

# *In This Issue*

In his many years of study of the early postal history of New Jersey, **Robert Rose** has found only four examples of genuine 10¢ 1847 Us age in New Jersey. Three others that are not genuine are known, including two that previously had been considered genuine. Six of those seven covers are illustrated and extensive notes show sources of provenance for each.

**Gavin Fryer**, past president of the Royal Philatelic Society London, gives us a look at the **Denmark 1851 Rigsbankskilling and 1854–58 Skilling Adhesives Through the Post**. As was true in the early days of the post in many countries, rural delivery was a work in progress and measures were needed to avoid abuse of the system. The article offers some examples of that abuse and how the system was changed in response to it.

Printed matter in Switzerland was sometimes sent by publishers to recipients who had not ordered it. **Harlan Stone** gives an account of a little known service in **Swiss Printed Matter Returned After Inspection**, in which the recipient could reject the offered material, which would then be returned to sender. Various forms to handle the return and are rarely seen are shown with an explanation of how the service worked.

The explanation of how the 1865 replacement plate for **New Zealand's first issue 2d denomination was damaged and retouched** has long been a subject of study by **Robert Odenweller** in search for an answer. The short version presented here includes the findings of over thirty years of research, and offers a completely new explanation that shows the elements of the previous explanation that were not supported by observed states of the stamps before and after retouch.

**Edward Liston** has made a study of **The "China Clay" Variety of the 1908-1910 Washington-Franklin Issue** for many years. His most recent study and laboratory analysis of the issues, along with a careful search of Post Office archives for letters exchanged between the Bureau and the maker of the paper, offers us a new analysis of what took place almost 100 years ago. Thoroughly annotated, the article was too long for a single issue, and readers will have to wait until May to see what his conclusions are.

**At the Club house** presents the reports of all of the Club's committees and functions as presented at the Annual Meeting. The feature also includes obituaries of three individuals, Ernst Cohn, Edward Epstein, and Robert Mitchell. The first was last year's recipient of the Lichtenstein Memorial Award, while the other two were almost always in attendance at each meeting of the Club, and Mitchell served many years as librarian.

**Cover Story** returns as a feature, this time with past editor **Joe Foley** providing two examples of mail closely connected to events at the start of World War II.