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The opening article of Rev. Ruback's series appeared in the January 1966 issue of The United States Specialist and it is still continuing.

The ARA extends its congratulations to those of many others to one of our members who has achieved this high honor. This series of articles cannot help but further the collecting of these revenues when the many members of the BIA who are not now revenueurs, come in contact with such well written and informative articles.

Information on membership in the

BIA or the back issues containing this series may be obtained from the executive secretary of the BIA, Miss Esther H. Sullivan, 38 Gray Street, Arlington, Massachusetts 02174.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Various local chapters of American Revenue Association members hold regular meetings. If you are in the area at the time of the meeting, your presence would be welcomed. If you live in the area, come, meet your fellow revenueurs.

LOS ANGELES. Third Sunday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Los Angeles Philatelic Club, 417 South Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

NEW YORK. First Thursday of the month at the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th Street, New York, N. Y.

SEATTLE. Meet monthly at the Collectors Club of Seattle, 903 East Madison at Broadway, Seattle, Wash. Contact the chairman, D. C. Strock 4109 25th Ave. S. W., Seattle, Wash. 98106, for details as to the time and dates of the meetings.

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THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

This will be the last issue of The American Revenuer until September. There are no issues in July and August. Due to a number of circumstances the issues have been late since the material for the October issue was lost in the mails. We apologize to the membership for the tardiness. We hope to do better in the fall.

We still need articles. There is no backlog and each month we use up every thing on hand. It is a big help to the printer in making up the pages if there are a couple of extra items so that the material can be fit better into the page space.

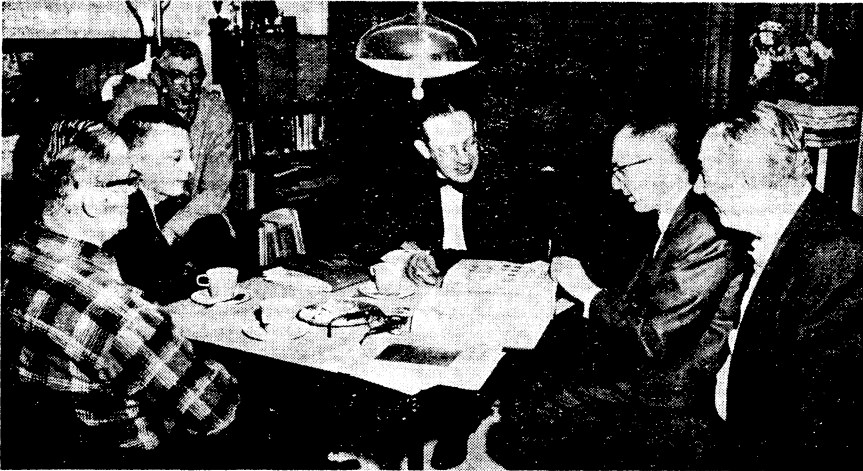
Why don't YOU write an article on

one of your special interests and submit it for publication.

This issue completes six years of publication under the present editor. There have been ups and downs. At times it seems like it is mostly down, but actually there are many pleasant experiences, and surprisingly few unpleasant ones, that result from this task. Both the officers and the membership have been helpful and considerate in their dealings over these years.

Whatever mistakes and faults there have been have been the fault of the editor. The high quality of the magazine is due to the continued efforts of our contributors.

SPECIAL MEETING
Irvin Burns, ARA #388



The Los Angeles unit held a special meeting in May to welcome Dr. Albert Thill, a former resident of Los Angeles who now resides in Missouri.

Seated around the table are Charles Hermann, Bruce Miller, Abe Hockman, Frank Newton, Dr. Thill, and James Giokaris.

Dr. Thill is leaving thru "Jimmies" Greek revenue collection. Each have many specimens that the other still

seeks and their individual collections are undoubtedly the finest and most advanced in the world.



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**MILITARY TRAVEL PERMIT
STAMPS**

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With the close of World War II, the Allied Military Powers were in control of the European occupation zones. Travel to and from was through necessity rigidly controlled and regulated. The stamps listed below were issued by the "Military Permit Office" of the Allied Military Command.

The central design of the stamp portrays the flaming sword of liberty beneath a rainbow canopy and was copied from the cloth shoulder patch insignia worn by members of the Allied Supreme Command.

- 1946 Size 26x35mm Perf. 12 Engraved
- 1 \$1 carmine ----- .40
 - 2 \$2 blue ----- .60
- 1948-49 Size 18x22mm Perf. 14 Rotary
- 3 (gratis) prussian blue 1.50
 - 4 \$1 red ----- .30
 - 5 \$2 pale blue ----- .25
 - 6 \$4 orange ----- .75
 - 7 \$10 dark green -- -- 5.00
 - 8 \$20 orange ----- Rare
 - 9 \$50 grey ----- Rare

Overprints with new values were for use in Germany.

Both the Bush AMG Catalog and the deMagistris catalog have listed this series. They definitely are of a revenue nature and we therefore call it to the attention of all members. One who has collected them for many

years calls them "relatively common" but strangely enough this is the first specimen any of us have seen out here on the coast!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer: Bruce Miller
521 Alster Avenue
Arcadia, California 91006

New Members

- 1114 Schur, Stanley E.
- 1115 Lauria, Frank P.

Reinstated

- 379 Mozian, Herant
- 761 Nicklin, John W.
- 1047 Scheele, Carl H.

Application Received

Sepaniak, Arthur J., 3029 N. Newland Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60634, by B. Miller. Collects USIR.

Reinstatement Received

587 Creed, Armand, P. O. Box 2061, Hollywood, Fla. 33022, by John S. Bobo, Dealer.

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New Members	2
Reinstated	3
Current membership total	383

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The American Revenue

**BROWN & WILLIAMSON
OVERPRINTS**

Ogden D. Scoville, ARA #531

This article is a followup of the article appearing in the March 1964 issue of The American Revenuer.

The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company used a three digit number system on the Clinton Cigarette tax stamps starting with the series 121 in 1951.

With the three digit number 123, the 1 stands for 1951 and the 23 for the 23rd week of the year. The series goes to a four digit number starting with 1001 through 1051. The 10 stands for 1960. This marks the end of this numbering code.

The basic idea was to give the wholesaler the opportunity to move the oldest cigarettes out first so the public would always be buying fresh cigarettes.

The numbers start with 123, which is the earliest seen so far, up through 1051. The factories seemed to be shut down in the first week of July and the last week of the year. The following have not been reported yet: 127, 152, 227, 627, 727, 752, 827, 926, 951, 1027 and 1052. Let me know if you have any please.

There are no reported invertts but Fox reported number 106 which is too early and should be a 2, 3 or 4 in place of the 0 and a 13 which is a



Type 3

Type 4

run off of the last digit.

There are seven identified types and they may be found on the same numbers so one may have been used for Kool cigarettes and the other on another brand but we don't know yet.

I have taken the initiative to set up the following types, based on the earliest number I have seen of each type:

Type 1. A wide type, roman lettering 6x13 mm, 1¼ mm between numbers, 1's have a foot, usage from 123 to 528.

Type 2. A narrow type, stovepipe serifed numbers, 6¼x12 mm, 1½ to 2 mm between numbers, ones have a foot, usage from 124 to 151.

Type 3. A narrow type, 6x11½ to 13 mm, 0's are oval, no foot on 1's, similar to type 2, usage from 140 to 342.

Type 4. A narrow type, 6½x12½ to 13 mm, numbers 1 and 4 have a foot, the 2, 3, 6 and 9's have pointed tops, usage from 350 to 952.

Type 5. A wide type, 6½x12½ to 13 mm, heavier shading similar to type 1, pointed tops on 2, 3, 6 and 9's, usage from 529 to 649.

Type 6. A narrow type, similar to type 4 but heavier, closer spaced due to heavier numbers with same overall length, usage from 701 to 852.



Type 1

Type 2



Type 5

Type 6

Type 7

Type 7. A narrow type found only on the private sealer labels, smaller numbers, usage from 1001 to 1051, no overlapping of other types.

The same number may be found on two different series, i.e. #305, type 3 is found on the Clinton stamp series 122 and 123. Generally the series change over was in the fifth to twelfth week.

There were 16 collectors who responded to the first article. Several wanted to know the value of these dated codes. The 100 or 200 series, a maximum of 10c, the rest 2c or a nickel. But they are worth a lot of fun. The B & W company still regards the code a secret so will in the next article cover the earlier codes. If you have any information, please contact me at 4027 Marchena Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

STATE REVENUE SOCIETY

Kenneth P. Pruess, ARA #918, has been named managing editor of the "State Revenue Newsletter," published by the State Revenue Society.

Recently it has published a detailed listing of Ohio Sales Tax Receipts and a study of Louisiana Insecticide and Fungicide Stamps. It is also publishing addenda to the U. S. State Revenue Catalog.

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