directory is planned for January 1966. This will be a printed booklet, containing a listing of members and their specialties, an Index to The American Revenuer and other features. Suggestions from members as to content will be most welcome.

—Robert M. Leard

## THE 1c EXPRESS SHORT TRANSFER VARIETY

Robert M. Leard, ARA #777

For a considerable period of time revenue collectors who have specialized in our First Issue have been aware of what appears to be a short transfer of the 1c Express stamp, Scott's R1. The opinion has been expressed by some experts that it is not a true plate variety, but rather is a result of poor inking. The purpose of this article is to present the evidence that it is a short transfer, a plate variety worthy of catalog listing.

Figure 1 is a reproduction of a photograph of three individual copies of the variety. As will be noted, the design is incomplete at the bottom, with the line below the word EXPRESS in the center, the lines below the ovals containing the numerals of value, and the foliated ornaments all being incomplete.

copies appear identical it would seem highly unlikely that the variety would be due to under inking or too heavy a wipe. Ink varieties are just not this constant.

Such a variety could conceivably be caused by the wear of the entries at the edge of a plate which takes place after long and hard usage. That this circumstance is not the cause of the variety is clearly shown in Figure 2, made from a photograph of a horizontal strip of three on an original document having five copies of the 1c Express stamp attached to pay the correct rate for an Affidavit. It will be noted that the variety comes in the middle of the strip of three, between two normal stamps. Hence it is obvious that the position can not be in either the right or left marginal columns of entries on the plate. Fur-



Figure 1



Figure 2

ther, the stamp to the left of the variety shows the top line of the stamp below, so the strip can not come from the bottom row of entries. As the missing lines are at the bottom of the design, and the areas where they occur is surrounded by other entries, it does not seem plausible that it might be caused by plate wear.

In The Bureau Specialist for May 1964, in an article dealing with the plates used for the First Issue, George T. Turner points out on page 172 that two plates were used to print this stamp. One plate carries both the numbers 1D and 1E, and is a multiple relief plate. The other bears the number 1, and was made with a single relief. Personal communication from Mr. Turner on distinguishing stamps from these two plates, leads the writer to the conclusion that the short transfer variety is on the No. 1 plate. As this plate was also used to print imperforate and part perforate stamps, there is a distinct possibility that the short transfer may also be found on these stamps, but the writer has never seen a copy. Further information relative to the location of the variety on the plate, and the presence of imperforate and part perforate short transfers is earnestly sought.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary-Treas. Frank Q. Newton, Jr.  
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#### New Members

1026 McNeil, Michael B.  
1027 Marsh, William J.  
1028 Crise, E. A.

#### Reinstatement

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#### Dropped for non-payment of dues

222 Blume, Malcom J.

#### Applications Received

Hodgdon, Frank W., III, 3637 Cody Rd., Sherman Oaks, Calif., by Sherwood Springer. Gen. U. S. Rev., Match & Medicines, Narcotics.

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Ave., Blue Island, Ill. 60406, by F. Newton. All Scott listed U. S. Rev., Match & Medicines.

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Previous membership total	380
New members	3
Reinstatement	1
Dropped for non-payment of dues	1
Current membership total	383

As mentioned in the March issue, the records closed at the end of April. It has been gratifying to have so many continue their memberships this year. There appears to be an upward membership trend which you can help by telling your revenue collector friends about us. A short note is all that is needed to bring a sample copy of The American Revenuer, a letter about the ARA and an application. Your secretary has been trying to provide rapid reply to all letters.

While we do not publish in July or August, the Secretary's office is still operating and as someone said "The mail must go through."

It is particularly pleasing to see an increase in articles being sent in for The American Revenuer. We are making an earnest effort to provide you the kind of publication you want and give you value received.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have written and offered suggestions and encouragement.

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873	2c Ultramarine Roulette 12½ (RF2d). Small creases, VF appear.	12.00
875*	2c Deep Blue, Perforated (RF4). Minor wrinkle, Fine. Not listed unused	15.00
876	2c Deep Blue, Perforated (RF4). A. P. C. Co. Jan 16, 1903 canc, VF	13.00
877	2c Deep Blue, Perforated (RF4). Light AD 1902 Cancel, Fine	10.00
878	Act of 1917 Diagonal Purple Provisional Opt. of Indianapolis I. R. Office on 2c Blue (RF5 var.). "Cancelled Feb. 6, 1916 T. T. Co." cancel, faint bend, otherwise Very Fine, unlisted in Scott	80.00
879	Act of 1917 Reading Down in Purple, Racine, Wis. I. R. Office Provisional Opt. on 2c Blue (RF5 var.) Inverted "L. P. H. 12-13-18" cancel, faint crease, Fine appearance, unlisted in Scott	40.00
880*	Act of 1917 Reading up in Purple, Racine, Wis. I. R. Office Provisional Opt. on 2c Blue (RF5 var.). Creases, V. F. appearance, unlisted in Scott	77.50
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## SMITHSONIAN TO BEGIN SERIES OF NATIONAL HISTORICAL EVENTS EXHIBITS

### Opener Is 200th Anniversary of Virginia Resolves Against Stamp Act

Secretary S. Dillon Ripley has announced that the Smithsonian institution will initiate a series of special exhibitions commemorating significant national historical events which led to American Independence.

The first, which will open May 29 in the Museum of History and Technology, will memorialize the bicentennial of the Virginia Resolves — spirited by Patrick Henry's famous "Treason" oration against the Stamp Act.

Two very rare British revenue stamps, including one newspaper stamp, designed for use in America under the Stamp Act, will be among the many historic objects selected for the exhibit. Also included will be broadsides, pamphlets, printed engravings, and political cartoons opposing the Stamp Act.

According to Wilcomb E. Washburn, Smithsonian's curator of political history, a rare "Wilkes and Liberty" punchbowl of Chinese export-ware, commemorating the fight of Englishman John Wilkes for Parliamentary reform, will be featured in the exhibition.

The Stamp Act provided that special stamps, costing from a half a penny to ten pounds, be affixed to colonial commercial and legal documents, newspapers, pamphlets, almanacs, liquor licenses, playing cards, and dice.

When the British Parliament voted passage of the Stamp Act, the reac-

tion in the American colonies was immediate. The first response occurred in the Virginia House of Burgesses, which, fired by the oratory of Patrick Henry, passed the Virginia Resolves on May 30, 1765. Henry had drafted and introduced the Resolves on May 29, and defended them in his fiery speech one day later.

Following Virginia's lead, other col-

*H.R.H.*

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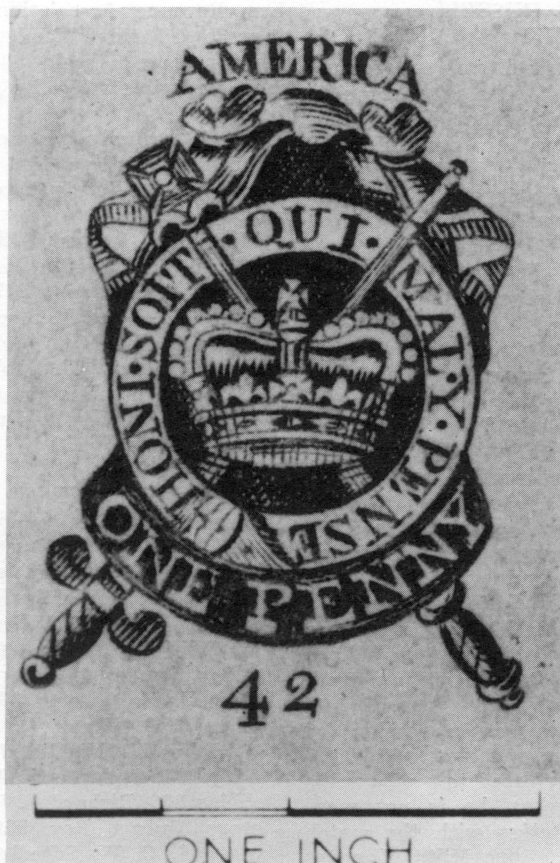
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cnial delegations met to oppose the obnoxious act. In October 1765, delegates from nine of the colonies met in New York in the Stamp Act Congress, while patriots calling themselves "Sons of Liberty" organized vociferous, and sometimes violent, opposition to the Stamp Act.

American colonists argued that the colonies had the right to tax themselves, and that passage of the Stamp Act by Parliament amounted to "taxation without representation," and violated their natural, and constitutional, rights.

Although the Stamp Act was repealed on March 18, 1766, its passage marked the beginning of the end of British colonial rule in America.

The special exhibition, located on

the second floor of the Museum of History and Technology, can be viewed daily throughout the summer from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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## E. T. RUSSELL

By Bruce Miller, ARA #372

Eliakim T. Russell was the successor of William Brooks, who began to manufacture matches at North Ashburnham, Mass. at the early date of 1837. Brooks built up a thriving business, but became involved in expensive litigation over patent infringements (probably of the Phillips patent, owned by Ezekial Byam), and sold out to Russell sometime prior to 1866.

Local history states that Russell operated the factory only through that year, which may account for the fact that although Russell's private die was approved in December, 1865, no stamps were issued from it until February, 1867. According to the BRB: "Mr. Russell evidently sold out to one M. B. Lane, as all orders and correspondence were in the latter name during the latter part of the life of the stamp." Considering the above facts, I am inclined to believe that ALL the Russell stamps were used by Lane.

Martin B. Lane was a resident of Ashburnham, and was presumably the "M. B. Lane" referred to as Russell's successor. However, he is not mentioned in connection with the match business, whereas one Milton Lane of the same town is named as a manufacturer of match stock or splints. The two Lanes were quite probably relatives, and my own surmise would be that they both had an interest in the Ashburnham factory. Martin B. Lane may have supplied the capital and/or handled the business end, while Milton Lane supervised the actual production.

In any case, the issue of the Russell stamps continued through January, 1872. Byam, Carlton & Co. of Boston are known to have operated a branch factory at Ashburnham, and it is quite possible that they bought out the Russell/Lane business at that time.

## CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

The following members have demonstrated their interest in the Amer-

ican Revenue Association by becoming Contributing Members for the current year. Their added support makes possible more for all the members.

The 56 contributing members listed comprise just about 15% of the total membership. Why don't you join them next year.

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