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EDITORIAL

Perhaps it would be rather facetious of me to say that I hope you did not get too sunburnt during your summer holiday, but whether you went camping or spent a quiet time away from Scouting, I trust you enjoyed the break from work or school. We can now take out our albums once again, brush the dust off them and mount some of those items we managed to pick up during the past months.

It is very encouraging to receive contributions for the Journal from members, for it does show that more are willing to share their knowledge with others. Articles for the January number will be gratefully received - by December 15th. please.

AUSTRALIAN SCOUT CORROBOREE CANCELLATIONS 1957 by James X. Coutts

These are of interest not only to those who collect Jamboree and Corroboree cancellations and covers but also to those collectors who are postal historians in the general sense.

During December 1957 and January 1958, a Corroboree of all Australian Boy Scouts was held at Greenbank, just outside Brisbane, Queensland, and was attended by some 6,000 Scouts from all the Australian states.

A camp post office was set up by the Postmaster General's Department and a special handstamp was prepared and used at this office: it was of the single circle type having the words GREEN-BANK CORROBOREE QLD - AUST inside the circumference and the date in one line in the centre (This mark has been illustrated, Fig. 4. Editor)

A blank registration label was also available for use on registered items; these are scarce since, after the camp had been in progress a week, the number used was well under 50. On the majority of the labels, the postal clerk wrote 'Greenbank Corroboree' in green ink.

5,000 official covers were issued by the Australian Scouts Headquarters and most of them were used by Scouts for sending mail home. An official cover bearing the special cancellation and the registered label will therefore be a really scarce item.

The few South Wales Boy Scouts held a Senior Scout Adventure in the Snowy Mountains; Scouts hiked to Mount Kosciusko where a number of covers were posted in the special mail box at the top of the mountain. Special postcards were issued and a cachet reading SNOWY ADVENTURE was also applied to covers. All these items were postmarked with the Kosciusko handstamp.

At Warburton in Victoria, an all Australian Rover Moot was held from 27th. December 1957 to January 2nd. 1958 by the Victoria Rover Scouts. Some covers were posted at the Warburton Post Office and bear a cachet HIKE MAIL. They also were stamped with the Warburton handstamp dated during the above mentioned period and are scarce items.

All these items were issued to celebrate the Jubilee of Scouting. (We are very grateful to our Australian member for sending the above contribution. Similar articles from other parts of the world would be appreciated. Editor)

RARE MATERIAL (By Howard Fears)

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One of the greatest benefits to be derived from membership of a Club or Society is the knowledge of the results of research by other members. Some time ago I was perusing some back copies of "THE TIMES" and came across an article in the issue of April 23rd. 1917. This is the only indication I have ever had of the particular subject matter, but if any member can help at all, I shall be very happy to carry out further research. The article stated that the Association des Eclaireurs de France was formed in 1910 and 1911 largely due to the efforts of Lieut. de Vaisseau Nicholas Benoit, who died in December 1914. "A sincere admirer of the Chief Scout, he had wholeheartedly assimilated his methods and endeavoured to adapt them to France". The article went on -- remember the year, 1917 --

"As a symbol of the victory now drawing near, the Eclaireurs de France have decided to celebrate amongst themselves and their allied brother Scouts, but chiefly with their English brothers, the day of the patron of chivalry and Scouting, St. George's Day - the glorious allegory of the spirit reconquering the Beast, of Darkness vanishing before the radiancy of the pure Love of Humanity."

"The celebration takes place by means of a simple widespread interchange between the boys and the troop of the two countries of an attractively coloured artistic postcard. The card represents a tug-of-war between the Allied and enemy Scouts. Between the two teams yawns a wide gulf into which the loser will fall. In the foreground the English and French flags interwoven symbolise the union of the two nations and their armies. In the background fly the other allied flags, whilst those of the enemy float on the other side of the gulf. Above his friends, St. George inspires the young knights; on the other side the beast joins with his own in an endeavour to pull the rope with his mouth. and claws. But disaster has already befallen the Centrals, who are being precipitated one by one into the abyss".

(Thanks indeed for this interesting account, Howard. Perhaps our members in France can help us? Editor)

JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

The response to the competition set in our last Journal was quite encouraging: seven of you sent in entries but somehow, all of you missed the point in Question 3 which was so worded If you check up in your catalogues you will find deliberately. that the Netherland Indies issued two stamps to commemorate the Vogelanzang Jamboree on 1st. May 1957, two months prior to when the set of three for Holland were issued, viz. 31st. July. hoped that some of you would have twigged it. However, I have, accepted 'Holland' as the correct answer and have sent a cover to the first correct entry opened -- that of Graham Keen, Member No. 153, of the 1st. Gossoms End Troop. Good for you, Graham and also thanks to all those unlucky ones who sent in correct answers. Don't be disheartened and do please try again. We would have liked to have given each of you a prize but that would have been asking too much.. Even if you were not successful this tine, I an sure you must have learnt something about stamps because you most probably had to look through your catalogues in search of the answers or had to ask a collector friend to help you. the way, no Brownie or Guide member sent in an entry! girls, don't let the boys have it all their own way!

Some of you may not have reached the stage where you feel you want to collect only stamps associated with Scouting and Guiding. This is quite understandable and my advice to you is to collect everything which cones your way; by so doing you will learn a great deal about the countries and peoples of the world which the stamps and covers portray. But, at the sane time, if you are able, collect Scout and Guide material, and mount it separately from the rest of your collection, so that it forms a section of its own. If you are a Cub or a Scout, such a collection will help you to gain your Philatelist badge when you become a Senior.

Although you may not be able to go to the next World Jamboree in the Philippines, it is fairly certain that special stamps and covers will be issued. Perhaps you will be able to get one of the lucky Scouts who does go to send you a cover addressed to yourself: if you can, such an item would be far more interesting than one purchased from dealer, wouldn't it?

Here is another competition; this time the questions have been set by Mr. Fears, who has also given the prize-- some Scout stamps-- I hope as many of you as possible will attempt it. The rules are the same as for last tine, and the closing date is December 15th. Good luck to you.

- Q.1. Why was the Jamboree held at Sutton Coldfield in 1957 called the 'Jubilee Jamboree'?
- Q. 2. In which year did the U.S.A. issue a Scout stamp?
- Q. 3. New Zealand has issued a stamp showing Boy Scouts in camp. Around the edge of the design is a message in morse. What does it say?
- Q.4. Which country issued a Scout stamp in 1951 with the value of one schilling?

JOTTINGS FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

If you are a member of the 'Scouting on Stamps Society' you will know that members Frank Jones (No.15) and Sheldon Levy (No.68) have prepared and published a supplement to the latter member's book,. "Boy Scout Cachets of the United States". I can whole-heartedly recommend both the book and the supplement to those interested in cacheted covers issued by many troops in America; both must have taken the authors a great deal of time - and trouble - to compile and they will undoubtedly earn the thanks of collectors of this type of material, especially in the U.S.A.

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I know that some members have no album room for special covers issued by troops for use at their summer camps or similar functions: others are avid collectors of this type of material. I am taking sides with neither, but I do feel that any information about such covers which is passed to me should be made known in these pages: it is then up to each of you to act on it or not. Here, then, are brief accounts of two items:-

Member F. Blunt (No. 41), informs me that he had 250 special camp postcards printed for use of the 1st. Gossoms End Troop (Herts.) who camped at Trelloch, Monmouth, this year. A very successful camp, even if on the damp side. For further information see under S. S. C. C. Sales Bureau.

The Bath District Scout Troop, the 1st. Aquae Sulis, a composite troop, went to Holland. This is the first time that a Bath District camp had been held abroad. A total of 1000 miles on sightseeing trips in Holland and into Germany was covered. 200 special envelopes - of which 120 were hand coloured - were printed; all but seven were used. A few covers are available on an exchange basis from the Editor.

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My thanks to member David Young (No-58) of Accrington, Lancs. for sending me a cutting from his 'local' paper in which, among the Scout notes, is a column on "Scouting on Stamps". The S.S.C.C. is mentioned in detail. Good advertising, and thanks a lot, David.

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The International Girl Guide Camp, Greece.

At this International Camp, called GREEK LAND which was organised at the district of St. Andrew; Attica, from the 10th. to the 22nd. July, a provisional post office was set up in the Camp by the Administration of Posts. A special cancellation was used on all correspondence mailed at the camp and bears the likeness of the Goddess Ceres with ears of wheat about her head; I have tried to illustrate this - Fig. 9 - but the Greek characters are difficult to copy and the mark from which it was drawn is slightly smudged.

IMPORTANT

A MEETING OF THE S.S.C.C. WILL BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS, AT 6 p.m. ON FRIDAY, 31st. OCTOBER. ALL MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. PLEASE REMEMBER THE DATE AND BOOK IT NOW.

INVESTMENT GUIDE

Whilst I have for long expected a rise in the price of the 1951 Austrian one schilling Scout stamp, I was very surprised to see that in the U.S.A., mint copies are offered at the equivalent of 5 shillings each! To think that in 1951 I refused them at 8d. each! This leads support to my view that all Scout issues should be purchased as soon as possible after release. In the case of the Austrian stamp, I think the present price of 2/- in this country is more realistic, and quite adequate although I would, as a personal preference, like to have copies on cover with the Jamboree cancellation. For such covers, a price of 5/- would not be excessive, for they have never been plentiful.

1957 was a bumper year for Scout issues, and whether you collect mint or used I recommend the filling of gaps without delay. With each year that passes these issues will rise in value and as a group, I prefer the items from Europe, such as. Finland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein and Great Britain.

At the time of writing I haven't seen any mention of a special stamp or stamps for the Jamboree in the Philippines in 1959, but I expect that something will be forthcoming. This will focus attention on the earlier issues of that country, whether Scout or Guide, perf. or imperf. In every instance, I favour the values used.

Finally, a straightforward tip, and one which should be within the limits of anyone's pocket - Australia, 1948, a 2½d. value. Even now, after almost ten years, mint copies are seen in club books at face and used copies for ½d. With a low face value, excess stocks were probably put by at the time of issue, but in the years which have followed, these stocks must have been reduced. There are flaws on this stamp and, with a large Australian specialist following, the interest of a Commonwealth country, and American interest, not to mention the thematic interest, I feel the time for a rise has come. Buy now at face: in two or three years, the price should be 4d., that is, a rise of 60% Think of this in terms of an issue with a face value of 10/-, rising to 16/-, and you will, I think, see what I mean. In this game, it never pays to scorn the humble.

(Another worthwhile number of 'tips'. Don't say in a couple of years time that you have not been warned! Editor)
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

Some recent cancellations -

- (a) Germany. Camp at Brexbachtal, inscribed "(22b) Bendorf (Rhein) Sayn Pfadfinderlager Brexbachtal 1958" Date 25.8.58. Design Scout badge of Pfadfinderschaft St. Georg and picture of camp chapel. See Fig. 2.
- (b) Norway Camp, Speiderleiren Hinderavag.

International Balloon Race, St. Niklaas, 9th. to 12th. September 1957 -- Belgian Scout stamps used on cards carried in this race.

New meter machine in use at the Manchester (Spring Gardens) Scout and Guide shop. Slogan worded "OUR PROFITS GO TO SCOUTING AND GUIDING". Reported from Gordon Kinder. Has any member ways and means of obtaining a supply of these on cover, please?

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Complete listing of varieties on G.B. 1957 Jamboree Scout issue and Persian Gulf overprints. If you wish to specialise in these stamps, send 3d. stamp to the President requesting copy of list produced by Mr. P. Bullivant of the City Stamp Shop, London.

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Events strongly suspected of being philatelically productive -- April 14-21. National Jamboree, Rizal, Philippines.

July 30-August 6. Gilwell, 3rd. Agoon.

August 10-20. 3rd. Arab Jamboree, Bir el Bey, Tunisia.

October - Ceylon Rover Moot.

December 2nd. Caribbean Jamboree, Havana, Cuba.

December - January 4th. Pan-Pacific Jamboree, New Zealand.

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'Wild Tiger' overprints on Siamese stamps. A further set of these overprints, forged, has turned up. Before purchasing any of these stamps, you are advised to have them expertized.

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SPECIAL. Previously unrecorded Scout stamps have recently come to light and are being investigated: they are of German origin and have appeared on cover, postmarked COBURG, 21st. August, 1923. There are four values of the inflationary surcharges,

viz: - 1000 marks on 5m. (yellow); 1500 marks on 15pf. (blue); 2000 marks on 40pf. (green); 5000 marks on 10pf. (orange).

The latter two are 'air' stamps, and all are overprinted RHEIN-RUHRHILFE PFADFINDERKORPS.

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A new national camp cancellation from Iran. Has any member a contact in that country from whom supplies can be obtained, please?

A new national camp cancellation from Israel - Mount Carmel, Haifa, 29th. July 1958. (I have illustrated this, Fig-3, as best I can; Hebrew characters are not easy to copy! Editor)

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To these notes by the President, I can add one - a meter mark which franked the envelope containing a letter from my friend 'Pip' Reddin (Member No. 20). Unfortunately the meter mark is not quite complete, but I have illustrated as much of it as appears on the. cover - Fig. 8.

(Three other marks have also been illustrated -- first day cancellations of the Jamboree stamps issued by Nicaragua (Fig. 1) and the Dominican Republic (Fig. 10) and that used for the Austrian 2nd. International Ski meeting (Fig. 11.) Editor)

S. S. C. C. SALES BUREAU

Two new covers are added to the range of material which can be obtained from the Bureau. It is emphasised that when existing stocks are sold, there will be no more. (And as a special tip, you wouldn't go far wrong in ordering a few spare of the Camp Post cards at the price quoted: they are most attractive and will be very useful for 'swopping')

PAGES FROM MY "CHIT-CHAT" DIARY - PAGE 2 by Len Bowen

Here we are once again. I hope you have found something interesting since my last chit-chat. It has been a bit flat for me except for the Greek cover of the Girl Guide camp in Greece and a useful meter machine frank on the envelope enclosing a free sample copy of the I.H.Q. Magazine from Canada. Still, these quiet periods give us an opportunity to review and check over the accumulation of unmounted material acquired in the Jubilee year, and also to have a more critical look at the hurriedly mounted items actually in our albums, or even to think about and lay plans for forthcoming events such as the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in New Zealand at the end of the year, or the set of three Scout stamps on the 1958 stamp issuing programme of India. In this connection, make up your mind in advance exactly what you would like for your albums, such as - publicity slogan, postmark on souvenir cover, imprint blocks of four of the stamps, registered cover, set of publicity seals, etc, - when the event happens, whip round smartly and continuously until you have acquired them all. You just strike while the iron is hot, for, from my experience, a bare three months or so afterwards, one gets the same reply from all the dealers you visit --"never heard of it"

By the way, I've been told by a District Commissioner that the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree last year put Scout funds 'in the red' to a very large sum and that an appeal was made to the Government for financial help - a sum of £25,000 was generously given towards the total debt. It sounds like the death knell to me of all World Jamborees and their replacement by Area Jam-

borees, such as the Caribbean Jamboree of 1952 and the Pan-Pacific Jamborees which have already proved successful. If you have any World Jamboree covers to spare, just send them on to me!

Did you notice that in the last issue of the Journal, Howard Fears and I in different articles commented on the Dutch Jamboree 1957 covers? His remarks as to prices were absurdly low, especially when he and I have both been offered on approval a cover by a dealer at 15/-. It is the second one I have seen offered in 1½ to 2 years - the first one I whipped up smartly at 10/6d. Either I am an experienced mug or Howard is guilty of wishful thinking!

I wonder why the Postal Authorities throughout the world fight shy of issuing special stamps and using special handstamps in connection with International Girl Guide events? After all, they are Girl Scouts, the female half of the Scout Movement. (Is it because the Girl Guide Association don't press the Authorities sufficiently hard and often? Editor). Personally, I don't think we S.S.C.C. members are paying enough attention to what philatelic Girl Guide material there already is about. A Guide Captain friend of mine loans me Guide magazines and I read recently of a pressure group in existence in International Affairs, led by Israel, for complete merging of Boy and Girl Scouts after the age of 15 -- Youth Clubs, Hobby Clubs, and such like throughout the world are mixed, so why not Scouts? If and when such merging comes about, will you then decide to start a "too late" rush for Girl Guide (or Girl Scout) philatelic material?

Talking of Girl Guides, when I heard during 1956 that the World Guide Movement was planning four Regional World Camps to celebrate B.P's centenary in 1957, I made up my mind to get something philatelic from the complete set of camps. This is what I have acquired:-

Philippines (Quezon City) Mint blocks of 4, perf. and imperf. stamps and two covers with special postmarks, cachets, blocks of 4 stamps, both first day of issue.

Switzerland (Valee de Condes) Souvenir covers with special cancellation and cachet (mobile P.O.)

England (Windsor) One cover posted to me direct from the Camp
P.O. per favour on request and another
cover sent to a Jamboree Scout wrongly
addressed to Windsor Camp instead of
Sutton Coldfield. Both covers bear
the normal Windsor Town cancellation,
thus providing proof that no special
handstamp was in use at the Camp.
There were no commemorative stamps
issued.

Canada (Doe Lake) Here I "laid on" with a correspondent in Canada to get anything philatelic

that was going; accordingly when the Camp was being held, he wrote to the Camp P.O. In reply he received a letter signed by the "Guider in charge of Camp P.O." stating that the request from the Movement to the Canadian Postal Authorities for special stamps and cancellations had been turned down, "and also giving the temporary drafting of various local postal staff, into the Doe Lake town P.O. to handle the unusual volume of mail. This letter now reposes in my collection.

I think I achieved by object, don't you? And in spite of the postal authorities of Great Britain and Canada not recognising the events!

I suppose you have noticed that the idea of Scout Troops camping abroad with 'host' Troops who return the compliment the following year, is on the increase: some even prepare souvenir covers -- to use themselves mainly -- history is being made right now so don't let the grass grow under your feet! You have been warned.

Speaking of souvenir Scout covers, I have heard. folks sneer down their noses at Troop sponsored covers: apparently there is nothing philatelically 'official' about them. It strikes me the word 'official' can refer either to the postal authorities OR the Boy Scout Association. Personally, I don't bother to chase after many of these printed cachet covers, but only because they are getting too numerous and the events celebrated are comparatively unimportant -- particularly in the U.S.A. Anyway, please yourself from which angle you look at the word 'official', collect what you fancy and derive the maximum enjoyment possible from our hobby.

That seems to be the lot for now. I have been gossiping longer than I should have done. Cheerio for now until the next time, and good hunting.

(At least you know that if you wish to get something unusual for your collection it is no good just sitting down and waiting for it to fall in your lap! Editor)

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MEMBERSHIP LIST.

This has, at long last been completed: we hope the information in it will be of some use to you. Names of new members, change of addresses, resignations etc., will be included in subsequent issues of this Journal. We suggest you keep your copy up-to-date.

If only your name and address appears in the list you know the reason why. YOU have not completed the membership form sent you. Please don't blame me!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

At a meeting of the Club Committee on Sept. 27th. in London several important decisions were made. When the Club first came into being a number of its features were experimental - especially so the subscription. In fact the present income means a "shoe-string" budget, and a number of important Club ventures are being delayed for lack of cash alone. From January 1st. 1959, therefore, the annual fee will be 10/- (5/- 16 and under), or \$.50c on the American continent. On this basis we should not need to make any further increases.

Amongst the immediate advantages will be the distribution of a detailed membership list to all members. We also hope to increase the issues of the Journal so that they become bimonthly. An extension of the usefulness of the Sales Bureau is also planned.

Committee member F.S.Blunt has accepted the post of Assistant Secretary and will in future be responsible for renewals except in Canada and U.S.A., where monies should be paid to Frank Jones.

Amongst the latest releases of the Sales Bureau are 3 special items, and in addition to those advertised elsewhere, these should be ordered from the Secretary, Mr. H.L. Fears. The items are: -

- 1958 Gilwell reunion. S. S. C. C. production. A very attractive cacheted envelope posted at Gilwell 9d. each
- Jamaican Scout pair on cover with the special Caribbean Jamboree cancel only 6 covers 2/9 each

All above are postage extra. Supplies of the Gilwell cover may be obtained at the same price by U.S. members direct from Frank Jones.

H. L. F.

(The printing of the Journal was held back so that the above account could be included. Editor)

MAIL AUCTION SALE

To those members who have sent items, our grateful thanks are due. All monies realised will be for the benefit of the Club; we shall be delighted to have contributions for further sales. We are restricting the lots this time to 12; another list will be included in the next issue. To allow for overseas members, your bids must reach the Secretary, Mr. FEARS, by December 10th. On that day the highest bid for a given item will secure it and it will be sent to the bidder, who will be charged the amount of his (or her) bid, plus postage. There are no reserves, and thus a very modest bid may be successful - but DO PLEASE BID.

Lot No. Description

- 1. Fine used copy of the G.B. 1957 Scout 1/3d. value.
- 2. Mint block of 4 of 1951 Austrian 1 schilling Scout stamp.
- 3. A single mint copy of the 1951 Austrian Scout stamp.
- 4. Unopened tin of sardines, with properly printed inscription "4th. Boy Scout Jamboree Special" (from Valley Forge, U.S.A.)
- 5. Sweden 1954: cover from "Skanelagret" Scout camp, with special cancel.
- 6. U.S.A. cacheted cover, postmarked Memphis, from a "Scout-O-Rama", with U.S. Scout stamp.
- 7. Sweden 1954: cover with special cancel from "Morkolagret" Scout camp.
- 8. Brazil 1957. Souvenir sheet, with cachet, plus 1957 Scout stamp tied with special Scout cancel.
- 9. Canada 1955. 8th. World Jamboree. Cover with Scout stamp and camp cancel "Niagara-on-the-Lake Ont."
- 10. Holland 1956. "Bob-a-Job" (?) booklet, with special stickers.
- 11. 1957 U.K. Set of 3 covers, with official Scout, Moot and Indaba cachets, each bearing Scout 2½d. value, all posted on first day of issue in Bristol. (Aug. 1st.)
- 12. Holland 1937. 1½c and 6c Scout stamps used on cover with special cancel (not Scout).

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SCANDINAVIAN CANCELLATIONS

Mr. Fears recently received a very interesting letter from Mr. Sven Faager, the District Commissioner, Y.M.C.A. Boy Scout Association, Sweden, which he has passed to me. In it, the D.C. commented on the article by our President which appeared in the April Journal; this dealt with Swedish Cam marks and had been referred to him by Mr. Lars-Erik Lingstrom (of the Boy Scouts International Bureau) through the Swedish International Commissioner.

The substance of his letter is as follows: The Swedish Scout Union (abbreviation S. S. U.) is divided into 5
Associations with a central H/Q - Svenska Scoutradet /SSR/,
Swedish Scout Council. These Associations are: -

- 1. Sveriges Scoutforbund S.S. Swedish Boy Scout Association.
- 2. K. F. U. M. W. K. F. U. M. Y. M. C. A. Boy Scout Association.
- 3. I.O.G.T. " I.O.G.T. International Order of Good Templar Scout Association.
- 4. N.T.O. "N.T.O. National Templar Order Scout Association.
- 5. F.A. " F.A. Salvation Army Scout Association.

1. and 2. are the largest Associations in which there are many groups sponsored by local churches, e.g. Y.M.C.A. has groups sponsored by Methodist, Baptist and Established Church and these sometimes have their own camps. Large camps often have their own accidental post offices with special labels and cancellations.

The S.S.U. has been guardian for only two camps - the 1955 World Rover Moot and the Tullgarnslagret in 1938.

He then gives some corrections to the list of Swedish Camp marks which had been published:

Delete - 1933 Hesselbyholmslagret; 1942 Malmkoping Jub. Lagret; 1952 Tyrestalagret; 1956 Eesti Skautide III Suurlaager, Viru, Angelholm.

The dates for camps and sponsoring associations - if different from original list:

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1931
      10-20 July
                     Kullalagret
1945
                     Motala
                                            I. O. G. T.
1946
     12-22 July
                     Gransolagret
1946
                     Bjorkolagret
                                           S. F. S.
1948
     3-11 August Olofsborgslagret
                                           K. F. U. K.
     1-10 August Strakenlagret
1949
                                           S. F. S.
     21-31 July Ava-Tyr
23-31 July Vastkustlagret
1950
1955
1957
     6-13 August Skara Flamslattslagret
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Note: S. F. S. = Swedish Girl Guides.

He concludes his letter by saying that he has been nominated as collector for the Stamp Archives of the S.S.U. and will be very glad to help us in matters of Swedish stamps and cancellations especially those which have a connection with Scouting.

I am sure we all appreciate his offer and are very grateful for the trouble he has taken over correcting the list, some of which amplifies what was written by our Secretary on page 13 of our last number.

Recent cancellations from this country are as follows and have been illustrated:-

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1958 5th. July Vasteras Scouternas VIII Rikslager .... N.T.O. Fig. 5. 1958 13th. July Nordingralagret Flickscoutforbund ..... N.T.O. Fig. 6. (Girl Guide)
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1958 11th. July Incojalagret Fig. 7.

You will notice that the Vasteras cancellation is inscribed "Rikslager" and not "Rikslagret" which is rather unusual. Can any member explain the significance of this?

FINNISH SCOUT POSTMARKS. I have received two lists of these, one from member Mr. Wim Six (No. 94) and the other from our President. There are some slight variations between them and I am therefore setting down the information that is common to both lists first:

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1934 July 20 - 30, Lauttasaari partioleiri (Drumso)
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¹⁹³⁵ July 6 - 15, Kalevala-leiri (Lohja)

¹⁹³⁶ July 18 - 27, Kultaranta-leiri (Naantali)

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1947 July 18 - 28, Westendin partioleiri (West end)
1948 July 17 - 20, Vierumaki, Suurleiri
1953 July 18 - 27, Tapiolan Suurleiri (Sulkava)
1955 July 8 - 18, Ekenas Tammissaari
1957 Feb. 22
                  Helsinki Helingfors
Mr. Wim Six's list includes -
1949 July 4 - 14, Liolanniemi Kolho (Girl Guides)
1958 July 18 - 27, Hango Lagret - Hangon Leiri
and the President's list -
1949 July 14
                   Pohijoismainen Partiot ttoleiri
DANISH SCOUT POSTMARKS. Here again, two lists have been received
from the some correspondents; the first list contains postmarks
referred to in both lists: -
1930 July 13 - 20, Middelfart (Faeno) ...... K. F. U. M.
1935 July 22 - Aug 5, Klampenborg D. E. T. Jubileumlerj
1935 Aug. 2 - 11, Sonderballe Hopstrup ...... K. F. U. M.
1939 July 14 - 23, Horhaven K.F.U.K. Aarhus (Girl Guides)
1947 July 23 - Aug 1, Middelfart K. F. U. K. Hindsgavl
1950 July 10 Fredericia ..... K. F. U. M. 1950 Aug. 4 Int. Camp Nordley
1950 Aug. 3 - 13, Marielist Jamborette
1951 July 3 Pr. D. Rohden Pige Lo
                    Pr. D. Rohden Pige Lejren
1951 July 4.
                     Grenaa Camp
1952 July 8 - 17,
                    Farendlose K. F. U. K. Spejderne Eskeldtrup
1955 July 11 - 16, Ronne K. F. U. M. Spejfernes Korpslejr
1957 July 17
                     Odense Eventyr Lejren
Additional marks from Mr. Wim Six's list are: -
1935 July 6 - 15, Hjortekaer. K.F.U.M. Jubilaeumslerj
1936
                     Braha Trolleborg D. D. P. S. Korinth (Girl
                        Guides) (cachet)
1956 Aug. 9
                    Borgjamborette Egedam Danmark D. D. S. (cachet)
and those from the President's: -
1931 July 6 - 15, Klampenborg K.F.U.M. Jubileumlerj
1931 July 22
                    Klampenborg Jubileum D. D. S.
1936 July 11
                     Det Danske Pigersspejderkorps Jub. Lejren
1952 July
                     Sea Scout Lager bei Kolding
NORWEGIAN SCOUT POSTMARKS. I published a list of these marks
which was sent me by Mr. Wim Six, in our last number; the
President has also passed me a list and I am showing any differ-
ences between these lists, below. The differences have been
underlined.
1928 Speiderleiren Verdal
                                                          N.S.F.
1936 Speiderleiren Joloy
                                                          N.S.F.
1938 <u>Stranderbarmleiren</u>
                                         Bergen krets av N.S.F.
1948 Speiderby en Mandal
                                                          N.S.F.
1948 NSPFs Landlier Borre
                                         Norsk Speidernikeforbund
1953 Speiderleiren Rensdalen
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N.S.F.

1954 Speiderleiren <u>Valen</u>

1955 Andalsnes F. A. Korpslerj 1956 Andalsnes <u>L. R. S</u>. Leiren Bergen krets av N. S. F. 1958 Speidernes Landsleir 1958(Hamar) K. F. U. K.

The President mentions that the Scout Organisations in Finland, Norway and Denmark are very similar in constitution to those in Sweden. He urges members to compare any specimens of Scandinavian marks they may have with those listed so that as complete a record as possible can be available. Please refer them to me so that I can publish them. He also lists a number of items which are definitely not Scout or Guide Camp: these are:-

Sweden: 1939 July 30 Falkenberg Ungar Ornans Lager (Young Eagles) 1945 July 8 - 15 Vaguharad Stensund Jubileum Rikslagret 1947 July 4 Malmo S. S. Us Jubileumslagret - (Some doubt about this) 1947 July 9 - 15 Motala Rassnalagret (Baptist) 1950 July 12 Stockholm Internationella Ungdomslagret 1951 July 21 Arbra Fagernas Friskport Lagret 1952 July 6 Visby IHRE Rikslagret 1953 July 19 - 26 Mahult Ornas Friskport Lagret 1955 July 10 Hovas Stora Amunden Friskport Lagret 1955 July 7 Raa Oresandslagret 1955 July 1 Enkoping Utstallingen Denmark. 1953 July 25 Gentofte I.F.C.C.XIV Int. Rally Finland. 1953 July 17 Nordiska Lagret Hango-Hanko

any comments?

SECRETARY'S NOTES

As I write this in mid-September it is very encouraging to record that after little more than 18 months existence the latest membership number allotted is 169, and as proof of the universality of the Club I would mention that the last 3 members have come from U.S.A., Greece and France respectively. Naturally, with the tremendous interest in Scouting at the time of the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree a number of collectors joined because of the novelty of the subject, and a few of these have not renewed their subscription - but in total they number less than a dozen.

Particularly pleasing is the increase in members from Canada and the U.S.A., which now exceed 50, and an additional Committee member has been appointed to help; he is GEORGE EYERMAN, of 87-16 SUTTER AVENUE, OZONE PARK 17, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Writing from Holland, member W.SIX reports recent rare item he has added to his collection:

1939 Lithuania. Full set on registered cover sent and used in the Girl Guide camp at Pazailis.

1944 Holland. Covers with the rare cachets and cancels used by the "Ordonnance troops" of the Netherlands Scouts in Nijmegen and Grave.

1954 Ceylon. Official round cancel used at the "Jamboree P.O. Nov. 1954. Ceylon" on the occasion of the visit of Lord Rowallan to Ceylon.

We like to hear from members, and many of you, of course, have written during the last 3 months. The editor and I are most appreciative of the many kind things said about the Journal, and after a slow start it seems that the idea of the Sales Bureau is welcomed. It is our hope to provide material which would not otherwise be obtainable, at reasonable prices. However to date we generally appear to have under-ordered - many members have had to be disappointed. If you have any suggestions regarding coming Scouting events, do please let me know.

May I finish with a little moan. When the Club started we thought of a total of about 30 members: active membership is now more than 5 times that number. But when it comes to renewal subscriptions it seems that some members lost the power to put pen to paper. A renewal notice and 2 reminders are sent before we finally delete a member. But if he had any feeling at all I should have thought that if he didn't intend to renew he could have written a short note to say so. As it is, apart from the time wasted, up to one shilling per person of the Club's small funds are wasted in sending notices and reminders. But then, I am sure these remarks couldn't apply to you, else you wouldn't have read so far!

Good Scout stamp hunting.

On reading through this Journal, I notice that prominence has been given to cancellations. This, I can assure you, was not intended - it just happened! It is, however, perhaps understandable, since no Scout or Guide stamps have been issued for some time now. May I finish up on a similar note to that on which I started? Please send in articles, especially any on stamps, for inclusion in the next and subsequent issues of the Journal. And how about one or more of you Juniors writing something, e.g. 'my favourite Scout stamp and why', or 'why I like collecting stamps'; it need not be a classical piece of literature, y'know. Let me have them by December 15th. please, won't you?

Yours in Scouting, WILF NODDER.

P.S. HAVE YOU BOOKED FRIDAY 31st. OCTOBER, 6 p.m. IN THE LIBRARY, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS, FOR THE S.S.C.C. MEETING?

SUBSCRIPTIONS - A GENTLE REMINDER

Have you received a reminder about your renewal subscription? If so, have you posted it off to the Secretary? If not, will you do so right away? Thank you.

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- 1. Canadian collector wishes to exchange Scout <u>covers</u> only. Has wide variety from several Jamborees and current covers from many countries. Please write for list if interested: W. J. 'PIP' REDDIN, 710 KITCHEN ST., FREDERICTON, N.B., CANADA.
- 2. For sale. Postage extra. C.W.O. 1945 Sweden Motala S.S.U. Rikslagret postmark 4/-1958 Austria, Innsbruck, 2nd. International Ski mark ... 2/6d. 1957 Austria, Vienna, 45 Years Austrian Scouting mark .. 2/6d. 1958 Germany, Bendorf Brexbachtal Lager postmark 5/-1957 Nicaragua, miniature sheets, pair, mint 21/-1956 Switzerland, 3 cards posted at Kanderstag Scout chalet, English, French and German 4/6d. 1955 Canada, Jamboree imprint blocks mint (plates 1 or II)2/9d. 1955 cover, F.d. cacheted with camp mark 1/6d. 1950 U.S.A. 3 cent brown stamp, plate block, mint 2/6d. 1948 Philippines, imperf pair, mint 1/9d. 1958 Israel National Camp mark on cover 3/6d. 1958 Sweden Nordingralagret 2/6d. registered cover 4/-1958 " 4/-1958 Incojalagret 1958 Vasteras N. T. O. Rikslager 2/6d
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- 4. COUNTY & DISTRICT BADGE EXCHANGE SERVICE Send your list of wants, spare badges and a stamped addressed envelope to the ASSISTANT SECRETARY, S.S.C.C., 20 GEORGE STREET, BERKHAMSTED, HERTS. A fair exchange guaranteed by return post.

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