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REVENUES WIN AT FILATELIC FIESTA

Two revenue exhibits won the highest awards (gold medals) in their classes at the Filatelic Fiesta held at San Jose, Calif. on Feb. 10 and 11.

In the U. S. section the 1st award went to our member Homer Landis of Santa Barbara, Calif. for his outstanding collection of U. S. Playing Card stamps.

In the topical section, 1st award went to Mr. Czerna C. Lafler of El Cajon, Calif. for his collection of "Eagles on Stamps." This exhibit was composed almost entirely of U. S. Revenues and was presented in a most interesting manner. This award was well deserved and in the most competitive group in the show as there were no less than 16 entries in this section.

May more of our members exhibit their collections, revenues are not overlooked by the judges and will win high awards, if merited.

The Filatelic Fiesta is an annual event held each spring in San Jose, Calif. It is sponsored by the Council of North California Stamp Clubs and is one of the best shows held on the West Coast.

BOSTON BOOK

Our attention has been called to the fact that in a recent issue of his house organ, Herst's Outbursts, our dealer-member, Herman Herst has listed a reprint of the Boston Revenue Book. Members interested should contact Mr. Herst at Shrub Oak, New York 10598.

PHILATELIC SIDELINES HANDBOOK

Philatelic Sidelines Handbook, No. 1. Edited by R. William Larsen, 2116 Oak Glen Place, Los Angeles, Calif. 90039.

Here is a new publication that has (or will have, according to the editor's comments) something for just about every member of the A. R. A.

In the first issue, we find the beginning of several series written by the editor himself. He gives a good starting background of the American express companies; listing of their adhesive franks will follow in subsequent issues. Another product of the editor's research is his first article on Tax Free cigarette stamps—the

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first of a series promised as priced listings of U. S. Tax Paid Revenues.

Because the reproductive process is photo offset, it is possible to reprint material from other publications quite readily. This the editor has done, with a very interesting article on Sanitary Fairs and their stamps; the Forbin supplements to his world famous revenue catalogue; the research work of C. W. Bedford on plate varieties of U. S. Civil War revenues; and three articles by the late E. R. Vanderhoof, one of the most fascinating writers ever in the revenue field.

As with any new publication, there are some production problems that the editor must resolve, for a few of the pages did not photograph too well and some are not especially pleasing in appearance. Several of the editor's own articles are a bit hard to read because of the style of writing he uses, but one could fault almost any

writer on his style.

There is much in Philatelic Sidelines Handbook Number 1 that doesn't interest this reviewer, but what doesn't interest one may well interest another. In such a broad field as the American Revenue Association covers and as the editor of Philatelic Sidelines Handbook plans to cover, there should be something in each issue for any A. R. A. member.

Bill Larsen is to be congratulated for this labor of love for our hobby. He has done a great job. We look forward to dozens more copies.

A special introductory offer of \$5 for the first four issues (four a year are promised) is being made, with the price advancing to \$7.50 for four issues when the second Handbook comes out. Single copies are \$2.00. A worthwhile buy for any ARA member.

—John C. Ruback, ARA 292

**UNITED STATES
NARCOTIC TAX STAMPS**

A Preliminary Checklist

L. S. Alfano, ARA 1142

This checklist does not purport to be the "last word" on these little-known revenue issues. There are probably many omissions, especially insofar as the precise perforation of the rouletted issues are concerned, but as this listing is merely preliminary in nature, I leave the complexities of these stamps to others who are perhaps far better qualified than I am to discuss them.

The numbers in parentheses in the listings of the handstamped and overprinted stamps are the current Scott's Catalogue numbers of the basic documentary stamps so overprinted.

All issues listed are watermarked with the double line USIR watermark. Since the designs of the definitives are still in use, it is possible that they also exist unwatermarked.

Prices when quoted represent the fair market value of a used copy in fine condition. Unused copies are unknown to me, and are probably unobtainable since they are available only to legitimate wholesalers of narcotic drugs. Multiple pieces are scarce and command high premium over single prices. The absence of a price is not intended to indicate scarcity, but only lack of sufficient information.

1919. Documentary stamps of 1914 and 1917 handstamped NARCOTIC in various colors.

NT1	1c Rose	(R207)	
NT2	1c Carmine Rose	(R228)	
NT3	2c Carmine Rose	(R229)	
NT4	3c Carmine Rose	(R230)	
NT5	4c Carmine Rose	(R231)	.50
NT6	5c Carmine Rose	(R232)	
NT7	8c Carmine Rose	(R233)	
NT8	10c Carmine Rose	(R234)	
NT9	50c Carmine Rose	(R238)	
NT10	80c Carmine Rose	(R239)	
NT11	\$1 Green	(R240)	
NT12	\$2 Rose	(R241)	
NT13	\$3 Violet	(R242)	
NT14	\$5 Dark Blue	(R244)	
NT15	\$10 Orange	(R245)	

1919. Documentary stamps of 1917 overprinted NARCOTIC in black.

NT16	1c Carmine Rose	(R228)	.25
NT17	2c Carmine Rose	(R229)	.25
NT18	3c Carmine Rose	(R230)	.25
NT19	4c Carmine Rose	(R231)	.25
NT20	5c Carmine Rose	(R232)	
NT21	8c Carmine Rose	(R233)	
NT22	10c Carmine Rose	(R234)	.25
NT23	25c Carmine Rose	(R236)	
NT24	\$1 Green	(R240)	

1919. Definitive Issue. All stamps are inscribed "United States—Narcotic—Internal Revenue" in three lines, with numerals of value on both sides of the inscription. Rouletted.

Type A—36x4 mm; Type 8—60x6½ mm; Type C—97x9 mm; Type D—145x15 mm.

NT25	1c Violet	(A)	.25
NT26	1c Violet	(B)	.25
NT27	1c Violet	(C)	.50
NT28	1c Violet	(D)	
NT29	2c Violet	(B)	.25
NT30	2c Violet	(C)	.50
NT31	2c Violet	(D)	
NT32	5c Violet	(C)	1.50
NT33	5c Violet	(D)	
NT34	6c Violet	(C)	1.00
NT35	6c Violet	(D)	
NT36	8c Violet	(C)	1.00
NT37	8c Violet	(D)	
NT38	10c Violet	(C)	1.00
NT39	10c Violet	(D)	
NT40	16c Violet	(C)	
NT41	16c Violet	(D)	1.00
NT42	25c Violet	(D)	1.50
NT43	40c Violet	(D)	
NT44	\$1 Green	(D)	1.50
NT45	\$1.28 Green	(D)	

1926. Imperforate

NT46	1c Violet	(A)	
NT47	1c Violet	(B)	.25
NT48	2c Violet	(B)	

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