



## LEE W. BRANDOM

**A revenuer from Missouri,  
an authority on tobaccos**

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Ever since St. John's, I have wanted to do a *Sketch* of the winner of the Silver Cup awarded by the Revenue Study Group for the work done on the tobacco paid list — and now I can present to you that man, Lee W. Brandom.

Lee is a native Missourian where he was educated and that includes business school in Kansas City. He deserted his homeland for Texas, where for the last 20 odd years he has been in oil and natural gas production with the Pennzoil Company.

During World War II, Lee was a Navy man with the Marines in the Pacific theater as a radio operator. At home was his wife

Dorothy plus two children (he's a grandpa now).

Just prior to the war, the stamp collecting began. He has a U.S. and an Australian collection but his main interest has been Canada — and then it was the revenues and tax paid that got his main interest.

Several years ago Lee got caught up in the Tobacco Tax Paid and, along with several other "revenuers", came up with loads of facts, descriptions, etc., for a disciplined study of the subject. Next will be a catalogue with assigned numbers, illustrations, and descriptions — this to benefit BNAPS' growing number of publications. Incidentally, he also plans to add those of Newfoundland to the list.

Lee is not only a BNAPSer and a Revenue Group member, but is also a member of the RPSC.

— Dr. R. V. C. Carr

## ...and some doodles by The Editor

What gives? First General Electric issues a press release about its fluorescent powder being used for tagging on Canadian stamps. Then *Linn's* runs a story on GE's chemical, and so does Doug Patrick in his Toronto *Globe and Mail* column. And other stories cropped up as well in the philatelic press.

But none of this is news at all — since it's been known for nearly two years that GE is making the stuff that makes the General Tagged stamps glow — first in two types, OP-2 and OP-4, later the OP-4 having been abandoned because it "bled" onto other papers it came in contact with.

*Linn's* columnist, David Gronbeck-Jones, wondered about this, as did we. In his December 24 column he suggests that a third type of OP compound is about to be used — but Canada Post is remarkably silent about such a development. If nothing new is in the wind, then it appears that the GE public-relations people simply waited this long to ballyhoo their OP concoction until the problem of bleeding was overcome. But if something new *is* in the offing, when will Canada Post make it official?

In fact, Canada Post is remarkably slow to get out news. A full page back-cover *Linn's Stamp News* ad on December 31 offers a \$3000 reward for recovery of stamps (color progress-proofs and press sheet-proofs of the Howe and 8c Christmas 1972 issues) stolen from the Canada Post display at IBRA '73 show in Munich; the show had been over for months during which time nothing was said.

And, for that matter, when is Canada Post going to issue full data and release dates on such "minor" items as postal stationery and things like the \$1 plate 2 (see *Newsfront*)? It would have saved a lot of frustration had a definite release date been established in advance.