

THE JOURNAL OF THE SCOUT STAMPS COLLECTORS' CLUB

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EDITORIAL

Perhaps you are normally averse to making New Year resolutions; if you are, may I suggest you make an exception this year. Will every member make up his or her mind NOW to send in bids for the items in the B.P. House Auction Sale, so that our secretary will, in due course, be able to send a substantial cheque to I.H.Q. for this deserving cause. Had it not been for B.P. and the great vision which he had, there would have been no Scouting and Guiding, this Society would never have come into existence, and I doubt whether you would have formed friendships with peoples of other nations so easily. If you feel you have received something from Scouting or Guiding, I urge you to give your best support to our effort.

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

Have you made any New Year resolutions? Lots of grown-ups do, but some of them, I'm sorry to say, do not seem to keep them for long. Now there is one resolution which isn't awfully hard to keep if you are a stamp collector. It is this - resolve to learn more about your stamps.

All this means is, when you have a few minutes to spare, read about them and study them; this is how all the great philatelists, past and present, became experts. If you haven't a catalogue, see if you can borrow one: ask Akela, Brown Owl, Skip or Captain if he or she knows someone who would lend you a copy. Perhaps some of your dad's friends receive letters from abroad; most grown-ups are only too pleased to pass on stamps from their letters to Juniors, especially if they themselves do not collect. But I would suggest you ask such people for the whole envelope with the stamps still on it: for one thing, folks who are not stamp collectors are liable to tear stamps when removing them from envelopes; again, it is often worth while saving the part of the envelope which has both the stamps and cancellation on it. Some of the latter have queer sounding and peculiar names and one day you may become interested enough to form a collection of them.

Above all, look after your stamps: don't throw your album in the toy cupboard; look after it carefully, and put your duplicate stamps away either in a stock book or in a box.

Now I'm sure all of this isn't very hard to do: if you do it when you start collecting, it will become a habit with you.

Some philatelists are very particular about their stamps; they take great care of them, using tweezers and not their fingers to pick them up; they also mount their stamps properly. And this is because some stamps are rare and worth lots of money, but if they were damaged ever so slightly, they would be of little value. Even if your collection is just an ordinary one, you should still take care of it so that you get into the habit of looking after your stamps.

Congratulations to our new Junior member Rodney Goodman (No. 238) who is a Wolf Cub in the 6th. Ealing Pack, for being awarded 1st. prize in the 1959 Middlesex Philatelic Junior Cup Competition for his entry of "Scouting on Stamps". Good work, Rodney.

Good luck to you in your collecting. I'll be with you again in March.

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B.P. HOUSE MAIL AUCTION SALE by the Hon. Sec.

By now every member must have had a chance of looking through the list of 72 lots. I have received a number of bids, but by no means have the majority of Club members considered their offers. Not only is it a grand chance to add something to your collection, but also a practical means of aiding the B.P. House Fund.

Now come - bids must reach me by Feb. 28th. 1960 at Seaford. Go carefully through the whole 72 Lots and see if you can't find a bid to make for at least half of them. One member has put in a bid for every single item! Even if you have the item in your collection already, it can be secured as a duplicate. Let's make our contribution a GOOD one. (Please see the Editorial. Editor)

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A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION by the Editor

Following the publication of an article on the recently issued New Zealand Pan-Pacific Jamboree stamp, under the title of "An Issue is Born", in the November issue of "Gibbons Stamp Monthly", I wrote to the Editor, Mr. Rang, requesting permission to publish a slightly abbreviated version of it, and also to Mr. R.J.G. Collins, the well-known New Zealand philatelist, who lives at Christchurch, asking to be allowed to reproduce some of the illustrations which accompanied the article. They replied they were only too pleased for me to do so, and I have expressed the S.S.C.C's grateful thanks to both gentlemen. I am sure you will find it useful when you write-up this stamp in your collection.

As a matter of interest, in his letter to me, Mr. Collins mentioned that he joined the Kelburn (Wellington) Troop in 1911. When he went to Christchurch in 1915 he became Scoutmaster of the Merivale Troop which had the distinction of winning the King's Standard (awarded to the champion Troop of New Zealand) three years in succession. The Movement

became so popular in the district that the Troop expanded to four troops, with every member of Troop 1 a King's Scout. He went on to say that Troop 4 is interesting historically: Colonel Cosgrove, Dominion Chief Scout, who then lived at Merivale, thought that some opportunity should be found in the Movement for younger boys. He therefore arranged to start a patrol to which was given the name of Bull Pups: this proved so successful that a second patrol, known as Wolf Cubs, was formed. Colonel Cosgrove made a report on the innovation to B-P, and thus there came into being the Wolf Cub section.

#### THE NEW ZEALAND 3rd, PAN-PACIFIC JAMBOREE STAMP

When Mr. Collins was asked by the postal authorities to prepare a suitable design for this stamp, he chose the characteristic three finger Scout salute, which up till then had not featured to any great extent on Scout stamps. The rough wash drawing, fig. 1 - this is approximately half the size of the illustration which appeared in the article - which he submitted was favourably received by the authorities but before he could prepare a working drawing, the post office authorities saw specimens of the Finnish 30m Scout Jubilee stamp of 1957 which was of similar design and it was therefore necessary to find a different motif.

The Scout authorities suggested adapting the Jamboree emblem, fig. 2, the Kiwi, which incidentally had featured on the 1d. pictorial stamp of 1935 which had been designed by Mr. Collins and his cousin. It was at this stage that Mrs. Shirley Collins, his daughter-in-law, who was Art Mistress at Christchurch Girls' High School, submitted three pencilled sketches. Fig. 3, which she herself preferred, had the Scout fleur-de-lis as the central design, whilst the other two, figs. 4 and 5, had the Kiwi as the motif. Both the postal and Scout authorities favoured fig. 5, and a working drawing, bearing the same wording as the Jamboree emblem, was prepared by Mrs. Collins. The authorities then suggested that it would be preferable if the words BOY SCOUTS were substituted for AUCKLAND, and a second working drawing was made which was more compact than the first and which had a re-drawn figure '3', a smaller 'D' and more whiskers on the face of the kiwi! This drawing received approval and was used as a guide by the engraver. I have not tried to reproduce these two working drawings prepared by Mrs. Collins as I felt I could not do justice to the fine work she had put into them.

The article concludes with a description of the different species of kiwi found in New Zealand.

It appears to me that when close co-operation exists between the designer, the postal authorities and the Scout Association the result is a well-designed and appropriate stamp. Would that other countries - including Great Britain - do the same and so avoid producing some Scout stamps on which errors occur!

The productions will give you some idea of the thought and work which go into the designing of a stamp before it reaches the engraver's bench: even then, a great deal of intricate and skilful work has to be done before it can be bought by the public over the post office counter.

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#### CATALOGUE INCREASES

Liechtenstein, 1953 - 14th. International Scout Conference, set of 4 - from 7s. 2d. mint, 7s. 4d. used, to 20s. 3d. mint, 21s. used. This set has been "tipped" more than once in the Journal.

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#### INVESTMENT, RESEARCH AND OTHER TOPICS by the Hon. Secretary

1924 Wembley Jamboree. I am indebted to member W.SIX of Holland for some interesting and helpful comments re the 1924 Wembley Jamboree labels. In my own article I had mentioned 2 labels, but Mr. Six records a third, which shows an Indian sitting on his knees alongside a Scout with a stick in his left hand. Outside the frame at the top but also within the limits of the perforation is the quotation "Scouting for the Boy Scout Jamboree." This label was over-printed in black "Wembley, Aug. 1-8, 1924." Mr. Six mentions that in his collection he has a genuine used postcard from the Exhibition, to which the "camel" label is tied by the postmark.

1937 Dutch Indies Jamboree Stamps - Values. In a long letter, Mr. Six also mentions my remarks about the present value of the 1937 Netherlands Indies Jamboree set. He believes that in Holland the present price is about f. 3.25 (mint) and f. 2.50 (used). As the set appeared on May 1st. 1937, real F.D.C.s with the ordinary date stamp 1-5-37 are very scarce indeed, and would cost at least f. 25. This is also the price for a real F.D.C. of the Dutch 1937 set with the cancel dated 1.4.37. (A Dutch florin (f.) equals approx. 1s. 6d.)

The Club's Finance. A word on the subject of finance. At the time of writing this we have almost completed a full year at the revised subscription rates; it is significant that apart from Juniors, only a handful have failed to renew during the year, and we must regard this as a tribute to the successful operation of the Club. One thing I can say, however, is that there is no prospect of the fee having to be raised in the foreseeable future, and we hope to be able to continue our bi-monthly Journal publication. As a regular feature we intend publishing in alternate years revised membership lists, and revised Scout stamp catalogues. Thus in 1958 we issued the first membership list, in 1959 the first catalogue, and in 1960 will appear the revised members' list. This will be

completely up-to-date, showing all alterations of address, new members and deletions. In passing I would like to pay a tribute to my colleagues who are responsible for these productions. It is, in the best sense, a 'labour of love', and the real satisfaction comes in knowing that you, the members, are appreciative.

Operation of the Sales Bureau. Whilst considering the inner workings of the Club, a few remarks on the operation of the Sales Bureau might be appropriate. In the first place, the object of the Bureau is to make material available to members at reasonable prices, but, at the same time, it is not our intention to build up a stock of items for long-term investment. To enable future purchases to be financed, a modest profit element may be involved and, by the same token, even if a given item does not produce a profit we must avoid its producing a loss. Bearing all these factors in mind it will be realised why our purchases are sometimes based on a reasonable minimum demand and not a possible maximum demand. Is it better to obtain, say, 30 covers at 2/3d., to be sold at 2/6d., and dispose of them all, with the consequent modest profit, or buy 60 of them, of which only 38 are sold? This leaves stock on hand, reduces on capital available for future purchases, and creates the problem of disposing of the balance - perhaps at a loss. Why not buy 38 in the first place? Because it is impossible to gauge the demand for a particular item within certain limits. All of which boils down to this, that we feel it better to buy a number which we can be sure of selling, than to gamble with the Club's money and possibly incur a loss. The big drawback in that members who do not apply for items as soon as possible may find the material sold - out and we are aware of the extra difficulties of our far-flung colleagues in this respect. On balance we hope that you will also agree with the real value of this part of the Club's organisation - although we always welcome constructive suggestions for improvements.

New Zealand Jamboree. Member E. Sargeant (No. 73) who was at the Jamboree writes from Australia, "I made enquiries re registration labels at the Jamboree and it appears that they 'forgot' to get special labels printed! For some a rubber stamp from a nearby Post Office Savings Bank was borrowed, but the Bank needed the stamp and on most occasions the labels were filled in by hand. Occasionally the normal cancellation was used."

Recent Offers of Scout Stamp Material. The perusal of a recent list of Scout stamp offers published by a well-known London firm, shows several interesting items. Some of the most significant entries include:-

Austria	1951	Jamboree.	1 stamp, mint	s.	d.
Dutch Indies	1937	World Jamboree pair,	Mint or used	4.	6.
Egypt	1956	Arab Jamboree.	Set of 3, mint.	9.	6.
G.B.	1957	Souvenir F.D.C.		5.	6.
France	1947	Jamboree.	1 stamp, mint	20.	0.
					6.

			s.	d.
Hungary	1939	Girl Guides Rally. Set of 4, mint	4.	0.
Japan	1949	Tokyo Jamboree, mint	1.	3.
Austria	1937	International Scout Jamboree Hagenbund. Special pmk. ....	6.	6.
N. Z.	1944	Health pair (Princesses as Guides), mint or used .....	1.	0.
Persia	1956	Jamboree pair, mint	6.	0.
Syria	1958	Scout Jamboree, pair, mint	20.	0.

Now these items are not for sale via the Club; if you're interested, I'll let you have the firm's name. I would, however, invite comparisons with your own estimates for some of these Scout stamps or covers. Could some of our overseas friends let me know how prices in their own countries compare? In connection with current stamp offers, by the way, I noticed another dealer advertising on October 30th, 1959:-

MAFEKING Overprint, S.G.16. Very fine used ..... £8

Stamp Offers of 1957. I also spent a profitable evening recently looking back over some adverts. and offers between 1951 and 1957. I'll reserve for another occasion a description of prices prevailing in 1951 and 1952, except to say that when I think of material I refused at that time which has now gone up in price as many as 10 times - could I but turn back the clock! More to the point is a list of offers by a well-known West End firm at about the time of the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree in 1957, in other words, about 2 years ago, and these prices represent the offers of a quality firm with large overheads. Consider these for luck:-

			s.	d.
G. B.	1957.	Set of 3 on F.D.C. from Jamboree	3.	6.
Czechoslovakia	1918.	Scouts pair, mint	57.	6.
Egypt	1956.	2nd. Arab Jamboree, set mint	3.	3.
		- ditto - F.D.C.	5.	0.
Hungary	1925.	Sports set, one stamp showing	20.	0.
Hungary		Scout bugler (mint) .....		
	1933.	Godollo Jamboree. Set mint	11.	0.
Italy	1956.	National Camp, Rasiglia. Set of 16 souvenir covers with different cachets .....	45.	0.
Netherlands	1937.	Jamboree. Set of 3 mint	2.	9.
Roumania	1931.	Scout Ex. Fund. Set of 5 mint	10.	0.

Jamboree in Turkey. Can anyone help? Club member C.KING from Sheffield has received a special envelope printed for a recent Jamboree in Turkey, but unfortunately there is no evidence of a distinctive stamp or cancel. Does anyone know about this event - if so, can they fill in the picture?

Pan-Pacific Jamboree, Sydney, 1960. A noted authority on Scout stamps, Mr. James X.Coutts, who is a Club member, writes as follows to the Asst; Secretary, Mr. Blunt:-

"We are holding a Pan-Pacific Jamboree in Sydney, Australia,

next Dec., 1960, about 30 miles from where I live. It should be good. Great preparations are being made for 10,000 Scouts or the ground. There will be a Camp Post Office with special postmark - perhaps two or three. One on first day and others later.

"Efforts are being made for the issue of a special stamp but this is hard to manage, however our Scout H.Q's are doing their best with regard to this.

"Compliments of the Season to all members of the S.S.C.C."

Grateful Thanks. Finally, I hope the respective members will forgive me quoting from their letters, but as I am sure you will all understand, sympathetic appreciation of the efforts of the few is always warmly welcomed. As a small selection, I quote:-

"Our current magazine is a corker".

"Wow! - what an issue of our Journal ..... the team effort is giving wonderful results."

"Many thanks for all the work and thought that all the 'officials' put into the Club, and also the rather excellent magazine."

Good Hunting in 1960.

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SALVATION ARMY SCOUT CACHET

(Contributed by Member No.22, L.P.Voller)

The following notes may be of interest to those members who collect official Scout cachets.

In June 1950 the Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts became affiliated to the Boy Scout Association, changing to the B.S.A. uniform and methods of training and having the right to wear their Life Saving badge on the right breast.

In August 1952 they held their first international camp, officially known as the First World Salvation Army Scout MONTONDO. The word Montondo comes from the African (Congo) jungle country and is derived from the Ko-Tonda verb "to give thanks."

Sixteen countries were represented at the Montondo which was held at Lunteren in Holland in the province of Gelderland, home of one of the oldest windmills in Holland, dating back as far as 1507. The Montondo was opened on the 5 August 1952 by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and closed on the 15 August.

In the Montondo handbook there is no mention of a special postmark for the occasion, but there was a post box at the camp offices for the collection and distribution of mail. A special cachet was used with green ink. The cachet measures 4.5 cm. by 3 cm. and depicts a large Scout badge on which is superimposed the four sails of a windmill. At the junction of the sails there is the Life Saving Scout Badge ..... a four pointed star with a life-belt and a Cross. The scroll at the base of the

design reads "Montondo-Lunteren. 1952." (This has been re-produced, reduced in size, in fig.7).

I have never seen this cachet noted or advertised in lists of Scout philatelic material but there is no doubt that it was in official use at the Montondo by an officially recognised section of the Boy Scout Association. My copy is on a postcard "EDE STATION - 8-VIII-21 - 1952" posted by the G.S.M. of a Soke of Peterborough Group of Salvation Army Scouts. I wrote to the then editor of the Salvation Army youth magazine who was unable to help me in this matter and was referred to another Salvation Army Officer who was also unable to help. I then obtained permission to advertise my want in a Salvation Army periodical but received no replies. Has any other member of S.S.C.C. one of these? I shall be grateful to anyone who can supply further information on this cachet.

(Thanks a lot for passing on this information. Perhaps some member can assist Mr.Voller. Editor.)

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SALES BUREAU - by the Hon. Sec.

The demand for the bargain offer described in the last issue of the Journal has almost disposed of the supply. The last few are still available at the time of writing, comprising (briefly):

1 cover with 17th. International Scout Conf. cancel from India, Plus 1 F.D.C, of 1st. Berkhamsted Group's Golden Jubilee celebrations, Plus 1 official F.D.C. of N.Z. Pan-Pacific Jamboree, with "Scout hat" cancel.

The cost is 6/3d. for the whole lot, including post (\$1.00 for U.S.A. etc.) If you want them, write now - it's your last warning.

We are also very pleased to have secured some covers from the Philippine Jamboree at a very reasonable price, and also a few very colourful cacheted covers from Indonesia. No need for me to emphasise the scarcity of both of these. As the quantities are not balanced, I am dividing them into 2 different offers:-

Offer 1.

1 F.D.C. with cachet in green from Philippine Jamboree, with camp cancel, and 30+10 Scout stamp, Plus 1 F.D.C. from Indonesia, with cachet, Scout cancel, and full set of 6 Scout stamps.

The cost of this offer is 7/6d. plus postage (U.S., etc, \$1.25, including post).

As I can only do about six of the above, you might be interested in

Offer 2.

Official F.D.C, with cachet in green from Philippine Jamboree. (There are also two covers with cachet in black). 30+10 Scout stamp and camp cancel. Cost is 4/6d. plus post.



1957 Jamboree Booklet. At the time of writing the supplies of this booklet have not arrived, but I am sure they will be available by the time this Journal is in your hands. For details, see the account in the last Journal, but I would emphasise that if you reckon to know anything about this Jamboree (or to find out the gaps in your collection), this booklet is a MUST. Price is only 2/6d. plus post, or you can obtain a copy from FRANK L. JONES in the U.S.A. (as soon as I am able to send him a stock) for 40c. plus post.

Publications - back numbers of the Journal. As a result of the details in the last issue of the Journal, all of the odd copies have been sold out, and the following are the only copies available:-

Vol. I, No. 1. (reprint) ..... 3d.

Vol. III, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (the issues of 1959)

3d, each, or the 6 for 1/3d.

Illustrations: Dec. 1957, Oct. 1958, or Nov. 1959. All

3d. per-sheet.

Postage extra in each case.

We are considering a reprint of Vol. I, No. 2.

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Björn Hermond (Member No. 213) has written me about the queries raised by Mr. Bayes in our last issue. I quote from his letter:

The FLODA - VÄSTGÖTARESAN S.F.S. cancellation was used between 31st. July and 10th. August, the camp being coincident with the Amundo Jamborette. It was a camp for the whole Girl Guide Association and attended by about 3,600 Guides.

The name VÄSTGÖTARESAN comes from the book of that name written by Carl Von Linné (Carlus Linnaeus). "Resan" does mean journey (or travel) and the whole word means Vastgota journey, after the journey made by C v L in about 1740. The camp had its own Carl von Linné and he tried to give the girls of our modern age a glimpse of the life lived over 200 years ago. There were 29 sub camps, each of which was named after a famous Swedish flower: Guides from 19 countries were re-presented and were dispersed throughout the whole camp. A special label for fixing to letters, was issued; it showed a map of the province of Västgötland; the statue of Carl von Linné, the Guide badge and an old fashioned engine (on which was seated a Girl Guide) pulling some carriages. Björn together with a Danish and a U.S.A. Scout attended the camp as "observers" (What an experience! Editor)

The cancellations from MOTALA RIKSLAGRET and OSKEVIKOBY RIKSLAGRET are not Scout marks. He cannot give an English translation for the association responsible for these cancellations: it is a kind of athletic club whose members practice their sport out-of-doors - skiing, skating, canoeing, hiking, etc. It is peculiar to that part of Europe and annual national camps are held. The hammer is the sign of the association and although they base their activities on the lines of the

Scout Movement, they have no connection whatever with the Swedish Scout Association.

(Thanks a lot, Björn for all this information which I know will interest members. Editor.)

"Philatélia Scoute." Claude Marchal (Member No.140) has kindly sent in a French illustrated pamphlet, under the above title, which deals with Hungarian Scout and Guide stamps and cancellations: it is a contribution by W.Grob, an S.S.O.S. member.

Details of all the stamps issued and the cancellations used up to 1948 when the two movements were banned in Hungary, are given and illustrated. You will remember that the stamps and cancellations used at the 4th. World Jamboree at Gödöllő were discussed in the Journal (Vol.3, Nos. 2 and 3). The special machine Scout cancellations used at the first National Scout camp in 1925 and at a subsequent camp just outside Budapest during the following year, are fully illustrated in the pamphlet. These items are exceptionally rare nowadays.

I have reproduced the cancellation (fig.8) of a handstamp used during a camp at Harshegyi after the Second World War just prior to the oppression: You will notice that the St. Stephens crown which originally appeared on the Hungarian Scout fleur-de-lis has been replaced by a shield. Harshegyi was a Scout camping site a few miles outside and overlooking Budapest: I well remember camping there for ten days in the company of several other English and Hungarian Scouters, including Paul Sztrilich, affectionately known as "Jumbo" on account of his great size, who was Camp Chief of Hungary, during the Easter of 1929 when the snow was thick upon the ground and parts of the Danube were frozen over. Brhh!

All Hungarian Scout and Guide cancellations are now elusive items and those who are interested in this branch of philately are well advised to snap up any that are offered.

(Many thanks, Claude, for sending this information. Editor)

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Mr. I. Brown (Member No.164) has written in to ask if an article on 'frauds', i.e. stamps purporting to show Scouts (neckerchief, hat, staves, etc) from non-Scouting countries, could be included in the Journal. He mentions the Hitler Youth stamps, Yugoslavia 1959 "Pioneer" and Czechoslovakia 1959. May I suggest those of you who know of such stamps write me mentioning, if possible, the S.G. catalogue number as well as the country, issue, etc., so that a list can be compiled. I am sure none of you, especially the junior members who collect Scout stamps would wish to include any such items in their collection and even the rest of us can be caught! I have in mind the 1942 'Work & Joy' issue of Bulgaria which depicts 'Scouts' but which has always been suspect with me. Well, see what you can do, will you?

FROM MY COLLECTION - The Beginning 2  
(Contributed by G. Jackson, Member No. 7)

In my last article I dealt with how I came to form my Scout and Guide collection, and in the following article I will show how it began to build up. Before I start however, could I appeal for some information? I believe that special poster stamps picturing a Scottish Rover Scout were issued for the World Rover Moot held at Monzie Castle in 1939, and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information regarding these or has some for swop or sale.

Until 1950 my collection formed quite slowly, but, in that year I visited Austria and spent a few days at the VIIth. World Jamboree at Bad Ischl. There I was able to add to my collection the special Austrian postage stamp issued for the Jamboree. This is surely one of the best - I myself would say the finest - Scout stamps ever issued. From a letter home I obtained a copy of the special postmark. After visiting the Jamboree I went on to Vienna to visit an Austrian Scout who had stayed with me after we had both attended the Second Scottish International Patrol Jamboree at Blair Athol in 1948. (Incidentally Member No. 10 was Camp Chief of this Jamboree). This visit to Vienna gave quite a fillip to my collection as, while I was there, I was able to purchase my Roumanian, Hungarian and Lithuanian sets. These, added to the Jamboree items I have already mentioned, practically doubled my collection overnight. From then on my Scout and Guide collection began to become more and more important while my former interests were vanquished to the sidelines.

I have found that swopping is a useful method for adding to my collection, and I have obtained quite a number of my items in this way. My swopping of course can only be done by letter and how I envy those of you who are in and around London and can attend the various meetings arranged by the Society. What a golden opportunity to add to one's collection, as well as seeing all those other items such as Mafeking stamps, Siam overprints, Rocket Covers etc., which one would like to have but cannot at present afford. My letter writing helps to supplement my knowledge of Scout and Guide stamps as well as to increase my collection and the time I spend on it I feel is indeed worthwhile. I am always pleased to hear from any of my fellow stamp collectors and, if any of them have anything to swop, I hope they will get in touch with me. Another source of material is the Journal, both the Sales Bureau and the Adverts. Quite a number of my items have been obtained from there.

My collection normally expands at a fairly even and steady pace by purchases, swopping and other means, but occasionally it gives a large leap forward. The Jubilee Year with its large number of special issues was such a time, and these last few months seem to be another. A few months ago I obtained a large selection of Formosan covers and seals and recently I obtained an interesting selection of covers from the various camps which

have been held in Sweden this year. All I need now is the time to mount them.

Although at first I only collected postage stamps, after a time I saw that a wealth of other material was available. My collection therefore now includes postmarks, seals, special cards etc. In fact it includes the lot. I have even tagged on a set of cigarette cards showing Patrol Emblems and a set of Scout Match Box labels. This may make the "purist" shudder but my motto is, "collect what you like". If you follow that principle I am sure that your collection will give you a great deal of pleasure.

(To be continued)

JAPANESE CANCELLATIONS

Wim Six (Member No.94) has very kindly sent in a list of Japanese Scout cancellations, together with their English translations which he obtained direct from Japan. I think it may be of interest if I were to give some explanation concerning the dates which appear on them since to some members these may be confusing. The first figures represent the year of the present Japanese epoch, which is named the showa. Each epoch begins with the succession of an Emperor and each year ends on December 31st, irrespective of the date when each epoch commences. The present epoch began on December 26th. 1926, thus 1959 is the 34th. year of the present epoch. The year is followed by the month and the day. For convenience, its equivalent has been given, in parentheses, after it.

1. 24.9.22 (Sept. 22, 1949) "Zen Nippon Boy Scout Commemoration" (All Japan Boy Scout Jamboree Commemoration)
2. 25.8.19 (Aug. 19, 1950) "Kobusai Fubuki Kinen Zen Nippon B/S Taikai" (Commemorating Re-administration of International Boy Scout, All Japan B/S Jamboree SHIJUKI)
3. 26.7.26 (July 26, 1951) "B/S Fukuoka Pref. Camporee KOKURA"
4. 26.7.27 (July 27, 1951) "B/S Hokkaido Camporee OTARU"
5. 26.8.4 (Aug. 4, 1951) "Nippon B/S Yali Kunzen Zengoku Taikai\_Kinen" (All Japan B/S Camping Training Jamboree Commemoration YAMAGATA)
6. 28.8.21 (Aug. 21, 1953) "B/S Fukuoka Ken Renmei Godo Yaei Taikai Kinen" (B/S Fukuoka Pref. Council Joint Camporee AMUTA)
7. 31.8.3 (Aug. 3, 1956) Boy Scout Nippon Jamboree Comm, KARUIZAWA
8. 31.8.12 (Aug. 12, 1956) Welcoming Gen. Spry - Reunion of Scouters TOKYO OSHIMA,
9. 32.8.2 (Aug. 2, 1957) "B/S Kanto Yaei Taikai" (Kanton Region B/S Camporee CHOSHI)

10. 32.8.2 (Aug. 2, 1957) "B/S Nishi Nippon Taikai Kinen"  
(Western Japan B.S Camporee Comm.  
MATSUE)
11. 33.3.9 (March 9, 1958) Rover Moot, TOKYO OSHIMA.
12. 33.4.29 (April 29, 1958) "Dai Ikkai Tokai Chike Cub Rally  
Taikai Nagany Chico" (First Tokai  
Region Cub Rally, NAGUYA CENTRAL)
13. 33.7.31 (July 31, 1958) "Dai Sanki Yamagata - Ken B/S  
Taikai" (3rd. Yamagata Pref. B/S  
Camporee YAMAGATA MASEI)
14. 33.8.8 (Aug. 8, 1958) "Dai Jukai B/S, G/S Yaei Taikai"  
(10th. B/S., G/S Camporee OITA)
15. 33.8.8 (Aug. 8, 1958) "B/S Yaei Kunzen Taikai Kinen"  
(B/S Osaka Camporee YONONAKA)
16. 34.8.6 (Aug. 6, 1959) "B/S Dai Nikai Nippon Jamboree  
Kinen" (11 B/S Nippon Jamboree  
Commemoration SHIGA IMAZU)

(This list should be of great assistance to us in annotating the pages of these cancellations in our albums: the characters in the cancellations emanating from many countries other than our own are, to many of us enigmas, so thanks a lot, Wim, for the list.

Could one of our members in Formosa be persuaded to produce a similar list for the Scout and Guide cancellations and cachets which have been used in Free China? Editor)

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THE CLUB'S ADVISORY BUREAU - by the Hon. Sec.

Every month we get about half a dozen enquiries from members. Can a certain item be identified; is the attached post-mark from Syria a Scout one; how do the values of Mafeking plate flaws compare with standard prices; should the latest neo-Scout issue from Czechoslovakia be included, and so on. Generally we can provide some sort of answer, although we are as capable of making a mistake as anyone else. The point is that this service is free to you, the member.

How can you take advantage of the Advisory Bureau? Simply by writing to one of the principals - such as our President, Mr. RHODES, the Editor, Mr. NODDER, or to me. If your first correspondent doesn't know, he passes the request on to another committee member, and eventually you can be sure that as much "wisdom" has been gleaned as possible. Remember, the service is entirely free to members - so don't say you haven't been warned.

Thinking of things which are free also prompts me to add a word on the advertising arrangements. As a member you are allowed to insert one advert, per year free of charge in the Journal. It should be of reasonable length, else you will be charged a modest sum if it is excessive. Additional adverts. in the course of the year may be inserted for a small charge. All requests in this connection should go direct to the editor.

Is it any good putting in an advert? Well I can only speak from personal experience, but my own modest advert. produced 14 replies within the first month.

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TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN  
(Contributed by Len Bowen)

Yes, the title does seem a little out of place in a Scout Stamps Collectors Journal, but a glance at the Swedish section of our albums will soon spotlight the connection, that is, if the item has perchance come your way! Knowing it to be a difficult item to obtain - heaven knows why - I am giving some information relative to the item for member's benefit. If some of our Swedish members could supply additional information from their opportunity of "on the spot" enquiries, then I'm sure it would be appreciated.

There is in existence an international organisation called "The Lion Club" and whose objects are similar to the "International Rotary Club", and who materially assist good causes whenever they are able. Apparently, assisting the Scout movement in Sweden was one of their projects, and in 1954 they were able to link up the issue of a souvenir post-card on the occasion of the total eclipse of the sun on June 30th, that year. The Swedish post office provided a special handstamp and the profits from the sale of these cards were used to benefit Scouting in Sweden. The picture side of the card bears both the Lion Club badge and the Swedish Scout badge - with crossbow superimposed - down the left hand side and across the bottom appears the inscription 'TOTALA SOLFÖRMORKELESEN - DEN 30-6-1954, Kl. 13. 41-13-51' otherwise the card is black all over with the exception of a red splosh - top right quarter - in which is inset a filled-in black circle about the size of an English florin. This represents the total eclipse of the sun with only the glare of the sun's flames to be seen.

The address side of the card is white and in the top left hand corner is a map of part of Sweden showing the area in which total eclipse could be viewed; down the left hand side is the inscription "SALJES TILLFÖRM FÖR LIONS CLUB JONKÖPINS OCH SCOUTRÖRELESEN". Can this be translated by one of our Swedish members please?

The special cancellation used is a double ringed circle; between the circles at top is the word JONKÖPING and at the foot, in thinner lettering, TOTALA SOLFÖRMÖRKELESEN: in the centre is a map of Sweden depicting the path of the total eclipse viewpoint and the date 30/6/1954.

(I have reproduced the sketch of this mark (fig.9) which accompanied the article; it is thus possible that it differs slightly from the actual cancellation. Editor) Can any member supply more detailed information, please?

(Many thanks, Len, for this unusual, but interesting contribution on a little-known subject. Editor)

PRE 1939 G.B. SCOUT CANCELS - by the Hon. Sec.

I am very pleased that Mr. Rhodes has published his researches in the Nov. 1959 Journal. It is my hope that one day we can produce yet another special supplement for the Club of all known Scout cancels, labels, stamps, cachets, etc. produced in the U.K. Thus any contribution of this subject is most welcome.

As to his findings, I am not sure that we can really accept the general 1924 Wembley Empire Exhibition cancel as truly Scout in the same sense that Arrowe Park and Mount Edgcumbe are obviously for inclusion. Apart from that, it is important to note that two completely different cancels exist for the Wembley affair. Perhaps I'm wrong; I have included specimens of both in my collection, but I would not seriously count them as the first G.B. Scout cancels.

1929 Arrowe Park is, of course, a purely Scout affair. It is interesting to note that the registration label employed at the Jamboree post office had in mauve the letter R at the left, and the printed inscription "Birkenhead No.48", plus the individual label number.

I have just one specimen of the Mount Edgcumbe Camp. It's strange that my example has exactly the same day and time of posting as recorded by Roy Rhodes (I expect that the addresses are also the same). I also agree that such covers are rarely seen, and would fetch at least a pound or two if offered. But I do remember turning one down in 1952 because I thought it too expensive at 7/6d!

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CANCELLATIONS & CACHETS

A further selection of reproductions accompany this issue. I have tried to draw the characters of the Japanese and Formosan marks as accurately as possible; but this depends to a great extent on the clearness of the examples from which they are copied. All are from handstamps unless otherwise mentioned.

1. Used on outgoing mail from "PHILIA", the first Patrol Leader's meeting of the Middle East and the Mediterranean. It shows the Greek Scout fleur-de-lis and Appollo's lyre, the symbols of the meeting and represent harmony. "Philia" means friendships and will be the name given to all such future international P/L's camps. The site was at Amfikleia near Weiphia. Only a few covers survived as the camp post office was swamped and the postal accessories, including the handstamp, were washed away and lost during a torrential storm on the last day of the camp. Used September 1955.
2. Used on mail in Formosa to celebrate the 10th. World Jamboree in the Philippines, 8th. July 1959. In red and in purple.

3. Example of a Japanese cancellation used at the Jamboree at Karuizawa. In reddish mauve (see article by Wim Six).
4. Used at the 17th. International Scout Conference, New Delhi, India, August 1959.
5. Machine cancellation used at Camp Post Office, first day of issue of the three air mail stamps. A similar cancellation, dated 22 July, for the first day of issue of the two postage stamps was also used. Marinos Yeroulanos (Member No.168) sent in some sketches of other types of machine cancellations used. The circular date stamp portion is the same as that illustrated, but the hat and badge on the right are omitted. A variety of this mark also exists in which the day is above the month and there are five instead of four lines on the right. Another similar type also exists which has larger lettering than 5. This also has five horizontal lines on the right and was used for cancelling the souvenir sheets. A mark, used on mail delivered to the camp, as a backstamp, is of this latter type and has the word RECEIVED in a straight line above the date.
6. Cancellation used by the Indonesian postal authorities on F.D.Covers to commemorate the 10th. World Jamboree.
7. Cachet used by the Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts at the first World Salvation Army Scout Montondo.
8. Used at Harshegyi, Budapest in 1948 at a camp just before the oppression. (see article "Philatélie Scoute")
9. Reproduction of a sketch of the Swedish cancellation described in the article "Total Eclipse of the Sun".

I am unable at present to illustrate the registration mark, which can be found in black and in violet, used at the 10th. World Jamboree, but hope to do so in a future issue.

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#### DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, FELDMOCHING

Contributed by R.Polchaninoff, (Member No.166)

Collectors will undoubtedly be interested to know how the plates of the Russian Boy Scout Post came to be used by the Russian Committee of the Displaced Persons Camp Feldmoching, Germany, near Munich.

In 1950, the population of the camp was approximately 2500 Russian and Ukrainian D.P's: there were several schools within the camp as well as various cultural, sport and social organisations.

The German Post Office had a branch office within the camp which employed both Russian and German workers. Two Russian postmen distributed letters to the barracks. The



Russian committee, with the help of the Russian postmen, organised their own camp post in the territory of the D.P. camp.

Stamps had to be issued for this purpose but they were extremely expensive to obtain; consequently the Committee approached the Scout Post with a request to make use of their plates for the aforementioned purpose. This request was granted. The stamps were overprinted "Camp Feldmoching Post" in Russian.

(I am very grateful to Mr. Polchaninoff for these two articles and hope that he can be persuaded to write further on the subject of D.P. Camps and Posts, about which so little has appeared in the philatelic press. Editor)

#### SCOUT POST

by R. Polchaninoff (Member No. 166)

Soon after the capitulation of Germany in the Second World War, the Allies entrusted UNRRA with the establishment of special camps for the displaced people (DP). These camps, as all other organizations of the Allies, were given ex-territorial rights. Post offices were established in such camps but most of them had no valid seals, and stamps of their issue were not commonly accepted. At the same time the German Post Office was still suffering from the disturbances of the war and operating very badly; it took a long time for a letter to reach its destination.

Camp Maenhehof, near Cassel, in the American zone of occupation was the centre of a whole system of camps under the direction of UNRRA Team 505. This system encompassed camps of about 3000 total inhabitants (Russians and Ukrainians) located in an area of about 20km radius: in Cassel itself, Fuerstenwald, Rotwestend, Zirenberg, and Wilgelmstahl.

The Scout Post came into existence in Camp Maenhehoff. It was just before the Easter holidays, when the need for conveying messages is so great, that the Boy Scouts decided to organize the postal service between the said camps. Hurriedly mail boxes were set up at various locations and stamps, together with greeting cards, were issued. Because the service was certainly of a private nature and because this was against the existing regulations, the leaders were summoned before the courts but taking into consideration the extraterritoriality of D.P. Camps the charges were withdrawn.

At its tenth anniversary, on December 1, 1956, the Scout Post issued Commemorative Sheets, with the pictures of their first two stamps with the church and an Easter-egg. The proceeds from the sale of these sheets will go to the needy in Europe.

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PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE SEVEN

by Len Bowen

Well, chums, its chit-chatting time again! - tell the char-wallah to put the kettle on! Xmas time is approaching fast as I speak (write) - I know I won't have time to send my many friends individually an Xmas Greeting, and as I've missed already all the last posting dates for foreign mails, I'll just have to console myself with pleasant thoughts - I'll be thinking of you all on Xmas Day when I'm resting back in my favourite armchair browsing through the back Journals while the "Xmas Pud" is settling its argument with the turkey and stuffing!

I've just received from the Secretary my copy of "The Postal Arrangements at the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree" published by the British Postmark Society - I've just scanned it, but I'm laughing now, the early bird gets the worm! Take notice all of you S.S.C.C. and S.O.S.S.I. members who consider yourself philatelists as distinct from just "collectors of stamps" only, you cannot afford to miss this opportunity of adding a first rate specialists publication to your Scout philatelic library - its all in there, stamps, postmarks, slogans, different dies of First Day cancellations, quantities of mail posted, and lots more - the cost is purely nominal, so refer to the last S.S.C.C. Journal right now! I was surprised indeed at the quantities of registered mail posted - 576 items on the first day - but only a total of 14 items for the last 5 days of the Jamboree - now work out the scarcity value of the dates yourself!

Turning to another point, I've had a little spot of luck just lately, which proves that "plodding on" usually gets you there if you temper it with patience. I've been having a go at completing my plate blocks in recent months, and found that I was short of block B.2 of the N.Z. 1958/9 Pan-Pacific Jamboree and plate 2 (second printing) of the 6 pies of 1958/9 Pakistan Jamboree, and was thinking in terms of "9 months too late!" Well, I'm one of those chaps who reads stamp journals regularly, particularly the adverts., and I mentally "classify" the dealers in my mind, over a period as to their specialities. One dealer I remembered who made a strong point of Plate Imprint Blocks, so, nothing ventured nothing gained, I dropped him a line in November, and, by return of post, came the missing plate blocks that I had virtually "kissed goodbye" to! He must have wondered why I only ordered plate blocks with a Scouting flavour!

A sudden thought has just flashed through my head - I refer to the query raised by Jeffrey Bayes, in last issue, in his article on Swedish cancellations - the Lagret Postmarks incorporating a hammer in a circle. About 3 years ago I was introduced to a Swedish youth staying in England for six months, and as he was a philatelist I showed him my Swedish Scout cancellations - I distinctly remember him pointing out to me that these "hammer in circle" cancellations were not Scout camps, but Holiday camps of a type of "Keep Fit" movement - athletes or gymnasts, or something like that - I could not get a clear, concise description as his English was extremely limited.

By the time this issue is out it will be 1960 - that figure at the end intrigues me - a joined circle - let us join up the circle in 1960, let us all get to know each other more - he, or she - is a lonely person who hasn't a happy circle of friends.

Gee whiz! my time's up! - see you again soon! - I nearly forgot it! - Jolly good health, lots of luck, and lots of "Scout Stamps" pleasure in this New Year - Sincerest Greetings from Len and son Peter!

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NEW MEMBERS

A very hearty welcome is extended to the following:-

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Please delete No.182 from your list of members.

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You will have noticed that this Journal is larger than normal. I shall have to cut down the size in future issues or else the wrath of our Secretary/Treasurer will fall heavily upon me. Happy hunting, good collecting and Scouting and Guiding for 1960.

Sincerely yours,  
WILF NODDER.

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ADVERTS.

1. Official F.D.C. 12th. September 1959, commemorating Inauguration of Malayan Parliament, 4, 10 & 25 cent values. 3/- each (25c U.S.A.). Registered post 1/- extra. British P.O.s must be uncrossed. - Master Leong Chee Keng, 15B Kim Ching Street, Singapore 3, Malaya.

2. George Washington Chapter of S.O.S.S.I. will issue a coloured cachet for the 50th. Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, to issue first day on February 8th. 1960, in Washington D.C. Cost will be 20c. each or 6 for 1\$. Send orders to JOHN J. JUHASZ, P.O. BOX 412, BOUND BROOK, N. J., U. S. A.
3. Your offers are invited for the following out-of-the-way items. Closing date will be February 10th. when successful bidders will be notified.
  - a) 1946 Lithuanian D.P. Scouts in Germany (Detmold) two scarce stamps (10pf and 20pf) mint.
  - b) 1924 G.B. Wembley Jamboree Label - native on camel.
  - c) 1925 Hungary, mint set of 8 sport issue, including 1000K. Scout bugler.
  - d) 1936 Roumania, Brasov set of 3 mint.
  - e) 1948 Australia, 2½d. imprint block of 4 mint.
  - f) 1955 Canada, 5c. Two imprint blocks of 4, mint, plates I & II.
  - g) 1957 Sheet 12 different labels commemorating Jubilee Jamboree printed in Durban, Natal.
  - h) 1957 G.B., B.O.A.C. First Flight, London-Tokyo. Postmark London FS & Jubilee Slogan.
  - i) 1956 Egypt. 3 stamps on F.D.C., plain, postmark Cairo.
  - j) 1959 Syria. 2 stamps on elaborate F.D.C.
  - k) 1939 Hungary, set of 4 "I PAX TING" on souvenir card postmark 'D' in black.
  - l) 1955/1956 Australia set of 3 different Pan Pacific postmarks on 3 covers.
  - m) 1950 U.S.A. Valley Forge F.D.C., cachetted.
  - n) 1957 G.B. set of 3 on airmail F.D.C. postmark "BFPO, Christmas Island".
  - o) 1957 Cuba, set of 2 used in small souvenir folder.
  - p) 1953 Liechtenstein set of 4 on special card.
  - q) 1959 N.Z. Pan Pacific Jamboree: the scarce 'other than first day' on cachetted cover.
  - r) 1947 Finland. Rare "Scout lagret Westend" postmark on cover.
  - s) 1948 Australia Pan Pacific 2½d. imprint block of 4 used on F.D.C. (cachetted)
  - t) 1941 Sweden Olafsborgslagret postmark on cover.
  - u) 1946 Sweden Sparreholm jubilee lagret postmark on cover.
  - v) 1954 Brazil cachetted cover, F.D. with special postmark.
  - w) 1951 Sweden Oresundslagret KFUM on cover.
  - x) 1936 Australia Scout Centenary Corroboree. Belair, postmark on cachetted cover.
  - y) 1958 Greece souvenir booklet (not stamps) in English and French re the first "Philia", Athens.

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EDITORIAL

I must apologise to you all for not including the page of illustrations with your last Journal, but circumstances beyond my control prevented my being able to do so: it will be sent out with this number. Up to the present, no charge for producing these illustrations has been made to the Club, but it may not be possible - at least for a few months - to get them printed under similar circumstances as regularly as I would wish. You can be certain that they will be continued as soon as is possible.

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

Almost every issue of the Journal contains names of new Junior members. It may surprise you to know that there are over 30 Juniors in the Club, a very high percentage indeed. Yet I still haven't had an article from one of you! Shocking, isn't it? Perhaps it is too much like doing homework to write something about your collection, but it would be nice to be able to publish something written by one of you. Let's hope I'm lucky one day.

Did you read Mr. Fear's recent article on "stamps" in "The Scout"? There were some useful hints for juniors in it. He will be contributing some more in that section of YOUR magazine - I hope you do read it, and, like many other adult members do, enjoy doing so - and I am sure you will pick up some useful tips if you take the trouble to study what he writes.

Don't forget to add the U.S.A. Scout stamp issued this month to your collection. There will be plenty of them about, but that does not mean you can wait a long time before purchasing a copy. Fortunately it is a low face value stamp, besides being attractive in design, so that every member can obtain one.

Just one other thing. Keep plugging away at learning all you can about the stamps you have in your album and if in doubt about any of them do ask any of the older members of our club to help you. I'm sure they will be only too willing.

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NOTES ON AN AUSTRIAN ESSAY

contributed by George Jackson (Member No. 7)

In Volume 1, No.4 of the Journal, in an article "For your Notebook" by our President, mention was made of an essay of an unissued Scout stamp which had come into existence and the origin of which was in doubt

The article stated that it had been contended that the essay was a design which had been submitted to the Austrian Postal

Authorities but there was nothing to support this contention. Furthermore, it was stated that the contention in any case was irreconcilable with the Vaduz Castle part of the design. The details given interested me and I decided to do a little detective work on the matter: as a result of my researches I have unearthed the following information which, I think, proves that the essay was, in fact, Austrian in origin.

First of all, the badge in the foreground is undoubtedly the Austrian Scout badge: this is a fleur-de-lis bearing a shield with bars of red, white and red horizontally, the Austrian national colours. For confirmation, examine the badge as it appears on the 1951 Jamboree stamp, or, better still, a black and white illustration of this; in fact, essay and stamp are basically the same, both consisting of the Scout badge surrounded by an ornamental design. As the essay first appeared in 1957, it is likely that it was a proposed design for a Scout stamp for the Centenary year.

Secondly, the castle part of the design, instead of being irreconcilable with the above, does, in fact support it: the contrary view rests on the misconception that the castle in the background is Vaduz Castle, Liechtenstein: there is, however, nothing to suggest this and actually, the wording shows that it is Burg Liechtenstein. This castle is in Austria, about 15 miles south of Vienna and furthermore, belongs to the Boy Scouts of Vienna and Lower Austria. The castle at one time belonged to the Princes of Liechtenstein from whom it takes its name, and those Princes had large possessions in Austria of which the castle formed part.

I have a similar essay in my collection; it is black on white card and is by the same artist, but "Burg Liechtenstein" is omitted from the background of the design. A copy of the essay with the name included, is, however, missing from my collection and I would be pleased to hear from any member who has a copy for sale or exchange. Any offers, please??

(This shows what research can do. Many thanks, George, for your efforts. Editor)

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SOME NOTES ON SCOUT POSTMARKS OF AUSTRIA  
contributed by the President

This is probably an incomplete listing of the Scout marks which have been used in Austria, but it will start the ball rolling.

- a. 17-27 JULY 1936 JUBILAMSLAGER DES ÖSTERR PFADFINDERKORPS  
"ST.GEORG" LAXENBOURG
- b. 17 NOV. 1937 INTERNAT. PFADFINDER-AUSTELLUNG WIEN-  
HAGENBUND
- c. 11 JULY 1948 FURSTENFELD 20 JAHRE PFADFINDER GRUPPE  
FURSTENFELD



- d. 1951 WORLD JAMBOREE, BAD ISCHL (Maultrommel design)
- e. 18-19 FEB 1956 INTERNATIONALER PFADFINDER SKIWETTBEWERB, MURAU
- f. 22-26 APRIL 1956 45 JAHRE PFADFINDER IN ÖSTERREICH WIEN 101
- g. 23 JUNE 1957 50 JAHRE WELTPFINDER BEVEGUNG WIEN 101, 1907-1912-1957
- h. 30 NOV-2 DEC 1957 TAG DER BRIEFMARKE MIT SONDER SCHAU DER PFADFINDER
- j. 15-16 FEB 1958 2 INTERNAT. SKIWETTBEWERB, INNSBRUCK 1

((g) and (j) have already been illustrated in previous Journals. I hope to illustrate others later. Editor).

I make no comment about the first four, except that, like almost all the earlier Scout postmarks, they are now difficult to find. The remaining five are all easy to acquire, but care should be taken, for, unlike their predecessors, they are numbered i. e.

- e. at top right, numbered 1, 2 and 3. Cancellations in black and in dark blue.
- f. at bottom right, numbered 1 to 6. Cancellations in black and in mauve.
- g. at centre right, numbered 1, 2 and 3. Cancellations in black.
- h. at top right, numbered 1 to 9. Cancellations in black.
- j. at top left, numbered 1, 2 and 3.

(I have an example of (h) numbered 12, so it is quite possible that cancellations with 10 and 11 also exist. Editor)

All five may be found on cards and covers with a wide assortment of labels, seals, rubber stamp and printed cachet. It is indeed regrettable that an interesting range of postmarks is spoilt by what amounts to nothing more than an insidious commercial racket. Fortunately, there is a plentiful supply available, thus keeping prices low. However, there are those who would endeavour to obtain high prices for these items from the unwary and uninformed. At present, not more than half-a-crown should be paid for any of these unless there is something extra special about it.

(Many thanks, Roy, for this information. If any one can add to this list, please let me know. Editor)

The quantity sold of the New Zealand 3d. Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree stamp has officially been given as 8,991,166. It has also been tipped in one of the national philatelic magazines as a stamp with a future.

Postmark enthusiasts may be interested to know that a further type which I have called Type 3, of the first day cancellation, has been noted. It is similar to Types 1 and 2 illustrated in our November Journal except that the space between the two arcs is again different: To enable you to differentiate between them, here are the widths of the space between these arcs: Type 1 -  $\frac{3}{4}$  mms, Type 2 - 12 mm and Type 3 - 1 mm. Perhaps one of our New Zealand members may be able to find out where each of these different handstamps were used. I understand that one was used at the Auckland G.P.O. and another at the Jamboree P.O. If this is so, which type was used where and at which office was the other type used? Such information may be available from official sources and I am sure some of our members would appreciate knowing it.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE HON. SEC.'S DIARY

Dec. 25th. (Christmas Day!) Despatched article for "Stamp" page of "The Scout".

Dec. 26th. From a well-known Midlands cover dealer purchased a registered cover from the 1929 Arrowe Park Jamboree.

Details of the special Scout cancel used at Gothenburg, Sweden on Nov. 15th. 1959, to celebrate the jubilee of Scouting in Sweden. Altogether 5600 covers had the cancel applied.

Dec. 28th. Pleased to welcome 2 more new members, including another from Switzerland. We are now up to 243. It's a far cry from our modest target of 60 which we were striving for about 2½ years ago.

Dec. 31st. News of Guide stamps from Canada and Australia.

Jan. 2nd. a.m. Design of the coming U.S Scout stamp enlarged on the cover of this month's issue of the "Stamp Magazine" - good publicity.

p.m. Meeting at Roland House of the Club. About 15 present including a healthy contingent from the young branch at Berkhamsted. Display of Swiss Scout material by Roy Rhodes and of some scarce items by Len Bowen. Agreed that in future Len and Roy shall operate the Auction Sales, on the basis of one per year. Thereafter the inevitable trading.

Going home in the train saw the article in the "Philatelic Magazine" on Jamboree stamps. The editor wouldn't print it unless he knew people were interested, and that means more support for our specialised sphere.

- Jan. 3rd. Pleased to welcome as a new member Mr. M.A. BAJANAWICZ-BOYLE. Amongst his many philatelic connections can be counted the fact that he is Commissioner for the United Kingdom in respect of the International Congress of Philately to be held in Barcelona, Spain, from March 26th. to April 6th.
- Jan. 9th. Another important new member - Mr. P.W. PARKES, who is the Hon. European Stamp Secretary of the Boy Scouts International Bureau. That makes. the total 245.  
Pleased to see a nice bit of publicity for the Club in the magazine of the Badgers Club. Unsolicited too.
- Jan. 13th. Member No. 246, a Scoutmaster, Mr. POOLE. When member No. 250 has been registered we will issue a revised and up-to-date List of Members.
- Jan. 15th. Advert. in the current issue of "Stamp Collecting" of Mafeking material. To make your mouth water, how about "8 copies of B.P. head on cover dated MY 4, 1900" - Price? £120.
- Jan. 20th. A new member from Canada, Mr. LUNDY, who is also a member of the Lunday Island Specialist Society. The supply of the priced check list is now finished. Shall we reprint the present list or wait until the revised one is issued (which should be at the beginning of 1961)?
- Jan. 23rd. Delightful. New members thick and fast. No. 248 a Girl Guide from Belgium and No. 249 Mr. Norman ROWE from I.H.Q., at one-time "Badger" in "The Scout" magazine. How soon will we record our 250th - and then the Members List can be produced.  
A note from our printer. The cost of paper, etc. has gone up, hence the bill is higher. Just as well we are not down to our last few coppers.
- Jan. 30th. We've made it. Member No. 250 recorded today. How we have grown from the modest Society envisaged in the Spring of 1957. We thought that if we ever made No. 60 we should have really leapt to fame. And here we are, one quarter of the way to a thousand.
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Members who collect cacheted covers may be interested in one recently issued by the Ukrainian Boy and Girl Plasts, i.e. Scouts. It commemorates the 250th. Anniversary of Ivan Mazeppa's death. Known as the "great Hetman of Ukraine", General Mazeppa inspired such writers as Lord Byron, Victor Hugo, Alexander Puskin and composers as Liszt and Tchaikovsky by his courage and heroism. The cachet shows the beautiful five-domed cathedral of St. Nicholas

at Kiev which, among others, Mazeppa had built in the Ukraine. The cover also bears a label which depicts the General's family crest and a replica of a rubber stamp showing his paper-mill watermark. These labels are printed in sheets of ten.

I am indebted to Mr. Stepan Gela of 16 Bracondale Hill, Toronto, Ontario, Canada for kindly sending me a F.D. cover and a sheet of labels.

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Alfred Cettie (Member No.69) had the misfortune to have some of his collection exhibited in the Collector's Club at Seattle, stolen last December. Among the items missing are the Mafeking 1d. and 3d. (S.G.s 178 & 179) on piece, mint copies of Czechoslovakia 1918, SG 1 & 2, and a signed cover bearing specimen of SG 2, fourteen colour proofs of S.G.2, and another cover franked with two different shades of S.G.1. Anyone being offered examples of these stamps which bear resemblance to the above descriptions are asked to contact Mr. Cettie immediately.

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FROM THE HON. SEC.

Goodness - the biggest issue of the Journal to start 1960 (even if it wasn't dated!) And now with this edition I have had to ask Mr. Nodder to "hold back a little" so that we can also issue the new Members' List and remain solvent. Nevertheless, it is an excellent indication of our status that we can publish a 20 page Journal without collapsing. In fact, this is almost as much good news as the announcement that we have more than 200 active members.

For some time I have had in mind a project which the Club might undertake - a handbook listing the details of all known British Scout stamps, postmarks, meter franks and labels - everything except just cachets. Would anyone like to volunteer to act as editor or co-ordinator of this task? In addition would every member of the Club see if he has anything in his collection which ought to be recorded, and if so, make a note of it.

For this issue I have not written my Investment Review, nor have I compiled any notes on Research Topics. That doesn't mean we have finished with such tasks - only that this issue has to be kept down in size somehow.

(I've done my best too, and have had to hold over several articles until the May issue. Never mind, it will be something to look forward to. Editor)

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Mr. P.Horton (Member No.209) has very kindly sent me a list of stamps which he considers are not associated with Scouting and Guiding and also a few comments which he makes in response to my request for information on "frauds" in the last issue of the

Journal.

Here is his list with the S.G. simplified catalogue numbers:-

Bulgaria	1951	S.G. 771 .....	1	stamp
Czechoslovakia	1952	S.G's 630-632 .....	3	stamps
"	1955	S.G. 809 .....	1	stamp
"	1957	S.G. 911 .....	1	"
France	1937	S.G. 336 .....	1	"
Germany	1935	S.G's 512-513 .....	2	stamps
"	1952	S.G's 1001-1002.....	2	"
Greece	1941	S.G's 412-421 .....	10	"
Hungary	1950	S.G's 953-956 .....	4	"
"	1951	S.G's 1009-1013 .....	4	"
"	1954	S.G's 1199-1200 .....	2	"
New Zealand	1937	S.G. 176 .....	1	stamp
" "	1946	S.G. 222 .....	1	"
" "	1954	S.G. 271 .....	1	"
Poland	1951	S.G's 568-569 .....	2	stamps
Roumania	1950	S.G's 1097-1099 .....	2	"
"	1951	S.G's 1125-1127 .....	2	"
"	1952	S.G's 1231-1233 .....	2	"
"	1953	S.G's 1295-1297 .....	2	"
"	1954	S.G. 1340 .....	1	stamp
Russia	1936	S.G's 463-468 .....	6	stamps
"	1938	S.G's 535-539 .....	5	"
"	1948	S.G's 1166-1170 .....	5	"
"	1948	S.G's 1171-1175 .....	5	"
Saar	1949	S.G's 260-261 .....	2	"

He accepts the Bulgarian 1942 set of two and the Hungarian issues up to and including 1940. He considers the figure depicted on the Polish 1938 stamp S.G. 305 is a Scout, and that the Russian 1924 pair of stamps are worthy of a place in a Scout stamp collection since he understands that the engraver used a photograph of a Scout for his subject. He also thinks the two Jean Charcot stamps of France deserve including. He does raise a query, however; should Croatia S.G. 62, 1942, be considered a Scout issue?

(Thanks a lot, Mr. Horton, for your contribution. I shall be pleased to receive comments from other members. Editor)

Acton Scouts will be celebrating 50 years of Scouting on May 14th. this year. A special cacheted cover will be issued for the occasion - depicting the crest of Acton and the words "ACTON JUBILEE 1960" in black and blue - Any member who wishes to add one of these covers to his or her collection should apply to Mr. Ladyman, 14 Cumberland Road, Acton, W. 3, and enclose 2/6d. (plus postage). Labels, 3¾" x 1¾", to publicise the event have also been prepared and are available at 3d. each (plus postage).

Björn Hermond (Member No. 213) has very kindly sent me some covers

and a badge from the EBBE LIEBERATH Jubilee Meeting held at Gothenburg last November. I hope to illustrate the special cancellation used for the occasion in a subsequent Journal. He also mentioned in his letter that with the assistance of a fellow philatelist, he was able to arrange an exhibition of Scout stamps, labels, covers, etc. - some 360 sheets. Rare old Scout material and documents, photos and badges which he had rescued from the District Scout H.Q.'s, were also shown. He has since been appointed Keeper of the Scout Archives at Gothenburg. Well done, Björn, you have done a great work for Scouting and our hobby.

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I am sure those of you who have purchased a copy of the British Postmark Society's publication, Monograph No.1, of the postal arrangements of the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree will wish to join in congratulating the authors on their excellent and comprehensive work. I have noticed that there are a few omissions with regard to the list of offices using the pre-Jamboree slogan cancellation: such differences can be noted if reference is made to the lists published in Volumes 1, Nos. 3 & 4, and Volume 2, No.1, of our Journal. These omissions do not, however, detract from the value of this well illustrated and useful publication which is a must for those who collect Scout cancellations.

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A WORD IN CONFIDENCE: WANTED  
by the Hon. Sec.

There is a vacancy for a Very Important Person - and it could be YOU. For some time we have been 'hiding our light' rather a lot, and it is felt that with our excellent Journal and the other first-rate services we can justly be proud. But up until now we have not really bothered very much about advertising our Club, and since the greater the membership the more we shall all benefit, we should like to do something about this.

There are lots of ways in which publicity could be secured, "Newsy" paragraphs in the philatelic press and in Scouting publications are good examples, but it might also pay us to insert proper adverts. in magazines in many places - Australasia, the U.S.A., Canada and even Europe.

Interesting? Certainly. There's lots of scope for the right man, who would be sure of the full backing of the Committee. Like all our jobs, I'm afraid it's a labour of love (but isn't it often true that we get most pleasure out of serving others?) There's just one point: we need the right man - or woman. Could it be you? Or, at least, would you be willing to 'have a go'? If so, just write to me at Seaford - hope to hear from YOU.

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SALES BUREAU - by the Hon. Sec.

Permanent List. I am delighted to be able to inform you that it will now be possible for members to have their names put on the Permanent List. This means that all such members will be sent automatically all material available via the Bureau, e.g. covers with Scout stamps or postmarks, but excluding purely "cached" covers (and I think you all know what I mean by that). There are, of course, a few rules which you will assume to have accepted in applying to be put on the List:-

- 1) Members will accept all items sent to them at the prices quoted, even if such items are already in their possession.
- 2) Within 7 days of receipt of such items, the cost indicated will be remitted to the Hon. Sec.
- 3) Members will pay a deposit of 10/- or \$2, which will be repaid on withdrawal from the List.
- 4) A member must have paid his subscription to the Club in order to qualify for membership.

The rules, really, are simple. When you apply to me in writing to join you send your deposit, and whenever items are available they will be sent at the most reasonable prices possible. Of course we have to stipulate that everything is accepted, otherwise an unwanted residue might be left.

There are so many obvious advantages to members and to the Club in a scheme such as this that I am sure you will give it a fine welcome. There's only one snag - it means more work for the Hon. Sec. - oh well! From the moment you join you will qualify.

A few items in excess of the Permanent List will still be ordered and will be offered in the Journal, as will also be the case when the supply is insufficient for everyone on the List. The items offered in this Journal will NOT be included in the distributions.

1957 Jamboree Booklet. About 4 copies are left. Write to me enclosing 2/6d. plus post for one at once if not yet in your possession.

Publications. You will also be pleased to know that Vol 1, No.2 and Vol.1, No.3 have been reprinted. Details of issues available are:-

Vol.1, No.1 .....	6d. (or the three for 2/-,
Vol.1, No.2 .....	9d. including post.)
Vol.1, No.3 .....	1/-

Note the revised price for Vol.1, No.1 - previous offers were made below cost of production.

Vol.3, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (the issues of 1959)  
Any single issue 6d. or the 6 issues for 2/6d., including post.

Offer 1: U.K. Scout Headquarters official slogan meter franks on covers. Set of 6 covers, viz:-

- 1951 Visit the DISCOVERY Exhibition.
- 1951 Ralph Reader's Gang Show.
- 1952 1st. World Scouters Indaba.
- 1953 "Boy Scout".
- 1954 Bob-a-Job Week.
- 1955 The Scout Shop.

There's a small supply. The cost for all 6 covers is 5/- the lot, plus post or - say - \$1 including post. Now there's an unusual offer for you.

Offer 2: 1959 II Nippon Jamboree. F.D. cover from Japan with Scout postmark. 3/- post free. Very small supply.

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I very much regret not replying to the many letters received from members, but a recent bereavement following a long illness in my family has caused correspondence to be neglected. I'll do my best to answer letters as soon as possible.

Yours in Scouting,

WILF NODDER.

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ADVERTS.

1. Wanted - Girl Guide Pin badges (official) all countries. Girl Guide magazines, all countries (one copy per country will do). All covers and postmarks from Boy Scout and Girl Guide events. Exchange or cash, if required - MISS RIA SUY, 92 Van Vaerenbergh Street 92, Berchem - Antwerp, Belgium.

2. 10th. World Jamboree Material - get your set of the following items -

- 1) Neckerchief slide with colourful mondial ..... 75c
- 2) Bolt buckle with colour mondial on it ..... 1\$
- 3) Metal mondial (in colour) badge ..... 50c

Prices are for separate items; if set required, only 2\$ (plus postage).

Have also a supply of Formosa material for sale:-

- 4) 9 different colourful patches ..... 30c each
- 5) 10th. World Jamboree Formosa patch, in colour 40c "
- 6) 2 different pennants (one from Jamboree) ... (40c " and other from 1958 Summer Camporee ..... (or 75c pair

Postage on all orders below 3\$. Items will be mailed in manner purchaser desires since he is paying postage - JOHN W. OWEN, P.O. BOX No.417, Fort Payne, Alabama.

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STOP PRESS (1)

The next London meeting of the S.S.C.C. will be held at Roland House Scout Settlement, Stepney Green, on Saturday, 16th. April at 2.30 p.m. Those members residing in the London area who have not yet attended one of these meetings will be very welcomed as will those living further afield who can spare the time. Remember the date and time - 16th. APRIL, 2.30 p.m. - and make a note in your diary.

STOP PRESS (2)

Just arrived from America. Cacheted F.D. covers of the U.S. 50th. Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America 4d. stamp. "Scout" postmark. Cachet prepared by Liberty Bell Chapter of S.O.S.S. Price 2/- each, including post. Only one cover per member.

EDITORIAL

The article which follows takes the place of the Editorial this time: no comment from me, is, I'm sure, needed.

Flog a Willing Horse

By the Hon. Secretary

It is more in sorrow than in anger that I write, but I do feel that the willing, voluntary services of the few in the running of our Club - yes, yours and mine - are not being appreciated by all our members. The Club exists for the pleasure and benefit of all members, and as a means of making these benefits available to many, a small band of workers give freely of their time and activities. I might almost repeat that last sentence in another way: the running of the Club is undertaken by four people who receive no payment whatsoever for their efforts, despite the fact that they may each give up as much as ten hours per week of their spare time - for the benefit of you, dear member.

Why, then, the complaint? Unfortunately some of our members seem to be under the impression that we exist merely to serve their convenience. It is wrong that the Assistant Secretary should have to send four reminders re the payment of an outstanding subscription, and I regard it as discourteous for a person to fail to send at least a postcard signifying that they no longer wish to continue their membership, if such is the case. Another loyal member addresses and sends out all the Journals - 250 of them - within a day or two of receiving them. It is, therefore, churlish of a member - to say the least - to write and complain that his Journal arrived a few days late. As Secretary, I suppose I must expect most criticisms to come to me but, frankly, I am at times astounded at the things members expect for their ten shillings per year subscription. Some of the requests made you would not even expect your very best friend to be lumbered with, let alone the Hon. Sec. who, entirely in his spare time, may have as many as 15 letters a day to write about Club business. If an item offered by the Sales Bureau is sold out by the time you get your order in, don't write and complain. You could have written earlier, or you can gain your wisdom the hard way and expect to pay a little more by purchasing from another source.

The free advertising facilities are also abused. The intention is that you can have about four lines of free advertising per year, and if you want any more you must pay for it. If your first advert. doesn't bring much business it's no good complaining and saying you refuse to pay for another; the simple answer is that your first advert. didn't offer what members wanted, and if you want to try again, then you must

pay for the privilege.

Finally, for the price of about one cigarette a week (by U.K. prices) you receive a Journal every two months, membership list, priced check list, free advertising, cancellation reproductions, an advisory service, and a chance to secure items at real bargain prices. Members near London have the additional chance of attending meetings and displays. All this for ten pence a month. Just remember, will you, that if you flog a willing horse too much you might kill it. When an activity which started as a pleasure becomes a millstone there is a warning signal. And now, having got all this off my chest - on behalf, also, of my colleagues - the remedy lies, dear member, with you.

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A PERSONAL NOTE

from the Hon. Sec.

Since the Club began early in 1957, I have been privileged to know many members as friends. In some cases, this friendship has grown and ripened, and I have felt that I have really known the member all my life. One such member and I corresponded for a long time, telling each other about our homes, friends, Scout troops, and the like, as well as dealing with Scout stamp matters. It is, therefore, with the greatest regret that I have to record the death of this member, WALTER BUBEN, of Chicago, U.S.A.

To his wife and family we send our heartfelt sympathy, and it is with deep satisfaction that we record that the members of the Troop Committee of which Walt was a Scouter have instituted a fund to assist in the education of his children. To those of you who knew him I recommend your support; remittances should be sent to the Walter Buben Trust Fund, Troop Committee, 2325E, 83rd. Street, Chicago 17, Illinois, U.S.A.

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THE MAFEKING BADEN POWELL STAMPS

by the Editor

In the first two issues of the-Journal I discussed the Mafeking B-P stamps at some length. Whilst looking through some old stamp magazines the other day I came across a notice which appeared in the "Mafeking Mail", dated April 8th. 1900 and reproduce it here with some comments of my own.

"NOTICE

The new issue of stamps bearing the Colonel's photograph will be produced on Monday, the 9th. inst. These stamps can only be issued on production of letters addressed locally (Mafeking & Forts). No person can at present be allowed to hand to the

officer in charge of the Siege Post Office more than one letter per diem.

J. V. Howart, Postmaster.

Mafeking, April 7th. 1900."

We can draw some interesting conclusions from this notice. Firstly, that the stamps were definitely introduced for local use only; secondly that it was intended that their use on letters was to be restricted. I wonder if the Siege Post Officer kept a check during the first few weeks following the promulgation of this notice, to see that only one letter per day was posted by any one person and that these letters were local ones? I rather doubt it, because it is well known from covers which exist that he, or members of his staff, allowed letters bearing these 'local' stamps and addressed to places outside the town to be handstamped and conveyed by native runner and then by train to the Cape - the charge for conveyance of such mail by this route was understandably high for it involved the native mail runners risking their lives in passing through the Boer lines. That many attempts were successful was undoubtedly due to the scouting ability of these runners!

Although the notice states that the stamps would be available on April 9th., some of the 3d. B-P stamps, small size, are known to have been used on the 7th. April, the date the notice appeared in the press.

Perhaps it would be fair to say that there was some excuse for the Siege postal staff to act contrary to regulations. The conditions under which they worked were most hazardous and must have been very grim, and, at times, sufficiently disturbing for them not to worry about postal instructions. Maybe one or more of those employed in the office, being interested in philately, allowed such mail to pass - par complaisance - they may have even despatched some themselves! Whatever the reason, these souvenirs still exist today and are much sought after and prized by those of us interested in Scout stamps and by those who collect campaign covers.

Although nothing to do with these notes, it may be of interest to members to know that these Mafeking stamps have again received a boost in price in the latest S.G. catalogue: these figures are now, S.G. 20 ... £12 mint, £9 used, G.S. 21 or 22 ... £25 mint, £12 used.

These prices are, of course, for well centred copies and, as I have already said in previous articles, not all of these stamps can be found in perfect condition.

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### SWISS SCOUT POSTMARKS

by Howard Fears

I had known for some time that a prominent gap in my Scout collection was in respect of material from Switzerland. Hard

work on the part of a dealer in that country has eased the position, by supplying-me with the following:-

Cover from the first National Swiss Scout Camp held at Berne in 1925. The camp cancellation is inscribed - "I SCHWEIZ PFADFINDER-LAGER \* BERN 1925."

Next on the list are two covers connected with the 3rd. National Camp in 1938. The first is a cover with a pre-camp slogan cancellation "SCHWEIZ PFADFINDER - BUNDESLAGER ZÜRICH. 25.VIII,1938." At the actual camp, a mobile Post Office was in use with cancellation "SCHWEIZ AUTOMOBIL - POST BUREAU, 2. A handstamp in red bears the wording "ZÜRICH 3 Schweiz Pfadfinder - Bunderslager, 1938."

The next event commemorated is the 5th. National Camp in 1956. Four examples of pre-camp slogans were sent, the slogan reading - Bien venue au 5<sup>e</sup> Camp National des Éclaireurs Suisses Saignelégier - 24 juillet - 2 août 1956". Examples of this slogan came from Le Locle, Neuchatel, Bienne and La Chaux-de-Fonds. From the actual camp at Saignelégier comes the special cancellation on the cover confirming "5<sup>E</sup> CAMP NATIONAL DES ÉCLAIREURS SUISSES" .

These acquisitions have helped to fill the gaps in the period up to 1957. I already had material from two other Scouting events -

A camp cover from the 2nd. National camp in Geneva in 1932. Not only does the cancellation show the camp's nature, but the registration label - first day, its number is 005 - has written on it, in mauve - "GENÈVE 2<sup>D</sup> CAMP NATIONAL DES ÉCALIREURS SUISSES".

Two covers from the 5th. International Rover Moot held at Kanderstag in 1953. Apart from the cancellation of the 2nd. Mobile P.O. there is also a handstamp with a leaf design inscribed "ROVER MOOT KANDERSTAG 29 JULI - 8 AUGUST 1953".

This had reduced my pre-1957 gaps to two as far as I can trace. These are the special cancellations - and registration label - from the first Rover Moot at Kanderstag in 1931 and the handstamp and mobile P.O. cancel from the 4th. National camp held at LUGANO - TREVANO in 1948. I am, hopefully, on the track, but have o objection to assistance if anyone is keen enough to help! If you think I -have missed any, do let me know, or, better still, send me an example - and if you add "You can keep it for your collection" you'll be my friend for life... some hopes!

(If you can add anything to the above, please drop me a line. Editor)

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### INVESTMENT GUIDE

by Howard L. Fears

After a lapse for the last two or three issues, it's about time we had a look round at the Scout Stamp Market.

In the high-finance department we must place the Mafeking stamps. Whether you go in for overprints or only Sergeant-Major Goodyear and B.P.'s head, the prices are going up and up. It isn't only Scout people who want these stamps, and I feel that in a few years only those with deep pockets will be able to afford more than a representative selection. Snaffle up any odd values that come your way; not so long ago you could take the basis of one-third of Gibbons' prices, but now you may have to pay half of their latest figures - and they represent quite an increase in themselves.

Scout and Guide material from Hungary is restricted, and covers from the 1933 'Godollo' Jamboree are commanding a good price. The 1939 Guide stamps, especially on cover, are also in demand, and don't forget that even apparent duplicates may really be quite different. The use of different cancel letters means that the full set is difficult to obtain, and some of these "letters" are harder to trace than others. Thus unless you are really 'in the know' you may pay an excessive price for a common item, or get away with a cheap price for a rarity. Perhaps one of our members who has made a study of the subject would care to give his views on the relative scarcity values.

Coming to the present; the Jubilee of Guiding is attracting renewed interest in Guide stamps. If there are any gaps in your collection to date, fill them now, and keep abreast of the new issues by buying them when issued - don't leave them until later, because then you will find the price has gone up. The Viet-Nam stamps and covers seem most elusive. Perhaps the supply is taking a long time to come through. By comparison the market is flooded with covers of the U.S. and Canal Zone stamps. I have heard of U.S. members with about 60 different cachets in their collection. Every man to his taste, but I don't think I should want to do that.

One final comment. Do you remember the New Zealand Scout and Guide pair? Plenty of them about at a reasonable price. Soon after issue there was a N.Z. Jamboree with a special cancel. All very straightforward, and by no means expensive. But covers with that cancel seem to have been absorbed by the market, and I detect an increase in the price of the stamps themselves. Don't say I never give you a reasonable tip.

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### ANNUAL AUCTION

Contributed by the President

You will recall that a few months ago our worthy Secretary, Mr. H. L. Fears, organised an auction of material contributed by our members in aid of the Baden-Powell House Fund.

This year we again propose to run a similar auction, again in aid of an excellent cause, namely, the Scout Stamps Collectors Club! In the course of the next twelve months, our Society, in order to maintain, nay improve the standard of efficiency, must incur a number of financial liabilities. Briefly, these liabilities are:-

1. Initial outlay to cover Mr. Fears' Sales Bureau scheme.
2. A moderate sum to cover expenses incurred by our newly elected Publicity Officer (high time we blew our own trumpet anyway).
3. January 1961 is the date for the revised edition of the Club catalogue (very expensive).
4. Looking further ahead, the Committee hope to compile a mammoth volume containing listings of all known Scout material - country by country. Not only ambitious, but a costly undertaking.
5. If there is any surplus after the foregoing (pew, the nerve of the man!) there are also such pleasantries as Membership Cards, printed stationery for our two hard-working secretaries etc.....

We feel sure that you will all rally round in order to consolidate the workings of the Club. Have a good old root around in your swop box and send whatever you can spare to ROY E. RHODES (about time he did something to earn his keep). The Auction will appear in the September issue of the Journal (we hope). However, please get your contribution in promptly, just to make life easy for the poor old soul.

R. E. RHODES, 38 RICHMOND AVENUE, HIGHAMS PARK, LONDON, E. 4.  
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Another selection of weird stuff on which your offers are invited. Closing date will be the last day of June, when successful bidders will be notified. (\* not philatelic.)

1. 1952 Portugal. Blue label of 9th. National Camp, Coimbra.
2. 1913 France. Rare Scout label showing rescue from drowning.
3. 1949 Japan. Scout stamp mint block of 9.
4. 1957 Nicaragua. Pair of imperf. miniature sheets.
5. 1952 Jamaica. Pair mint in IMPRINT blocks of 8.
6. 1957 Liechtenstein. Complete mint sheet of 12.
7. 1957 Cuba. Jamboree pair in half sheets of 25.
8. 1948 Nicaragua. 2 cent blue. Sheet of 25.
9. 1957 Cuba. Jamboree set official G.P.O. folder.
10. 1958 Austria. Card bearing 2nd. Skiing Championship postmark and specimen of rejected essay of 1957 stamp signed by the designer.
11. 1946 Sweden. Bjorkolagret pmk. on card.
12. 1946 Sweden. Gransolagret pmk. on card.
13. 1947 Sweden. Orebro N.T.O. camp pmk. on cover.
14. 1951 Sweden. Kramfors Vildmarkslagret pmk. on cover.
15. 1953 Liechtenstein. Set of 4 used on special card.
16. 1957 G.B. Jamboree pmk. (10th. Aug.) on Swedish reply card.
17. 1937 Austria. Internat. Scout Exposition, Vienna pmk. on card.

18. 1940 Hungary. Air set of three superb used on card.
19. 1939 Hungary. I PAX TING set used on two pieces. Stamps in poor condition but cancellations good (Type B).
20. 1948 Philippines. Imperf. pair used on F.D. cachetted cover with Manila Scout pmk.
21. 1954 Israel. Ramat Gan camp pmk. on cover.
22. 1954 G.B. 1st. Seaford Scout Summer Camp cover posted in Jersey, Guernsey and Herm Island.
23. 1959 Philippines. Jamboree miniature sheet used on last day cover with special cancellation.
24. \*1937 Holland. Somewhat faded but desirable World Jamboree pennant.
25. \*1955/7 Collection of 6 pennants, i.e. 1955 Canadian Jamboree, 1957 Sutton Coldfield, 1957 Gilwell, 1957 Valley Forge Jamboree (huge), and Roland House and Yorks Wood.
26. 1940 Hungary. Air set of 3 in mint blocks of 4.

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RESEARCH TOPIC: GEORGE ROBEY STAMPS

by Howard L. Fears

Any survey of English Scout material will have to include the few labels which have been issued over the years. The most intriguing of these labels, in my opinion, are the George Robey "stamps", and by recording the small amount of information in my possession about these stamps, I am hoping that other members will contribute their knowledge to fill in the gaps.

In the era "between the Wars", George Robey was a well-known comedian, his name being a household word. In my collection I have a block of 12 stamps, each showing a portrait of Robey, each stamp including the inscription "GEORGE ROBEY STAMPS" at the top, and "To help PRINCE of WALES BOY SCOUTS FUND" at the bottom. Each portrait is different, showing head and shoulders, but the first three show Robey in Scout hat, shirt, and neckerchief (apparently before the days of woggles). All the remaining nine portraits have no apparent connection with Scouting other than the inscription - George is shown in various comedian's outfits or "as himself".

Did the whole sheet consist of 12 stamps? I can't say. One side of my block has a margin, and someone, at some stage, has obligingly written thereon: "These were sold when first issued at 1/- the set to help the fund". I must add that it cost much more than one penny per set when I purchased them; the set of 12 cost me about 25/-!

Who was the printer? What was the date of issue? And what about the fund set up by the Prince of Wales? It is half in the hope that someone else can answer these questions that I pass them over to you.

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FROM MY COLLECTION - SWEDEN

An interesting group in my collection is formed by the Swedish section. Sweden has proved to be a prolific source of material, despite the fact that it has not yet produced a special Scout or Guide stamp. The Swedish Postal Authorities have, however, co-operated with the Scout and Guide movements by producing special commemorative postmarks for Jamborettes and other special events. Lists of these have been given in previous issues of the Journal. A special Post Office is normally set up in the camp, as well as using a special postmark, there are often also special registration labels available. The movements themselves often issue special labels for the camps for affixing to outgoing mail. These are always bright and attractive and their gay colours show up to advantage in a black leaved album.

In 1955 the Swedish Scout Association (Sveriges Scoutforbund) held six special camps and for each of these there was a special cancellation and label. The cancellations were the same design in each case, the only difference being in the name of the camp. The labels also had the same basic design, an outline map of Sweden in yellow on a blue background, and on this was placed the camp badge. A recent example is the Amundo Jamborette held by the Swedish Y.M.C.A. Scout Association last year. A special postmark was used by the camp Post Office and special registration labels were available. The camp authorities provided a special camp label, based on the camp badge, for affixing to outgoing mail and also issued a special cacheted First Day Cover.

A number of Girl Guide (Sveriges Flickers Scoutforbund) Camps have also been honoured with special postmarks. A recent example was that of the Vastgotaresan Camp held last year. A special post office was set up with its commemorative cancellation, and special registration labels, while the association provided a special camp label. Similar facilities were provided for the Tromtolagret held in 1954.

Each year the Svenska Scoutanionem (S.S.U.) issue a special seal in aid of their funds and these also make an interesting addition to a collection, as they are attractively produced and well designed. In recent years a different design has been used for each seal but in previous years the same design was retained and only the colour changed. This occurred in 1945/49 when the design was St. George and the Dragon and in 1949/50 when it was a sketch of Count Bernadotte.

A number of special seals and labels were issued prior to 1945 but information regarding these is difficult to obtain. I would therefore be pleased to hear from any person who has any information regarding these. I could then gather it into one article and thus make the information on this subject more readily accessible.

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AUCTION SALE - entries to Mr. H. Fears by June 30th., giving maximum bids. Some of the items are really good, as you will see.

1. World Jamboree at Birkenhead; 1929. Registered cover with 2 distinct strikes of the "ARROWE PARK" cancel.

2. 1937 All-India Jamboree. Rocket Mail. Price List sent by rocket on Feb. 1st. 1937, with cancel and signed by Stephen H. Smith, the organiser. 150 only exist.
3. 1937 World Jamboree in Holland. Cover bearing 12½ c. Scout stamp sent by air-mail to France, with 2 very clear Jamboree cancel strikes.
4. A George Robey label (for Prince of Wales "Scout" fund).
5. 1957 U. S. Valley Forge Jamboree. 3 covers with different cachets, 2 with Scout stamp, and all bearing Jamboree cancels.
6. 1956 First Day Cover from 2nd. Pan Arab Jamboree; with cachet, full set of 3 Egyptian Scout stamps and camp cancels.
7. 1947 France. World Jamboree. Scout card with Jamboree emblem, Scout stamp and camp cancel.
8. 1956 U. S. A. Scout Fair. Cover with cancel "Boy Scout Fair Convention Sta., Reading, Pa."
9. F. D. C. from Pan-Pacific Jamboree. New Zealand Jan. 1959. Registered label showing scarce wording "Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree". Scout stamps and Jamboree cancels.

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#### MONEY

by the Hon. Treasurer

The closing of the third financial year on Feb. 27th. 1960 showed that counting the credit balance carried forward from the previous year, gross income from all sources (including subs., donations, Sales Bureau and auction realisations) totalled £117. 12. 7. Expenses (including printing, postage, purchases of material for the Sales Bureau, Advertising, Stationery and sundries) for the same period came to £90. 2. 9½. The carry forward balance of £27. 9. 9½ compares with a figure of £6. 10. 2½ twelve months before.

We have certain outstanding liabilities at the time of writing (28.2.60). The next Journal will include a revised Members' List, and counting the postage, the cost of this will probably exceed £10. From a number of sources monies are owed to the Club, and the total of these credits is more than £5. In addition renewal subscriptions paid to Mr. Blunt during February will not show as an entry on my book-keeping record until March.

The composite picture is, therefore, more favourable than at the end of either of our previous years. We still have to watch expenditure carefully, but at least we have got (permanently, I hope) beyond the stage of having to make loans to the Club to help with the bills.

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SALES BUREAU

by the Hon. Sec.

Permanent List. The response from members has been most gratifying, proving that this List will provide a most useful service. If you want to join (and for details see the March 1960 Journal) kindly send 10/- or \$2.00 straight away.

Publications. The issues reprinted and detailed in the last Journal are still available.

1957 Jamboree Booklet. Completely sold out.

Offers. Although supplies of the Greek Scout set on cover and also the Canadian Guide stamp on cover should have reached me by the time this Journal is published, they have not done so as I write, and I am thus unable to give prices. All those on the Permanent List will get them for sure, however, the current offers are as follows:-

1. U.K. Scout H.Q. Official slogan meter franks on covers. Set of 6 covers covering years 1951 to 1955, for 5/- the lot, plus post, or \$1.00 post free.
2. I have secured another very small "remainder" lot of the 1958 cacheted cover for the 32nd. Annual Gilwell Reunion. 6d. each, first come, first served, and I cannot hope to get any more after this.
3. Cuba 1957. The Scout pair, 4c and 12c mint. As the result of a very advantageous purchase, I can offer the pair at 2/3d., or block of 4 at 8/6d. The total stock is only 20 stamps, so if you want a block larger than four, write quickly.
4. Offers 1, 2, and 3 all in one. Would cost 7/9d. plus post, but if you buy one of each, will clear at 7/6d. including post.
5. Philippine Scout set complete on 2 cacheted covers. Both covers have Scout cancel, and the 6c and 25c values are included both as singles and tete-beche pair. Normal price 30/- at least. I have only one pair of the covers, and the first remittance for 21/- will secure.

For your wants, write to the Hon. Sec.

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NEW MEMBERS. A big welcome to the following new members: we hope they will enjoy being with us.

No. 256 2.4.60 The Badgers Club, c/o W.E. Amiss, 92 Chapel St., Luton, Beds.

No. 257 4.4.60 Anthony Branwhite, 14 Icknield Way, Tring, Herts.

- No. 258 4.4.60 David Johnson, 31 Woodlands Avenue, Berkhamsted,  
Herts.
- No. 259 4.4.60 Michel Van-Enst, Flat 6, Lagley, High St.,  
Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Herts.

(The last three are Juniors)

DELETIONS: - Please delete from your list the following: -  
3, 17, 103, 108, 149, 177, 185, 190, 191, 193, 194, 195, 204 & 207.

CHANGES IN NAME and/or ADDRESS

- No. 8 Should read W.A. Collins, 292 B, Poulton Rd., Fleetwood, Lancs.  
No.20 " " W.J.Reddin, Aitken House, U.N.B. Fredericton,  
New Brunswick, Canada.
- No.60 " " Flight Lieutenant D.C.D.Potter, Officers Mess,  
Royal Air Force, Driffield, Yorks.
- No.47 " " Frank Ford, c/o Wilson, 29 Havelock St., Glasgow,W  
No.250 " " A.H.Scott, 119 Humberstone Rd., Luton, Beds.

GONE HOME: We regret to report the death of member No.142 - W.Buben  
- kindly delete his name from your membership list.

FUTURE CHANGE: As from May 2nd. Member No.61 - Mr. A.H.Nicholson  
will reside at 16 Munn's Drive, Burgess Hill, Sussex. When writing  
to him please use full initials to avoid any confusion.

We are very pleased to add to our ranks the Editor of the  
Badger's Club, Mr. W.E.Amiss. If you wish to know anything about  
Scout badges, whether they are associated with Great Britain or  
any other country in which there are Scouts, I suggest you write  
to Mr. Amiss and ask for particulars of joining the Badger's Club.

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Some of you will undoubtedly have a few unused postcards,  
either of places you have visited or of where you live, and also  
copies of Scout Magazines you may not now want. I suggest you  
could very well do a good turn by sending these postcards and  
Scout magazines to Mr. Colin Mc.Arthur who has, for twelve years,  
been confined to a wheel chair. His address is "Weernale",  
Royal Ryde Home for Incurables, Morrison Road, Ryde, New South  
Wales, Australia. Do what you can, won't you.

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The late circulating of this Journal is due entirely to my  
having to go away on duty unexpectedly, just at the time it should  
have gone to print, and being away for a fortnight; it shouldn't  
happen again - in any case, I shall "Be Prepared" next time!

Yours sincerely,

WILF NODDER.

ADVERT:

Wanted: Copy of 3d, B.P. Mafeking stamp, large - Harry A. Harchar, Editor "Boy's Life", New Brunswick, New Jersey, U.S.A.

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STOP PRESS FROM THE HON. SEC. (So urgent it has been sent direct to the Printer!)

1. In August the World Scouters' Indaba is being held in Holland, and amongst other arrangements a special Scout cancel will be employed. Member Wim Six has suggested that if enough members of S.S.C.C., (or our sister society, S.O.S.S.) are available, a special meeting can be arranged. If you are likely to attend the Indaba, or to be available in Holland on August 2nd. please write AT ONCE direct to Mr. W.SIX, LINNAEUSLAAN 27, HAARLEM, HOLLAND.
2. Within a few days of writing this the first Permanent List distribution will be made. It will include Canadian Guide F.D.C. at 1/3d, and cacheted Viet-Nam F.D.C. at 11/-. At this stage I cannot say whether supplies will be sufficient to make a general offer; the best way to be sure is to join the Permanent List. Deposit 10/- or \$2.00 - contact the Hon. Sec. NOW.

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EDITORIAL

I understand that it is the intention of the Camp Chief at Gilwell Park to form as complete a collection as possible of Scout stamps, covers, cancellations etc., and have them mounted in albums. This job of forming, mounting and annotating this collection is being undertaken by our new member, Raife Wellsted and he has written to me, asking if we, as a Club, could help. As there is no fund from which he can draw to purchase any material he would greatly appreciate receiving any duplicates of your "Scouting on Stamps" collection for inclusion in this Gilwell album. I fully realise that this call follows closely on our B.P. House Appeal to which you responded so nobly, but I do hope you will find it possible to spare the time to go through your duplicates and send him some of them; I know he would be very grateful.

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

We are very pleased to be able to congratulate our Junior Member, Susan Emery (120) on being awarded a certificate in Class B (12 - 15 years) of the Melville Memorial Competition, 1960. This followed her success in gaining a "first" in last year's competition, Class C.

Congratulations also to Rodney Goodman (Junior Member No. 238) on his award of a certificate in Class C (under 12).

A fortnight ago I gave a talk and display of "Scouting on stamps" to members of a stamp club of a local boys' school, and although some were Scouts, all were interested in what I had to say and show, so much so that I was asked to come back again in the autumn and show some more items. If you have a club at your school I am sure if you were to approach your local philatelic society there would be someone willing to come along and give your club a display. It is one means of seeing a first rate collection and, above all, of learning something about stamps from experts. Why not try it, for I'm certain you won't be disappointed.

We are going to resurrect the competition which we ran a couple of years ago. These are the rules:- Closing date, August 20th. 1960. First correct entry opened on that day will receive a set of the 1957 Cuban Scout stamps in blocks of 4; next correct entry opened, a set in singles. Our thanks to Mr. H.Fears for these prizes. Please mark your envelope "Competition" in top left hand corner and send to me.

1. Several countries have issued stamps depicting Lord Baden Powell. Name them in the date order the stamps were issued.

2. Which country issued the first Guide stamp and when?
3. Which of the following European countries have not issued a stamp to commemorate Scouting: Great Britain, Finland, Italy, Portugal, Luxembourg, Belgium, Sweden and Netherlands?

Do have a go at this competition, Juniors, and good luck to you.

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B.P. HOUSE MAIL AUCTION SALE

by the Hon. Sec.

All members will be delighted to know that I was able to send the B.P. House Funds £19. 11. 10, for which I have received a letter of grateful thanks. The response from members was excellent; 72 Auction Lots and more than 380 individual bids. Item 10, the 1933 G.B. I.H.Q. cover received the most interest - 16 bids and it realised 29/9d. Item 25, Singapore 1954 cover actually had more bids (18), but realised less at 21/-. The Dutch Ommen covers were also well sought after. But it was still possible to obtain bargains - one item went for one penny.

All in all, a magnificent effort. Thanks to every member who made any active contributions - and don't forget we have been able to make a donation of almost £20 towards the building of a centre to help perpetuate the memory of B.P.

(Our thanks are mainly due to Mr. Fears for this splendid effort: without his organising ability and enthusiasm I am certain such an amount would not have been raised. Editor)

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RESEARCH TOPIC: PORTUGAL - 10th. NATIONAL JAMBOREE

by the Hon. Sec.

Following up the previous Research Topics I feel that lots of members may be interested to know about the 10th. National Jamboree of the Scouts of Portugal, held from 17th. to 27th. August 1956. My own notes will be limited, and I hope that other members can add to these brief details.

In the first place a special cancel was used, in blue, reading in circular form "X ACAMPAMENTO NACIONAL DO CNE, AVINTES . PORTUGAL". The Scout badge forms the centre of the design, including the word "Alerta" (Be Prepared?) and below it, in box form, the date, and beneath that the letters "C.T.T".

Postal stationery was also available of postcard size, bearing on the left a reproduction of the Scout badge, and incorporating the words "CNE 1956 . X NACIONAL", and indicating that the camp was at "Avintes - Porto". I have specimens of this printed design in blue and also in green, but it is probable that a brown one existed. Stickers were also issued, perforated, and identical in design to the postcard except, of course, that



they were smaller. I have examples of these in the 3 colours, blue, green and brown.

A special cancel, special stationery and Scout stickers. Not much to go on, but it's all I can reasonably conclude from the material in my possession. Who was there and other similar details I cannot give; I cannot even really confirm that it was the tenth Jamboree. I have seen one of the postcards addressed to General Spry, Director of the International Bureau, with the message "With best and most cordial Scout greetings to the Director and staff of the International Bureau from the II National Jamboree of Portugal". I repeat - it says "II National Jamboree". although the design is clearly "X NACIONAL". Another little query to solve: any suggestions?

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IT OCCURS TO ME

by the President, Chairman (or wotever I am)

From time to time during extensive correspondence with you lot, the old chestnut keeps popping up with unfailing regularity. You all must have heard, read or written at least one variation of it, i. e. "Things are a bit quiet lately" or "Haven't bought anything worth shouting about for quite a while" or "If things don't buck up I'll start collecting lamp posts or fire-engines as a sideline". Or, to make a long story longer, there are times when we drop into the doldrums - no new acquisitions - the dealers trot out their stock phrase "We regret we are unable to supply your requirements at present ....."

At but wait! Have you not thought about collecting material connected with Scouting? Take, for instance, the Falkland Dependencies item featuring the Discovery - I still have yet to hear anyone dispute the validity of this stamp, and yet how many, I wonder, have tied up the 2/- value of the same set (Pouquoi-pas) with the Jean Charcot stamps?

Also what about the U. S. A. stamp commemorating the four parsons who went down in a troop ship - two of them were Scouts! Then again, one of the issues of the "Scout" of 1932 mentioned that the inverted flag variety (which is not difficult to obtain) on the 2½d. value of the K. G. V pictorial set of Jamaica was discovered by a Scout.

How about amusing yourself with Zoological stamps, tying them up with Patrol Names? And the same lark perhaps for Patrol activities, and Proficiency Badges.

Talking of badges, have you heard the sad tale of the chap who went berserk trying to get examples of County Scout Association printed envelopes, duly posted in the relevant places, and mounted with the appropriate County badges?

They tell me that wonderful things can be done with large quantities of inexpensive Scout stamps - I believe it is still possible to buy Australian used in bundles of 100 for 2/6 or so - endless hours of amusement decorating lamp shades to be had - all sorts of possibilities present themselves.

The large map of the world plastered with Scout stamps (in the correct places of course) always attracts a good deal of

attention at the Annual Open Night, or even the Area Scouters Pow-wow or A.G.M.

Who ever heard of Scout stamps on the Troop notice board, in the Patrol log-book and - well, other unlikely places?

In conclusion, I would just like to point out that the only people who cannot indulge in these pleasantries are the harassed and grossly overworked officers of this Society who, when not working on their Groups or mounting their specimens (stamps, not Scouts) are writing masses of manuscript for this magazine or answering heap after heap of letters!

Oh, well, back to the asylum!

(We hope our President won't remain shut up too long and that we can read a little more from his pen in the near future!  
Editor)

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#### STREAMLINING: AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As our Club has developed we have, of course, encountered problems, and it is to our credit that with every fresh problem we have devised a satisfactory solution. We have some important plans for the future, and to allow Mr. FEARS more time to deal directly with these, a reorganisation of the system for dealing with new applications and membership renewals has been worked out. From this issue of the Journal Mr. BLUNT (of 20 George St., Berkhamsted, Herts.) will be known as the Club Secretary, and will be responsible for new members and all membership matters, including renewal subscriptions. Mr. FEARS (11 Salisbury Rd., Seaford, Sussex) will assume the title of General Secretary, and in addition to the control of finance will be responsible for the general running of the Club. He will deal with advertising, expansion plans, co-ordination, and the many matters which must arise in dealing with a progressive society of more than 200 members throughout the world, Mr. FEARS will also continue the operation of the Sales Bureau and the Permanent List.

You may like to be reminded that the editorship of the Journal will continue in the hands of Mr. NODDER, who is also responsible for your own advertisements. Mr. RHODES is in charge of the Mail Auction arrangements.

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#### 5th, WORLD JAMBOREE AT VOGELENZANG, HOLLAND

compiled by Wim Six, Member No. 94

The 5th. World Jamboree was held at Vogelenzang near Haarlem, in the Netherlands from July 31 till August 6th. 1937.

Holland was the second country in the history of Scouting to issue a set of three commemorative Scout stamps on 1st. April 1937 for propaganda in connection with this Jamboree. The designer was Mr. Pijke Koch and the printing was:-

1½ cent 14.544.360  
6 cent 14.796.490  
12½ cent 3.870.170

and the designs:-

- 1½ cent The International Scout Badge
- 6 cent Drummers
- 12½ cent the Godhead "Hermes", who points  
out the good way.

No special First Day Covers were used in those days, so that real first day covers with the ordinary postmark from 1st. April 1937 are very scarce nowadays.

More common are covers, postcards, etc. on which the special Jamboree postmark appears.

The official opening of the Jamboree post office was on July 19th. and this office was in use until August 17th. Also, during the Sundays of 1st. and 8th. August the post office was open the whole day.

The earliest known Jamboree cancellation, however, is from July 6th. and the latest known is for August 17th. Both items are in my collection. Cancellations between July 6 and July 19th. have not so far been reported. The official monthly of the Post Management in the Netherlands at The Hague stated, however, that the Jamboree Post Office was open on July 19th. and was closed down on August 14th!!

There were 4 different Jamboree cancels used at the Jamboree Post Office, each bearing its own number, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Numbers 1 and 2 are the scarcest and were mainly used for Registered and for Express delivery Mail, though I also have No.4 on a Registered cover. All such Registered letters received a specially printed Jamboree Registered label.

Very scarce and interesting Jamboree items are those letters charged for postage under aid. I have two letters in my collection sent from England to the Scouts in the Camp which only bear 1½d. postage. The English post office put the official black "T" cancel on these letters while the Jamboree post office affixed a 10 cents Dutch tax stamp on those letters. All these Tax-stamps were cancelled with the official Jamboree cancellation. No's 1, 2 and 3 are known on these tax-stamps. The Scouts in camp had to pay 10 cents tax for these letters before being allowed to collect them. (If any of the English Scouts have got such covers with tax stamps from those days and cancelled with the Jamboree postmark I am always willing to pay extra for these items ...)

Interesting and also very scarce items are those letters which were returned to senders after the official close of the camp. I have a letter on which was affixed the following slip which reads:

"ONBESTELBAAR geadress. vertrokken.  
Retour aan den afzender.  
Adm. Kamp Woestduin".

UNDELIVERABLE. addressee left  
Return to Sender.

Administration Camp Woestduin.

The camp Woestduin was the auxiliary camp just opposite the Jamboree grounds.

Also the following slips have been used for those letters which are insufficiently addressed:

"ONBESTELBAAR ONVOLLEDIG ADRES.  
Retour aan den afzender.  
Admin. Kamp Woestduin".

UNDELIVERABLE INCOMPLETELY ADDRESSED  
Return to sender.  
Admin. Camp Woestduin.

Of both the above covers only one of each is known until now. Both items also got the official Jamboree cancellation alongside the stamps, of course.

The Nat. H.Q's in The Hague used a special red machine cancellation for about 1½ years for propaganda for the coming World Jamboree and the Scout Shop sold special receipt stamps for the Jamboree.

(Many thanks for these interesting notes on this Jamboree.  
Any comments? Editor)

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SALES BUREAU

by the Hon. Sec.

The rapid growth of the Permanent List has absorbed nearly all my incoming supplies, and in one or two instances has sent me scouring all over the place to get stocks enough to fill commitments. The success of the List means that it will remain a regular feature of the Club, so if you're the man - or woman - for bargains, JOIN NOW.

Current Offers:

1. Cuba 1957. Scout pair 4c and 12c mint. 2/3d. the pair or block of 4 at 8/6d.
2. Gilwell cacheted cover (1958). Six only at 6d. each.
3. Canal Zone 1960. Scout stamp on cacheted cover (first day). 2/9d. each. (4 only).

All offers are post extra.

Publications:

Vol. I, No. 1, 2 and 3 (reprints) 2/- the three, post free.  
Vol. III, all six issues (1959) 2/6d. including post.

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QUERIES

Does anyone know whether any meter marks associated with the Jamboree were in use at the time of the 1960 Pan Pacific Jamboree in New Zealand? If you have an example, kindly contact E. Emmerling (Member No. 147), 2823 North 77th. Avenue, Elmwood Park 35, Ill., U. S. A., who would appreciate the information for the new book on meter marks on Scouting of the World, shortly to be issued.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

The volume of information passed to me by members in the course of their letters is really quite remarkable, and I fear that unless I make a note at the time, much of this useful material is soon lost in the thick files labelled "Members' Correspondence".

First of all, from Denmark I have news of a Scout camp by the KFUM-Spejdere (YMCA-Scouts) at HOJBJERG from July 12th. to 20th. 1960, at which a special Scout cancel will be used. The Girl Scouts of Denmark expect to have 10,000 of their members camping at their own camp on the island of FYN, but unfortunately they will have no special postal arrangements.

Also from Denmark comes news of a special stamp issue in commemoration of Queen Ingrid having been a Girl Scout for 25 years. The stamp value is expected to be 30 + 5 ore or 30 + 10.

My Danish correspondent also tells me that the Boy Scouts of Norway will be holding a camp near Oslo in the midsummer period, and a special cancel is expected.

From the immediate present to the more distant past. I have been trying to obtain details of the Registered Covers issued at the VOGELNANG Jamboree in Holland in 1937. Member Wim Six tells me that such covers are rare (he couldn't even find one for me); the lowest registration number is 78 and the highest 329. He doubts whether more than 500 were used during the entire Jamboree. In due course we are promised a detailed article from Wim about all aspects of the postal arrangements at the 1937 Jamboree. We are looking forward to that, and I am sure that its publication will provide more proof of the value of the Club.

My faithful correspondent from Sweden, BJORN HERMOND, brings me up-to-date about events in that country. Full details of the major camps are not yet known, but the NTO Scout Association are expected to have a camp, and there will also be a camp for Estonian Scouts in Sweden. Whether special cancels will be used is not definite. During 1960 the Swedish Scout Association and the Swedish Girl Scout Association will join together to form one Association (in case you are astonished, I am told that similar Associations already exist in Israel and India). It is possible that some philatelic souvenir may result.

Writing in the first issue of the Journal for 1960, LEN BOWEN asked for a translation of the Swedish inscription "SALJES TILLFÖRM FÖR LIONS CLUB JONKÖPING OCH SCOUTRÖRELSEN". I am informed that the literal meaning is "To be sold for the benefit of Lions Club, Jönköping, and the Scout movement"

Another message from Wim Six, this time an urgent one. During August the World Indaba will be held in Holland, and a special Scout cancel will be used. All mail will be handled in a Mobile Post Office, and special printed cacheted covers will be available. A special label has already been issued by the Netherlands Association to commemorate the 50th. Anniversary of the Scout Movement in Holland, and it is suggested that the special covers will thus comprise the printed cachet, Anniversary label and Scout cancel. All members on the Permanent List will be supplied automatically, and a small spare stock will also be purchased. However, if you want additional supplies, or extra stock to use for trading, please write to me AT ONCE. The estimated maximum cost per cover is unlikely to exceed 4/-.

THE HIDDEN STORY - I

by the Hon. Sec.

You may have a collection which can be housed comfortably in a modest album, or it may overflow twenty of the largest variety. But sooner or later you will obtain items which contain a story; I don't mean that they are interesting because the event involved was in Hungary in 1925 or in Czechoslovakia in 1946, but interesting in the way in which the stamp or badge or cover or label came into your possession. Often enough the story is one which is almost personal to you, and in the account which follows I am giving one such story of an actual item in my collection, not because it looks very grand or is worth very much, but chiefly in the hope that you will be persuaded to tell the "hidden story" behind one (or more) of your items. I have calculated that if every member did so - and why not? - we would still be running this series in the issue of the Journal appearing in 30 year's time; but just think of the interesting stories we would have read about.

I think I must first have collected Scout stamps in the beginning of 1951, but it was very much a side-line to my now neglected Colonial collection. Purchases of material were strictly rationed, and I still had numerous gaps in the basic list of Scout stamps. Thus, when I was asked in my capacity as the S.M. of a local Troop to assist in seeing the British contingent to the World Jamboree in Austria through the port of Newhaven, I did not even consider the philatelic opportunities involved. I remember that parties of Scouts arrived at quite impossible times, and had to be "dossed down" in a local school. The Scouters of the District who were there to serve late suppers or early breakfasts nobly retired to the kitchen for their sleep - but have you ever tried sleeping on a concrete floor? Needless to say we were almost glad to get up at about 4 a.m. to serve breakfast, and my chief memory is of being in charge of mountains of cornflakes.

What has all this got to do with an item now in my collection? Well, in a nearby Scout H.Q. were a number of University Rovers who not only helped at the port, but were also going on to Austria at the end of the procession on to the boats. Naturally if you want an introduction to anyone, there can be no better way than to be up at 4 a.m. with him helping to serve cornflakes. We took it in turns with the 'flakes, the milk and the sugar, and in the course of a few hours we had really got to know each other.

By mid-morning he was making his way to the boat, and as he hung over the rail at the side of the ship he called out "Can I send you anything from the Jamboree?" I suppose I could have asked for all sorts of things, but seeing that the gang-plank was just then being moved, I yelled back "Oh, send me a letter", and called out my address. I wasn't even sure that he had it correctly until some days later when I received a letter from the Jamboree, with the Scout stamp and cancel. I idly tore open the envelope and read the message inside; it was some time later that I thought that the item warranted a place in my collection. Now here is the rub: because the edges of the envelope were a little creased and

I had torn it open by hand, I trimmed it up with a pair of scissors! My private catalogue description of the item now reads quite simply: "Jamboree stamp tied to piece by camp cancel."

But you see what I mean when I say there's a story behind it - and why none of this description appears on the album page.

(Have you such a story? How about sending it in? Editor)

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE-BOOK

1. Imprint blocks occur in all four corners of the new Canadian Girl Guide issue - similar to 1955 Jamboree stamp - Plate I of both colours only (apparently).
2. WARNING! Material is on the market in connection with some local posts and balloon flights in the RAWICZ area of POLAND during 1958 and 1959. Despite the presence in the designs of "Fleur de Lys" and other Scout "trademarks", these particular "Scouts" are apparently of the Karl Marxian variety.
3. Finland. Note square cancellation re Finnish Scout Jubilee from Helsinki dated 29.5.60 and including Scout and Guide badges.
4. Greece. 9-20 May 1960. Special double line strike for the 17th. International Guide Conference.
5. It is observed with interest that I.H.Q. are now using a new meter machine. Does anyone know the first day?
6. Australia is to produce Girl Guide stamp later in the year, and no doubt the Pan Pacific Jamboree in December will be in some way productive.
7. Vietnam Scout issue is in very short supply - advisable to obtain same as soon as possible.

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members whom we hope will find much to interest them in our Club. \* denotes Junior member.

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| 260 | Yip Cheng Wah,  | 71 Merbau Pulas,     | Kuala Ketil,      | Kedah, | Malaya. | * |
| 261 | Andrew Blight,  | 42 Woodlands Avenue, | Berkhamsted,      | Herts. |         | * |
| 262 | Peter J. Payne, | 58 Westwood Road,    | Sutton Coldfield, | Warks. |         | * |

- 263 C.G.Mummery, 19 Kenwyn Mansions, Main Road, Kenilworth, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 264 M.A.Cocker, 44 Severn Street, Holderness Road, Hull.
- 265 R.Wellsted, 3 Albion Park, Loughton, Essex.
- 266 David Collins, 30 Durrants Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- 267 K.C.Simpson, 13 Fraser Place, Grangemouth, Stirlingshire.
- 268 D.Greenaway, 32 Cranbrook Drive, Esher, Surrey.
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Change of Address

- 109 Jay Rogers, 131-11 Kew Gardens Road, Kew Gardens 15, New York, U.S.A.
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Please delete the following from Membership List:  
Nos. 22, 126, 128, 130, 218.

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If you can find the time whilst on your holidays this year, see if you can pick up any bargains in Scout stamp material, and do let me know about it.

Yours,

WILF NODDER

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ADVERTS.

1. Alfredo De Los Reyes (Member 229), member of Scout Executive, Manila Council B.S. of the Philippines is collector of badges and insignia. Is prepared to pay postage to anyone willing to swop or interested in Philippine stamps. Write to 181 Concepcion, Manila, Philippines.
2. D.Edgecombe, Rover Scout (Member 253), 7 Ingleside Flats, Amanzimtoti, Natal, South Africa. Interested in collecting stamps of world and books on Scouting.
3. Will exchange SUCHARD'S Scout labels for charity seals and match box labels. Please write to Claude P.Marchal (Member No. 140) 10 Rue De Dantzig, Paris 15e.
4. Advertising Posters for the Jubilee Jamboree 1957 First Day



covers size 8" x 6" exchanged for any Guide or Scout covers  
- Write to P.J.Duck (Member No. 212), 84 Chiswick Lane,  
London, W.4.

5. Scout Uniform Belts wanted, especially American, Greek,  
Dutch and Austrian. Material exchanged or bought for  
cash - D.C.Start, 34 Woodriffe Road, London, E.11. (Member  
No. 52)

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EDITORIAL

Seems that this number is going to be packed full of information for everyone: the ink from our energetic General Secretary's pen has been flowing freely during his recent trip to the World Indaba in Holland, we resume publication of a page from Len Bowen's "chit-chat diary" and include notes from our President. We are also pleased to print an account to Tom Holton of the postal arrangements of the Indaba and, of course, the usual society items of interest. It is, however, still the "regular few" who in the main, contribute material and I would appreciate notes and articles from other members. After all, it is YOUR journal, so let's have a bit more of YOU. Send in something, won't you?

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

I've a feeling that we chose the wrong time of the year for re-introducing our competition for Juniors and I expect many of you have been away on holiday or to camp and thus haven't had the time to have a shot at answering the questions I set in July. Y'see, I haven't had one entry!!! I am therefore extending the closing date to November 20th, in the hope that some of you will "have a go". The rules remain the same as was printed in the July Journal. See what you can do, won't you?

I hope most of you take the "Scout" each week - and read it. You should find the articles on stamps which Mr. Fears writes interesting to you: they will help you with your collecting and will be useful to you by increasing your knowledge of the interesting stamps which have recently been issued.

One of our members has promised to write an article for you and I hope to be able to publish it in your section in the near future.

Well, don't forget the competition and send in your entry, won't you?

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EXTRACT FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN" ISSUED AT THE THIRD WORLD  
SCOUTERS INDABA, HELD AT ADA'S HOEVE, OMMEN, HOLLAND 3rd -  
11th AUGUST 1960

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"Collecting Scout Stamps and Postmarks"  
by Howard L. Fears

The honouring of the third World Indaba here at Ommen with a special cancellation brings to mind the hobby which is fast growing, of tracing the development of International Scouting by means of the many Scout stamps and postmarks issued since

Scouting began. Such a collection would really start with the now very rare stamps used during the siege of Mafeking, one of which even shows Lord Baden-Powell himself. The first Jamboree did not have special stamps, although labels are known to exist; it was not until 1929 that the first World Jamboree was held, at which a special cancel was used. But since that time all the World Jamborees - Hungary in 1933, Holland 1937, France in 1949, Austria in 1951, Canada in 1955, Great Britain in 1957 and lastly the Philippines, have had not only special cancellations but also special Jamboree stamps.

From such a framework it is possible to extend a collection of Scouting material in many directions. You will recall the special "scouts" used for the delivery service in Mafeking; they have had their counterparts in more modern times by postal services operated by Scouts via the sewers of Prague in 1918, or in the siege of Warsaw in 1944. Just before and after the liberation of the Netherlands there is evidence that the Scouts took a hand in helping the postal authorities, and in Eastern Europe the postal arrangements in many Displaced Persons Camps were in the hands of the Scouts, who even issued their own stamps.

Much of the collecting is, of course, much less dramatic, although in every year there are not only Scout - and Guide - issues, but also many major Scouting events which are commemorated by postmarks. Some of these are not too difficult to obtain, whilst others take a lot of finding (especially when you first hear of the use of a special postmark six months after the event is over....!)

In 1960, for instance, there have been, or are forecast to be, Scout or Guide stamps for Australia, Brazil, Canada, Canal Zone (Panama), Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and U.S.A.

It is to aid the growing army of collectors of these special issues that two specialist Societies have come into being and Societies have arranged for a representative to be present at this Indaba.

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#### SHORT REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

At the beginning of July I invited 28 members of the society who reside within reasonable striking distance of London to attend a special meeting at Roland House Scout Settlement on Saturday 23rd. July. Of these, 8 attended, 5 apologised for absence and 2 said maybe. The occasion was brought about by the visit of Mr. Wim Six from Haarlem, Holland.

The meeting began shortly after 2 p.m. with an extremely interesting talk and display of a unique collection of covers in connection with the emergency postal service organised by the Dutch Scouts immediately after their liberation. These items are now major rarities, as, most of them have long since been destroyed.

After a short break, he then showed his very fine collection of Dutch Scout postal history, notably the World Jamboree at Vogelenzang in 1937. Of special interest also, was a very remark-

able cover from a camp in 1913.

This was followed by a lively "trading session" interspersed with some equally lively discussion on certain topics. The proceedings finally wound up at approximately 7 p.m.

Although the attendance was disappointing, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Please note in your diary RIGHT NOW the date of the next meeting - same time - same place, on Saturday October 15th.

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TRIBUTES GALORE - by the General Secretary

A couple of issues ago I wrote a little sorely under the heading "Flog a Willing Horse", but I had not expected such a large and immediate response from members - so large as almost to prove an embarrassment. From America (North, South and Central), South Africa, Australia, Greece, Holland, Sweden and all parts of the U.K. (at least, these are the ones I recall) came sentiments like "Ignore the moaners, we are all grateful, carry on the good work."

It had not been my intention to canvass such compliments on behalf of the Committee; suffice it to say that we are all very grateful for such warm-hearted and generous remarks. We know now that any temporary lapses on our part are forgiven in the spirit of the Scouting Brotherhood. And if in the months, nay, years, that lie ahead, we can continue our service for the greater good of the cause, we shall rest content.

Whilst writing, perhaps I could mention a subject dear to my own heart and one on which I should welcome comment. As originally envisaged, the Club membership was to be in the region of 60, with that number we felt we could issue a Journal 4 times a year, and just be financially self-supporting. As our numbers have grown beyond that point we have extended the services of the Club until now, as you know, we have 6 issues a year of the Journal, plus the Catalogue, and the Sales Bureau, with its invaluable adjunct, the Permanent List. Whilst membership naturally fluctuates, we have kept within a dozen or so of 200 for quite some time, and allowing for the inevitable losses-of Junior members and changes of circumstance, it seems probable that this figure, plus roughly the same facilities as at present, could be maintained into the immediate foreseeable future.

But by the same token that our increase from 60 to 200 enable a great extension of the Club's benefits, I think it logical to assume that a further advance in numbers should enable other assets to be realised. The problem, therefore, on which I would invite your comments, is how best we can attract additional interest and support. As far as stamp magazines in the U.K. are concerned, we hope to insert occasional adverts. For Scouts themselves, we may again attempt to enlist support via their own magazine "The Scout". Other suggestions which have been made include the following:-

- advertising in stamp/Scout magazines in other English-speaking countries, e.g. U.S.A., Canada and Australia.

- preparing a translation of our Journals in, say, French, in order to promote membership in France and french-speaking countries.
- appointing Club representatives in many places in order to sponsor local interest, supply details of the Club, and, if applicable, enrol members.

It seems to me that there is one common factor in all these ideas, and that is the active participation of our existing membership. My appeal, therefore, is twofold:-

1. What are your own views on the best methods (not involving great financial outlay) of extending the Club?
2. - especially for those outside the U.K., or if in the U.K. having outside contacts - would you be willing to assist the furtherance of the work of the Club by becoming a representative responsible for a particular area or task?

Please let me know your views, and I would add that all constructive suggestions will be considered most carefully.

H. L. F.

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THE HIDDEN STORY

by the President

Like Mr. Fears, I have a highly-prized item in my collection that has a story behind it. Once again proving the old adage about "great minds thinking alike". Curiously enough I also have a sting in my tale. I started my Scout collecting in 1951, when a copy of an obscure catalogue came into my hands, covering "Scouts on stamps" and "Stamps on stamps" by one, Raymond Thill of Luxembourg.

This item came into my possession in 1949 whilst I was a Rover Scout in the army. I was hiking with another Rover along the autobahn a short distance from Minden in search of a suitable campsite for the Crew, when, much to our astonishment about 20 Italian Rovers appeared on as many bright red motor-cycles. We saluted them in the time-honoured fashion, and one of them stopped, pushed a postcard each into our hands and was immediately off again. Having watched them recede into the distance, we read the postcards, which informed us that these Rovers were the Italian contingent of the Rover Moot in Skjak in Norway!

The card found its way into my army souvenirs, which did not come to light again until some time in 1952! And this is the "rub"; two of the Crew I was in (the 1st. Bad Oeynhausen), went to Skjak, and I did not ask them to send me a card or anything! And what is more, during my 11 months service in B. A. O. R. I visited several Displaced Persons Camps, which included Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians and other nationalities, but never bothered to go into the matter of their postal arrangements! Heaven knows what opportunities I've missed!

TREK TO A POSTMARK'S SOURCE

by Tom Holton, Member 205

It was way back in 1959 that I applied for a place in the U.K. contingent to the 3rd. World Indaba in the Netherlands, and after months of anxious waiting received the good news in Feb. that I would be one of the lucky 174. I then wrote to the "Netherlands Philatelic Services" for information regarding postal arrangements for this camp. The first reply was negative, but on 25th. March I received another letter stating that a temporary sub P.O. would be set up for the duration of the Indaba 2-11 Aug., and a special handstamp would be in use, but no special Stamp issued.

Then came the great day, Monday August 1st., when the U.K. contingent met for the first time at 8.30 a.m. on Liverpool St. station. We had previously been divided into patrols of eight and had made our own cooking and kit arrangements within our patrols. The journey via Harwich and the Hook of Holland was uneventful but rather tiring for all concerned; we arrived at Ommen station 11.30 p.m. to be met by some smiling and very helpful Dutch Scouters who promptly loaded our kit on lorries and showed us the path to "Ada's Hoeve". I must say a 2 mile walk did a lot to refresh us. On arrival I had my first glimpse of the sub P.O. - standing beneath the trees it gave one the impression of a broken down LONDON coach. (In the daylight it was really bright and shining red). The P.O. was part of a clearing known as the Market Square, which consisted of various services such as Scout Shop, Restaurant marquee, Administration, Press, Excursions, etc; but at this late hour all we wanted was to get to our sub-camp, erect our tents and get some sleep! At this **time** I had every intention of being back at the P.O. to see it open and if possible get Reg. No.1, but the forces of nature prevailed and I was still dreaming about it when the P.O. opened at 8.30 a.m. on the 2nd. When I returned from the land of nod it was somewhere in the region of 9.30. I legged it up to the Market Square and the P.O. was already doing good business. I managed to capture Reg. No.33 and got a pleasant surprise to see it was a special Reg. label. I learned later that a dealer had obtained those early Reg. Nos. I guess he spent a more comfortable night than the U.K. contingent.

However the 2nd. had arrived and a few F.D.C.s were the order of the day. I was noted that the Postmaster was working entirely alone for the best part of that day and I think at this stage a tribute is due to this remarkable Dutchman who kept a smiling face and conducted post of his business in a foreign tongue (English). He had in use the special handstamp, and the Auto-Post handstamps No.2 and No.3. I should say No.2 is the rarer of the two for No.3 seemed to be in use most.

The P.O. provided all other services one would expect from a normal P.O. - Telegrams, Express letters, etc., but no Public Telephones.

All normal issues of Dutch stamps were on sale plus the two new "World Mental Health Stamps" first issued on 18th. July. The P.O. was open 0830 to 1230 and from 1400 to 1800 hours week days and 1400 to 1500 Sundays. These times were displayed in

front of the P.O. each day.

Mail delivered into the Camp was brought to the Camp sub-P.O. from OMMEN. Sonic had the indaba handstamp on back, also a few had AMSTERDAM. The sub-postmaster handed over to Admin. Tent and deliveries to sub camps were carried out by the Working Party. The official opening ceremony was on 3rd. August and it was at this event I first spotted our hard-working Secretary and Mr. Wim Six of Holland, and believe it or not, the next time I saw them was in the P.O. giving the overworked Postmaster a helping hand. Well done, Howard and Wim, I'm sure it was greatly appreciated.

On Saturday the 6th. we all had a pleasant surprise for our Hon. Sec. had claimed the whole front page of "KRANT", the camp newspaper, with a typical H.F. article on "Scout Stamps and Postmarks", which gave a good lead into the S.S.C.C. and S.O.S.S. joint meeting on Sunday at 1730, and as so many of us present were also "Badgers" it was followed by a "Badger Club" meeting, which incidentally got delightfully mixed up with Stamp Collection to the mutual benefit of both departments. (The extract from "Krant" is given elsewhere in this Journal. Editor.)

Mr. Wim Six had a wonderful display of Mafekings and Dutch Scout postmarks issued in 1944-45.

These events, together with all the others such as the "WORLD THEATRE", TOURS, CAMPFIRES, SPECIAL FILMS OF EARLIER JAMBOREES ETC. made this 3rd. World Indaba a really memorable 10 days.

Although I was missing for the opening of the PLO. I stood in pouring rain to see it closed at 1800 hours on 11th. August, and I can assure you the last Reg. to leave was No.181.

On the 12th. the U.K. contingent left OMMEN station at 0700 hours and returned by the same route as the outward journey, but the sea had decided to liven up a bit for us this time. I shall never forget the cheers at the first big roller, and the groans to follow. Ah! Well, the source of the postmark had been found and lots of new friends made amongst a people who had the nerve to run an Indaba in a foreign tongue, and succeed. (Yes! English was the Indaba language) "BRAVO THE DUTCH!"

P.S. From the Hon. Secretary - A personal request to the Postmaster meant that he sent me No.182 registered label - positively the last! H.F.

P.P.S. From Tom Holton - I have now had late mail returned to me and there is no special return mark, not even a Dutch postmark on the back! I believe the Scout authorities at Ommen parcelled it all up and sent it to I.H.Q., London, who re-addressed all items. I have developed my negatives of the Indaba and amongst them is a fairly good one of the Mobile P.O., one of the writing desks at the back and two different shots of the S.S.C.C. Meeting. Members who would like prints of any of these can obtain them as follows:- ¼ plate, 8d. each; ½ plate 1/3d. each, plus postage. W.T.H.

(Many thanks, Tom, for this account of the Indaba and for offering members photographs at such reasonable figures. Editor)



SALES BUREAU & PERMANENT LIST

by Howard L. Fears

The Permanent List is growing so successfully that, as one member wrote recently, 'it alone justifies the cost of the Club subscriptions'. The trouble is that although I keep increasing the Club orders for material in order to have some over for casual sales, the continuous growth absorbs just about everything. But make no mistake - I welcome more members to the Permanent List and must ask very plainly - if you haven't joined the List, why not?

I am writing this on August 12th.; yesterday I despatched the 4th. selection, 5 covers totalling 9/6d. So far a total of 10 covers-have been sent, plus some optional items, ranging from Viet-Nam, Canada and Greece, to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland. By comparison with the price list of a well-known London dealer, already this year members have been saved over twenty shillings! How do you join? Send me a deposit of 10/- or \$2, and qualify at once.

Small supplies are available of the following covers:-

- Cacheted First Day Cover of the U.S. National Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1957, including the special "National Jamboree" postmark ..... 3/6 each.
- Cacheted F.D.C, of Danish Scout Jubilee Camp "HOJBJERG" (already sent via Permanent List) ..... 2/- each.
- Cacheted F.D.C. of Norwegian Guide Camp "RINGSAKERLEIREN" (Sent in Permanent List Distribution No.3, but wrongly described as a Scout camp) ..... 2/- each.

Now one item only, quite out of the ordinary. A cover from Switzerland in 1938, with the scarce mobile P.O. cancel and the hand-stamp "ZÜRICH 3, Schweiz. Pfadfinder-Bundeslager 1938." Please don't ask if this is a good item - it is very good, and those of you who have tried to secure pre-war material will at once know that such items are always good, and from year to year grow in price. The cost is 30/- - and again it must be 'first cheque (or P.O.) secures!'

A final word before closing. One member asked whether he could purchase extra material through the Permanent List for "swopping". The position, quite simply, is that you may join for one copy of each item, or two, or whatever number you choose. The deposit is still only 10/-, but you have to agree to accept all items sent - no picking and choosing. So if you want to take advantage of this real opportunity, just write and say so.

H. L. F.

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PERMANENT LIST

by the Secretary General

The List started as an experiment, but the response from members has been so encouraging that the List has now become quite a definite feature of the Club's services. As I write, members are replying to the third distribution - "Thank you for sending these two covers. I was very pleased with them", and "I think we are very lucky to have such a regular supply of such interesting items."

We have well over 30 members, and the list is still growing. The question is - are YOU a member? We have members as far apart as New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, South Africa and Mexico - but not one in U.S.A.

It's not too late to join. Send your deposit of 10/- or \$2.00 to Mr. FEARS now, and you will not be too late for some of the 1960 items.

Permanent List - Later Notes.

I have been asked by some members whether, in addition to the present types of covers, it would also be possible to secure them Registered. I think this will be possible, and in consequence we can now offer three types of service, viz:-

- a. ordinary covers only.
- b. registered covers if possible plus ordinary covers when the registered ones cannot be obtained.
- c. ordinary covers for all events plus registered covers when obtainable (i.e. for a given event you would then receive an ordinary cover and a registered cover, if possible).

I realise this will make the Permanent List task more complicated for me, but I will do my best with the job. Existing members will be presumed to be in category (a), but if you wish to change, just let me know. Of course the cost of Registered covers will be higher than ordinary ones.

For your information, future despatches of material will be made on or about the 10th. of each month.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

1. New Postmarks:-
  - DENMARK 15.7.60 ALBORG NORDISK LEJR
  - 12.7.60 HOJBJERG K. U. F. M. SPEJDERNES JUBILAEUMS-KORPSLEJR
  - SWEDEN 27.7.60 ANHAMMARLAGRET (G. Guides)
  - 19.7.60 DELLENLAGRET " "
  - 16.7.60 SANDHOG OLOFSBORG-OLEVILINN (S. & G.)
  - FINLAND 29.5.60 HELSINKI (50 Years pmk.)
  - HOLLAND 2-11.8.60 NEDERLAND INDABA, OMMEN (N.B. Two Auto-Postkantoor at this event - Mobile P.O. to you - Nos. 2 and 3)

GERMANY 9.5.60 ALTENBURG/UBER BERGISCH GLADBACH, KONFERENZ  
DER EUROPAISCHEN PFADFINDERBUNDE.  
PHILIPPINES 16.5.60 MANILA. 20th. YEAR OF GIRL SCOUTING  
(Slogan).

2. Horrified to note recent acquisition of Len Bowen. Girl Guide slogan postmark of 1958 - SUVA, FIJI!
3. Australian Girl Guide stamp announced.
4. Next S.S.C.C. meeting at Roland House Scout Settlement will be on Saturday 15th. October at 2.30 p.m.

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ROBEY SEALS AND SWEDISH LABELS

by the Hon. Sec.

Following the articles in the May Journal, I am indebted to member SHELDON LEVY for some helpful information. Regarding the George Robey labels, at one time he had an entire sheet, which consisted of 4 complete sets of 12, arranged:-

1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6
7	8	9	7	8	9
10	11	12	10	11	12
1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6
7	8	9	7	8	9
10	11	12	10	11	12

A plain white border surrounded the sheet, but there was no division other than the ordinary perforation between the 4 sets. Mr. Levy has been told that the date of issue was 1925; when he broke up his sheet some years ago they realised \$3.00 per set but he feels the current price per set of 12 should be in the region of \$5.00 to \$6.00.

The Swedish labels: 4 different colour St. George and the Dragon seals were used in alternate years from 1933 until 1948 (but not 1945/49). Three different sketches of the Count were used, one each in 1949-1950 and 1951. Thanks Mr. Levy.

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REVEILLE!

by Len Bowen

Yes, it does mean "Wake up!" - particularly is it applicable to those of our members who live outside the shores of Great Britain.

Because our collections cover the whole world, we members are inter-dependent on each other for "advance information" so that we can obtain the various items when they are about, and also, where possible, at no great expense.

Unfortunately I have to report that we have been rather badly let-down through some members not having their eyes open. In the few months that have passed by this year, three nice additions to my collection have come my way from non-Scout philatelic sources, of which, to date, no mention has been in our Journal.

Owing to these items being already obsolete when I acquired them, I was not in a position to advise our Sales Bureau Secretary (as I usually do) so that he could hurry off a bulk order for the benefit of S.S.C.C. members. Nevertheless, I am listing these items below, with some appropriate comments, in order that members may know of them being in existence, and may perhaps have a chance of getting hot on their trail from "private correspondence" sources.

- a. A slogan cancellation on Cover from FIJI. The slogan, which is boxed in an oblong frame, reads "GIRL GUIDES WORLD REGIONAL GATHERING .SUVA. (?) TO 10th SEPT."  
1st?

The single circle postmark reads "SUVA.FIJI. 8th. Sept 1959." There is nothing specially philatelic about my cover, just ordinary commercial correspondence mail, and therefore it would seem that had the Society been aware of its use the Secretary could have sent off an Aerogramme quickly to Girl Guide H.Q. asking for a quantity of slogan envelopes to be collected in exchange for a donation to G.G. Funds. Members would then have been able to obtain them from the S.S.C.C. at a nominal price.

- b. Another slogan cancellation on cover - this one from CANADA. This also is framed in an oblong box, with extending parallel lines after the wording so as to give a long cancelling effect. The slogan wording is "SCOUTING PROMOTES CITIZENSHIP" and my cover bears a single circle postmark reading "Ottawa Ontario 4th, Feb. 1960". This slogan was also used on ordinary commercial and personal mail, and as before, an air mail request to our worthy Vice President in the International Scout H.Q. at Ottawa would no doubt have produced a sufficient quantity to have enabled a free distribution to members with the monthly Journal.

3. The third item is a real tragedy for S.S.C.C. members - it is a First Day of Issue Cover from the U.S.A. of a "Local Post" Scout Stamp issued on the 8th. February 1960 (same day as the American G.P.O. Scout Stamp), b. the "Cadillac Local Post", an officially licensed and authorised local postal collection and delivery service operating on the East Coast of America.

The moral therefore, is help the S.S.C.C. to help you!

THIRD WORLD SCOUTERS' INDABA & INTERNATIONAL JAMBORETTE  
IN HOLLAND

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by Howard L. Fears

When planning my short holiday in Holland I had little expected to find myself so intimately involved in the postal arrangements for the World Indaba held at Ommen from August 2nd. to 11th. I was not able to visit the camp at Holland's Gilwell until the Opening Day (August 3rd.) although the postal authorities commenced operations on August 2nd. Already I knew that there would be a special cancel, but what I didn't know until I got to Ommen was that a special registration label was also being used.

The actual postal facilities took the form of a mobile P.O. in a trailer-coach, and in company with Dutch member WIM SIX we found one postal official very busily engaged in selling stamps, and he was therefore a little dismayed when he saw that we had 1,000 covers to despatch. The answer was too simple; we volunteered to cancel the covers ourselves, which the official readily accepted. Each cover had at least 2 cancels - the stamps being cancelled with the Indaba hand-stamp, and each cover having the mobile P.O. date-stamp applied. Thus we tackled the task of cancelling one thousand covers, and went on to help for several hours more with more ordinary post from regular patrons of the office. (Next day my arm felt like a lump of lead - but all in the cause.)

Wim and I were able to spare time to see the Opening Ceremony, including the speech of welcome by the Chairman of the Dutch National Scout Council, Mr. VOLKMAARS. In passing I might mention that two of my own covers were signed by him and by the Chief of the Dutch Catholic Scouts' Association.

Although I had arranged with club member TOM HOLTON, also present at the Indaba, to secure first day registration covers on August 2nd., I had not anticipated that someone would wait for the opening of the Post Office and immediately send 20 or so registered letters - hence my earliest number is 42. The Registration Label, incidentally, bears the inscription "OMMEN. Indaba 2 t.e.m. 11 aug. 1960. Omn." and the number. I cannot say how many registered letters were sent each day, but as far as my own records show, from August 2nd. I have numbers 42 and 43: from Aug. 3rd. numbers 49, 53, 57, 58, 74, 88 and 90 (the last was sent very near the end of the Opening Day); I visited the Indaba again on Sunday Aug. 7th. and although the Post Office was open for an hour, all letters were despatched on Aug. 8th. - hence I have two further labels from Aug. 8th. numbered 131 and 132. Later the exact number despatched each day may be known, but at present I am not in possession of such information and at this stage can only say that I doubt whether the total for the whole camp will exceed 200 - making the item a very good one for collectors.

I have already mentioned a visit during the weekend; this actually extended from the night of Aug. 6th. until the following evening, and I was lucky enough to be conveyed by Mr. VOLKMAARS

in his car from Haarlem - a distance of rather more than 100 miles. On the Sunday the post office opened for the convenience of visitors (it was official Visitors' Day) for an hour, and again Wim Six and I assisted with the cancelling stamps. A daily Indaba paper was issued, and following a request to the editor, an article which I hurriedly penned on Scout stamp collecting was accepted for publication, and eventually appeared on the front page of, I think, the issue for Aug. 5th. On Sunday Aug. 7th. a meeting was held at the Indaba for Scout stamp collectors, and was well patronised. Wim Six contributed a display of Mafeking material, Dutch Scouts' Liberation post and Scout issues of 1960. Club members attending included Claude Marchal from France, Miss Livermore and Tom Holton from England, Wim Six from Holland and myself. In addition at least 5 others asked to be sent full details of the Club's activities, and the hastily compiled Visitors' Book shows 14 names.

One final word on the subject of the Indaba covers (although I hope Wim Six will provide more technical details when these are available). As far as I know there were only three varieties of cachets. The official cover has the Indaba design in green and red on yellow and is similar to the cancel. I purchased from a dealer in Amsterdam an unofficially cacheted cover bearing in blue the portrait of, I believe, the Dutch Chief Guide, and an inscription in Dutch. However the scarcest type of cachet is undoubtedly that issued by the Polish delegation - it is, in fact, their official cachet and in gold has the wording "1910-1960. Indaba 1960. HOLLANDIA" and the Polish Scout badge. I am assured that only 100 copies of this cachet were issued.

In the heading to this article I mentioned the International Jamborette at AMERSFOORT, also in Holland. Of course I knew of its existence but hardly expected to have a chance to visit it. However, when Mr. VOLKMAARS was conveying me by car to the Indaba I learned that he was to make an official visit to the Jamborette, and, naturally, was delighted. As far as I could ascertain, some 315 Scouts from 8 countries were camping happily together, and to my delight I also discovered that the camp administration were applying a hand-stamp to post despatched from the camp. With such a possibility in mind 3 covers had been prepared, showing also the date of the Jamborette - August 3rd. to 10th, but I realised that emergency measures would have to be adopted to secure a few more examples, and hastily purchased 20 post-cards showing local views and whilst drinking a cup of coffee addressed them to Wim Six (who was also with me). However, whilst I waited they were given a "bang" with the hand-stamp cachet, and returned to me. As they had not been through the post there was thus no objection to my conveying them on to Ommen, and they subsequently received the Indaba cancel as well. But please don't ask me for samples!

So far, I think I must leave the report as it stands. Others may amend or add, and I will try and answer any questions.

A Query??? Member J.H. Bergquist, (96) asks:- "Why are the Jubilee Year stamps of Nicaragua printed with the incorrect years 1856-1957?" Can any one offer a solution?

CLUB AUCTION SALE

All bids to be filed by the end of October please. Send your bids direct to the President. - NOT to our already overworked Secretaries please!

Please note that Lots 39 to 43 inclusive are NOT Scout material.

In order to simplify matters for our overseas members, bids may be filed in the currency of their own country. In the event of two or more members recording the same bid on any lot, the first received will be the winner.

Finally, on behalf of the Society, may I personally thank all those members who so generously contributed their spare material.

R. E. RHODES

The address is:- 38 RICHMOND AVENUE,  
HIGHAMS PARK,  
LONDON, E. 4,  
ENGLAND.

LOTS

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|----|-------------------|--|
| 1  | SWEDEN            | Part sheet 25 S.S.U. Annual. Seal for 1954 (Deer and tree stump).  |
| 2  | "                 | Ditto for 1955 (Scout cooking).  |
| 3  | "                 | Ditto for 1956 (weird motif and fleur de lys).   |
| 4  | "                 | Ditto for 1957 (globe and fleur de lys).   |
| 5  | "                 | Ditto for 1958 (boy's head and fleur de lys).  |
| 6  | "                 | Ditto for 1959 (Scout leading other boy).  |
| 7  | "                 | Ditto for 1960 (boy and bird with nest).   |
| 8  | "                 | Set of singles of Lot 1-7 plus 1951 single (Count Bernadotte).   |
| 9  | FRENCH MOROCCO    | Brown label showing group of Scouts in front of a building; probably pre-war.  |
| 10 | DENMARK           | 1959. Green and brown label (50 years), showing tree and acorn.  |
| 11 | DISPLACED PERSONS | Three peculiar min. sheets (1 perf., 1 imperf., and 1 autographed) re Polish Scouts in Chicago.  |
| 12 | G. B.             | 1957. J.I.M. picture card (2½d. val. only) posted on 11th. August.   |
| 13 | ITALY             | 14/8/59 cacheted cover of 2nd. Nat. Rover Camp, Bracciano.   |
| 14 | FINLAND           | 1957 F.D. cacheted cover.  |
| 15 | BRAZIL            | 1957 F.D. cacheted cover, bearing 4 other stamps (somewhat messy, but desirable).  |
| 16 | JAPAN.            | 1959 2nd. Nippon Jamboree. Handsome cover with special strike.   |
| 17 | AUSTRIA           | 1957. Card bearing orange Scout seal and "45 JAHRE" Postmark.  |
| 18 | CUBA              | 1954 4¢ green F.D. cacheted cover.   |
| 19 | G. B.             | 1958. Central Yorkshire Senior Scout Expedition to Norway. Two cacheted covers - 1 posted in Leeds on F.D.; the other posted in Stavanger on 3rd. day. |
| 20 | G. B.             | Ditto. Stavanger cover only.   |

LOTS

- 21 U. S. A. 1960. 3 different F.D. cacheted covers bearing new 4¢ stamp.
- 22 " Ditto but different cachets.
- 23 " Ditto but different cachets again.
- 24 " Ditto - and yet again.
- 25 CANAL ZONE 1960 F.D. cacheted cover.
- 26 U. S. A. "SCOUTINGS GOLDEN JUBILEE" meter franking (Philadelphia) on piece.
- 27 " Ditto
- 28 " Ditto
- 29 " Ditto
- 30 " Ditto
- 31 " Ditto
- 32 " Ditto (New Brunswick)
- 33 " Mint plate block of 4 of 1960 stamp (No. 26531).
- 34 NEW ZEALAND 1959 Pan-Pacific F.D. cacheted cover.
- 35 G B. 1957 Commercially used block of 4 of the 4d. value.
- 36 U. S. A. 1958/9 Two cacheted "event" covers.
- 37 " 1958/60 Ditto - only different.
- 38 Extraordinary mix-up of stamps, seals and covers which defies uncensored description - who'll take a gamble? Guaranteed genuine junk!!! Utter rubbish!
- 39 KOREA U. P. U. cacheted F. D. C.
- 40 SINGAPORE 3/6/60 National Day 4¢ and 10¢ F. D. cacheted cover.
- 41 U. S. A. Approximately 100 mixed used stamps, mostly recent - some duplication.
- 42 " Similar lot.
- 43 CANADA Similar lot.
- 44 JAMAICA 1952 unmounted mint pair.
- 45 DUTCH E. INDIES 1937. Nice used Jamboree pair.
- 46 INDONESIA 1959 Set of 6 mint.
- 47 JAPAN 1957 Min. sheet of 6 labels.
- 48 " Ditto
- 49 FINLAND 1960. 50 years of the Movement. Spec. pmk. on cacheted F. D. C.
- 50 HOLLAND 3rd. World Scouters' Indaba, Ommen. Cacheted cover posted on official opening day. Spec. postmark.

PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE EIGHT

by Len Bowen

Hello folks! The Jack-in-the-box has popped up again! Sorry I've had to "lie low" for some time - due to lengthy illnesses of my wife's elderly parents - the sad death of her father and a "near miss" of her mother caused the normal routine of family life to go topsy-turvy for the last six months or so - and thus stamp collecting activities had to be temporarily suspended - such are the vagaries of life!

As I am writing this, the European Scout Indaba is being held at OMMEN in Holland - I hope all you wise people are on to it, philatelically speaking of course! - so far a special



cancellation, special registration label, and souvenir postcards (but NO special stamps) have reached me from kind and thoughtful friends. If you have been similarly successful by reason of friendly arrangements in advance, I would sincerely point out that "one good turn deserves another" - onesidedness has caused a number of members to be "missed out" at crucial times and difficult items thus lost to one's collection.

Oh! - and whilst on the subject of Scout Events, just scribble in that little note book of yours:-

1. Australian Girl Guide stamp, August 18th.
2. Pan-Pacific Jamboree; Australia, December 1960.
3. Iran Scout Jamboree set of Scout stamps late 1960.
4. 3rd. Pakistan National Jamboree at Lahore, December 1960, 2 annas Scout stamp to be issued.

I paid a couple of visits to the International Philatelic Exhibition in London last July - a goodly number of dealers had stands there - there was a fair amount of Scout material about, including a large proportion of "manufactured" material with all sorts of rubber stamp markings - be hereby warned; the pendulum is swinging against this sort of material - so if you regard your collection as a financial investment, tighten your purse strings when acquiring this type of material. I'm not condemning it entirely out of hand; no doubt Scout funds in some countries of the world benefit from its initial sale, but looked at from the philatelist's "true-blue" angle, it just isn't worth much - and of course there are "good" stamp dealers and bad stamp dealers!

Well, I'll have to be getting on my way now; one last thing though - it's obvious that there is still material about not yet listed in our "archives" - or known to us all generally. I've recently been shown a cancellation of the 3rd. National Scout Jamboree in CEYLON 1954 - it was certainly "one out of the blue" as far as I'm concerned! Keep plodding on! Good hunting, and Best wishes!

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A very warm welcome to the following new members:-

255 Colin McArthur, Weemala, 259 Morrison Road, Ryde, N. S. W.,  
Australia.

(I regret the above was omitted from the May Journal -  
my apologies:)

270 Georges Hedo, Vaals (Limburg) Bloemendalstraat 7, Holland.

271 Ng Ah Lak, c/o Ng Kai Hong, Stall No.141, Telok Ayer Market,  
Singapore 1.

272 G. R. Barker, 44 Hawthorn Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23.

273 Emile R. Pleau, 10411 Rue D'Iberville, Apt.2, Montreal 12,  
P. Q., Canada.

274 Peter Bowen, 27 Lambourne Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex. (Junior  
member)

275 B. W. Mykolyn, 41 Wentworth Street South, Hamilton, Ontario,  
Canada.

- 276 Jan H. van der Steen, Maredijk, 13A, Leiden, Holland.  
277 Peter Nickl, 328 Norton Street, Leichhardt, N.S.W., Australia.

Change of Address:-

- 9 C.F.Benningsen, Chevening, 2 The Chase, Reigate, Surrey.  
60 Flight Lieut. D.C.Potter, Officers Mess, R.A.F., Hemswell,  
Gainsborough, Lines.  
134 R.Ingram, 109 George Street, Berkhamsted, Herts.  
146 H.Hansell Ritter, 3115 Plymouth Rock Road, RD4, Norristown,  
Pa., U.S.A.  
168 M.Yeroulance, 10 Odos Lykiou, Athens, Greece.  
209 P.Horton, 54 Princes Avenue, Walsall, Staff.  
211 J.Owen, 655 Carolina Avenue, Orangeburg, Sc., U.S.A.  
222 Leong Chee Keng, 1 Siglap Valley, Singapore 15, Malaya.  
253 D.A.Edgecombe, 7 Strapp Lane, Amanzimtoti, S.Africa.  
265 W.R.Wellsted, Colesgrove Manor, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross, Herts.

Please delete the following from your membership list:-

Nos. 104, 214, 220, 221.

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Member E.Emmerling (147) reports that he has been fortunate in acquiring from a stamp shop whilst on holiday the following items:-

- (a) Cover from Imperial Jamboree, Wembley Park 1924.
- (b) Cover from the Arrowse Park Jamboree.
- (c) F.D. cover bearing set of 1955 Indonesian Scout stamps and remailed with 1959 set Scout stamps.

(Some folks can manage to pick up some useful material when on holiday. Editor)

Our member also reports that there will be an issue of a 2a. stamp by Pakistan during the last week of December 1960. Printed in Scout colours and motif will be Kim's gun, the Scout tenderfoot appearing below the mouth of the gun. Many thanks for this advance information.

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Well, this is certainly a bumper number and we hope you have enjoyed reading it.

I have had to hold over an interesting article on some of the gems which are in Wim Six's collection and which our Hon. Sec. was able to see, and a couple of items from two other members. These will appear in our next issue. Until then,

Yours in Scouting,

Wilf Nodder.

ADVERTS.

1. As well as collecting Scout and Guide stamps, miniature sheets, F.D, and cacheted covers, cancellations, seals and maximum cards, am also interested in Scout badges, patches, publications, magazines and old books. Please write to Member 275, B.W.Mykolyn, 41 Wentworth Street South, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
2. If you are interested in philatelic material from Luxembourg, Netherlands and Germany, member 270 will be pleased to exchange same for any other Scout material - Please write to Hedo Georges, Vaals (Limburg) Bloemendalstraat 7, Netherlands.
3. Scout postmarks, covers etc. wanted - all world - D.C.D. Potter, Officers Mess, R.A.F. Hemswell, Gainsborough, Lincs.
4. Wanted. Envelopes with postal cancellation slogans (not necessarily first day) G.B. only, any year but particularly prior to 1958 and those in the future. All letters answered and postage refunded. Payment made or donation to senders - N.Goy, 68 Summer Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
5. Singapore 50th. Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) Patrol Camp: For sale - Singapore Golden Jubilee Patrol Camp badge at 50c (US) or 3/6d. postpaid (large and colourful). Pennants One for 1\$ U.S. or 7/- postpaid, small quantity. Write now - Leong Chee Keng, 1 Siglap Valley, Singapore 15, Malaya.

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STOP PRESS

Would all contributors of Mss's kindly write or type them on one side of the page only as this will avoid the possibility of any portion of the article being omitted when typed. Thank you.  
Editor.

EDITORIAL

It is sometimes a good thing to pause and reflect on that which has passed before one starts planning for the future.

The Club has been in existence for nearly four years and the time seems opportune to ask ourselves a few questions. What have we achieved? Have we done what we set out to do? Have we given the service expected of us? Obviously, we haven't pleased everyone, for we are by no means supermen, but if we have pleased the majority most of the time, then we are on the right road.

The officers of the club have recently given much thought to the Club's future: it is their unanimous opinion that certain improvements can and should be made. The Secretary General has, in his usual concise manner set down these aims in a short article which appears elsewhere in this issue. As you will see, decisions affecting the Journal are included: in January it will have a "new look", will contain more reading matter, and will, we hope, because of its improved layout, meet with your approval.

It will, of course, mean that we shall be able to increase the number of articles in each issue. My plea for more contributions, which I have made in the past, is thus all the more imperative; there must be well over a hundred members who have not as yet put pen to paper. Surely fifty or even twenty-five of these could write something over the next twelve months! Need I say more?

Just one more thing: when you send in any contributions, please see that they reach me before the 16th of the month prior to each issue; it will then make it possible for the Journal to be despatched by the beginning of the month.

My grateful thanks to our Assistant Secretary, Mr Blunt, for his co-operation and help in planning the "new Journal".

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

I wonder how many of you could make a list of the essential items needed when starting a stamp collection? Have a shot at it before reading any further..... Have you finished it? Right, now let's see if your list agrees with mine, shall we? In mine, I am going to give you my reasons for choosing them and also a few tips which I hope you will find of use.

First and foremost - an illustrated stamp album: this may be either a bound one or loose-leafed. Personally, I favour the latter for Juniors because it has certain advantages - you can easily arrange your collection to your own liking, by removing pages for the stamps of countries in which you may not at first

be interested; you can add blank pages in their correct place for the countries whose stamps appeal to you and of which you may be able to collect more easily; in a blank-album, to insert pages is not easy and the result often looks untidy: furthermore it is quite easy to remove any pages of the loose-leafed type if you wish to display them at an exhibition.

Next on my list comes a stamp catalogue. Even the advanced collector or specialist, as he is called, needs to refer, at some time or another, to a catalogue, whether it be a simplified one or a philatelic encyclopaedia. For the junior collector, Gibbon's "Simplified" catalogue is, to my mind, the most useful; it is well illustrated and contains all the young collector needs. I know that not all of you are able to afford to buy one every time it is published - usually every year - and therefore a second-hand copy is better than none at all. If your pocket won't run even to this, then I am sure you could come to some arrangements with a chum who does possess one, to share it. If you belong to a Pack, Troop or Company, why not ask your Scouter or Guider to try to get one for your library? (Adult members of the S.S.C.C. who are in the Movement and who perchance read these notes, please take the hint!!)

Not everyone will agree with my choice of the next item - a pair of stamp tweezers. You will probably say "Why list these, surely they aren't really necessary?" I think all young collectors should start stamp collecting the right way, and one of the rules of collecting is "Treat your stamps. with care". Fingering stamps with grubby, sticky fingers will certainly not improve them, will it? You will never see a real stamp collector - perhaps we should say a philatelist - finger his stamps when mounting them in his album or examining them; he will always use tweezers. He treats his stamps with care because (a) they cost money, (b) they are fragile pieces of paper and will not withstand a lot of rough handling, and (c) he is (or should be) proud of them. So see if we can remember to treat the stamps in our collection with care - they will last longer for other people, as well as ourselves, to enjoy looking at.

In the next Journal I shall continue discussing the items on my list; yes, I have several more, so until January, good collecting to you all.

Finally, a word about your competition; one, yes ONE junior sent in answers to the questions listed in the July Journal. Well, well, I'm sure it wasn't all that hard and I can only conclude you are not really interested in competitions, so we won't bother about them in the future. Leong Chee Keng, Member 222, who sent in a correct set of answers, has been sent a set of 1957 Cuban Scout stamps in blocks of four. Good for you, Leong, and we hope they will find a place in your collection. Our thanks are due to our Secretary General, Mr Fears, for presenting the prize.

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Reference was made in our last issue to the Pakistan Scout stamp shortly to be issued. It will commemorate the 3rd National Pakistan Jamboree which will be held at Lahore from 24th to 31st December 1960. Member No. 222, Leong Chee Keng, will have a small supply of these stamps available.

THE CADILLAC LOCAL POST ISSUES  
by James R. D. Yeaw (Member No. 215)

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, the Cadillac Local Post of Cape May Peninsula, New Jersey, U. S. A. issued four commemorative postal items.

They are:-

1. Stamp, issued February 8, 1960, in brown. Printed on linen paper in strips of four, un gummed. First Day Covers unknown.
2. Envelope with corner-card of the National Association of Pre-cancel Collectors (NAPC). Imprinted stamp identical in design and color to the stamp of Feb. 8th. Few F. D. C. s known cancelled at Wildwood, N. J. on Feb 8th.
3. Stamp issued July 22 1960 in connection with the opening of the 5th National Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colorado. Color is yellow and blue. Issued in sheets of four with plate number "1A", gummed. First Day Covers known posted at Rio Grande, New Jersey on July 22nd.
4. Envelope issued August 15 1960 in connection with the opening day of the N. A. P. C. convention at Wildwood, New Jersey. Government stamped 4 cent envelope with N. A. P. C. corner-card and imprinted Cadi-post stamp identical indesign to stamp of Feb 8th, but in green.

One of the modern local posts is known as the Cadillac Post as the route is actually run by Cadillac Motor Cars and is believed to be the only route so operated.

Several years ago (1953) the route was inaugurated in a small post office in Salem County, N. J. This was Daretown where the operator had post office box 33 and it was continued until the Daretown post office closed on April 30 1954. At the time another route was being set up in Cape May County to the south. This route started at Wildwood, travelled to Rio Grande, thence to Green Creek and via Villas on the return to Wildwood. U. S. Post Office Department carrier operations finally ended Wildwood and Villas operations. With only Rio Grande and Green Creek on the route, extensions were made to Goshen, South Dennis and Whitesboro. In 1958 another extension was made to Dennisville.

The regular issue now in use is of a 10 cent denomination picturing George Washington. Besides the Scout commemoratives, a commemorative has just been issued to honor the 100th anniversary of the Pony Express. Obsolete issues, some of which are still available, were issued for all towns the Cadi-post served. Write Glenn W. Dye, Cadillac-Post, Wildwood, N. J. for list of issues available.

Still available at 40 cents per mint sheet is the issue of July 22nd. Also first day covers of this same issue, attractive cachet, U. S. 4¢ commemorative stamp and Cadi-post issue of July 22nd cancelled on first day at Rio Grande, N. J. These are copies selected for condition. F. D. C. is 25¢ each. Package of 2 mint sheets and 2 FDCs for \$1.00. Write: James R. D. Yeaw, Cadillac

Post Philatelic Materials, P.O. Box 58, Fiskeville, R.I.

(This is the kind of stamp news we appreciate receiving, because it gives the story behind this local stamp issue. Many thanks, James for the information. Please note that copies etc. may be obtained from him. Editor)

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### INVESTMENT GUIDE

by Howard L. Fears

1960 has proved to be a far more interesting year than might have been imagined: 2 or 3 issues were anticipated, but we look like having a dozen by the end of December. I have before now said that the time to buy is when an issue first appears. Even the commoner stamps, like Canada, U.S.A. and Australia, don't go down in value, whilst the scarcer issues soon appreciate. The Greek set, especially on cover, is a must, in the same category as Iran and Tunisia. And don't forget Pakistan and Brazil - get 'em now.

But it is in the sphere of Scout and Guide cancels that the greatest attention must be paid. In the last issue I wrote about the Indaba in Holland, but at least from personal contact I can assure you that in 5 years anyone with a good Indaba collection will have useful material. The total number of covers sent all over the world might be numbered in thousands - but I should doubt if 10,000 were sent during the entire camp. But how about the really scarce items? Have you got a cover with the special registration label? Only 182 were used during the Indaba, and I reckon that I know how many of them went outside Holland. There was a small supply of mail awaiting delivery to the participants when the Gathering started, and I know that only 4 of these covers were stamped with the mobile P.O. cancel, because I collected them myself. And if you want proof, they were insufficiently pre-paid, which meant that Postage Dues were applied - and cancelled with the Indaba handstamp. Where are they now? If you ask Wim Six he might tell you about 2 of them and I admit - unashamedly - that the other two are in my collection.

I'm sorry for the digression, but I want to prove a point. It is simply that at the Indaba I met collectors of Scout stamps and covers who didn't even bother to send the special covers available, and hadn't even enquired about the registration labels until the camp was almost over. And to remind you that, even so, only 182 such labels were used. I'm not selling, but even if I were I don't think I should want to charge more than about 5/- or 6/- for a registered cover at this stage - but what about the price in a few years?

There are lots of other events held during the year when similar situations may occur, (and where there may not be so many Stamp collectors present!) I like the special cancel for the Estonian Scouts and Guides camping in Sweden, and another cancel used for the International Scout Conference in West Germany. Now I want to leave just one thought. Make up your mind what you want and try and get it as soon as available - if you don't succeed in a short time, you'll have to pay - or go without!

SALES BUREAU

Orders for following items, plus post, direct to Mr. FEARS:-

1. 1957 JAMBOREE BOOKLET

The British Postmark Society have sent me their last 5 copies of the second printing of this excellent booklet containing many pages of details and illustrations about the postal arrangements for the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree. Our previous supply of more than 40 copies quickly sold out; if you want a copy now, send 2/6d plus post, quickly.

2. U. S. 1957 JAMBOREE

Cacheted F.D. covers with camp postmark, 3/6d.

3. U. S. 1960 JAMBOREE

Rare cacheted covers of S.S.C.C. meeting at Colorado Springs Jamboree, including Scout stamp and camp cancel and the Club's own badge design. Bargain at 1/9d.

4. CANADA 1960 GUIDE STAMP

A variety of First Day cover with different cachets have arrived (about 5 different varieties). Rather expensive but good .... 2/6d. each.

SALES BUREAU: LATE ADDITIONS

As the result of the generous actions of Club Members I am able to offer single copies of the following items (of course, first come first served). Apply direct to Mr FEARS:-

- 1951 Austrian Scout stamp (Mint) ..... 1/6d.  
(Used on piece with Jamboree cancel)  
..... 2/6d.  
(Cancel on cover - not Jamboree) .... 2/6d.
- 1960 U.S.A. Scout stamp on Ranachqua postcard ..... 2/-d.
- 1959 U.S.A. cacheted Scout covers viz Cranberry Jamborette,  
S.O.S.S. meeting, Daniel Boone Jamborette ..... 2/-d.
- 1948 Philippine Scout pair imperf. (Mint) ..... 9d.
- 1937 Holland Scout value 12½c (Used) ..... 6d.

BROWSING AT THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Contributed by D. C. D. Potter (Member No. 60)

I was lucky enough to visit the recent London Stamp Exhibition at the Festival Hall twice and the first time was on the opening day. I concentrated on the dealers stands, especially the ones offering a large number of covers at reasonable prices, on the first day. I picked up a great number of covers on this visit that add to the different specialities I have as sidelines. Included were a number of Scout interest covers, and here is a list of them to show what can be done when you browse through the cover boxes.

The first which was the most expensive at 3/6, was a cacheted



first day cover of the Australia 1948 Jamboree stamp, addressed to the Melbourne Stamp Shop, by their own rubber stamp. The postmark was the WONGA PARK VIC AUST cancellation handstamp.

For 6d a general cacheted cover with the 27 DE 55 Pan Pacific Jamboree Clifford Park Vic Aust circular postmark featuring the Boy Scout with staff.

Another 6d for a similar cover, but this time with the hexagonal Jamboree postmark.

Another 6d for a Sutton Coldfield FDC cacheted with 2½d.

Another 6d got a Pakistan machine cancellation cover: Karachi Boy Scouts Camporee, featuring in the slogan section a Pakistan Scout badge, and a tent.

A FDC of the Pakistan set cacheted, and Philatelic Bureau was 2/-, and a second day cover of the 6p cancelled with a temporary P.O. postmark DA-173, used at Chittagong was 6d.

Nothing rare or exciting, but all new and nice items for my collection. Probably not the cheapest either, but the fun of the chase was a reward in itself. Good Scouting and happy hunting.

(My thanks to our member for these notes; it shows what can be done when one takes the time and trouble to search for interesting material, doesn't it? Editor)

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#### COMMENTS

From the Secretary-General

In recent months many decisions have been taken regarding the Club, and coupled with existing arrangements, we trust that you will agree that our organisation is really "in touch with the times". I would, however, ask you to read through all the following items carefully - they are not necessarily placed in order of importance.

Committee. We are pleased to report the extension of the Committee by the addition of E. EDMONDSON of Toronto; he is responsible for furthering the Club in Canada. We give a hearty welcome to him and also to W. T. HOLTON of 96 Midland Road, Luton, Beds. Tom Holton will act as Committee representative for an area in a radius of approximately 25 miles from Luton, and members in that area are asked to contact Tom with a view to arranging a local meeting. We also anticipate welcoming S. K. HUNTER of Glasgow as our Scottish representative when membership in Scotland reaches ten.

Journals by Air. So that our more distant members can receive their Journals quickly we are pleased to announce that we have arranged for their despatch by air-mail for those members interested. Naturally the postage is higher, and we have to charge an extra 5/- per year for Commonwealth members and a dollar a year for those in the U. S. A. If you wish to take advantage of this, please advise Mr BLUNT.

The Journal. A great deal of thought has taken place regarding the

Journal, and we hope to produce the "New Look" Journal starting in Jan. 1961. A new lay-out, a printed stiff cover and a different size - we think you will like it. The Journal will cost us more to produce, but we will try and balance the books!

Membership Cards. These are being prepared and will be issued in due course to all members. It may take some months for them all to be despatched, so don't be impatient.

Insurance of Stamp Collections. Arrangements have now been made for U.K. collectors, who can have All Risks cover on their collections for only 5/- for every £100 insured. If you would like details, just drop me a line.

Club Competition. This subject has been given a lot of thought and views differ greatly. At this stage, only two comments:-

- 1) Do you agree and
- 2) If so, would you be willing to join a Committee to consider the subject?

Please let me have your views in writing.

Publicity. Several articles have been accepted from the publicity angle for publication in various magazines. If you know of any journal anywhere in the world which might accept an article on Scout stamps, please let me have a note of the name and address of the editor.

Indaba Photos. Tom HOLTON wishes to remind members at the Indaba that he still has photos available showing the S.O.S.S./S.S.C.C. meeting, the postal arrangements, etc. The sales benefit the Club, so if interested, please write direct to him pronto.

Photographic Fans. Member Alfred CETTIE of 3829 Woodlawn Avenue, Seattle 3, Washington, U.S.A. enquires whether any members who are photography fans, especially in 35mm Colour slides, would like to exchange slides dealing with Scouting, Scout philately, etc. If interested, write direct to him.

Approval Service. As many of you know already, the Permanent List has a very great value, but sometimes you might like occasional extra covers for "swopping", or there might be material not sufficient for general distribution. In addition, from time to time special covers are secured, such as with unusual features, or different cachets. As from the beginning of November I hope to organise an Approval service for members. If you wish to be added to this list, just let me know. Even if you may have told me in the past of your interest in this service, please confirm it in writing again from now. I will also try and supply overseas members. One point - you will have to pay return postage, even if nothing is retained. Over to YOU.

Priced Check List. The revised list (thanks to Mr RHODES) should be available in January 1961.

Democracy. The present Committee appreciate that the principal officers have remained in their present posts for close on 4 years. We are a democratic Club, and all officers have signified their willingness to stand down or submit their names for re-election if members think it about time we had a change. Briefly, the officers can be divided into two categories - the Central Committee, and the Regional leaders. The Central Committee includes the Journal editor, the Club Secretary and myself.

Now this is the position and, please, we want no false heroics. Will you write to me if you would like an election held - and, if so, please say whether you want the Central Committee and/or the Regional leaders elected. I emphasise - this aims to be a democratic body, and if a fair number of members really want an election, we will willingly organise it. But if you don't want it, don't be surprised if we don't ask you again for several years - frequent alterations are difficult in a Club like ours.

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AN INTERESTING VARIETY OF THE MAFEKING STAMP,  
SCOTT, No. 180 (S.G.No. 21/22)  
(Contributed by Jay Rogers, Member 109)

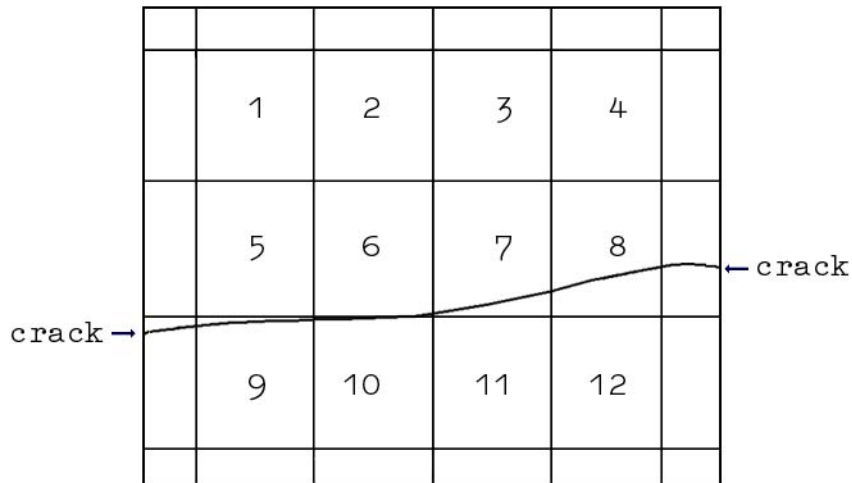
I recently purchased at auction a copy of Scott No.180 with a white line running through it. Keeping in mind that these stamps were printed from glass photographic plates, it was apparent that the plate must have been cracked before printing was discontinued. In an attempt to find out the complete story on the cracked plate variety, I corresponded with Mr. Walter Grob of Switzerland who has an outstanding collection of these Mafeking stamps and is an authority on them. In a very detailed reply, he thoroughly explained the variety.

It is believed that from ten to twenty sheets of twelve stamps each were printed from the plate after it had cracked: only five of the twelve stamps bear a trace of this horizontal crack. Thus the original quantity of this variety was between fifty and one hundred pieces.

Over the years Mr Grob has been ably to collect all five stamps and has thus been able to reconstruct the entire crack and properly plate each piece. The sketch shows which stamps on the sheet bear the crack. As it appears in different positions on each of the five stamps it is quite simple to plate correctly such a variety, if you are fortunate to possess one.

In an attempt to determine how many sheets were printed, or, at least ascertain the rarity of the variety, I would appreciate hearing from members who possess them.

(If members who are interested will turn to my short article in the very first issue of our Journal, they will see the reason for this variety, and, should they wish for more information, I suggest they refer to the very comprehensive serial which appeared in the 'South African Philatelist' in 1945, written by Dr. K. Freund. Editor)




THE HIDDEN STORY

(Contributed by Len Bowen)

The article on page 8 of the July Journal plus the interesting idea behind it prompts me to tell you about an item which I call "my sixpenny cover".

In addition to my Scout collection, I have one of postmarks (T.P.O.s, Paquebots, Used Abroad, etc) and on one occasion whilst idly rummaging through a box of covers in a stamp dealer's booth at an exhibition about five years ago for any interesting postmarks, I came across an ordinary correspondence cover from Holland to an address in England; besides bearing a 1938 date, it had a large T (tax) mark on the front and a 3d English postage due stamp: the cover was priced at sixpence.

I was not interested in tax marks or postage due stamps and was about to pass on to the next item when I noticed that one of the five Dutch stamps making up the postage was the 1½ ct. Scout badge stamp of 1937. I was still not impressed with the cover as this stamp used was only worth 1d and, additionally, some silly fool had been doodling on the cover with what looked like an indelible pencil and had drawn around the Scout stamp this design - 

After I had finished going through the box my purchases totalled up to 9/6d and so just to make it up to "a round 10 bob" I went back over the items again and dug out this sixpenny cover, thinking at least it might make a swop of some sort for my Scout collection. Thus, into the swops box it went and stayed there for between three and four years.

Those of you who know me personally know that I am a member of the Romford Stamp Club. One evening there, when the guest speaker was displaying his collection, a number of sheets were passed round: these included combination covers, of the type of South African Provincials before the first World War, or such similar item, when, lo and behold, there was that funny little doodle around a stamp on a cover, right in front of me. From

then on, I was really intrigued.

Eventually the last sheet of the display was passed round and the speaker closed his discussion with "if any members have any questions relative to the items passed round, I'll be only too pleased to explain as best I can". So up pops Len Bowen for the explanation, if any, of the peculiar "doodle".

The answer was prompt and authoritative - that doodle was an internationally recognised method of postal authorities for segregating a stamp not valid for postage in the country of posting, by reason of demonetisation, invalid by decree, an obsolete issue by date or some similar reason!

On the bus journey home from the meeting I sat and racked my brains over my "sixpenny cover". It was now obvious that, by reason of the 'T' and G.B. postage due stamp, the 1½ ct. Scout stamp had been segregated by the Dutch postal authorities. But why? I had seen numerous Dutch commercial and ordinary correspondence envelopes in pre-war days bearing the Jamboree Scout stamp and had also seen quite a few in recent years, but I had never noticed anything untoward as regard their postal transit.

I had not solved the puzzle by the time I had reached home and, so intrigued was I, that in spite of the late hour, out came my swops box and out came the cover! For some time I sat and stared at it - now why was that 1½ ct stamp segregated? Maybe there were some secret marks on the stamp somewhere, so out came the magnifying glass..... what is that imperceptibly tiny wording on the bottom? Something about 31st December 1937? I don't understand the Dutch language but daylight was beginning to dawn! As the circular postmark on the envelope had landed on another stamp it was not so apparent, but the magnifying glass again gave the answer - the envelope was posted in April 1938, and the Jamboree stamps were invalidated for postage as from 31st December 1937 - hence that "silly little doodle" around the Scout stamp!

I still regard the value of the cover as being in the price range of sixpence, but it has now been elevated from the depth of the swops box to the exalted ranks of my album pages - my intriguing sixpenny cover!

(Thanks a lot, Len, for this story. The motto seems to be - Never despise a cover bearing a mark about which you know nothing; it is bound to have been put there for a reason. It's up to you to find out why! Editor)

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FROM A FINE COLLECTION

(Contributed by Howard L. Fears)

It is always a thrill to look at someone else's carefully collected Scout stamps and postmarks, especially when the collection includes rare and unusual items. As I write the notes which follow I am looking at the collection of my good friend WIM SIX, and I am sure you will all be interested in the description of material some of which, without doubt, is unique. Like myself, he mounts his

collection in date order, hence the chronological basis of my remarks:-

- a) 1913. Netherlands. Hand cancel applied to covers sent from the first International Scout Camp in the world, held at IJMUIDEN from 24th to 31st July 1913. The postmark reads - "Ijmuiden" but on the cover there is another cancel in deep grey reading "Padvindere Kamp" in block capitals. There were 1,500 Scouts in the camp including boys from England, Belgium, Germany and Holland.
- b) 1925. Hungary. Special machine cancel including the Scout badge and the words "I. CSERKÉSZ. KERULEII VERSENY. 1925". It was used on the occasion of the first big Scout camp at UJPEST, near BUDAPEST, from September 4th to 8th 1925.
- c) 1926 Hungary. Special postmark used from July 9th to 15th for a big Scout rally at "MOUNT DU TILLEUL", again near UJPEST. 7,500 Hungarian Scouts plus more than 500 from 14 other countries. It seems that two special machine cancels exist: both show the place and date in a circular mark, but in addition, the first one shows a Scout in uniform running from left to right, carrying a staff and what appears to be a letter in his left hand: The other variety again shows a Scout in uniform blowing a bugle, standing near a pitched bell tent.
- d) 1931. Czechoslovakia. Slogan cancel and postmark in connection with the Slovakia Jamboree at Prague from June 28th to July 4th 1931. Firstly the slogan (advance) mark dated 22-VI-31: this shows a Prague circular machine cancel; on one side of it is a Scout in uniform holding an unfurled flag complete with Scout badge. Near this is written "SLOVANSKÉ JAMBOREE PRAHA 28.VI - 4.VII 1931". Also in the same cancel is a written inscription with a Czech Scout badge in the left hand corner: "TÁBORY SLOVANSKÝCH SKAUTŮ (SLOVANSKÉ JAMBOREE) PRAHA 28.VI - 4.VII.1931. The actual camp cancel is a simple circular one reading - "PRAHA SLOVANSKÉ SKAUTSKÉ TÁBORY 1931." There is also a separate label.
- e) 1932 Netherlands. I expect you know already the publicity cancel for the "Nationaal Padvindere Kamp" at WASSENAAR. This is scarce, but even scarcer is the actual camp mark (in violet?) simply reading in circular form "NAT PADVINDERSKAMP WASSENAAR. 'S-GRAVENHAGE".
- f) 1934. Czechoslovakia. I cannot give you a translation, but it seems that there was a Jamboree of Esperanto-speaking Scouts. The special circular mark reads: "BANSKÁ BYSTRICA XII. SVETOVY TABOR SKAUTSKEJ ESPERANTSKEJ LIGY. XII TUTMONDA TENDARO DE SKOLTA ESPERANTISTA LIGO".
- g) 1935. Poland. Circular cancel from Polish Scouts Jubilee camp at SPALA from 11th to 25th July. Wording on mark: "JUBILEUSZOWY SLOT HARCERSTWA POLSKIEGO.
- h) 1936. Czechoslovakia. Two examples of circular cancel, one in grey, the other in green, reading "PRAHA 14.ZEMSKÝ SKAUTSKÝ SJEZD". In the centre is the date.

- i) 1936. Denmark. Oval handstamp cachet-cancel from Girl Guide Jubilee camp, in purple reading: "DET DANSKE PIGESPEJDERKORPS BRAHE-TROLLESBORG". In the centre are the words "JUBILAEUMSLEJREN 1936"
- j) 1936. Norway. Scouts Jubilee camp at JELØY. Cancel (and also the special registration label) reads: SPEIDERNES JUBILEUMSLEIR JELØY".
- k) 1936. Roumania. You must know the set of three Scout stamps issued in connection with the 4th Roumanian National Jamboree at Brasov, from August 3rd to 29th. How about the cancel? It reads; "IV A JAMBOREE A CERCE...OR ROMANIEI of POIANA BRAVOS. 1936". Sorry about the gap - it's about three letters long, but I cannot read it where the mark comes on the dark 3 Lei stamp.
- l) 1936. China. I cannot attempt to write the Chinese characters of the special cancel, but at least I can tell you that the translation of it reads: "Second National Jamboree of the Chinese Scouts. Nanking. 25 Oct. 1936-10 hours". The mark includes a small Scout badge.
- m) 1938. France. Not quite so rare, but a reminder of the special cancel used in connection with "Plein Jeu". The circular mark reads: "PLEIN JEU ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE. PARIS" and the date, 26.6.38.
- n) 1941. Philippines. The cover in Wim's collection has quite a background: it was sent from Holland (under German occupation) by air to the Philippines; it was opened by the German censors and resealed with the German Eagle stamp. But the cover has been back-stamped at Manila (Philippine Islands) and shows the machine stamp wording - "BOY SCOUT ANNIVERSARY PERIOD OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 15". The date on the mark is Nov. 10th 1941.
- Please remember that I am compiling these notes on my brief holiday in Holland; from now on the details will simply show (unless otherwise mentioned) the wording on the cancel, plus the date.
1945. Czechoslovakia. "KLATOSY SKAUTSKB SLAVNOSTI 9. IX. 45."
1948. Finland. "SUURLEIRI VIERUMAKI 23.7.48". (The first Nation Scout camp after the war at Vierumaki starting July 17th).
1948. Luxembourg. "LETZEBURGER SCOUTEN JAMBOREE BONNEVOIE 1-8-48". There is also a registered label reading "BONNEVOIE JAMBOREE No....."
1949. France. "CONGRES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE VANVES 4-8-49".
1949. Finland. (Guide) "LOILANNIEMI KOLHO 5-7-47". (The camp dates were from 4th to 14th July 1949).
1950. Denmark. "JAMBORETTE MARIELYST, 3 - 10 AUG 1950". - A very attractive handstamp cachet with map of islands.
1950. Denmark. "NORDBY FANØ INT. SCOUT JAMBORETTE 4.8.50". (This was an International Jamborette held at FANØ from August 4th to 11th 1950)

- 1951 Denmark. (Guide) "ROHDEN PR DAUGAARD PIGESPEJDER LEJREN 3-7-51".
- 1952 Pakistan. Have you seen the cachet reading "SCOUTING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW AND A STRONGER PAKISTAN"?
- 1953 Finland. "TAPIOLAN SUURLEIRI SULKAVA. 18-7-53" - and with registration label for the camp, Number 00001!
- 1954 Philippines. H/Q's of the Philippine Scouts: machine slogan cancel reading "FIRST NATIONAL JAMBOREE APRIL 23-30 1954 QUEZON CITY. BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES". (in red).
- 1954 Ceylon. "JAMBOREE CAMP P.O. CEYLON, 19 Nov (?) 1954". (Can anyone supply details please?)
- 1955 Finland. "EKENAS TAMMISAARI 8-7-55". with a special registration label.
- 1955 Sweden. You will already know the cancel for "GOTLANDSLAGRET". Apart from the registration labels, there are also special pink labels for letters with contents of a special value. The label is the same size as the registration one: it has a large letter V, the name of the camp and a number - only 5 are known to exist from this camp.

At this point I pause whilst Wim reads over my notes and makes a few alterations. Of course you must realise that I have only picked out just one or two items, comparatively speaking, from a very large collection, and I have not mentioned all the many items more commonly seen. Again, I have not made reference to his Mafeking items or his unique Dutch material and his Siam sets complete on cover, the 1918 Czech covers - and so on. When I started to look through, he asked me to fix a value on the whole lot. Of course, I cannot - many covers are unique and others have tremendous interest. But at least I can certainly say "It is the best INTERNATIONAL Scout stamp collection I have seen in recent years."

(We are indebted to both the owner and the collator for this very interesting article. Makes one's mouth water, doesn't it? Editor)

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PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - Page Nine

by Len Bowen

Here we are once again! - a chance for another little chat! What shall we "chew over" this time?

I like the new series of articles "The Hidden Story" running in our Journal - I sincerely hope that lots of you will make that little effort and send a story to the Editor. I realise we must have serious technical articles in our magazine because it is the Society's mouthpiece - nevertheless I'm sure that most members enjoy a little "lighter" reading at times, so keep the series



going if you can, for our mutual interest.

Supplies of that set of Scout stamps from Tunis seem to be a long time arriving in this country - I only know of one dealer at the moment who actually has them - at 5/1d. per set - others say they are going to get them - but two months has elapsed now! - possibly they may turn out to be a scarce set - you all know the moral!

I'm sorry folks that I had to be recorded as "absent" at the London S.S.C.C. meeting on 15th October - I would have enjoyed being there with you all. Unfortunately young Peter was chosen by his school teacher to be taken to a musical concert at the Festival Hall, London, on that day, and I had to be at Romford station at 2 p.m. to collect him and take him to a restaurant for a dinner before travelling further - after that it was too late and we were too far away to make the meeting - I wonder if we missed any good swops!

I would like to support the Editor's appeal for more members to subscribe articles in our Journal - don't be timid - it's not difficult. Just get your albums out and have a run through the pages making a few notes - when you've finished going through, just re-write your notes with a bit of padding to enlarge the volume, and then post it off to the Editor, he will do the rest!

A little stroke of luck came my way a short while ago at my Club's annual Stamp Exhibition - a dealer at his stand was selling off the 1959 copies of the well-known "J.L." Catalogue of G.B. varieties at 1/- per copy - I soon whipped up a copy as the enlarged illustrations of the varieties on the G.B. 1957 Scout stamps will be most useful when cut out and mounted on album pages - a jolly good shillingsworth!

Well, playmates, I'll have to be on my way now - time is a bit short just now, (I hope the editor hasn't noticed the dateline of the calendar yet!) - au revoir! - will meet you again soon!

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A very hearty welcome to the following new members whom we hope will find much of interest in their association with the Club:-

\* indicates Junior member.

- 278 REV. E. G. CLARKSON, St. Luke's Vicarage, Princess Drive, Liverpool 12.
- 279 ERIC G. BOWERS, 3 Norfolk Avenue, Heaton Chapel, Stockport, Cheshire.
- 280 ROBERT MILLER, c/o 53 Meeting Lane, Burton Latimer, near Kettering, Northants.
- 281 HORACE COX, 13 The Avenue, Watford, Herts.
- \*282 ANTHONY RUMPH, 13 Holly Drive, Berkhamsted, Herts.
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- 285 TORBJORN LARSSON-FEDDE, Gabriel Lungsgt 33, Farsund, Norway.
- \*286 A. R. KOOPER, Amstelveenseweg 255, Amsterdam, Z, 11-7 Holland.
- 287 MISS D. ELLIS, Oberon, Durrant Lane, Bideford, Devon.
- 288 WILLIAM ANDERSON, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo 12, Ohio, U. S. A.

Please delete the following from your membership list:-  
Nos. 152, 164, 219.

Change of address:-

215 JAMES H. D. YEAW, P. O. Box 58, Fiskeville, R. I., U. S. A.

As I write this, Christmas and the New Year are but a few weeks off. The officers of the Club wish each of you a right royal time over the festive season, with the best of Scout stamp collecting during 1961.

Sincerely yours,  
WILF NODDER.

ADVERTS.

1. Scout uniform belts wanted, especially Greek, Dutch and Austrian. Material exchanged or bought for cash - D. C. START (Member 52), 34 Woodriffe Road, London, E. 11.
2. Would like to swop Scout county emblems and Jamboree badges. Metal Scout badges of the World also required - T/L PETER NICKL, 328 Norton Street, Leichhardt, Sydney, N. S. W., Australia.
3. Australian Guide covers; 18th August 1960 issue. 5d value F. D. C. s at 1/- or 20¢ U. S. A. postpaid. Mint, 6d or 10¢ each. - LEONG CHEE KENG, 15B Kim Ching Street, Singapore 3, Malaya.
4. Denmark Guide stamp ..... 10¢  
-ditto- F. D. C. .... 30¢  
Pakistan (Dec. 24, 1960) stamp ..... 05¢  
-ditto- F. D. C. .... 25¢  
-ditto- signed by Head Scout of Pakistan ..... \$1. 50  
Brazil, Presentation sheet ..... 60¢  
-ditto- signed by President of Brazilian Scouts . \$1. 50  
Australian Guide F. D. C. signed by Head Guide ..... \$1. 50  
Iran 1960 F. D. C. .... 60¢  
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STOP PRESS NEWS With acknowledgement to the Editor of the  
"Philatelic Magazine".

"Bulletin of the Trinidad P. S. says that efforts are now being made to urge the Government to recognise with a special commemorative, the Second Caribbean Scout Jamboree to take place in Trinidad, April 4th to 14th next year. If this materialises, it will be the first ever commemorative to be issued independently by Trinidad and Tobago."