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# EDITORIAL

January is the month of Sales in the big fashion houses; if you were 'sales-minded', along you would go and see if you could pick up any bargains; you might even go just to criticise the styles! This issue is something like one of these sales - we think you will find some bargains among the advertisements and the Sales Bureau; you may wish to comment or enlarge upon something someone has written - and why not, if you can add to what has been said? You may like - or even dislike - the 'New Look' of the Journal; if you do, drop me a line. Personally, we think it is an improvement and because it is more compact, will appeal to the majority of members and should be a great deal easier to handle and file.

This issue is a special one - we have called it a French one, the reason being fairly obvious - which will no doubt be welcomed by those members in France, Canada, and on the Continent, it is our intention to make our July number a Dutch one and I have already been promised some hitherto unpublished articles on Dutch material, which I am certain will be of interest to many members, so you can be assured of a treat in store.

Chers amis,

Grâce à l'ambilité de la S.S.C.C., j'ai le plaisir de vous adresser ces quelques lignes et de vous souhaiter une bonne année scoute et philatélique.

J'espère que mous aurons un timbre officiel pour le 50° anniversaire des ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE.

Pour les JOURNEES NATIONALES des SCOUTS DE FRANCE, qui se tiendront à JAMBVILLE ( Seto ) pendent la Pentecôte, noun aurons certainement une flamme scoute de propagande. A cette occasion une réuinion et une exposition philatélique seront organisées. Seuls pourront exposer de garcons d'age éclaireur possesseurs de la badge de Philatéliste; il convient dons de s'inscrire dès à présent, en donnant le thème de sa présentation et la nombre approximatif de feuilles. De récompenses seront attbuées aux meilleurs.

Je vous rapelle que je puis fournir des timbre-poste contre toutes vignettes de boite d'allumettes, nêmes en grandes quantités.

Bien sincèrement votre,

CLAUDE P. MARCHAL

10 Rue de Dantzig, PARIS XV.

(For our non-speaking-French members, the following translation has been given. My grateful thanks to Claude for doing this for us and for the article which follows. Ed.)

Dear friends,

Many thanks to the S.S.C.C. for letting me have the pleasure of sending you my best wishes for a new Scout and philatelical year.

I hope that we will have an official stamp for the 50th anniversary of the ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE.

For the JOURNEES NATIONALES des SCOUTS DE FRANCE - a kind of national INDABA - which will be held at JAMBVILLE near PARIS at Whitsun, we will certainly have an official propaganda postal cancellation. During this INDABA, a philatelic meeting and exposition will be held; only boys of Scout age (of any nationality) will be allowed to take part in the exposition: I suggest that you let me know right now, giving me the theme of the presentation and roughly the number of pages. Awards will be given to the best.

Hoping to hear from you all soon,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

CLAUDE MARCHAL

(Any junior member of the S.S.C.C. who is interested in entering for this exhibition should write to Claude Marchal. I hope a number will do so. Ed.)

# TIMBRES, OBLITERATIONS ET VIGNETTES SCOUTS DE FRANCE

### Contributed by Claude Marchal

- 1911? Série de 10 vignettes "Les Eclaireurs de France-Boy Scouts français-siège social 146 Rue Montmartre PARIS". 34x44. 1) Brun et bleu-violet. 2) Brun et jaune. 3) Brun et olive, a) Scout rampant; b) Scout aidant on vieillard; c)S. dans un arbre; d) S. sauvant un enfant du feu; e)S. soignant un chien; f)S. et drapeau; g)S. allumant un fen; h)S. suivant une piste; i)S. et cheval emballé; j)S. et noyée (cette dernière vignette est conne Non Dentelée en brun clair violet).
- 1911? Cette série doit exister avec comma légende "Les Eclaireurs de France-Boy Scout Francais- Siège Social 10 Rue Laffitte PARIS". Souls sont connues pour l'instant les nos b, c, d, e, h.
- 1914? Vignette "Boy Scouts au service du gouvernement militaire de Paris". 30x48 Kaki-bleurouge-jaune-noir.
- 1914? Vignette Scout saluant. "Eclaireurs de France au service de l'Armee et des administrations". 30x44. Multicolore.
- 1916 Serie des 10 premieres vignettes surchargées en rouge de la date 1916.
- 1924? 2 Vignettes "Groupement des Eclaireurs de Cherbourg". Scout et Louveteau. Noir et Beige. Imprimeur: International Express Cherbourg.
- 1925? I vignette "Viva la 4°-Domrémy- Ste Odile". 4 Guides saluant. Bleue.
- 1929 Vignette "Rallye des Scouts de France- Orléans 8-9 mai 1929". 40x62, Bleue-rouge.
- 1929 Vignette "Jamboree mondial-Birkenhead 31 Juil-13 Aout 1929". 40x62. Bleue-rouge. Emise en carnet avec la précédents.

Séries de 10 vignettes "l'Avenir de Gentilly" 1930 dont 3 Scoutes. 1) Rouge-violet; 2) Violetrouge.

- Carnet de 12 vignettes émises par le Scoutisme 1931 Français pour l'Exposition Coloniale, 33x54. Beige. "Scoutisme" en haut et en bas; a) Maréchal Lyautey; b) Feude camp; c) Congo belge; d) observatoire; e) stand interfédéral; f) Cambodge; g) Madagascar; h) Tunisie; i) Ang-
- kor; j) Italie; k) Maroc; l) Angkor.

1931

x30 ou 30x50. 1) Vert 2) Bleu 3) Beige. a) Mal Lyautey; b) Signalisation; c) B.P.; d) à table; e) Pont en V; f) Topographie; g) jeu; h) Salut aux couleurs; i) inspection; j) Alg-érie; k) Louveteaux; l) Feu de camp. 2 èmes Carnets de 12 vignettes "Scouts de France". 1932 Mêmes format et couleurs. a) Chanoine Cornette; b) Insigne; c)GalGuyot de Salins; d) Observatoire; e) C.P.; f) Rally; g) Patrouille; h) Quartier Général; i) bon apétit; k) Camp école; l) au camp. Série de 11 vingettes "Majorité des Eclaireurs 1932 de France 1911 1932". 25x45. Bleu-brun. a)

Carnets de 12 vignettes "Scouts de France". 50

- Jeanne d'Arc; b) Chevalier; c) Loop; d) Local de Meure; e) Louvoteaux jouant; f) Louveteau et chien; g) Scout et animal rampant; h) Serment "Toujours prèt à servir"; i) Scout souriant; j) S. aidant une vieille; k) Tete d' indien. 1935? Série de 12 vignettes NESTLE numérotées 1 à 12.
- Multicolore. 1936 Série de 10 vignettes "Eclaireurs de France" (25° anniversaire). 45x65. Vert. a) Eclaireur et âne; b) E. saluant du chapeau; c) E. montant la tente; d) E. et lapin; e) E. jouant de la flûte; f) E. sifflant; g) E. faisant une piste; h) E. dans la tente; i) E. se lavant; j) Chapeau scout.
- Timbre-Poste vert CHARCOT Président des Eclair-1937 eurs de France. Epreuves de luxe et d'artiste de ce timbre-Poste. 1937

1938 Série de 5 vignettes "Plein Jeu Eclaireurs de France Paris 1938 26 Juin". 27x40.

Dentelées et Non Dentelées. a) 50c bleu;
b) 1Fr rouge; c) 1.50Fr vert; d) 2Fr

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- violet; e) 5Fr brun.

  1938 Carte "Souvenir Philatélique officiel de
  PLEIN JEU Fète organisée à Paris le 26 Juin
  1938 par la Fédération des Eclaireurs de
  France-- Jean Charcot Président des Eci. de
  France de 1911 à 1921". 105x135.
  - 1938 par la Fédération des Eclaireurs de France-- Jean Charcot Président des Eci. de France de 1911 à 1921". 105x135.
    Oblitération spécials officielle (Ø27)
    PLEIN JEU ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE. PARIS) 13 \* 26-6 38.
    Oblitération violette (Ø27) non postale
    PLEIN JEU FETE DE LA JEUNESSE ET DES ECLAIR-
  - 26-6 38.

    Oblitération violette (Ø27) non postale
    PLEIN JEU FETE DE LA JEUNESSE ET DES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE 26 JUIN 1938--ECLAIREURS DE
    FRANCE--TOUT DROIT Ces cartes ont à gauche
    le timbre Charcot et à droite une des vignettes ci-dessus décrites Imprimées en vert
    ou dorées, (alors sont numérotées)a

    1938 Une carte 100x115 avec le Portrait de Charcot de 75x103 "Jean Charcot Président des

Eclaireurs de France de 1911 à 1921 PLEIN

- JEU 26 Juin 1938", existe avec les oblitér\_. ations ci-dessus décrites.

  1939 Entier postal officiel avec au verso timbre "Tout Droit Les Eclaireurs de France RF Postes 40c+60c" bleu 23x38. Au recto Eel. se tenant sur doux rochers 105x145.
- 1939 Epreuves d'artiste sur quatre feuillets 188 x252 du timbre de l'entier. Postal.
  1939 Essais sur carton du timbre de l'entier.
- Postal.

  1939 Les vignettes de l'année précédentes ont été surchargees "I F. FEU DE CAMP ARENES DE LUTECE I JUILLET 1939" a) lFr sur 50c; b) lFr sur 1Fr; c) lFr sur 1.50; d) lFr sur 2Fr; e) lFr sur 5Fr. B) . dito N.D. C) dito N.D. cI) dito surcharge renversée;
- eI) dito surcharge renversée.

  1939 Oblitération violette (Ø29) non postale
  "FEU DE CAMP PARIS I JUILLET 1939 ARENES
  DE LUTECE"

- 1939 Timbre de Jean Charcot lila 90c. +35c.
- 1939 Epreuves de luxe et d'artiste de ce timbre
- 1039-1950 Série de 200 vignettes SUCHARD la vie fière et joyeuse des Scouts.
- 1940? Vignette bleue "SERVIR" représentant un routier. 30x40.
- 1945 Vignette "25° anniversaire des Scouts de France". Beige-rouge 25x35.
- 1947 Vignette "JAMBOREE FRANCE 1947" Multicolore 24x 34. Carnet de 10 vign.
- 1947 Vignette identique à la précédente mais 95x14 pour voitures.
- 1947 Timbre poste du JAMBOREE 5Fr. Feuillet de luxe 145x126.
- 1947 Epreuves d'artiste 3.50Fr. noir 112x141---brun 145x145 --- 5Fr. brun-roux rose, noir, vert, bleu, blanc 140x106.
- 1947 Oblitération officielle (Ø24) "JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX" heure, date et noeud de carrick, combinée au slogan "AMITIE DES JEUNES PAIX DES HOMMES" dans un rectangle 44x26.

  1947 Oblitération officielle (Ø28) "JAMBOREE DE LA
- PAIX \* 2-8 47 et noeud de carrick". ler Jour 2
  -8, ouverture du Jamboree 9 -8.
  Variantes signe \* à moitié ou totalement effacé;
  ou remplacé par goupe horaire.

  1947 Vignette postale Recommandée "JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX
- 1947 Vignette postale Recommandée "JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX". 1947 Oblitérations non postales violette et blanche en relief "ASSOCIATION DU JAMBOREE" 27x36.
- 1949 Oblitération spéciale postale (Ø27) "CONGRES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE \*4 -6 1949 VANVES".
- 1954 Machine à affranchir "ECLAIREURS UNIONISTES DE FRANCE".
- 1955 Machine à affranchir "PENTECOTE 1955 JOURNEES NATIONALES DES SCOUTS DE FRANCE A JAMBVILLE".
- 1955 Oblitération spéciale postale (Ø27) "CONGRES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE 28-5 1955 VANVES". I1 existe 3 Cartes spéciales: jaune, vert et rouge.
- 1958 Machine à affranchir "JOURNEES NATIONALES SDF JAMBVILLE".
- 1958 Oblitération de propaganda "MEULAN JOURNEES NATIONALES SDF JAMBVILLE".

1958 Oblitérations scoutes "JAMBVILLE-MEULAN et MEULAN-JAMBVILLE POSTE SCOUTE".

1958 Vignette des "JOURNEES NATIONALES SDF".

La FFE (Fédération Française des Eclaireuses) a émis une série de 19 vignettes beiges 49x35:
a) Petitee ailes; b) le camp; c) on travaille;
d) i'infirmerie; e) la section; f) la méditation; g) le ballon; h) on s'installe; i) les marmitonnes; j) la cuisine; k) après le repas;
l) salut au drapeau; m) notre chalet; o) la montagne; p) notre chalet: la bibliothèque;
q) jeu de relai; r) le local; s) notre chalet: la galerie; t) dans la neige.

La FFE a également émis une série de x vignettes gris-vert 49x35: a) tente à bagages; b) on cosntruit....

Une vignette SOIS PRETE gris clair-rouge 24x45

Une vignette "SOIS PRETE" rouge-brique 24x37

#### JUNIOR PAGE

by the Editor

Dear Juniors,

I promised in the November Journal to continue discussing the items which I think are essential when starting a stamp collection. The next important item are stamp hinges -- and please buy personally, I have used the folded ones ever since they came on the market; time is saved and the small portion which is folded is just about sufficient for attaching to the stamp. A word of warning is necessary here - only the lightest of 'licks' is needed; too much will spoil the gum of a mint stamp. I said 'good' hinges, because the cheaper kinds have inferior gum and many a stamp has been ruined by using a cheap mount. Also see that your stamps are mounted neatly on each page and spaced nicely -never crowd them as I have seen done in so many collections belonging to juniors. I like to see the stamps arranged differently on each page, and not following the same- pattern, but of course, you may arrange them as you wish to suit your own taste the main thing is to use your individuality in laying out your collection.

The next item on my list is a magnifying glass. There are many different kinds which you can buy, but I do suggest that you get a glass and not one made of plastic. Some people favour a watchmakers glass which must fit your eye, others, a hand glass, whilst there are some who prefer one which illuminates the stamp as well. There is also another type - the 'block' magnifying glass -which is made from very thick glass. This is placed on the stamp and has the advantage of keeping the stamp, flat whilst you examine it.

The final item on my list is patience - patience to wait for the best stamps you can obtain to mount in your collection; patience to mount your stamps in the best possible manner - please don't rush this as a page of stamps is easily spoilt

through rushing to complete it.

Well, I hope these notes will be of use to some of you. If you have any queries about any stamp or any philatelic problem, don't forget that there are members of the S.S.C.C. who are always willing to help you.

I had a late entry for the last Junior Competition from Ng Ah Lak, a new member in Hong Kong, and as his entry was correct and no one else sent me a solution, I have sent him the set of Cuban Scout stamps as Second Prize. Good luck to you, Ng Ah Lak.

I hope that you have read Mr Claude Marchal's letter about the exhibition which will be held in France. If you are wanting to know more about it, do write to him. I expect Guide junior members would also be permitted to enter. Anyway, if you do go in for it, here's wishing you the best of luck.

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# **QUERIES**

Member J. Bergqvist (No. 96) asks whether anyone knows where the funny picture of B-P on the 1957 Liechtenstein stamp comes from? To me it appears to be a caricature of our Founder, for I never saw him wearing a Scout hat with a floppy brim! Non Scout persons have also asked me this question so I am sure if there is a solution, then quite a number of people would like to know.

Stanley Hunter (Member 51) offers a solution to Member J. Bergqvist's query on page 12, Vol. 4, No. 5 regarding the Nicaraguan error of date -- 1856.... 1956-- on S.G.s 986 to 1000. It arose when the order for printing was placed with the Staatsdruckerei Wein (State Printers, Vienna) in 1956 and since there was no supervision by a Scout official, the error was overlooked. He goes on to say that members may be interested in the 40c value of the set, S. G. 997; as well as honouring B. P's Centenary, it also marks the 1st Central American Camporee held from Nov. 29th to Dec. 4th (approx) 1952, 12 miles from Managua, the Nicaraguan capital city. (Does anyone know whether any special cancellation was used at this Camporee? Ed.) It depicts the presentation of the 'Silver Puma' to President Somoza; Hon. President of the 'Boy Scouts de Nicaragua', Jorge Monterrojas, then Nicaraguan Chief Scout, is seen placing the decoration round the President's neck. This is the Association's highest award and the only other person to be so recognised was Lady B-P, who visited Nicaragua last year. Approval has been given to award the 'Silver Puma' to two other persons but no presentations have as yet been made. Sr. Monterrojas is now a member of the National Court of Honour. Also shown on this stamp are Salvador Fernandez who is the Executive Secretary for Latin America, Habana (Cuba) and Julio Pinell, who was head of the Nicaraguan contingent to the 1st Central American Camporee.

The 2nd Camporee was held in Guatemala, Dec. 1955 and the 3rd in El Salvador, Dec. 1957 and the 4th in Costa Rica in 1959. The next Camporee is scheduled to take place next year in Honduras. (Any cancellations from these? Ed.)

He also sent in details of a German Scout meter cancellation which he has come across. It is used on mail from the 'D.P.G' H/Q's in Dusseldorf. His cover bears the normal 'stamp' and date stamp of German meters. The slogan depicts the D.P.G. badge and is inscribed - 'GEORG VERLAG/Der Deut-

schen Pfadfinderschaft/Sankt Georg Dusseldorf 10 Postfach 10050'. (We are very grateful to Stanley for these notes which I am sure will be useful in annotating your collection. Ed.)

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Thanks to Mr C. King (Member No.118) who has been associated with the Scouts Esperanto League for many years, we can give the translation of the cancellation in Wim Six's collection and described by Howard Fears in our last issue (see (f)page 11).

XII TUTMONDA TENDARO DESKOLTA ESPERANTISTA LIGO becomes 12th WHOLE WORLD CAMP OF SCOUT'S ESPERANTO LEAGUE.

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Here are some notes, sent in by Stanley Blunt (Member 41), about recent and forthcoming events for which there is a possibility of either Scout stamps and/or cancellations. (As Len Bowen is always reminding us - "You have been warned." Ed.)

- a) Hong Kong Jamborette. 27th Dec. 1960 to 2nd Jan. 1961 to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.
- b) 3rd All-India Jamboree. 27th to 31st Dec. 1960 at Bangalore. A badge for this event is illustrated in the Commonwealth News Bulletin, issued by I.H.Q.
- c) Australian Jamboree. 29th Dec. 1960 to unspecified date, 16 miles from Sydney. A badge for this is also illustrated in the above mentioned bulletin.
- d) 2nd Caribbean Jamboree. 4th to the 14th April 1961 in Trinidad.

(Many thanks, Stanley, for these notes. Ed.)

### SALES BUREAU

(Orders, please, direct to Mr Fears----)

#### COVERS

- 1960, November. Swedish Scout and Guide Conference. Special Postmark. These covers were prepared for sending by registered post but no special facilities existed; thus the covers have sufficient postage to cover registration, but were sent by ordinary mail... Price 2s. each.
- 1960, October. Denmark. Queen INGRID Guide Stamp. Cacheted First Day covers sent by registered post, including block of four of the stamp.... Excellent value at 4s. a cover.
- 1960. U.S.A. Jamboree at Colorado Springs; First Day Cover at 1s. 9d.
- 1960. Australia Guide Stamp. Official cacheted First Day Cover at 1s. 6d.

# STAMPS

1960. Denmark Guide Stamp; mint at 8d each; blocks pro-rata.

# PUBLICATIONS

1957-Jamboree Booklet. Price 2s. 6d. per copy, plus postage. Only a couple of copies, and when they are gone, that's the lot!

# Back\_Numbers\_of the Journal.

- Vol.1, No.1 (Reprint) ..... 6d.) or the three for Vol.1, No.2 " ..... 9d.) 2s. including Vol.1, No.3 " ..... 1s.) postage.
- Vol. 3, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 the issues of 1959-any number at 9d. each including postage.
- Vol. 4 the issues of 1960 Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 each issue 9d. including postage. There are no copies of No. 1 available.

Sheets of Cancellations

Originally accompanied Vol. 3, No.6 - Nov. 1959 Ideal for illustrations .... 6d. Including postage.

One of our members has written asking, whether we would include pen-portraits of the Club officials! Umph! We don't mind providing it isn't going to cause a slump in new membership and result in a lot of present members resigning!!!

Well, here goes - it was written by someone who knows me - or says he does!

### The Editor:

Physically, one of Pharaoh's lean kind - in fact, invisible if turned sideways: thatching on top getting rather thin, due, possibly to the worry of trying to get enough material for the Journal; mentally, as normal - or as mad - as any other Scouter can be! Has dabbled in stamps for many years: from 1945 to 1956 was keenly interested in Rhodesian and B. C. A. Postal History; co-author with C.D. Twynham of 'The Postal History of the BCA.' His collection of Scout and Guide stamps and postmarks lack a number of the rarer items. Joined Scout movement in 1916 in South Africa; ex Kings Scout, has held warrants as A.S.M., S.M., and A.R.S.L. in Kent; is present S.M.(S) and D.S.M. (Bath). Is member of the Somerset Wood Badge Training Team. Holder of the Cub, Scout, Senior Scout and Rover Wood badges. Is not a good correspondent - as many of you have found out! but he does his best! Married, with three children, all of whom are associated with either the Scout or Guide movements. Dislikes - the person who, when asked to help, is always too busy --doing nothing, or the person to whom you show an unusual stamp, says, 'Rather a poor specimen; you should see my copies' - and never produces them. Likes - people who can put up with his funny ways - more than once! (Well, there it is; we shall include another one

in our next issue - providing there are enough members left to whom we can send the Journal! Ed.)

A Happy New Year to you all - 1961 - whither now? I expect most of you folks are, like myself, hoping that it will be a "quiet" year as far as new issues of Scout stamps and postmarks are concerned, so as to give us a chance to mount and write-up the material that has accumulated!

Did any of you spot the auction realisation price of the B.P. 3d. Mafeking stamp used on piece – presumably a 'small head' – at the North Western Provincial Auctions on 8th. November last? It realised  $\pounds 8$  – 10 – 0! Prices realised at auctions are nearer market values than catalogues!

I wonder also, if you read the Report in a philatelic magazine of the Royal Air Force Philatelic Society whose membership has grown to 220 in four years - they are closing the membership list at the 250 mark to allow for a period of consolidation of the club's activities. I rather think we have need of a similar policy - the S.S.C.C. has long ago outgrown the "happy little band of Stamp Collectors" atmosphere and rapidly swollen to, an 'organisation' - a set of rules, periodic committee meetings in person with democratic control of the Club's affairs, a constitution, auditors, fixed A.G.M's, are among the things required - but how, when and where? We don't all live in the same town or even country!

Switching to another subject, it is gratifying to read in the November 1960 issue of the S.O.S.S.I. Journal of America the public acknowledgement, at last, that there is in existence in the world such a society as the S.S.C.C., due, no doubt, to the "big-heartedness" of its new Editor. After all, aren't we all Scout philatelists? A little more of the "international friendship" type of co-operation would surely be to the benefit of the members of both organisations and a little more healthy competition from the "other side of the Atlantic" would ensure the best efforts of both societies!

Well, folks, I must say it is very pleasant this bitterly cold weather to pop into a nice warm cafe and indulge in a 'tea-and-toast' and a Scout stamps 'chit-chat'. My thoughts have been wandering on the subject of forgeries lately - do you know, I would like to see our Club gradually form a Forgery Reference Collection, built up slowly by purchases and items donated by members, so that if any of us were thinking of buying expensive stamps, we could have them on approval first and make comparison with the official Reference Collection before parting with our money.

I'll have to be buzzing off now - I hope you have all made a New Year Resolution to write a story for that "Hidden Story" series. Have you?

Until next time, Best Wishes. Keep patiently searching - the items you want will come along when you least expect them to!

(My grateful thanks to Len for his usual contribution. Whilst on the subject of B.P. Mafeking stamps, you may be interested in the following prices for these items which were advertised in the current issue of a philatelic magazine:

SG 19, 3d B.P. used, block of 9 ... £240 SG 19, 3d " " " 10 ... £300 SG 23, 3d " "(design reversed). £375

Rather shakes one, doesn't it? One would have to be a millionaire to be able to form a collection of these stamps: however, have a think over the points he has raised in this article, and if you feel like commentating on any of them, drop me a line. Editor.)

# INVESTMENT GUIDE (By Howard L. Fears)

It isn't always the obvious items which go up in price and in compiling my recommendations this time, I am thinking of those collectors whose basic collection is not yet complete - if any of the following is still missing, my advice is the usual one - GET 'EM NOW.

<u>U.S.A.</u> .... 1948 Guide and 1950 Scout, mint copies.

<u>Jamaica</u> ... 1952. The mint set now often reaches 2s. 6d. or even 3s., and the used set goes higher still.

<u>Indonesia</u>. 1955. This set is constantly rising and may now cost 4s. 6d. mint.

Hungary ... 1933 Scout and 1939 Guide. I have seen the latter set offered mint at 4s. which is an increase of almost 200% on the price a couple of years ago!

<u>Dutch Antilles</u> 1957. I have always thought highly of this set of three.

<u>Dutch East India</u> 1937. Mint set might now cost you los.

<u>Cuba</u> ..... 1957. A surprising set, but if it is not in your collection you have been warned before!

What about the sets of 1960? I am having trouble myself with the Tunisian set, but apart from the stamps, don't forget the cancellations.

### NEW MEMBERS

A very hearty welcome to the following who have joined us since November: we hope they will find much to interest them in their association with the Club.

- 289 JOHN S. WILSON, 5 Uplands, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds.
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- 291 DONALD L. MORRELL, Room 530, 300, St. Sacrement St., Montreal, Canada.
- 292 BRUCE R. HARGOTT, 177 York Mills Road, Willow-dale, Ontario, Canada.
- 293 FREDY SCHERB, Neubrukstr, 74 Bern, Switzer-land.
- 294 JOHN A. SNOW, 129 Holcolm Road, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.
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- 298 F. GORDON PARKER, Curlews, Stubbington Lane, Stubbington, near Fareham, Hants.
- 299 EDWARD A. ILLSCHE, P.O. Box 1843, Fort Myers, Florida, U.S.A.
- 300 S.C. SHERRIN, P.O. Box 743, Petrolia, Ontario, Canada.

Correction to address: -

Member 171 J. Crosby should read: 35 Central Street, Auburndale, 66, Mass., U.S.A.

#### CLUB NOTES

by Howard L. Fears

# Membership Drive in Canada

Our new Committee Member, Ed. EDMONDSON, is doing champion work and we have seen a lot of new members in consequence.

# Membership Drive in Scotland

Member HUNTER is 'whipping 'em on', but we feel sure there are potential members lurking in the Highlands. Any help you can give will be appreciated; if you would like details sent on, just tell Mr. HUNTER or Mr. BLUNT.

### Approvals

I am not anxious to press this topic because it means more work, but if you fancy an occasional bargain, drop me a line and I will add your name to the Approval Selections. (See further remarks under this heading.)

# Competitions

We need more volunteers if we are to form a sub-committee to deal with this subject. Names, please to the Secretary-General.

# Elections

There have been many replies to the remarks in the November Journal; almost every member who did, said, "just leave everything as it is". However, it seems that many of you, especially from the U.K., would like the idea of an annual meeting, say at the same time as the Gilwell Reunion. At this stage, all I can say is that the subject is under discussion!

#### Permanent List

At present I am distributing a First Day Cover of the Brazil Scout stamp and covers showing the special cancellation used at the Scout and Guide Conference in Stockholm in November. The next distribution may not be for a month; items on order include covers from the Pakistan Jamboree (including mint copies of the Scout stamp) and covers from the Jamboree in Australia. Looking ahead, we are already covering the Jamboree in Trinidad next April. However, apart from the Pakistan stamp, we shall not in future include any thing except covers. If by any chance you haven't yet joined this service, you can soon remedy the situation - send me 10s. for your deposit and your name will be added to the list.

### Approvals

The despatch of approval selections must be governed by the material available. At present I hope to make despatch to each member interested about once every three months, but if you don't hear for some time, it means we are short of supplies. However, if you have covers at reasonable prices which you would like to offer me for sale via the Approval Service, please send details: if you wish to join this service, also write and tell me.

# Committee Members

TOM HOLTON has kindly agreed to assist with the Permanent List distributions in future. I shall still be responsible for obtaining the material and request to join the List should come to me, but the actual despatch will be handled by Tom and remittances for settlement should go to him. Thanks, Tom. (Would anyone else like to help on a similar basis with the Approval Service?)

(I would like to support our Sec-Gen.'s plea for assistance - it is no good piling more and more work on his already over-worked shoulders and expecting him to continue his voluntary service to the Club in the same proficient manner - we are asking too much. Do do rally round him with your offers of help. Editor)

# Three Hundred Up!

As I write this, we have only reached Member No. 299, but I shall be surprised -and disappointed - if\_No. 300 has "not signed on" by the time this Journal appears. For the record, member No. 1 was registered on 20.2.57, No. 50 on 15.8.57, No. 100 on 18.1.58, No. 200 on 29.12.58 and No. 250 on 30.1.60. This is a very creditable growth rate.

### Auctions

In response to overseas requests, we will try and make sure that the auction for 1961 is announced in sufficient time for everyone to participate. But whilst we are on the subject, don't forget that you can have your Journal sent by Airmail for a small extra charge - please ask Mr BLUNT.

For some time past, it has been impossible for me to prepare illustrations and get them printed for issuing with the Journal. The position with regard to the latter is now easier and I hope to be able to include some illustrations with the March issue. Perhaps those of you who have any unusual philatelic items of Scout interest would either lend me the items or send me a tracing of it so that I can reproduce it for others to see.

Don't forget, a few articles would help me to keep my hair on!

Sincerely yours,

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

- WANTED Old Scout stamps, mint in blocks and singles used, especially HUNGARY 1933 (m. set), LIECHTENSTEIN 1932 (m. or u. set), IRAN 1950 (m. and u. Scout value), TURKEY 1938 (m. and u. Scout value), 1946 (m. and u. Scout value), CANADA 1960 (m. blocks) -
- FOR SALE FRANCE 1947, m .... 1s..(blocks 4s.), GREECE 1960, m set .... 7s. DENMARK 1960, m .... 7d. (blocks 2s. 4d.) J.H.BERGQVIST, Banergatan 29IV, Stockholm, Sweden.
- WANTED Belt buckles of the World, particularly Austrian, Spain, Portugal: Metal Woggles (ex British): Scout Flags, size 2ft. by 3ft: Gilwell Patches and Pennants prior to 1957 J.CROSBY, 35 Central Street, Auburndale 66, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Member,

This is the first time I have really gone to town and written a full length letter in our Journal and even this has no reference to Scout and Guide stamps, but I hope it will be of some interest to most of you.

First of all I would like to make some reference to my job as Club Secretary in which I know you can and will make it much easier for me.

CORRESPONDENCE:

I welcome every letter that comes along whatever the contents may be - enquiries, criticisms, comments (pleasant or otherwise) but do please quote your Membership number as it saves many precious minutes at busy periods looking you up. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Do please try and pay them as promptly as you can this avoids sending out further reminders. All members should have by now received their Membership cards (unless you are in arrears with your subs.) which gives the date of renewal so that it should not really be necessary to send out any reminders. If by chance you have not received one of these cards will you please let me know right away as I am only human and it is possible that in sending out over 200 in the course of a few weeks at intervals I may have missed you out.

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

Our President has suggested that Regional representatives might wish to arrange local meetings in addition to those he has at Roland House. I am pleased to invite ANY members who can get along to Berkhamsted on Sunday afternoon Jan. 29th from 2 p.m. I hope every HERTS. member will make an effort to come and meet his fellow members. Just drop me a postcard and I will gladly send you details as to where the meeting will be held. OUR CLUB BADGE:

Many of you have written to ask me if I can supply a rubber stamp of this. This I can do at 6/6 post free if sufficient members are interested as I must order at least a dozen from the makers at one time to be able to supply them at this price. Reply quickly, cash with order.

Yours sincerely,

F.S.Blunt, Club Secretary.

DO YOU LIKE --

Having a Pen-pal? Exchanging notes and news? Swapping stamps, covers, badges etc?

Here is a selection from our list of recent new members who would like to hear from you.

- No. 287 Miss D. Ellis, Oberon, Durrant Lane, Bideford, Devon tells us that although she has been Cubbing for 25 years she is a novice at collecting Scout and Guide stamps, and is also interested in collecting foreign badges.
- No. 288 William Andersen, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo 21, Ohio, U.S.A. is a Dealer-Collector of Scout stamps so if you have any wants or spare contact him.
- No. 289 John S. Wilson, 5 Uplands, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds. is a Queen's Scout and holder of the Duke of Edinburgh Award so if you want any tips on the latter no doubt he would be pleased to help you.
- No. 290 Rudolfs Zalamans, 60 Wakelin Terrace, St. Katherines, Ontario, Canada has been a Rover Scout for 25 years so would know all the answers to any Rover correspondent.
- No. 293 Fredy Scherb, Neubruckstr 74, Bern, Switzerland has made his career Mountaineering and is most interested in Scout F.D.C.s of all types.
- No. 295 Alan Ramage, P.O. Box 35, Pointe aux Trembles, P.Q. Canada is a collector of Patches and Badges.
- No. 297 Andrew Chr. Rizopoulos, 5 Frinis Street, St. Paraskevi Attikis, Greece has similar interests as No. 295.

If you would like a further list to appear please send a postcard to the Club Secretary.

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#### SCOUT STAMPS COLLECTORS CLUB

Priced Catalogue of Boy Scout and Girl Guide stamps First published July 1959 - Revised January 1961

#### Comments:

Although only 18 months have elapsed since the first edition, considerable changes will be noticed owing to hardening of the market, increases recorded in the 1961 edition of a well-known catalogue and a certain amount of over-optimism on the part of the compilers in connection with some of the pre-1939 issues.

Again the compilers do not undertake to supply any material at the prices quoted herein, and the same warning relating to forgeries still holds good.

# Approximate Currency Equivalents table: -

English £1(20-) 10/- 5/- 1/- 6d	U. S. A. 2. 80 1. 40 . 70 . 14 . 07	Canada 2. 74 1. 37 . 68 . 14 . 07	Austri 80 40 20 4 2	a Franco 13.75 6.87 3.44 .70	10. 54 5. 27 2. 63 . 52	Belgium & Luxembour 140 70 35 7 3	
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Our No.	Simp. S.G.	Description	M.	U.
1 1a 2 2a	127 152	Australia 1948 2½d Red. Pan-Pacific Jamboree -ditto- Imprint block of four 1952 3½d Claret. Pan-Pacific Jamboree 1960 5d Blue, Golden Jubilee of Guiding	4d 2/6 4d 6d	1d 2/6 1d 2d
3	770	Austria 1951 1 Sch. Red, yellow & green. 7th World Jamboree.	2/-	1/6
4	972/3	Belguim 1957 80c. Grey & 4fr. Green. 50th Anniversary of Movement.	1/3	1/3
5 6 6a	618 961	Brazil 1954 1.20 Grey. Blue. Internat. Scout Camp 1957 3.30 Grey. Claret. Centenary of BP. 1960 3.30 Grey. Orange. 50 Years Anniversary	9d 1/- 8d	9d 1/- 8d
7	423/5	Bulgaria 1942 "Work & Joy" set. 2 l. red, 4 l. black and 7 l. blue.	3/-	3/-
8	291	Canada 1955 5c. Green & Orange brown, 8th World Jamboree,	8d	2d
8a 9		Imprint block of four (Plate 1 or 2) 1960 5c Brown and Blue. 50th Anniversary of Girl Guides.	3/6 6d	3/6 2d
9a		-ditto- Imprint block of four	3/6	_

10 10a	137	Canal Zone (Panama) 1960 4c Red, brown & blue - 50th Anniversary of American Boy Scoutsditto- Plate block of four	6d 3/6	6d -
11 12	522 597/8	Cuba 1954 4c Green. 3rd National Scout Camp 1957 4c Green & Red and 12c Grey. Centenary of Baden-Powell.	9d 2/6	6d 2/6
13 14	1/2	Czecho-Slovakia 1918 10H. Red & 20H. Blue. Revolution local issuesditto- Overprinted "PRIJEDZ PRESIDENTA MASARYKA".	45/- £30	50/- £50
14a		Denmark 1960 60+10 Brick red. 25 Years Anniversary Girl Guides.	8d	8d
15 15a	542/9	Dominican Republic 1957 Olympic set of 8 overprinted & surcharged 2c in Red. 50th Anniversary of Scout Movement.  -ditto- miniature sheets (2)	10/6 £15	10/6
16	227/8	Dutch E. Indies 1937 71/2+21/2c Brown & 121/2+21/2c Carmine. 5th World Jamboree in Holland.	7/-	7/-
17	50/2	Dutch E. Indies (Antilles) 1957 Set of 3. 6+1½c Yellow, 7½+2½c Green & 15+5c Red. Centenary of Baden-Powell	3/-	4/-

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18	459/61	Egypt 1956 Set of 3, 10+10m Green, 20+10m Ultra- marine & 35+15m Blue, Pan-Arab Jamboree.	4/-	4/-
18a 18b		-ditto- Miniature sheets (2)	17/6 £15	-
19	25	Falkland Island Dependencies 1954 6d Black & violet, R.R.S. Discovery (formerly the property of U.K. Boy Scouts Association)	9d	9d
19a	36	1955 -ditto- overprinted "Transantarctic Expeditions".	9d	9d
19ъ		-ditto- imprint block of 4	5/-	5 /-
20	409	Finland 1957 30m Blue. 50th Anniversary of Scout Movement.	1/-	1/-
21	265/7	Formosa 1957 Set of 3. 40c Violet, 1\$ Green & 1\$.60 Blue. 50th Anniversary of Scout Movement.	1/6	1/6
21a 22	323/5	-ditto- imprint blocks of 4. 1959 Set of 3. 40c Red, 50c Blue & 5\$	8/6	_
22	929/7	Green. Commemorating 10th World Jamboree	1/6	1/6
22a		in Philippinesditto- imprint blocks of 4	7/6	_
23	348	France 1937 65+35c Green. Jean Charcot, Chief Scout of France 1913-19-23.	1/6	2/-

24 25	348a 754	France (contd.) 1937 90+35c red-purple ditto 1947 5fr Brown. 6th Word Jamboree	2/6 6d	3/- 6d
26	222/4	Great Britain 1957 Set of 3. 2½d Red, 4d Blue & 1/3 Green. 9th World Jamboree.	2/9	2/-
27 28	100/2 63/5	British Post Offices Abroad 1957 Bahrain. As 26 overprinted & surcharged 15NP on 21/2d, 25NP on 4d & 75NP on 1/3 Muscat editto-overprinted (not	3/- 3/-	3/6 3/6
29	16/8	surcharged) Qatar -ditto- overprinted (not surcharged)	3/-	3/6 4/-
30 30a		Greece 1960 Set of 8 Multicoloured. 20, 30, 40, 50, 70A, 1D, 2D.5c & 6 Dracmae. 50 years of Greek Scoutingditto- Imprint blocks of 4	4/-	4/-
31 32	280/2 492/3	Holland 1937 Set of 3. 1½c Black & green, 6c Brown & black and 12½c Blue &. black. 5th World Jamboree. 1947 "Summer" set of 5 (2 Scout values) 5+3c Yellow & blue, 6+4c Green.	3/- 2/6	1/-2/6
33 33a 34	315 406/10	Hungary 1925 Sports set of 8 (1 Scout value) 1000K. Claretditto- 1000K (single) 1933 Set of 5. 10f Green, 16f Claret, 20f Red, 32f Yellow & 40f Blue. 4th World Jamboree	15/- 2/6 11/-	15/- 2/6 12/6

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35	492/5	Hungary (Contd.) 1939 Set of 4, 2f Orange, 6f Green, 10f Brown & 20f Pink. Girl Guide Rally, I. Pax	3/6	3/6
36	501	Ting. 1940 Admiral Horthy Air set of 3 (1 Scout value) 6+6f Green.	3/-	3/-
37	524	1941 Admiral Horthy Air set of 4 (1 Scout value) 10+10f Purple.	3/6	4/-
37a		-ditto- imperf.	£5	-
38	258/62	Indonesia 1955 set of 5. 15+10s Green, 35+15s Blue, 50+25s Red, 75+25s Brown & 1R.50s Violet. National Jamboree.	4/-	4/-
39	334/9	1959 set of 6. 10+5s Buff & red, 15+10s Turquoise & red, 20+10s Violet & red, 50+25s Sage-green & red, 75+35 Brown & red and 1R+50s Slate & red. 10th World Jamboree in Philippines.	1/6	1/6
39a		<u>Iran</u> 1R Green & 6R Blue & yellow. 3rd National Jamboree.	1/3	1/3
40	119/20	Jamaica 1952 2d Blue, green & black and 6d Green, red & black, 1st. Caribbean Jamboree.	1/9	1/9
40a		-ditto- Imprint blocks of 6	15/-	_

41 41 a	367	Japan 1949 8 Yen Brown. National Camp -ditto- Imprint block of 4	1/- 5/-	1/-
42 42a 42b	217/8	Korea 1957 40h Purple & 55h Magenta. 50th Anniversary of Movementditto- imprint blocks of 4 -ditto- miniature sheet	3/6 20/- £15	3/6 - -
43	114/6	<u>Liechtenstein</u> 1932 Charity set of 3 (1 Scout value) 30+10R Blue.	37/6	37/6
43a 44	116 300/3	-ditto- single 1953 Set of 4. 10r Green, 20r Brown, 30r Red & 40r Blue. 14th International	15/- 15/-	15/- 15/-
45 45a	345/6	Scout Conference.  1957 10r Purple & 20r Brown. 50th Anniversary of Movement.  -ditto- sheet of 6 se-tenant sets	1/6	1/6
46	352/5	Lithuania 1938 Olympic set of 4 overprinted, 5+5c Green, 15+5c Red, 30+10c Blue & 60+15c Brown. National Camp	17/6	17/6
47	553/4	Luxembourg 1957 2fr Chestnut & orange and 2.50fr Claret & violet. Centenary of Baden-Powell.	1/3	1/3
48	15	Mafeking (Siege Local Post) 1900 1d Cadet messenger on cycle, light blue.	£6	70/-
48a	15	-ditto- dark blue	£6	90/1

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49	16	Mafeking (Siege Local Post) Contd. 1900 3d Head of B.P. light blue (18½mm across)	£10	£7
49a 50	16 16	-ditto- dark blue 3d head of B.P. light blue (21mm	£10 £20	£7 £15
50a	16	across) -ditto- dark blue	£20	£15
51	207/8	New Zealand 1944 Health set. 1d+1/2d Green & 2d+1d Blue.	9d	9d
51a 52 53 53a	253/4 771	Princesses in Guide uniforms.  -ditto- imprint blocks of 4  1953 Health set. 1½d+½d Blue & 2d+1d Green 1959 3d Red & brown. Pan-Pacific Jamboree  -ditto- imprint block of 4	5/- 8d 4d 2/6	- 8d 1d -
54	844	Nicaragua 1943 Sport set of 13; 1 Scout value 2c Blue.	25/-	30/-
54a 54b 54c 55	867	-ditto- 2c Blue (single) -ditto- set of 13 miniature sheets -ditto- single miniature sheet -ditto- AIRMAIL set of 13; 1 Scout value 2 Cord. Bistre.	6d £8 40/- 30/-	5/- - - 40/-
55a 55b 55c 56	986/ 1000	-ditto- 2 Cord. Bistro (single) -ditto- set of 13 miniature sheets -ditto- single miniature sheet 1957 Set of 15 multicoloured. Centenary of Baden-Powellditto- miniature sheets (2); 10	7/6 £10 60/- 10/-	5/- - - 12/6
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57	101/2	Pakistan 1959 Set of 2 Independence overprinted "2nd National Jamboree; Chittagong". 6p Violet & 8a Purple,	1/9	1/9
57a		6p Violet (plate II)	6d	6d
58	732	Persia (Iran) 1950 Set of 6 (1 Scout value) 75D. Black & brown.	7/6	7/6
58a 59	868/9	-ditto- 75D. value (single) 1956 2.50R. Blue & green and 5R Mauve & lilac. National Camp.	2/6 6/6	2/6 7/6
59a 60 60a	910	-ditto- imprint blocks of 4 1957 10R. Brown & green. Centenary of B-P -ditto- imprint block of 4	30/- 3/6 20/-	- 5/- -
61	403/4	Philippines 1948 2c Green & brown and 4c Pink & brown. 25th Anniversary of Philippines Boy Scouts.	3/-	3/-
61a 62	477/8	-ditto- imperforated 1954 Set of 2 overprints on definitives. 5c Pink & 18c on 50c Green. 1st National	2/- 3/3	3/- 5/-
63 63a 64	517 445/9	Jamboree.  1957 5c Indigo. Girl Guido World Camp -ditto- imperforated  1959 Set of 5. 6+4 Rod, 25+5 Blue (on )	1/- 2/6 20/-	1/6 3/- 25/-
64a	747/3	yellow paper), 30+10 Green, 70+20 Brown &) 80+20 Violet. 10th World Jamboree	20/ =	<i>ב</i> )/-
64a		-ditto- 6+4 Red & 25+5 Blue (on ) WHITE paper) in tete beche pair ) -ditto- miniature sheet	20/-	30/-

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65	305	Poland 1938 Annexation of Teschen 25g. Violet	1/6	9d
66	372/6	Roumania 1931 Set of 5. Scout Exhibition Fund. 11+11 Red, 21+21 Green, 31+31 Blue,	7/-	8/-
67	391/6	41+41 Sepia & 61+61 Brown. 1932 Set of 6. 25+25 Green, 50+50 Blue, 11+11 Green, 21+21 Red, 31+31 Blue &	32/6	37/6
68	413/8	61+61 Brown. National Camp, Sibiu. 1934 1932 set overprinted "Mamaia" and	20/-	25/-
69	429/33	Coat of Arms. Set of 5. 25b Black, 11 Violet, 21 Green, 61+11 Brown & 101+21 Blue. Anniversary	20/-	25/-
70	453/5	Accession of King Carol II  1936 Set of 3. 11+11 Blue, 31+31 Grey &	8/-	10/-
71	491/501	61+61 Red. National Jamboree, Brasov. 1938 Set of 11. O.E.T.R. Part of premium	7/-	8/6
72 73	525/35 550/7	in aid of Scout Funds. 1939 Set of 11ditto- 1940 Set of 7ditto-	7/- 6/-	8/6 7/6
74	657/8	Syria 1958 55p. Sepia & 40p. Blue, 3rd Pan-Arab Jamboree, Tunisia.	15/-	20/-
75	s.1/6	Thailand (Siam) 1920 Set of 6 assorted definitives overprinted with Tiger Head rubber stamp (Type I).	£7	£8

76	s. 7/12	Thailand (Siam) (contd.) 1920 Set of 6ditto- overprinted Tiger Head & "Scouts Fund" in English & Thai.	£7	£8
77	s. 13/19	(Type II). 1920 Set of 7ditto- (Type III) but over- printed by metal die-stamp process.	£5	£6
77a		Tunisia 1960 Set of 5. 4th Pan Arab Jamboree	5/6	5/6
78		Turkey 1938 Set of 6. 15th Anniversary of Repub- lic; 1 Scout value 8K. Purple.	15/-	15/-
79	700	-ditto- 8K. value (single)	4/-	4/-
80	_	1946 Set of 8. Red Cross set - 1 Scout	30/-	
		value.		
81	-	1949 -ditto- Overprinted SEFKAT PULU (Stamp of Kindness)	30/-	-
		U. S. A.		
82	512	1948 3c Green. Juliette G. Low, Founder of Girl Scouts of America.	6d	3d
82a	512	-ditto- plate block of 4	5/-	5/-
83	538	1950 3c Brown. National Jamboree, Valley Forge.	6d	2d
83a	538	-ditto- plate block of 4 (6 different exist)	3/-	3/-
84		1960 4c Red, brown & blue. 50th Anniversary of B.S.A.	6d	2d
84a		-ditto- plate block of 4 (4 different exist)	2/6	_

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85	s99/102	Viet-Nam 1960 Set of 4. Bi-coloured. 3, 4, 8 & 20d.	8/-	10/-

#### Footnotes

- 1. Thailand. Imprint blocks do exist, but your guess on valuation would be as good as most other peoples.
- 2. 1959 Philippines and 1958 Syria appear to be somewhat overrated at present hope for remission in time.

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#### EDITORIAL

I am writing this on the afternoon of January 8th, the day when, twenty years ago, there passed from our midst a great man to whom the youth of the world owe a great deal.

Much has been written about the Founder of the Scout Movement -- his adventures, his personality and his deep understanding of "THE BOY"; his face, familiar to every member of the Scout and Guide Movements, has appeared on several stamp issues of a number of countries.

Fifty years hence there will be very few people alive who actually knew or even saw him. Will Scouting and philately still be flourishing then? Will the youth of 2000 A.D. have the time and inclination to enjoy the open air life as did their forefathers and to follow their own hobbies? Or will they be engulfed by the ramifications of a new age when space travel is an everyday occurrence and automation is so efficient that few people have to work?

Although it would be foolish to prophesy, I am sure that whilst there exists even some who have like interests and who are prepared to share them with others, then such pursuits are not likely to die easily.

Let me conclude in a much lighter vein. Maybe at the beginning of the next century, members of the S.S.C.C. will be receiving, by guided rocket post, their weekly copy of the Journal on a sound-cum-colour microfilm, for use on their portable 2 inch telescreen; maybe Member 12345 will merely take from the pocket of his space suit his miniature televisor and switch on to Member 67890 and discuss with her the varieties on the stamp issue of the 25th World Jamboree which had just taken place on Mars; maybe this is just fantasy! Who worries? I, for one, won't!

#### JUNIOR PAGE

by the Editor

Dear Juniors,

In these notes, I have sometimes suggested ideas which were thought might be useful to you; one I have mentioned is the collecting of slogan cancellations as an addition to your general or Scout stamp collection. This type of collection is known as a 'sideline', but it can be both interesting and instructive, so let's look at the idea in more detail.

Getting together a collection of slogan cancellations is quite popular nowadays, probably because it need not cost very much. In many countries, cancelling machines are being used in increasing numbers, simply because, not only do they ultimately save money, but they also cut down on time, being much more efficient and quicker than employing people to handstamp letters one at a time. Many big firms use meter franking machines in their offices, to frank the very large number of letters and circulars mailed to their customers. These meter machines are very similar to the machines used by the post office authorities, the chief difference being that, in addition, they record the amount of postage paid on each letter or package franked. Both the postal authorities and the big firms have also realised that these machines are useful in drawing the public's attention to some important national event or for advertising -- hence the use of slogans.

There are in existence specialist societies which cater for collectors interested in both these kinds of cancellations, just as the S.S.C.C. does for those interested in Scout and Guide philatelic material. If you have a few slogan cancellations in your general collection, why not start a 'sideline' collection with them? Why not keep your eyes open for the different types which are used on letters the postman brings to your house and save them? Perhaps friends of your parents would also do the same for you. There is no need to keep the whole envelope. I suggest you carefully cut the whole of the slogan cancellation including the c.d.s. portion— that is the 'circular date stamp' portion which shows the town name and the date—from the envelope, leaving a margin all round so that you

have a piece about 2" wide by 4½" long, a convenient size for mounting on album sheets. With meter marks you will have to cut out a slightly longer piece as there is, in addition, to the c.d.s. and slogan, the meter machine numbered portion on the right.

In the next issue of the Journal, I shall tell you more about some of the cancellations: in the meantime, why not see how many different ones you can collect?

I notice in the philatelic press that Michael Trory (Junior Member 226) recently won the Junior Competition of the Brighton and Hove Philatelic Society with his collection of "Scouts on stamps". Congratulations, Michael, and may your success continue.

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#### THANKS

(from the Secretary General)

I am writing this short note on behalf of STANLEY BLUNT. We have been overwhelmed and delighted with the volume of seasonal good wishes during Christmas 1960, and if we had looked in the crystal globe, perhaps we could have replied in time appropriately. Sometimes we both say 'darn' when the postman sheds his usual batch of letters through the door, but when we learn how happily members react to our efforts, we can say one thing only - 'THANKS A LOT'.

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#### APPROVALS

Club Member DAVID START of 34 Woodriffe Road, London, E.11, has very kindly agreed to undertake the despatch of Approval Selections in future. Applications to join the List should however, still continue to be sent to MR. Fears.

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## SCOUTING PERSONALITIES ON STAMPS (From the pen of Stanley K. Hunter, Member 51)

Scouting has always been fortunate in receiving great encouragement from the many public figures throughout the world who have accepted positions in the Movement. A Scout Stamp collection should contain a selection of stamps depicting these members of the Movement. Several have actually been shown on stamps wearing Scout or Guide uniform and specimens are probably already in your collection.

The following should be included in this section: - Queen Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, Queen Ingrid of Denmark, Shah Rizah Pahlavi (President of the Iranian Scout Council), Crown Prince Constantine (Chief Scout of Greece), King Charles II (Founder and first Chief Scout of Roumania), Prince Nicholas (his successor as Chief Scout), and Prince Michael, who joined the Troop that his father founded and became a Patrol Leader, before becoming King.

This collection can be supplemented by the addition of some non-Scout stamps depicting the various honorary members and I give a few suggestions of personalities, all of whom are depicted on postage stamps.

In most countries of the Free World, the Head of State holds some honorary rank in Scouting. This has been true in the United Kingdom since 1910. Whilst King Edward VII did not hold any position, he certainly was a close friend of the Movement and it was at his suggestion and with his approval that B-P resigned from the Army in order to work full-time with Scouting. Even on the day he died, the King was arranging for B-P to organise a Scout Rally at Windsor.

King George V was our first Patron and granted the Royal Charter to the Scout movement in 1912. The Duke of Windsor was Chief Scout of Wales and King George VI was President of London and Yorkshire until 1936. The Queen, our present Patron, has been depicted in the uniform of a Ranger, while Princess Margaret, now Chief Ranger of the Commonwealth, was shown as a Guide. Princess Anne is, of course, an active Brownie.

Prince Arthur of Connaught was always a keen supporter of Scouting: in 1911 he became Chief Scout of Canada and

on his return to Britain in 1913, he was appointed our first President. On his death in 1938, the Duke of Gloucester, the President of Gloucester and Norfolk, became President of the Boy Scouts Association. The President of the Girl Guides is Princess Mary, the Princess Royal. Prince George of Kent, who was killed in 1942, was Commodore for Sea Scouts.

In 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt was a member of the American National Scout Council and every President since Taft has been Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America and an Honorary Vice-President on retiral. Wilson is remembered for instituting "Boy Scout Week" in 1919. At the time of writing, Presidents Hoover and Kennedy have not been portrayed on stamps.

As in the U.S.A., the President of Nicaragua is an Honorary President of the national organisation. President Somoza is seen on one of the "1956" Scout stamps, being presented with a Scout award at the 1st Central-American Camporee.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands is President of the Dutch National Scout Council and was a frequent visitor to the 1937 World Jamboree which was opened by Queen Wilhelmina. Queen Frederica of the Hellenes and Queen Farah of Iran are both actively connected with Guiding, whilst King Baudouin of the Belgians was a Boy Scout in the first inter-federal Scout Troop in Belgium.

Ex-King Farouk was appointed Chief Scout of Egypt while Crown Prince after being a Wolf Cub and a Scout.

King Rama VI of Siam was an extremely keen Scouter and founded the Movement in Thailand. It is this king that we have to thank(?) for the famous "Wild Tiger" Scout overprints of 1920. In Gibbon's catalogue he is referred to as King Vijiravudh. Readers will remember the novel and the Musical - "Anna and the King of Siam": King Rama's father was the Crown Prince tutored by Anna, while his grandfather was THE king of Siam.

Czar Nichola II of Russia was interested in Scouting and was the first (and last) Patron. It was reported in the Journal that the 1929 'Pioneer' set of Russia was actually based on a photograph of a Russian Boy Scout.

The President of the "Eclaireurs de France", 1911-1921,

Jean Baptiste Charcot, the noted Antarctic explorer is depicted on stamps as are also two of the vessels with which he was closely connected -- the "Francais" and the "Pourquoi-Pas" in which he was drowned.

To my mind, however, one of the most interesting sets of non-Scout 'Scout stamps' is the 1953 Royal Wedding stamps of Luxembourg. The stamps portray Princess Josephine Charlotte, the Chief Guide of Belgium and Prince Jean, the Chief Scout of Luxembourg.

This does not pretend to be the complete list of Scouting personalities and in fact I would be most grateful if readers would advise me of some of the many others that I have omitted.

(My grateful thanks, Stanley, for sending me the above article. Do send him any information you may have, won't you? Editor)

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#### ONE VOLUNTEER IS WORTH ---

Could YOU spare a couple of hours a week in the service of the Club? At the moment, Mr Fears has a list of several jobs in which assistance from members would greatly ease the mounting load on the Committee. Could YOU help out? Frankly, it may mean a hold-up to further expansion without extra help - so please do not lot this appeal be made in vain - All offers to MR FEARS.

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#### SALES BUREAU

By the Secretary-General

Very little this time, but nevertheless useful for your collection: -

Pakistan Scout F.D. cover with Jamboree Camp cancellation ...... 1s. 3d.

Pakistan Scout stamp, mint ...... 3d.

#### IT'S HECTIC, BUT IT'S FUN

(Contributed by Howard L. Fears)

Have you ever thought what being the Honorary Secretary of the S.S.C.C. night involve? It's really rather fascinating. Can I give you a strictly truthful account of the Club's business of just two days - January 24th and 25th? For instance, there have been five enquiries requesting fuller details of Club membership and the letters in reply have gone to Scotland (1), Isle of Man (1), England (2) and Italy (1). A new member has been enrolled from Kenya - the Colony Secretary - following the provision of an article for publication in the Kenya Scout Magazine.

From Israel, a long letter ranging over many matters from the possibility of setting up a branch of the Club to a suggestion for providing for the sale of covers from Scout events. Consequences range from ascertaining whether we may accept Israeli currency for membership - and, if so, the rate of exchange - to making available special facilities for reselling material to Junior members. A copy of 'The Scout' arrives, enclosing the latest monthly article I submitted and the draft of the next one is sent off.

Really, all of these items, however, do not broach some of the major happenings which are, of course, all covered by correspondence. Careful plans had been built up for the despatch of the Journal for January, plus the Priced Check List, noting new addresses, those wanting copies sent by air mail and a special draft letter duplicated for sending out to members whose subs. are overdue. 50 copies of the Journal were to be sent to France; then in comes the news -- the Check Lists have been held awaiting despatch by the Assistant Secretary, and now we find that the Journals have been sent out independently under the usual arrangements. This means that all our careful plans have gone astray and rapid arrangements must be made, otherwise masses of members will be writing in asking what is happening.

Some weeks previously I had written to the Editors of a number of Scout magazines from the publicity viewpoint and replies are received from Australia and India. This means the rapid drafting of an article and its despatch, by air-mail, to the respective editors, with accompanying letters; then from Australia come details of all the covers which are being

sent from the recent Jamboree for use in the Permanent List service. To calculate the debit I have to consider the difference in currency values and deal with a member's request for gramophone records of Scout interest and county badges in return.

Admittedly, there are a few other letters, such as the payment of the cost of the latest Permanent List distribution by a South African member. Then from Belgium comes a query - in French - which requires a detailed reply, to be despatched right away. The agenda for the next Committee meeting of the S.S.C.C. has to be sent to all those involved which, in itself, means five postcards being written.

Bearing in mind that all of these events genuinely occur in two days, you might have imagined I was nearing That would overlook, however, the despatch of four further articles about Scout stamps already agreed, as part of a series, to the editors of Scout magazines in Canada, Ceylon, India and Pakistan. Detailed Club records have to be kept in order and certain financial matters adjusted (including the drawing of a cheque for the latest printing cost). At the same time I have a living to earn and I also enjoy doing other things in my spare time. Now, late in the evening of January 25th, I have just written this account to show the range of activities involved in being the strictly unpaid and Honorary Secretary. Altogether 31 letters have been received and despatched, involving twelve different countries. Yet, believe me, I still try to reply within 24 hours. -- AND IT'S FUN.

(I don't think I need make any comment, need I? Editor)

#### FROM THE EDITOR'S TRAY

#### The design of the Trinidad Caribbean Jamboree Stamp - A preview

One stamp with a face value of 20 cents will be on sale at the Jamboree on April 4th 1961, the opening day; it will be valid for postage at all offices throughout the territory for three months, the whole proceeds going to the Boy Scout's Association who will be the hosts to more than forty participating countries. Of large format, it will have a border design of a bamboo arch with the central portion depicting three Scouts, representing the racial groups of the country - standing in front of a Scout headquarters. At the top left hand corner, a portrait of the Queen; at top right, the Scout fleur-de-lys, with the Jamboree motif - UNITY - at top centre. The stamp has been designed by a special sub-committee of the Main Jamboree Committee. I wonder how near this advance description will agree with the actual stamp? We shall see.

"A rose by any other name smells....."

The conviction last December of Cecil Rose, a stamp dealer, to a prison sentence of six years for fraudulent trading and other offences under the Bankruptcy Act, recalls to my mind the 1957 World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield.

He it was who formed the Mayflower Stamp Co. Ltd. to exploit the sale throughout the world of the special G.B. stamp issue for the Jamboree; he it was who promised the Boy Scout's Association the sum of £50,000 for the privilege of being the sole agent for servicing 'official' first day covers.

In his summing up and passing sentence, the judge said, inter alia-- ".... you did not hesitate to use the fair name of the Boy Scout's Association to further your frauds".

It is common knowledge that I.H.Q. finished up very much 'in the red' over this Jamboree; had this person kept his promise, this deficit would have been greatly reduced, for at the trial it was stated that the B.S.A. had received only £700! For once, comment fails me!

#### New Issues

Some members have written asking if this feature could be resurrected. It has been our intention to do this when the new edition of the 'Scout and Guide Stamps' Catalogue was published so that you would be able to keep your copy upto-date. Details of all new issues will therefore appear in the Journal in future.

#### A Query

Why are the 1949 pair of Nicaraguan Scout stamps inscribed "Boy Scout de Nicaragua"? According to our member, Stanley Hunter (No.51), the correct title of the association is "Boy Scouts de Nicaragua". Any comments please?

#### Congratulations

Junior member, Rodney Goodman (No. 238), was again awarded a Trophy and first place in the 'C' Section of the Middlesex Federation Junior Stamp Day last November for his Scout Stamps collection. Seems there is no stopping this lad! He says he finds the Journal very helpful: well, we hope he will continue to do so.

#### An Omission

My attention has been drawn to an omission in the last Journal - the pages were unnumbered! Would you please number your copy page 1 to 24, so that reference to contents can be made when an index to the present volume is compiled. Thank you.

#### Members letters

Miss Mary Thornton (Member 90) writes: - "I have a complete sheet of the Scout's Canal Zone stamp on a huge cover with first day cancellation, sent Registered Air Mail. I wonder if this may be a unique piece?" (I should imagine it was - and I bet the postmaster did a spot of cussing when he had to cancel it, too! Editor)

Mr J.X.Coutts (Member 75) in a letter to our Assistant Secretary, writes about the recent Australian Jamboree: - "The Lansdowne-Sydney Jamboree itself was very successful, some 15,000 Scouts were there including Peter Nickl (Member 277) and myself. During the camp we also met eight members of the Badgers Club all in one day."

"I asked Peter Nickl to post all my registered Scout covers for me; the very first morning he got into line outside the Camp P.O., but when he reached the counter his registered number for the covers he posted began at 60; some dealer had got there first! Registered items from this Camp will be the scarcest of all Australian Jamborees. On the last day Peter again posted some registered covers at 2.30 p.m., only 2½ hours before the Jamboree closed for good, and the number was 260, which means that perhaps less than 300 registered covers were posted throughout the camp. At all other Jamborees in Australia registered items ran into thousands!"

A personal note from Stanley Blunt - "The cover I received from our correspondent was labelled R.No. 0068 from roll R.6 -- Australian Jamboree Sydney N.S.W. Cover printed in red (I have also had some via sea route printed in green) commemorative cover, Jamboree badge, December 29th, 1960. January 9th 1961. Australian Jamboree. Postmark -- DE 60, on new 2s. 5d. stamp".

(Many thanks for this interesting account. Members who subscribe to the Permanent List for registered covers should feel happy. Editor)

#### Numbers Printed

Official information concerning the numbers printed of the Australian Girl Guide Stamp has been given to the philatelic press - 66,769,040 of 'em, so there should be enough for everyone!

#### Auction

The 1960 Auction, in aid of Club funds realised the sum of £8.6.3. the highest successful bid was 13s. and the lowest 1s. Our thanks are due to our President for his work in organising it and also to the many members who donated as well as purchased items.

#### Club Meeting

The next "open" meeting of the Club will be held at Roland House on April 15th at 2.30 p.m. when all members who can make it will be welcome.

Pakistan Jamboree Stamp

Mr. Anderson (Member 288) writes that the Pakistan Scout stamp issued on December 24th last is now invalid for internal postage in that country. I should think the quantity printed was quite large, so there should not be a shortage of copies, even used ones.

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## A Brief Report of Committee Meeting held at Roland House on February 11th 1961

Among the matters discussed at this meeting attended by nearly a full Committee were:-

- a. Appointment of Regional Representative for Scotland MR S.K. HUNTER (Member 51).
- b. Appointment of Publicity Secretary MR J. HOBBS (Member 38).
- c. Assistance for MR LADYMAN (Member 36), who has done sterling work in distributing all issues of the Journal, a most thankless task. Offers of help from MR GORDON PALMER (Member 298) gratefully accepted.
- d. Renewal of subscriptions. A matter of some concern since more than one reminder has often to be sent; time and money are thus wasted. If you happen to be one of the culprits, please rectify the omission and send your renewal subscription to MR BLUNT right away.
- e. Agreement that endeavours should be made to hold a 'gettogether' of Club members at the next Gilwell Reunion in September. More information about it will be given nearer the time.

## RECRUITING CAMPAIGN - AND HOW! (Contributed by Howard L. Fears)

#### Boxing Day, December 26th

Looking back through old copies of the Journal, I notice that at about this time in 1959 I was checking over the membership details which then stood at 241. We reached our target of 250 by the end of January 1960, and by the end of the year achieved our revised aim of 300.

Now looking on to 1961 we are placing a new target - 360 - and that means a monthly average of five, which is more than one a week. What is there wonderful about the number 360? In itself nothing, but the achievement of such a target will mark a sign-pest. Older readers - in terms of membership and not years - will know that, as our numbers have increased; so have more benefits become available. In February 1957, at the beginning of our existence, we hoped to produce a Journal 'now and again'; members living near London could meet for a chat; compare that with the present facilities and I know you will agree that we are building up a Club just as fast as our limited finances will permit. And so the target of 360.

It will mean that every member must try and recruit another and you can be assured we shall waste no opportunities for publicity. We have optimistic plans covering membership "drives" in such varied places as Canada, Scotland, Malaya, France, Holland and the Gilwell Reunion. Suggestions for similar "drives" in Sweden and Israel have been mooted; our real aim is to encourage universal membership. May I, therefore, ask every member to help in a special, and practical way?

During the next few weeks would you mention the Club to at least one friend or acquaintance, at home or overseas, to whom the subject may be a fresh one? To your surprise, you may find you have a potential recruit on your hands: if so, dash off a line to either MR BLUNT or myself - we will follow it up at once.

(I heartily endorse what our Secretary-General has written. In an International Club such as the S.S.C.C. there is bound to be a fairly steady number of resignations over the years; these must obviously be offset by the influx of new blood if the Club is to maintain and also expand the service which it has built up. Thus, by introducing a new member, you are indirectly helping yourself. Let's D.O.B. in 1961, shall we? Editor)

#### February 6th 1961

A glance at the 'membership News' which appears later in this issue rather shakes one. Twenty six new members in just over six weeks is phenomenal and is over four times the number envisaged by MR FEARS. If this increase should continue at anywhere near this rate, we shall reach the target of 360 by the end of March!!!! Although my comments still hold good, I do agree with the view held by some members, that there may come a time when we shall have to limit our membership, otherwise the organisation of the Club will become so unwieldy as to become unmanageable. Editor.

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As our last pen-portrait did not cause a drop in membership here is one of another Club Official:

#### The Secretary General:

How does one write a pen-portrait of oneself? I'll try, but forgive me if I sound (a) conceited or (b) nebulous.

Age ... 31. Status ... Single. Occupation... Claims handling for an Insurance Company. Scouting background... In 1946 joined a Senior Scout Troop at High School -- for a lark! (Heaven bless the lark. Editor); helped out with the 1st Seaford as A.S.M. in 1948 and at the same time was a member of the 19th Winchester Rover Crew. In 1950 became S.M. of 1st Seaford Troop whose strength rose from six to sixty (sheer conceit!) Became A.D.C. (Seniors) in 1958 and ran District Seniors; now about to embark on job of A.D.C. (Rovers). Gained Wood Badge at Gilwell. Works and lives during the week at Horsham and spends weekends at Seaford.

Hobbles... Scouting, philately, amateur operatics, reading, conversation, medium-brow music, hiking, correspondence and organising. Likes... Travel; meeting people and an occasional quiet evening by a large log fire with a good book and a pint pot. Dislikes... People who don't answer letters, tune in the eye for me! Editor); television and unnecessary noise. Hopes... As far as the S.S.C.C. is concerned - a well-run organisation on a friendly basis, known throughout the Scout Movement. Regional branches

functioning happily and having members throughout the world.

(I'm sure you will agree, there is nothing conceited or nebulous about it. How he copes with the S.S.C.C. correspondence beats me. Editor.)

## TIPS ON THE 1955 INDONESIAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE ISSUE (Contributed by Leong Chee Keng, Member 222)

It is now five years ago that the Indonesian Postal Authorities issued a set of Scout stamps to commemorate the National Jamboree. At that time I should be surprised if you were able to purchase this set for 2s. 6d. or 35 cents, but now things have changed. The Indonesian currency has been greatly devalued, but are you aware of it? You may not see eye to eye with me over this question for you may think what I am saying is entirely wrong and that the price is increasing steadily.

Did you know that the currency devaluation is so bad that any foreign currency sent into the country is charged 20% import tax? On airmail letters, 5% is charged! So it is unlikely that you will be able to purchase this set at 1/3 its present price. But why does the catalogue quotation and the dealer's price remain so high? Is it because they are not aware of the state of affairs or that the dealer has old stock and naturally does not wish to lose on it?

From my correspondents in Indonesia I found out that the Government has imposed a restriction of a maximum of ten sets per person for this issue, so this is the reason why the catalogue value remains firm.

A first day cover of this issue is indeed scarce, particular ly in Indonesia: as a matter of fact, it is unobtainable there from stamp dealers. I guess it is worth buying at 15s. or even a Little more. First day covers of the 1959 World Jamboree issue are not scarce and can be readily bought for about 4s. from dealers in Indonesia.

If you are interested in acquiring Indonesian material, I shall be pleased to help, although I cannot guarantee to obtain everything you need.

(Thanks, Chee Keng, for these notes: members who lack any of this material may like to get in touch with him. Editor)

## THE £.s.d. OF STAMP COLLECTING (Contributed by 'Bob Tanner'.)

There are probably quite a few members, particularly among the Junior Section, who may wonder why reference to the monetary side of our hobby frequently appears in the pages of this Journal.

Just over a century ago, when only a mere handful of people compared with the millions of today indulged in the then new-fangled craze of collecting small pieces of paper which had been stuck on letters as a visual means of showing that postage had been prepaid, little attention was given to the value of these 'stamps'. Many people considered these collectors cranks -- fancy having such a childish hobby; what a mentality.

Even by then the craze had acquired a language peculiar to itself among its followers -- the first stamp ever issued, that of Great Britain, was known as a 'Penny Black', that of Brazil as 'Bullseyes'; 'Woodblocks' came from the Cape, 'Missionaries' from Hawaii, 'Cotton Reels' from British Guiana, 'Sydney Views' from New South Wales, to quote but a few.

The usual methods of building up one's collection were by badgering one's friends for stamps from their letters, by asking relations going abroad to send home specimens of stamps from countries they visited: probably the most common way was by exchange -- "two penny blacks' for a 'bullseye'" -- no wonder some folks said "Humbug". (The simile here is quite unintentional, so I am told. Editor)

In those early days, a stamp had no definite monetary value and it was not until the first catalogue, listing the then known stamps of the world and including a value against some of them - a price which was really arbitrary since it was merely a comparative value between the more common and the scarcer stamps known to the publisher - that the critics began to sit no and take notice. Soon there followed bound illustrated albums into which stamps could be stuck down, more priced catalogues, albums more elaborately illustrated, more catalogues; and so on, ad infinitum; as stamp issues from more and more countries were printed, so did the early common stamps become scarce, the scarcer stamps became rare; some people

thought that money could be made by buying and selling these pieces of paper and dealers sprang up in many countries; some of them burnt their fingers, others prospered and became renowned throughout the world.

Many collectors who had accumulated stamps began to study them, to compare similar stamps of the same value and issue with one another and thus the specialist and expert emerged.

Magazines, some entirely devoted to stamps were published; some lasted only a short while to be merged with the more fortunate, many of which have served the hobby for years by publishing information about new issues and general and specialised articles on every conceivable aspect of the hobby: books, monographs, pamphlets about stamps came from the printers; societies were formed in towns and villages and in more recent years specialised study groups serving collectors of like interest, came into being. Kings, clergy, poor men and rich men, grown ups and children, all and sundry took up the hobby.

With this rapid increase in devotees, stamp collecting became a firmly established hobby throughout the world: Governments realised its potentialities as a means of increasing their countries' revenues and issues flowed from their printers in ever increasing numbers.

Now let us look back once again to those early days. Tribute must be paid to the men and women - those 'eccentrics' who ignored the ridicule of their fellows in the mid 1800's; had they not been "bitten by the bug", many of the present day stamp rarities would have been lost; had some of them not studied their stamps and written about them, a great deal of knowledge would never have been published and thus have been available today.

The older the hobby of stamp collecting grows, the greater the number of adherents and the more difficult it is for the supply of the earlier issues to meet the demand; bartering and exchanging of stamps may have been a convenient form of improving one's collection in those early days, when the total number of different stamps that had been issued was a few hundred, but it would be of little use to rely solely on such ways nowadays. Collectors, therefore, have to resort to buying either from dealers, from the auction rooms or from follow collectors; they have to rely to some extent on a catalogue for values, partly on their own knowledge gained by experience and, if a member of a specialist society, on the information published by that society. This is the reason

why the S.S.C.C. produces its own priced catalogue of Scout and Guide stamps, why it frequently gives the varying trend of the stamp market in its Journal, why it publishes information on new issues; why specialised articles are included. One thing it is always emphasising - 'buy your Scout and Guide stamps whilst they are current; the common stamp of today may well become the rarity of tomorrow'.

(My thanks to our contributor, even if he has written under a pseudonym. But what can one expect from a mere 'one and a kick!!!' Editor)

#### Some further prices for Mafeking Stamps. (By the Editor)

This follows as a natural sequence to the above article: it has been taken from a dealer's advertisement in a well-known magazine and shows how the demand for these stamps can send the catalogue quotations all havwire.

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1d S.G.17-18	36 used copies, 3 reconstructed plates £300
3d S. G. 19	used copy; cancel, first day of issue £28
	block of 9, used £240
	block of 6, used £150
3d S.G.20	block of 10, used £300
	pair on cover £75
3d S.G.21-22	single, used, with watermark £27.10s
	mint copy £40
	used copy £17.10s
••••	Block of 6, used, rows 1,2, & 3, 2 stamps, cracked plate variety £195
••••	single, used, cracked plate variety £34
	pair, used, cracked plate variety £75
1d S.G.17-18	complete reconstruction of watermark 'OCEANA FINE' on 8 stamps £240
••••	detailed study of paper and watermark on 23 stamps £390

The current catalogue quotations for these stamps - taken from the "Simplified" Gibbons - are:-

1d bicycle stamp ...... £12 mint; £10 used 3d B-P stamp ..... £15 mint; £12 used

Note: - No differentiation is made in this catalogue between the small and large 3d stamp; even so, it looks as if anyone requiring those items will have to pay more than full catalogue price for them - when they can find them!!

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## "CATALOGUE OF SCOUT STAMPS AND SEALS" - Author, Harry D. Thorsen Reviewed by Howard L. Fears

Club member Mr Thorsen of America, has sent me a copy of his specialised catalogue just published. The first part of this 47 page booklet is devoted to a reprint of articles originally printed in "World Scouting". You can get some idea of the nature of the contents from the titles of six articles - "Jamborees on stamps", "Baden-Powell on stamps of the World", "Scout Mail Adventure" (The Scout posts in Czechoslovakia of 1918), "Early Scout stamp issues -1920 to 1939", "Scout stamps, 1940 to 1957" and "Jubilee Year in Scout Stamps".

The handbook is profusely illustrated in black and white - although a few of the stamps reproductions have not come out well. After the articles comes illustrations of Scout cancellations and the second half of the book is devoted to Scout seals (or labels) arranged alphabetically. Much of this section provides a useful listing of such seals which are often difficult to identify. I notice a few interlopers - No. 34 of Denmark is obviously Swedish and I think the labels for Estonia, Russia and Ukraine should be qualified by pointing out that they are issued by Scouts in exile. Also I think my Scandanavian friends will dispute No. 5 of Norway - my memory recalls that this was issued by a Swedish political youth organisation. At the very end of the book are some postage meter stamps.

Mr Thorsen is apparently prepared to provide many of the stamps and labels at the prices shown and it is most useful even to have a tentative listing of values for labels. This is a most useful catalogue and guide book, so upto-date that it oven illustrates the Tunisian Scout set of last August and the Danish Guide stamp of October 1960. It will prove a most helpful addition to any library of Scout stamp material. The cost is \$2.00 (14s.) per copy, and I shall be pleased to secure copies for any club member who would like to place a firm order accompanied by the appropriate remittance.

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#### CANADIAN SCOUT ITEMS

(By our Canadian Committee Member, E. Edmondson, Member 161)

Canada is very conservative in the issuing of commemorative stamps and in the use of special slogan cancellations; last year - 1960 - half-a-dozen such new stamps were issued and those included the Girl Guide Jubilee stamp. It is therefore, not surprising that Canadian Scout philatelic maternal is scarce.

In an endeavour to put on record all the items concerning Scouting which have been issued, I would like to hear from other members who have Canadian covers and cancellations etc., (excluding those from the Canadian world Jamboree and those associated with the recent Girl Guide issue) in their collections. Here is a list of the items which I have obtained so far:-

- July 18th 1953 2nd Canadian Jamboree, Ottawa (cacheted cover, line block print); no special stamp or slogan cancellation.
- November 19th 1953 Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremony, Ottawa; no special stamp or slogan cancellation.
- April 15th 1954 Eastern Area Regional Conference, Cornwall, Ontario (typed on); no special stamp or cancellation.
- August 29th 1956 2nd Canadian Rover Moot, Sussex, N.B. (cacheted cover, printed in red) Jamboree stamp.
- July 5th-12th 1958 New Brunswick Jamboree, St. John, N.B;
  Meter slogan cancellation in red BOY SCOUTS
  MERIT YOUR SUPPORT. (This was illustrated in
  Vol. 2, No. 3 of the Journal. Editor)

May 16th-18th 1959 6th Quebec Rover/Ranger Conference, Rigaud, Quebec. (Printed design cachet) No special stamp or cancellation.

There must be more and when all the information is recorded a complete list will be published in the Journal. Please send information to me, E. Edmondson, 34 Glenwood Crescent, Toronto, 16, Ontario, Canada.

(My thanks to our Committee member for starting the ball rolling; do help by sending him information about any additional item, won't you? Editor)

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## OPERATING THE PERMANENT LIST (By Howard L. Fears)

This special service has now been in operation for close on a year and already fifty Club members belong. In the year, quite a number of covers have been despatched and I pride myself on having offered some real 'snips'. How are the covers obtained? First of all, one has to build up a chain of contacts throughout the world who send in details as soon as available of expected stamps or cancels. In addition, one has to keep an eye open in the Scout Press for details of possible camps and rallies.

Even then, of course, the problem only begins: for quite a straightforward event one has to find the best source of supply, whether cacheted covers are available and whether special registration facilities will exist. If it is not too easy to get a source of supply the problem becomes really great - for covers from the Arab Jamboree in Tunisia, I have tried Scout friends, contacts and dealers in France, Greece, the Mediterranean and Africa, but without securing a single cover - not even for myself! What happens to the cost of such wasted effort? It has to be added to the cost of the items which are obtained, but even so, most sales represent a good deal.

Usually only covers bearing a Scout or Guide stamp or cancel are included, but I have just made an exception to the rule, and hope to provide some rather special covers from Mexico. They are being issued by the 'Scouts de Mexico' to honour the celebration of their IVth Rover Moot and also the 1st Rover Moot of Central America and the Caribbean. The participants are going to camp in

a different place every day, travelling on foot and visiting several MAYA ruins on their way, including UXMAL, KABAH, SAYIL, LABNÁ and the HACIENDA of TAVI. It will last from December 27th to the 31st. The covers will have printed on them the emblem of the Rover Moot in four colours, showing the famous arch of the ruins of LABNÁ and the white Maya road whose name is the name of the camp - "SACBÉ", that is, the white road of the Mayans (I have reproduced this emblem - fig. 21. Editor). The covers will be sent from UXMAL, the first ruin to be visited, and will be cancelled there.

I am indebted to Club Member Francisco Veladez of Mexico for this information.

Are you a member yet? I don't think you can afford to miss the bargains. To join, send me your remittance for the deposit of 10s. or \$2.00 to say whether you want ordinary covers only, or registered ones when available (if not, ordinary covers), or whether you would like both registered and ordinary covers.

(Well, it's up to you; don't blame anyone but yourself if you miss a snip! Editor)

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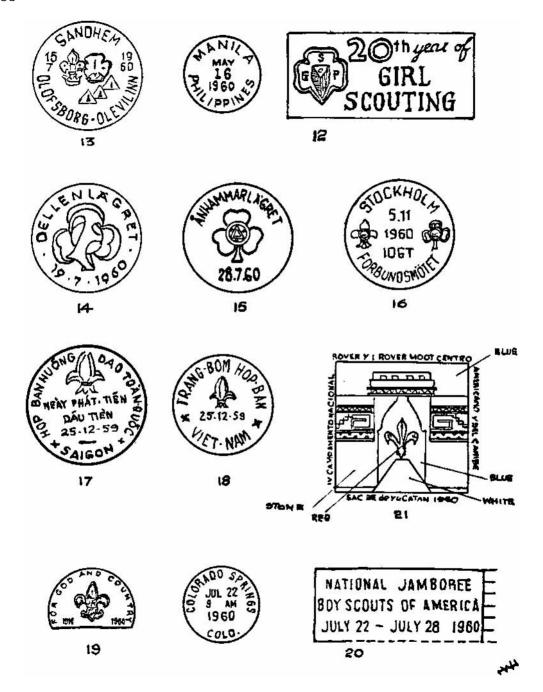
#### <u>ILLUSTRATIONS</u>

A selection of cancellations used during the past year is included in this issue and appear in alphabetical order; unfortunately, in some cases, the lettering on the actual cancellations from which the reproductions were copied is faint, but has been reproduced as accurately as possible.

- Figs. 1, 5 and 19 Used by Brazil, Greece and U.S.A. respectively, to commemorate 50 years of Scouting in those countries.
- Figs. 2, 3, 10, 11, 14 and 15 Used at various Guide camps in Denmark (2), Norway (2) and Sweden (2).
- Fig. 4 Used to commemorate 50 years of Scouting and Guiding in Finland.
- Fig. 6 Used at the 17th World Congress of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held in Greece.



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- Fig. 7 handstruck mark used at the 3rd World Indaba held at Ada's Hoeve, Ommen, Holland.
- Fig. 8 handstruck mark used at Amersfoort Jamborette, Holland (in green).
- Fig. 9 Used to commemorate the 3rd Iranian National Jamboree. (in violet) rubber handstamp.
- Fig. 12 Slogan machine mark to commemorate Philippine Girl Scouting.
- Fig. 13 Used at Scout and Guide camp, Sweden.
- Fig. 16 Used at the Scout and Guide Conference, Stockholm.
- Figs. 17 and 18 Used at National Scout camp, South Viet Nam.
- Fig. 20 Used at Golden Jubilee Jamboree, Colorado Springs, U.S.A.
- Fig. 21- Cachet used on covers issued by the 'Scouts de Mexico' to commemorate their IVth Rover Moot. See under 'operating the Permanent List'. Coloured as indicated.

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#### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members; we wish them "happy hunting" with us. \* indicates Junior member.

- 301 Brigadier E. D. DANBY, D. S. O., O. B. E., C. D. Headquarters 3, Canadian Brigade Group, Camp Gagetown, Oromocto, N. B., Canada.
- 302 HARRY D. THORSEN, 387 Sunset Road, Winnetka, Illinois, U.S.A.
- 303\* JAMES TANG SIANG YONG, 26 Chapel Road, Singapore, 15 Malaya.
- 304 J.M. McCABE, Box 694, Kitimat, B.C. Canada.
- 305 HIRAM H. COHN, P.O. B. 4074, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 306 JOHN COOPER WISHART, 9 Widgeon Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.
- 307 HANS GERLACH, Drottninggatan 22, Karlskrona, Sweden.
- 308 WILBERT R. DANNER, Assist. Prof. Geology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver 8, Canada.
- 309 ROBERT GEIER, 7007 Dartmouth Avenue, College Park, Maryland, U.S.A.

- 310 RALPH H. SHUMM, Route 1, Box 229A Forest Grove, Oregon, U. S. A.
- 311\* P. HASSAN, Ketersh National School, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaya.
- 312 PAUL I. BROWN, 35 Buswell Street, Lawrence, Mass., U.S.A.
- 313 L. S. COLCHESTER, P.O. Box 1422, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.
- 314 Mrs B. J. MacDONALD, Trevose, Dornoon, Sutherland, Scotland.
- 315 R.C.BOOKER, 2 Bonamour Court, Bonamour Avenue, Durban, Natal, South Africa.
- 316 CHARLES S. TAYLOR, 12 Bridge Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight.
- 317 ALBERT V. HARRISON, 22 Bournemouth Drive, Horne Bay, Kent.
- 318 MALCOLM A. McINNES, Culebra, Stewart Street, Kirn, Dunoon, Scotland.
- 319\* Miss LO WYE CHOO, 484 Batu; Road, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
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- 321 JOHN L. BRISLEY, 112 Boundary Road, Chatham, Kent.
- 322 JOSEPH CUR AN, 138 New City Road, Glasgow, C.4.
- 323 DAVID A. THOMPSON SON, 83 Church Lane, Harpurhey, Manchester 9.
- 324 Rev. WALTER H. ORMSBY, 9 Park Vale Road, Liverpool 9.
- 325 MALCOLM DONALDSON, P.O. Box 22, Kengray, Transvaal, South Africa.
- 326 JOHN H. WILSON, 15 Paget Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

Please note the following: -

Correction:

Member 298 should read - F. GORDON PALMER.

#### Change of address: -

- 15 C.OHRT, Carlanderska Sjukhemmet, Carlanderplatsen, Gothenburg.
- 96 J.H.BERGQVIST should read Banargaten 29 IV, Stockholm No. Sweden.
- 106 Rev. THOMAS E. DOBSON, now at Rt. 4, Box 168, Olympia, Washington, U.S.A.
- 140 CLAUDE P. MARCHAL, now at La Tosca, Avenue de l'Etang La Jonchere (S-&-O), Paris, France.

As you are aware, owing to a series of mishaps which could not be attributed to anyone person in particular, we were unable to produce the January Journal on time - and after all I had promised, too!!! I can only offer my apologies and hope that I am forgiven; I think I have been, for I have received letters and postcards from many members, everyone of whom has said that the 'New Look' Journal is a big improvement. After all this, I think I know the reason why so many editors are either bald or grey-haired!

Sincerely Yours,

WILF NODDER.

#### LATE NEWS: -

- 2.2.61 Extract from letter Secretary General to Editor "Can March Journal be released a few days before end of February, please?"
- 4.2.61 Postcard from E. to S-G answered whilst typing parts of draft Journal "\*/=+)"

Collapse of S.G.

Well, I did my best and hope that it really <u>does</u> reach you earlier this time.

W.N.



#### ADVERTISEMENTS

1960 เ	U.S.	Scout	F.D.	Cover,	signed	bу	designer	of	stamp	
(25 covers		exist	t)				. 9	\$2.50		

1960 Indaba, Official cover, signed by Head Scout of Holland ..... \$1.50

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I GUARANTEE to supply ALL 1961 issues, mint and used and F.D. covers: join my New Issue Service. Always wanted -- Scout items to buy or trade; send your offers at once -- any currency notes, at free rate of exchange for above are accepted. WILLIAM ANDERSON, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo, 12, Ohio, U.S.A. (Member 288)

FOR SALE - Cards posted from the 2nd WHITTON TROOP SUMMER CAMP, Thalwil, Switzerland, August 1960. Price 1s. 3d.

Also a few cards posted from Kandersteg; price ...

1s. 9d. Please add 3d for postage on orders under 3s. ... J. E. O. HOBBS, 16 Blandford Avenue, Whitton, Middlesex (Member 38).

#### NEW SCOUT MATERIAL: -

I always want Scout stamps and F.D. covers; what can you offer? Especially required - Cape of Good Hope (Mafeking) used and on cover. Join my new issue service - several items due by June. I ship world wide, including cancels. Any bills accepted at free rate of exchange... WILLIAM ANDERSON, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo, 12, Ohio, U.S.A. (Member 288)

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# The Journal of the

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It had been very heartening to receive a number of complimentary remarks about the March issue of the Journal.

Although we are getting nearer the kind of Journal which was envisaged some months back, I for one will not be satisfied until we produce what we set out to do - a Journal second to none in the thematic field.

You will find in this issue that articles from members in Greece, Portugal and Scotland, as well as those from our regular contributors, have been included. The more variety we can print, the better I shall be pleased, for it is this way that we can achieve one of our objectives — that of making the S.S.C.C. internationally renowned.

I am reminded of a sorry story of a young man who aspired to literary greatness: it can be told in six words - Rejection, dejection, injection, subjection, abjection, ejection -- Pitiful, isn't it? But please don't let it put you off sending me articles, will you? My 'in' tray is empty and I would like it filled, you know.

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## THE WIND OF CHANGE? from the pen of Howard L. Fears

I am at last being brought round to agree with the view expressed by a number of Club members that perhaps we ought to keep our size within certain limits. What has prompted this changed outlook? Briefly, it is the realisation that quite an army of helpers have now to be 'kept on their toes' to maintain the present services and with every increase in membership we have to occupy more of the spare time of these helpers to seek the assistance of fresh helpers - and I feel that a limit to this type of growth must one day come.

Do you realise that if all the voluntary unpaid activities were grouped together and performed by one person, it would more than occupy a full-time job? And, mark you, if you had to pay for such a full-time officer, the annual subscription would probably be five guineas, without any increase in the present services?

No, I think we are drawing near to the time at which we should restrict membership. An active figure of, say 250, plus Junior members, would perhaps be tolerable and would, I think, enable the present happy approach to be maintained.

However, the Committee of the Club exists to serve the members: what do YOU think? Any views and comments (preferably constructive ones) would be welcomed.

(Many of you will agree with these remarks, others may not. Do let us know what you think about it please?

Editor)

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# SPECIAL PORTUGUESE COVERS BEARING POSTAL CANCELLATIONS FOR BOY SCOUT EVENTS

(Contributed by Wolfgang Karl, Member 331)

In order that members may have a better appreciation of these covers, it is necessary to consider the Scout organisations that exist in Portugal. There are two, which are both internationally recognised:-

- (a) Associaçõs dos Escoteiros de Portugal (A E P), the elder, founded in 1913 which is undenominational, and
- (b) Corpo Nacional dos Escutas (C N E), founded in 1923, which is Catholic.

There also exists the Girl Guide Movement and, about five years ago, the "B.P. Guild of former Scouts and Guides" associated with the A E P and also internationally registered, was founded. This organisation has its own Headquarters.

The first time the postal authorities issued a special postmark for a Scout event was in 1956 at AVINTES for the Xth National camp of the C N E: several different covers were produced for this occasion: these were:-

- (1) Postcard produced by the C N E showing camp emblem. These cards were printed in three colours (on each card) brown, green and blue.
- (2) A privately produced cover, No. 25, by "Edições Ouro", issued in collaboration with C N E which shows the camp emblem with tent and fleur-de-lys on the top and wording of the Xth National camp and dates under.
- (3) A Spanish produced cover by "Alfil-Barcelona", printed in red showing B-P, fleur-de-lys and wording.
- (4) A privately produced cover, No. 21, by DITI, blue in colour, showing head of a Scout at top and wording of the event. Only 100 of these covers were printed and each were numbered.
- (5) A similarly produced cover, No. 46, but white in colour, showing a Scout making salute with trees and bushes behind him.
- (6) The Clube Filatelico de Portugal (Portuguese Philatelic Club) produced a cover for members collecting special postmarks. These were printed in blue and red, showing a Senior Scout Cap emblem in red and wording in blue.

In 1960, the C N E held its XIth National camp at ESTORIL from 5th to 15th August and for this occasion a special postmark was used: the following different covers exist:-

- (1) Postcard as well as cover produced by C N B printed in brown, green and blue, showing camp emblem.
- (2) Cover No. 76, produced by Edições Ouro, with printing in black, green, grey and brown and showing a tent, trees, and Association emblem.

- (3) Cover No. 82, produced by the Clube Filatélico de Portugal, printed in black and blue, showing a tent and a tree.
- (4) Privately produced cover, No. 94 by M. W., printed in green and light brown, showing tents and a Scout saluting the silhouette of B-P.

On September 10th 1960, the A E P held its regional camp "INFANTE D. HENRIQUE" (The Navigator) at the Costa da Caparica thus honouring this great personality of Portuguese history; for the occasion another special postmark was used and the following covers exist:-

- (1) Cover produced by A E P, printed in gold and blue showing the camp emblem. The choice of colours was deliberate in order to match the gold and blue of the multicoloured 1 Escudo Infante D. Henrique stamp which every cover bears. (This stamp is, to my mind, a really excellent example of the engraver's and printer's art. If the proposed set of Portuguese Scout stamps are as well produced they will be worthy acquisitions to a Scout stamp collection.
- (2) Cover No. 83, produced by Edições Ouro, printed in black, red, yellow and blue showing tents and the Association insignia with adequate wording for the occasion.
- (3) Cover No. 89, produced by the Clube Filatélico de Portugal having black and grey printing, tents, Association insignia and wording.

Covers produced by M.W., DITI and Colibri have not as yet been put on sale.

(We are very grateful to our new member for such a comprehensive article. He also mentions that there is to be an International Scout's conference in Portugal in September next and that the Postal Authorities will be issuing the first set of Scout stamps together with an official cover bearing a first day cancellation. I hope our member can be persuaded to write an article about these future stamps and covers for the Journal. I understand that first day covers of this event will be sent to those who subscribe to the Permanent List. I hope to reproduce the three different Scout cancellations mentioned in the above article at a later date. Editor)

# PERMANENT LIST

(By Howard L. Fears)

How is the Permanent List account made up? First of all, each item is charged at a price which is within a copper or two of the cost to the Club: secondly, there is an addition for expenses. These expenses include the cost of stationery (i.e. envelopes), printing the List forms, charges for sending material in bulk to Tom Holton, who, as you know, does the actual distribution, and the surprisingly many small additionals - including attempts at getting material which do not always succeed. In addition, we have to pay postage in sending out distribution to each member. It is essential that when paying the account, this cost is added, otherwise the List will be run at a loss. Most members do pay, of course, but there are just one or two who forget - but I'm sure that's not you! (Is it? If perchance it is, do see that you remember to add the postage when the next distribution's account is settled, won't vou? Editor)

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## THE JUNIOR PAGE



By the Editor

Dear Junior,

I wonder if
any of you started
up a collection of
slogan machine cancellations and
meter marks as I
suggested in the
last Journal?

Anyway, I said I would tell you more about them this month, so here goes.

Some recent examples of the former are quite scarce: these are usually those which were in use at either (a) a post office in a particular place for a limited period to advertise an important event or (b) at a number of main post offices throughout the country for a very short time or (c), as (b) but within a short period of use were found

to be unsatisfactory and were either withdrawn or had the slogan portion - or 'die' as it is called - altered. Let me give some examples: for (a) the one used last May at Bath to advertise the Bath Festival Arts; for (b) that used just prior to the World Jamboree held at Sutton Park in 1957, and (c) that used last year for World Refugee Year.

Some of you will no doubt have an example of (b) in your stamp collection; some of you may have seen an example of (c) which has rather an interesting history: here it is - The Slogan portion of this took the form of an open hand with the thumb pointing to the right, together with the words WORLD REFUGEE YEAR 1959-1960. Most of you will have noticed that nearly all the stamps of the present issue of G.B. show a side view of the Queen's face; thus in some cases when the envelopes bore a copy of one of these stamps and was passed through the machine, the imprint of the slogan portion was so placed on the envelope that the thumb of the hand coincided with the Queen's nose, making it appear that the Queen was "cocking a snook". It may seem amusing, but not very complimentary to the person receiving the letter or to the Queen! So within a very short period the slogan 'dies' were removed from all machines using them and altered by erasing the hand. Examples of both are certainly work looking out for, but you will find the former difficult to obtain.

There is no need to confine yourself only to machine cancellations used in Great Britain; in fact, there are many which come from abroad that are real works of art, notably those from France and Switzerland. Some of you know that France has issued several stamps in honour of her beautiful cities and towns called the Tourist Publicity series, and very often the postal authorities have used a machine cancellation, similar in design to the stamp, at the actual place depicted on it. These are certainly worth including in your collection.

In our last Journal I illustrated a Guide machine cancellation from the Philippines and this is one of many issued by that country.

Meter marks may not be quite so interesting because they are used more for advertising by the firms using the machine, but those of you who collect Scout and Guide stamps should include some of the meter marks which come on letters and parcels from the Scout Shop and the Guide Shop.

Well, perhaps I have given you enough to make you wish to continue collecting these cancellations: if I have, do remember to cut them out neatly as I suggested in your last 'Page' and mount them in your albums carefully. They may never become very valuable, but at least they can be very interesting.

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# THE JAPANESE JAMBOREE STAMP

(Contributed by Stanley K. Hunter, Member 51)

Scouting in Japan was founded in 1911 and received Imperial encouragement, and was in fact a Founder-member of the Boy Scouts International Bureau. In 1940 it was dissolved and it was nine years before it was revived.

A National Jamboree was held at Tokyo in 1949 and the Japanese Post Office, at the instigation of Mr Tamotsu Murayama, issued a 10 Yen light-br. wn commemorative stamp with a special first day cancellation on 22nd September 1949.

Mr Murayama is a member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of Japan and is a leading member of the 'Scouts on Stamps Society, International'.

The stamp was perforated  $13 \times 13\%$  and printed by photogravure on unwatermarked paper in panes of 50 stamps.

The Boy Scouts of Japan were not re-registered until the following year and this places the stamp in the same category as the 1942 'Scout' stamps of Bulgaria and the Roumanian sets after 1957.

The Secretary of the "S.O.S.S., I", Mr Willard H. Boyles, noticed that the design on the stamp was very similar to a photograph that had appeared, before the War, in the Boy Scouts of America "Field Book" and in "Boy's Life", the American Scout periodical. It was later confirmed that this was in fact correct, although the design had been altered slightly. The Scout shown was George P. Russell, then a member of Troop 1,

Mendham, New Jersey and the photo was taken by his Scout-master, William Hillcourt.

George Russell now lives in Florida and is a Public Relations Manager and is still connected with Scouting. While I was collecting material for the "Scottish Descriptive Stamp Catalogue", Mr Russell proudly informed me that his father was a native of Perth, Scotland.

A special leaflet was produced giving details about the history of the stamp and showing an enlargement of it, beside a photo of Mr Russell and a copy of the original photograph from which the stamp was based. The photo shows George Russell standing beside another Scout, Norman Day, who is kneeling at a map on the ground and pointing out the way: in the stamp, however, the background has been altered and all traces of the boy have been removed, leaving George Russell.

A few copies of this interesting leaflet have been made available to S.S.C.C. members. If you wish to obtain a free copy for mounting alongside the stamp, please contact the writer - and enclose 3d postage.

(Many thanks, Stanley, for this information which I am sure will prove of interest to many members. Please don't forget to enclose postage, will you? Editor).

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# THE CLUB: ITS PROVISIONS AND ORGANISATION By the Secretary General

For the benefit of our many new members and to remind other members who may have forgotten, I hope the following notes will be of value.

THE CLUB JOURNAL. Issued every two months and despatched automatically to all members. Editor WILF NODDER, who will always welcome articles and news items. (Please see the penultimate paragraph in this Journal about articles for the July Journal. Editor)

FREE ADVERTISING. Every member is entitled to one free Advertisement per year in the Journal. This should not exceed five lines, although additional space may be purchased at one shilling (or equivalent) per line. Extra advertisements dur-

ing the year may be accepted on the same basis. Apply direct to WILF NODDER.

PRICED CHECK LIST AND LIST OF MEMBERS. These are issued in alternate years and sent automatically to members on issue. In 1961, the Check list has been produced; thus the revised membership list will appear in 1962.

AIRMAIL DESPATCH. All publications will be sent by airmail to overseas members when requested. The extra cost for twelve months is 5/- in the Commonwealth and 1 Dollar for U.S.A. etc.; to avail yourself of this service, please write to F.S.BLUNT.

DESPATCH OF PUBLICATIONS. Undertaken by C. LADYMAN and F. GORDON PALMER.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND ENROLMENTS. These are dealt with by F.S.BLUNT who sends, on enrolling a member, his membership card, copy of current Journal, check list and membership list (as available) and a letter outlining Club Services. Invitation to renew are also arranged by F.S.BLUNT.

MEMBERSHIP CARD. Issued to all members, showing membership number and date when renewal subscription is due.

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ANNUAL AUCTION. Conducted by R. E. RHODES, to whom all material should be sent and, subsequently, bids. We rely on this extra income to finance any special ventures.

ENQUIRY BUREAU. Dealing with identification of Scout and Guide cancellations, etc.; enquiries initially to R.E. RHODES.

 $\underline{{\tt FINANCE}}.$  The responsibility of H. L. FEARS.

<u>PERMANENT LIST</u>. This is, in effect, a cover service providing members on the List automatically with covers bearing Scout stamps and/or cancellations, usually at most competitive prices. This is organised in three divisions, viz:-

Category A ... Ordinary covers only.

Category B ... Registered covers when available; if not, ordinary covers.

Category C ... Ordinary covers plus registered ones, as available.

To join, there is a returnable deposit of 10 shillings or 2 dollars. Members undertake to accept all material sent to them and to pay within seven days. Application to join the List to H. L. FEARS. The actual despatch of covers is undertaken by W. T. HOLTON, to whom monies in payment of account should be sent.

SALES BUREAU. When possible, details are announced of Scout and/or Guide stamps and/or covers available for casual purchase in the Journal. In such cases, orders plus remittances should go to H.L. FEARS.

BACK COPIES OF THE JOURNAL. Spare copies are available of most back issues and can be obtained on application to J.H. WILSON. When the publications are handled through the Club (such as the British Postmark Society's handbook on the 1957 Jamboree), they can be obtained from the same source.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. Apart from the Club representatives in England, representatives have been appointed in Canada, (E. EDMONDSON), Scotland (S. K. HUNTER), and for the Benelux countries, i.e. Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg (WIM SIX). Appointments are pending in a number of other cases, including the U.S.A. A regional representative is normally appointed when there are at least 10 members in the region.

APPROVAL SERVICE. Occasional selections of covers on Approval are sent to those members interested. These include spare copies of items normally distributed via the Permanent List, single items or material in too restricted supply to offer via the Sales Bureau. Selections are sent when justified by supplies by D. START. Application to join the list should go to H.L. FEARS.

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# SPECIAL FLASH -- FIRST U.K. PRINTED COVER FOR S.S.C.C.

(Wired in by H. L. FEARS)

At the time of writing I cannot give the price, but I think many members will be interested. We have printed special cacheted covers for the first day of the West German St. George (Scout) stamp, which will be serviced thanks to

the good efforts of Club member G. HEDO. Of course, copies will be available through the Permanent List, but you might like a few extra, especially since these are our own 'Special' covers. Order NOW to H. L. Fears, please.

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# GREEK SCOUT CANCELLATIONS

(Contributed by Marinos Yeroulanos: Member 168)

Scout Philatelic History in Greece starts only in 1950. That year a National Jamboree was held in Dionysos near Athens and letters leaving camp were cancelled at the Camp Post Office with a special cancel with an inscription reading: - Panellinion Proskopikon Jamboree, Dionysos, Athinai 1950 - the first two words meaning Panhellenic and Scout. It was a pity no one was interested in this country in Scout cancellations at the time and very few covers have found their way into collections. I, myself, only know of a couple and I think I have tried my luck with nearly everybody who might have been able to help me out.

The next cover came in 1956 when Soma Hellinon Proskopon, the Boy Scouts of Greece, invited Greek Scouts from all over the World to join in a "Homecoming Jamboree" at Aghios Andreas, also near Athens. As there are large Greek communities scattered in practically every corner of the earth we have Greek or Greek-minded Scout troops operating in many of these, as distant apart as Paris and Melbourne, the U.S.A. and Jerusalem, Egypt and S. Africa. There was a special cacheted cover, bearing the camp badge as a printed design, while on every article mailed from camp a special official cancel (besides the date mark) was stamped by the Camp Post Office Authorities; this postmark, too, bore the camp badge as its main design: an ancient Greek column of the Ionian order towards which fly swallows, symbolizing the overseas Scouts gathering in their homeland. The inscription reads: -Kataskinosis Proskopon Apodimou Ellinismou, Athinai 1956 which means: Camp of Greek Scouts of Abroad, Athens, 1956.

Similar extra cancels were issued by the Postmaster General on the following four occasions in 1958 and 1960:

- 1. An International Girl Guide Camp held in Aghios Andreas near Athens from the 10th to the 22nd July 1958. The Camp was called "Greek land" and the design shows the head of Demeter (Ceres), goddess of agriculture and fertility. The inscription reads: Megali Odigiki Kataskinosis, Elliniki Ghi, plus dates. This is translated: Great Girl Guide Camp "Greek land".
- 2. The First Philia, an international Patrol Leaders' Camp, with participation from the countries of the Middle-East Region held at Amfiklia near Delphi (where the famous oracle of Apollo was situated) from 26th August to 4th September 1958. The camp badge on the special postmark shows Apollo's lyre, the chords of which are the two Patrol Leader stripes. The inscription reads: Kataskinosis Proskopon M. Anatolis-Mesoghiou Amfiklia 1958 "Filia" i.e. Camp of Scouts of the Middle East and Mediterranean. (The second Philia was held in Tunisia this year but no special postmark was issued.)
- of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held at Kastri (Kifissia) on the outskirts of Athens from 9th to 20th May 1960. Analogous to our International Conference this is the most important international gathering of the top Girl Guide Scout officials of the World, who met to discuss present trends and to decide on future policy of their World Association. To honour this great event and to facilitate delegates, a special post office was installed in the lobby of the hotel. As a design, the cancel had the Greek and the World Girl Guide Badge with a circular inscription reading: 17on Pangosmion Synedrion Odigon kai Koritsion Proskopon i.e. 17th World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and the dates 9th 20th May, 1960.

Of special interest in this special case are the registered letters: while on ordinary letters the date cancellation was the one of the adjoining township of Kifissia, the registration indication written by hand reads H Tax. Kastrithe R standing for Registered, Tax is the Greek abbreviation for Post Office, Kastri the name of the hotel.

4. The last special camp postmark was for the Jubilee Camp of Soma Hellinon Proskopon, again at Amfiklia near

Delphi, from 23rd to 31st August, 1960. About 2,000 Scouts rallied to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Greek Scouting, while foreign Scouts from 15 countries accepted our invitation to participate. Unlike all before, the cancellation for this camp was granted by the Postmaster General for use only on the first day of the camp, the 23rd August. It is interesting therefore to have in one's cancellation collection both the FDC and a later cover with the camp cachet to demonstrate this nearly unique case for a Scout camp. The design of this cancel is the Jubilee badge (a Scout badge with the number 50 superimposed) in the centre. The circular inscription reads: - Panhellinion Jamboree Iobilaeou, Amfikleia 23-7-60 - and means Panhellenic Jubilee Jamboree.

The most important Scout Philatelic event in Greece was, of course, the issue of the series of eight Scout stamps on April 23, 1960, well-known to all of you, in honour of the 50th Anniversary of Scouting in Greece. is no need to dwell longer on this subject as the stamps have already seen wide publicity; for the sale of completeness, however, I must mention the special cancellation on the FDC again, with the Jubilee badge in the centre and an inscription reading: - Chrysoun Dobileon Ellinon Proskopon 1910-1960 and the date. This means Golden Jubilee of the Greek Scouts, 1910-1960. It must be mentioned that these covers were pre-cancelled in the government printing office which had prepared both the stamps and cacheted FDCs. these were not released until a few days later to dealers none of them have seen regular mail use, at least to my knowledge. I should be grateful to any member who has in his collection FDCs that have really been mailed, if he could let me know about this.

There is another Greek Scout Philatelic item, of special attraction to collectors who have broader interests than just blank FDCs and who care about "covers with a history behind them". In 1950 it was granted by Royal Decree that Scout National Headquarters in Athens would have the right to send up to 100 inland letters per month free of postage. It is therefore only necessary to stamp these letters with the official seal of the Association (a violet seal with the state badge and the inscription Soma Hellinon Proskopon); the main Post Office in Athens

accepts them free, while P.O. Authorities throughout Greece are instructed not to charge such letters for unpaid postage. If more letters are sent in a month from National H.Q. they have to pay ordinary postage rates.

There is a misunderstanding connected with this, producing covers of even greater "background" interest. The misunderstanding lies in the fact that while the original circular of the Postmaster General about the Royal Decree of 1950 has been misplaced or lies forgotten in the files of most P.O. Stations, it is a general feeling both with Scout and P.O. officials that all Scout correspondence is exempt from paying postage, it being enough that they bear the seal of the Regional or District Commissioner. If in such cases there is someone who remembers the original circular, charges for unpaid postage are made, but mostly these letters go unnoticed, again indicating a certain benevolent attitude towards the Scout movement throughout Greece.

For more information or for spare covers of most of these events you may write to the author of this article: Marinos Yeroulanos, odos Lykiou 10, Athens, Greece.

(Very many thanks, Marinos, for this interesting article. I should like to compliment him, and also our member from Portugal, for their excellent command of the English language. It does make editing so very much easier. Editor)

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# PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

The committee of the S.S.C.C. has given much thought to the preparation of a Constitution and the draft has been made a supplement to this number. If any member wishes to make any comment or suggestion, will he (or she) please write to Mr A.H. NICHOLSON, 16, Munns Drive, Burgess Hill, Sussex, as soon as possible, in order that the draft may be finalised by the middle of August.

It will be appreciated that a Club with members in many parts of the world cannot be run in the same manner as a local club whose members are always in touch with each other.

The Constitution, therefore, has been framed to give the Officers fairly wide powers with adequate protection without the necessity of frequent amendments.

(Much of the work of preparing this draft Constitution has been done by our member, Mr. Nicholson, to whom the present Committee members are most grateful. May I emphasise what is said in the initial paragraph - send in any comments you may wish to make as soon as possible; it will help so much by doing so.

Editor)

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# FROM THE EDITOR'S TRAY

My thanks to Mr Woodhouse, Member 237, for showing me a cover - one of those with the head and shoulders of B-P. designed for the 1957 Sutton Coldfield Jamboree - posted in Moscow during the Youth Congress held there in 1957, by a friend of his who was a delegate from this country and who has by no means any communistic tendenties or outlook. At one session. he joined with other members from various British contingents in praising the Scout Movement and mentioned that the Soviet educational authorities were very There are undoubtinterested. edly many people in the U.S.S.R. (and those in Soviet-dominated



countries as well) who would gladly see Scouting revived, but until there is a change of heart by those in authority and they are prepared to honestly accept the main part of the Scout Promise -- that of 'Duty to God' -- then Scouting cannot and will not receive international recognition. Maybe the time will come when we shall be able to hold a World Jamboree in the U.S.S.R. I sincerely hope so; it would mean far more than "just another Jamboree".

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Wim Six, Member 94, has written about some recent acquisitions to his collection which I think are worth recording; they are:-

# Roumania

- (a) Set of MAMAIA, 1934, stamps, mint, all overprints in pure BLACK instead of three in gold and three in black. (Proofs with overprints in RED are known to exist).
- (b) 1 Lei value, green of above set with overprint REVERSED.

# Holland

- (a) Cover associated with the 1945 Scout Post Service. Sent from Rotterdam to Utrecht after the liberation of the Netherlands on May 5th. Bears two Scout cancellations in green, one from Rotterdam, the other from Utrecht, the former being used to cancel the stamp. This was contrary to regulations as it was strictly forbidden to use the Scout hand stamp to cancel the stamp.
- (b) Postcard of the same period bearing the special The Hague and Rotterdam Scout cancellations.

These two items are extremely rare; the former is probably unique.

(Thanks, Wim, for these notes which show that it is still possible to obtain very unusual items by diligent searching.)

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I notice that our member, Mr C.W. Hill, has had a short article on Scout stamps published in The Children's Newspaper on April 1st last. I also know that our Secretary General has had a number of similar articles published in magazines abroad. Now all this helps boost the S.S.C.C. and gives it a great deal of publicity and we appreciate the work done and the time and trouble taken by any of our members who do it. In the next issue of the Journal I hope there will be included a Scout Stamp Bibliography which our member, Mr S.K. Hunter, has written for us.

You may like to make the following additions to the article by Stanley K. Hunter which appeared in our last issue: - 'Scouting personalities on stamps':

King Baudouin is now the Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of Belgium, whilst Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is Patron of the B-P Guild. Thanks a lot, Stanley.

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I noticed in 'Stamp Collecting' that our Junior member, Rodney Goodman has again pulled off a first prize, this time in Class A of the Wilfrid Haworth Memorial Competition held recently. Needless to say his entry was "Scouting on stamps". Good work Rodney, I expect we shall be hearing more of you again in the future.

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Junior member, Leong Chee Keng in a letter to me, points out an error which inadvertently crept into the January Journal. On page 12 it was stated that the Hong Kong Jamborette will be held from 27th December 1960 to 2nd January 1961. This should of course read - 27th December 1961 to 2nd January 1962. He also mentioned that the Malayan Boy Scouts will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year, but does not know as yet whether a special commemorative stamp will be issued. Thanks, Chee Keng, for the correction and the information you sent.

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In the last Journal I gave details of the proposed Trinidad Jamboree 20 cent stamp to be issued on April 4th. This information, which I understand was official, was published late last February in the Philatelic press. Now it takes a little time to prepare the plates, print the stamps and despatch them abroad to be in time for issue to the public, even in these days of space travel -- No, the Russians didn't print them! Thus, it seems to me that someone must have blundered when giving the information, not only is the design of the issued stamps quite different, but the issue also consisted of two values, 8 cents and 25 cents!!! Well, well, it makes you think, doesn't it?

# PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE ELEVEN

(By permission of Len Bowen)

Yes, I'm here again, ready for another chit-chat! I feel I must say something about our new style Journal -- I like the cover design, the layout of the articles and similar material, I like the illustrations and I personally take my hat off to those non-regular contributors who have 'had a go' at writing an article - by and large, our Journal is approaching a "classic bi-monthly". In saying WELL DONE to all those whose voluntary efforts regularly make the issue of the Journal possible, I am mindful of the Foundation meeting that a 'News Sheet' might be issued at something like quarterly intervals so as to keep members in touch with each other, and that if funds ever reached the dizzy heights, we might even try publishing a magazine! Big oak trees from small acorns grow!

Whilst on the subject of magazines, it has occurred to me that our membership of approximately 300 is a mighty lot of people, of all types and from all walks of life, practically experienced in many varied fields and talented individually in divers directions; could not some of this untapped reservoir of talent be drawn out somehow, for our mutual benefit and enjoyment of our hobby? Surely, for instance, some of our members are artistically inclined - could we not have a page or two of 'unissued, unadopted, unasked for artist's essays of Scout stamps, from those among us so talented? (The only draw back to this is the printing of 300-400 copies, a costly business. Editor.)

I seem to be handing out bouquets in this chit-chat' so no harm will be done in handing out one more! Someone, somewhere, is hiding his or her light under a bushel. Who designed our neat little badge which has now become the standard symbol of the S.S.C.C.? A committeeman, I say, "Let's have the history of it", and give whoever it was the credit! As far as I know, like Topsy, it just growed!

Now something about stamps. The Trinidad set is being quoted by New Issue dealers at 1sh.7d. a pair. Further to come are Guide stamps from Tunisia and Scout stamps from

Togo - watch out for them. The Jamaica 1952 pair and the Dutch 1237 set are climbing steadily upwards, both in mint and used condition. As for cancellations, it is the case of nosing out the back ones yourself, the future ones will be yours if you join the Permanent List. Please note. I practice what I preach.

Well chums, I must be on my way; keep searching; items are still turning up unexpectedly. Au Revoir.

(Thanks, Len, for your usual breezy chat which I know many members appreciate. Editor).

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# PLEASANTRIES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, folks; once again we have enjoyed a successful meeting of the London members at Roland House: everyone was 'trading' like mad; the Junior members in particular, were kept busy and there was a lot of head-scratching in the competition. Mr Len Bowen displayed his stupendous collection of the 1933 Godollo Jamboree stamps and it was a pity that so few of our members in the London area do not avail themselves of the opportunity to get together. Wot abaht it?

Dare I suggest at this point that perhaps one or two of our more energetic provincial members might have a crack at running a meeting? Birmingham, Manchester, Haggisland, Nether Bogfield -- go on, try it. A glance through the membership list will show the potential - old Wilf will advertise it in this highly supersonic publication -- all it needs is a postcard to the 'possibles'.

The time has come round once again when I must go on the scrounge -- I can hear cries of anguish and the tearing of hair. Yes, it is Auction time, so please send direct to me any spare material: the cause is once again a worthy one-YOU. Our high-powered Secretary-General is planning a special booklet on Danish Scout philately: another one is in the embryo stage -- And you are the ones who are going to benefit; So see what you can do, please, for I would like to get the Auction list out in the September issue. All spare items by mid-August, just to please me. Thanks.

Another appeal - that's torn it! Seriously, though, this is of importance and in due course will be of great publicity benefit to the S.S.C.C. Mr John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, has suggested that a Reference Collection of Scout and Guide stamps, postmarks, etc., be formed and retained at the Training Centre, partly on permanent display there and partly to be used for display purposes throughout the country. It is not difficult to realise that in time this project could have far reaching results.

Member Raife Wellsted is in charge of this operation and has already made a substantial contribution in the shape of material and specially constructed display frames. If you feel kindly disposed towards this project and wish to give something, please write to me, or contact Mr Wellsted direct.

The last thing I should like to mention is an important event to Wood Badge holders, Raife Wellsted and I are hoping to organise a meeting of the Society at Gilwell as part of the official Annual Reunion Programme next September. We hope to combine this meeting with the 'Badgers'. This was in fact done at the Indaba in Holland last year and turned out to be quite a party. You will be hearing more of this later; meanwhile just bear it in mind, won't you?

(I think the President has given us all something to think about - and I hope, act upon, too. Editor).

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Another pen-portrait of a Club official by

A STAMP (and other things) WIDOW

I am not sure whether I first met my husband at a nearby Sunday School where we then both were young teachers or at the local Scout Headquarters where it was open house on Friday evenings for girl friends of the senior members to participate in a weekly tanner-hop (half-a-crown for the season). Value for money in those days!!!

My boy friend had no interest whatever in those days for stamps - he had no occasion even to buy one to write to me as I lived opposite to him.

But he was Scouting mad and I really saw little of him

unless I joined in some of his activities connected with the Group's programme or fund raising - Pantomimes, Whist Drives, Carol singing, Dances, etc.

I never used to look forward to the Camping season as I knew he would be away most week-ends at the least excuse for airing his tent; he even went on three different Wood Badge courses - Rover, Scout, and Cub - then after each course said he must take the respective boys to put into practice what he had learnt.

Even at our annual Scout Fete he would find me a job on some stall or other while he was dodging from one event to another like conducting the band of the boys' Circus or as a member of the gymnastic team.

Space will not permit me to tell you all of his forty years of active Scouting, both in our home town and other places we lived after we married, but he roped me in to practical Scouting as soon as we were, first as his A.C.M. when he was C.M. to a Pack he started in a village, and afterwards his C.M. when he became G.S.M. of the same Group.

This enjoyable experience lasted some ten years when I had to give it up owing to a long illness which I must emphasise was in no way connected with Scouting. When I was well enough we moved back to our home town and it was shortly after that when my husband caught the Stamp Bug Fever.

He started the complaint in a small way, just collecting anything and everything until his collection got too unwieldy. A specialist was called in who decided he must cut down on his diet (both food and stamps). Someone then recommended a course of Scout Stamp Philately. That was his (and mine) downfall.

He joined the S.S.C.C. as No. 41 and it wasn't long before someone roped him in as Asst. Secretary, promoted later to Club Secretary. Now I see too much of him but all I hear from him is the noise of his typewriter as he bangs out letter after letter. I often get jealous of him as nearly all our correspondence is for him, hardly anyone writes to me.

While he is busy working for the S.S.C.C. I have to sit quietly doing jig-saw puzzles which is my only hobby apart from knitting, so now a serious request from me - if any member has any of these puzzles they have no further use for kindly

send them on to me and when I have finished with them I will send them on to a children's hospital who can make further use of them.

It looks as if the space the Editor might allow me for this pen-portrait will be greatly strained so perhaps at some later date when he is short of paragraphs he will let me tell you more about my husband - his likes and dislikes, other hobbies and activities, hopes and dreams; colour of eyes and hair, age, etc. for the benefit of lady members or perhaps they might like to write to me for these.

Mrs K.W.B.

(Will bachelor members (male) please note how it is possible to be happily married and yet do Scouting and philately. Thank heaven for understanding wives, bless 'em. Editor).

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# SALES BUREAU

Firstly, I am delighted to welcome Club member No. 326 Mr JOHN H. WILSON, c/o 15, Paget Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. who will be running the Bureau in future, and to whom all orders should be sent.

This time we have a mixed bag: -

# <u>Stamps</u>

1950 U.S.A. Scout stamp: in clokes of 4 with control numbers: numbers available - 24224, 24225 and 24228. Price per block, mint....2sh.6d.

# Covers

- 1960 U.S.A. Jamboree at Colorado Springs, F.D. Cover (one only) .....1sh.9d.
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- 1960 Australia. Scout Jamboree with first day cancel; some examples of cancel a little smudged, therefore 1sh. only. 1960 Denmark. Queen Ingrid Guide stamp. Cacheted cover, first day issue, registered, with block of 4 of the Guide stamp. (2 only) .... 4s. 6d.
- NOTE. When sending for material, postage is extra.

## Publications

Journal. Back numbers.

July '57 (6d); August '57 (9d); October '57 (1sh.); January, March, July, September '59 (9d each); March, May, July, September, November '60 (1sh. each). Please note revised prices, which include postage.

Don't forget - Order direct to member WILSON.

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# REGIONAL NEWS

The following report has been received from W. T. HOLTON (Member 205):-

A very successful Regional meeting was held on Saturday, March 4th. at 5.45, this time being found most convenient for members living some distance away. The meeting was held in the LUTON S.E. District H.Q's. (with grateful thanks to Brass).

Although only six members managed to make it, the enthusiasm made up for lack of members. We were lucky enough to have our President with us who brought along many pages from his collection: this included the postal history of the 4th. World Jamboree in great detail, with a wealth of examples such as receipt and despatch marks, flight labels and cancellations and registration labels on covers. One member aptly described it -- 'I just had no idea that the Jamboree had such a well organised postal system.'

Besides these items, the President also showed other rare pieces and Tom Holton concluded with some pages from his collection, showing the 'Wild Tiger' Siam stamps, the early Roumanian Scout stamps and the Austrian Jamboree.

The usual swop and barter session was included and proof that the meeting was a success can be judged by the fact that it continued half-an-hour over schedule!

(Good show, Beds. and North Herts. Editor)

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# SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTEBOOK

3rd March. Have just seen report that TOGO is to issue a Scout set this year. How does one hope to obtain covers from Togo for the Permanent List? (Now you see how difficult the job of running the List is! Editor).

5th March. Starting work on Handbook No. 1 SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS, CANCELS AND LABELS OF DENMARK. Hope to produce this by the autumn. Efforts to obtain examples of all known material reveal many queries. Any members who have examples of pre-war cancels and/or labels would greatly help by sending me details.

7th March. Plans already in mind for Handbook No. 2 - same routine, but for Australia. Have you any material of interest?

9th March. Permanent List has now 60 members and for the first time in England we are planning the printing of our own covers for the First Day of the West German Scout stamp due on 23rd. April. Confirmed arrangements with Claude Marchal for a trip to France at Whitsun when I hope to visit two National Scout camps. Special cancels are anticipated - so Permanent List members should be O.K.!

10th March. Full page article on Scout stamps in 'Stamp Collecting' also giving a boost for S.S.C.C. Have been offered some Danish Scout covers and labels. After the Handbook has been prepared perhaps I can also compile a catalogue to accompany it, so that members may have a chance to purchase material.

16th March. Club member M. YEROULANOS from Greece tells me that material from the 1950 camp in his country in virtually unobtainable and that from the 1956 event is in very short supply.

18th March. Does any member require a copy of Mr THORSEN'S new book which I reviewed in the last Journal? If so, please send in your request to me now.

20th March. First Day covers from Trinidad Jamboree expected to cost 5sh.6d. wholesale! Hope no one writes complaining. Dealers cannot provide registered covers at all.

24th March. Offers of help flow in on every side. Member JOHN WILSON will be taking over the Sales Bureau from early April. From U.S.A. we have two offers to act as Committeemen, O.K. HUNTER and E.S. HOFFMEISTER.

25th March. The value of advertising: my post today includes three requests re membership, one (from Denmark) follows an article in the 1957 Jamboree Newspaper, the second (from Kenya) is the result of a recent article of mine in 'BATIAN', the Colony's Scout magazine; the third (from Ireland) follows from my 'Stamp Collecting' article.

<u>26th March</u>. Irish Girl Guides celebrate this year their Jubilee and are having an International Camp at Blarney, Co. Cork in July. There will not be a special camp cancel, but a camp cachet will be applied to Jubilee Year postcards and all mail through the Camp P.O. I shall be handling supplies and also of any special labels.

31st March. More publicity. Our good friend Mr C. HILL, has given the Club a useful mention in 'The Children's Newspaper' and I have managed to get a reference to the Club in 'The Philatelic Magazine'. Enquiries for membership at present in excess of one a day.

An appeal to our lady members. Could one of them help us with the Guide side of the business? I have made several approaches to the 'Guilder' and similar sources, but we don't seem to be 'getting home'. Is there a lady who would have a go? Please let me know if there is.

So ends my 'Notebook' for a month. Many other things have happened, but I thought members would like to have a glimpse at some of the 'back-stage' activities of the activities of the Secretary-General.

H. L. F.

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# NEW MEMBERS

Another huge membership list is included. We are pleased to welcome all of them and hope that they will find much to interest them in our Club.

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates Junior member.

- 327. EDMUND L. BLUM, 838 Spring Street, Elgin, Illinois, USA.
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- 329. FRANCIS DANCER, 23 Curtis Way, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- 330. RAJA MAIDIN, P.O. Box No. 16, K. Trengganu, Malaya.
- 331. WOLFGANG KARL, Apartado 2699, Av. Antonio Augusto Aguiar 68-3, o D, Lisboa, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 332. DONALD TEO CHENG TUAN, 32 Chapel Road, Singapore 15.
  Malaya.
- 333. IAN B. SHORTER, 20 Zermatt Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
- 334. ANTHONY BAXTER, 10 Avondale Mount, Shipley, Yorks.
- 335. W. F. DRAPER, 37 The Crescent, Friern Barnet, London, N. 11.
- 336. CLANCY TANG KENG PHING, 55 Station Road, Tapah, Perak, Malaya.
- 337. KEITH QUARMBY, 8 Chapel Street, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- 338. P.M. BRABANT, 31 Rue des Marcottes, Mons, Belgium.
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- 340. GRAGORY C. ECCLESTON, 20 Fraser Street, Glen Waverley, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
- 341. \*BERNARD LIM, 108-A Selangor Road, Malay Regiment, Port Dickson, Malaya.
- 342. \*ALISTAR G. PETERS, Aylmer, 23 Cavendish Av. Perth, Scotland.
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- 344. CHARLES SEATON, 20 Lytherton Av. Cadishead, Manchester.
- 345. PETER H.J. BREACH, 7 Cross Lane, Newport, Isle of Wight.
- 346. JACKIE SCOTT, 5 Crumhaugh Road, Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland.
- 347. ALECIA B. HAMMERSLEY, Quadrant Cottage, near the Quadrant, Buxton, Derbyshire.
- 348. ROBERTO R.G. NOGUERA, Privada 29 Poniente 1105, Puebla-Pue-Mexico.
- 349. W. H. KNIGHT, Marlcot, 165 London Road, Redhill, Surrey.
- 350. Rev. A.G. WHYE, New Hinksey Vicarage, Oxford.
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- 355. Mrs I.F.S. JARDINE, Eskmill House, Penicuik, Midlothian, Scotland.
- 356.\*BRIAN MONK, 11 Blandford Avenue, Whitton, Middlesex.

- 357. \*DAVID J.GAIR, Gregneish, 2nd Avenue Glencrutchery Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- 358. DOUGLAS E. BOURKE, 523, Commercial Road, London, E. 1
- 359. \*ARUN K. DESAI, P.O. Box 10888, Nairobi, Kenya.

# CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 60. D.C.D. Potter -- Flt/Lt D.C.D. Potter, Officers Mess, R.A.F. Feltwell, Thetford, Norfolk.
- 247. C.D. Lundy, Box 477, Belleville, Ontario, Canada.
- 295. A. Ramage, P.O. Box 219, Port Credit, Ontario, Canada.
- 163. P.J. Schou, 24, Corn. van Perestraat, OOST SOUBURH (Zeeland), Netherlands.

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As I have to go abroad on Her Majesty's Service for a short period at the end of June, I shall be vacating the editorial chair for the next issue of the Journal. The Secretary-General has very kindly offered to step into the breech and I am certain the chair could not be better occupied in my absence. Will those of you who intend sending in any contributions in the way of articles, etc., please send them direct to MR H. L. FEARS, by June 7th. next at the latest. We all know that he is a very busy man, so do help him as much as possible, won't you?

Until September, then, good Scout stamp collecting,

# Sincerely yours, WILF NODDER

# STOP-PRESS-STOP. From the Secretary-General.

The date April 17th. The latest member enrolled is 359, and the current rate of growth is very considerable. I have just obtained the inclusion of articles in magazines in Australia and India, giving details of the Club and activity is being stimulated in America, where two supplies of membership applications have just been sent. From South America member VALADEZ has given the Club valuable publicity at a Scouter's Conference. And the happiest hint on the horizon is the growing number of offers of help: I have taken them in hand now from U.S.A., Malaya, Scotland and England.

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1955	Canada 5 cents	3d.	2½d & 3½d 1d	L.
1950	U.S.A. Scout 3 cent	3d.	1952 Jamaica, 2d & 6d1sh.	3d.
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1937	Holland set of 3	1sh.	3 cent 3d	.•
			1957 Nicaragua 85 cent 3d	.•

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Guest-Editor: Howard L. Fears.

Our regular editor, Wilf Nodder, is having a well-earned rest (at least as far as producing this Journal is concerned), and so, for this issue, we will not trouble him. However, on your behalf as well as mine, I would like to thank him for his untiring efforts - and I know how hard he has worked.

This issue may seem rather patchy. I am writing it "as I go", which means that I answer the day's post and then add a bit to the Journal. I do ask your indulgence.

I am only introducing one innovation: "Letters to the Editor". It should give everyone a chance to report some item of interest or comment on some news-feature. Do please try it - no matter how short.

Whatever else you read, kindly study carefully the section on "Elections" and then write to me with your nominations. This is not something to be left to the next member. It's YOUR views we want, even if you are content with endorsing the present management.

When this issue appears I shall, in fact, also be on holiday: 2 weeks in sunny Corsica. No post is being sent on, so it will have to await my return early in July. So for any delay in replies you will know and, I hope, understand.

Lastly, membership. Naturally with the tremendous increase in enquiries at the beginning of the year, our total figures have reached a new high level. There are still a few overdue subs. and, believe me, these cause more trouble than you can imagine. In fact, in terms of postages, printed notices, and the time of Committee members taken up, overdue subs. almost become uneconomic. If, after reading these few words, you feel just a little twinge of conscience, please remedy it at once. Subs. to Stanley Blunt - and we'll even accept next year's in advance!

# PAN-HELLENIC JUBILEE JAMBOREE, 1960

(I think the following report sent me by an English Scout (who is not a Club member) will be of interest and speaks for itself. We are all grateful to the author, MR. J.C. ARMSTONE, of London.)

Dear Mr Fears,

I have just read your article on Scout stamps of 1960 in 'Stamp Collecting', and it occurred to me that you might like to have some further details of the Greek issue. I am in a position to give you this information as I was a member of the 11 strong British contingent to the Pan-Hellenic Jubilee Jamboree (to give it its full title).

A special Jamboree cancellation was applied, I understand, on the first day (22nd July - or possibly 23rd, as that was the first full day) only; unfortunately, due to (1) incorrect information as to the dates of the camp sent in the first instance from the Greek Boy Scouts' Association to I.H.Q., and (2) the demands of school examination and holiday dates, we of the British Contingent did not arrive at the Jamboree until July 27th. We were met at Athens by two interpreter-guides, and I lost no time in enquiring about the postal facilities available at the camp site. In reply to my questions, one of our hosts told me that the special postmark had been used on the first day, that registration facilities were available - I never heard of this service being used and I did not feel sufficiently confident of my Modern Greek to ask for it myself! - and that there was even a telephone system in operation.

You should know that the camp site was near the town of Amphikleia, actually on the northern slopes of Mount Parnassós, 1200 metres up the mountain. The site, known as Perdhikóveysi (Partridge-Fountain), is one of the permanent camps belonging to the Greek Scouts, and was donated by the town of Amphikleia.

The 'Post Office' was only a square wooden booth, totally enclosed on two sides, and with a counter running the length of the other two. A box was provided for posting letters, and this was withdrawn at about 5.30 p.m. when the office was supposed to close - it was of the standard Greek pattern, much smaller than ours, with a slit on the front, below which was a table with the various postal rates, and a sloping roof with an eave. However, when one purchased stamps and stuck them on letters at the post office one could hand the letters to the

clerk, who would then chuck them onto a heap on the floor (definitely 'chuck' - 'throw', 'drop', or 'put' would not be accurate descriptions of his action!) Letters could also be handed over the counter after the box had been withdrawn at the end of the day.

The stamps on sale were, as far as I could see, exclusively the Jamboree issue - it seems that these values alone or in combination could make up all the necessary rates. The Clerk performed one unusual service when handed a letter, in that he checked the face value of the stamps to make sure that it was sufficient to prepay the letter to its destination. I heard him mutter something under his breath when a friend and I handed him what were obviously philatelic covers addressed to England!

The actual purchase of stamps was a somewhat hazardous task; the staff of the office consisted of more than one clerk, if my memory serves me right, but very rarely were two on duty together. None of these officials understood English, French or German - I tried them all with no success - and communications had to be in Greek, or sign language, or (as was usually the case) a mixture of the two, or (best of all) through an interpreter. Even if one did manage to procure any stamps, their condition could not be guaranteed - for the clerks tore up the sheets with gay abandon, holding them between dirty fingers and sticky thumbs!

Jamboree envelopes and writing paper were on sale at one of the shops on the site. I am enclosing a sheet of the paper, which I should be obliged if you would return to me, to show you the design; this was also printed on the envelopes, which measured 7.9" by 4.3".

After the first day, all mail was taken down the mountain, to be postmarked in Amphikleia. A cover I posted home on July 30th has the bilingual arrival postmark of Amphikleia 31 VII 60 cancelling the stamps, and on the rear, the Greek departure postmark 31 VII 60 11.0.A.M., and a transit mark from Lamia I VIII 60 3.0.P.M. This letter reached London on August 6th. Two letters posted to me from Putney on July 27th and Brighton on July 28th have the Athens airmail arrival postmark of July 29th. 11.0.A.M., and the Greek arrival postmark of Amphikleia July 30th.11.0.A.M. – these I received on the evening of Jul. 30th.

I am afraid I cannot tell you the format of the stamp

sheets - no doubt this information is easily obtainable elsewhere in England. The only marginal mark I have seen takes the form of a cross printed in the colour of the frame of the stamp in BOTH margins, on certain values anyway, opposite the second stamp from the bottom. All my marginal copies have the left and bottom margins perf., the top with one hole, the right imperf. (vertical designs); the left with one hole, the right perf., the top perf., the bottom imperf. (horiz. designs). I also have two copies of the 50L with the left perf. and the right with one hole, so it may be that a number of different combinations exist.

The last day of the Jamboree was Sunday July 31st, but I believe that the post office did not open again after close of business on Saturday; that would make the cover described above a last day one. Most Scouts remained in camp until some time on Monday, as there was an acute shortage of transport to convey them down the mountain, but there would have been little call for postal facilities after the closing ceremony.

Yours sincerely, J. C. Armstone.

# COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The development of S.S.C.C. has always resulted in our keeping abreast of anticipated needs, and when the existing organisers met in London early this year, they felt that a Club of our nature, with its continued growth, needed a Constitution. The draft for this was presented to you in the last issue of the Journal and now we come to an important sequal, the election of the Committee to handle the business of the Club.

It is obvious that this Committee will be a "working Committee" and that there will not be any nominal post-holders or sinecures. It is also important that this Committee shall commence to function as soon as possible.

The Committee will consist of 6, each with a designated task. Its size may later be adjusted. Elections will be held when needed but it is obvious with a Club as large and worldwide as ours that elections at frequent intervals would be unnecessary, as well as proving expensive.

Every adult paid-up Club member has the right to nominate

or be nominated. If you propose to nominate anyone, you must be sure that they are prepared to stand (which also implies their willingness to accept the duties attached to the post in question) and that your nomination is seconded. All existing post-holders have indicated their willingness to accept nomination for the posts they hold at present. The Committee posts (and existing holders) are:-

President ... ... ... R. E. RHODES
Hon. Secretary-General . . . . H. L. FEARS
Hon. Membership Secretary ... F. S. BLUNT
Hon. Publicity Secretary ... J. E. HOBBS
Hon. Journal. Editor ... W. NODDER
6th member (responsible for distribution of Permanent List material ... W. T. HOLTON.

So that we may be a truly democratic organisation, we hope all members will take an interest in these nominations. Do not leave it to someone else: we need YOUR choice. Even all the above-named have only indicated their willingness to accept nomination - they have not actually been nominated. So please write to me (H. L. FEARS, at 11 SALISBURY ROAD, SEAFORD, SUSSEX) without delay with your choice. Ballot papers for elections will be included in the next Journal (except for posts which have only one nomination) so your letters must reach me in time for these papers to be prepared.

# ADVERTISEMENT

<u>SELL OR EXCHANGE</u>: Two complete sets Ogden's cigarette cards in excellent condition. Each set consists of 50 different:

Boy Scout activities - 50 cards Boy Scout patrol badges and bird charts - 50 cards.

Each set is in full 4 colour process on the front and type copy on the back in green. Price for sale: \$18.00. Write: H.D. THORSEN Jnr., 387 SUNSET ROAD, WINNETKA, ILL., U.S.A.

# JUNIOR PAGE By W. L. DEWHURST, 354 (age 14)

Dear Juniors,

How do you arrange your album? -

Collectors of solely Scout stamps usually devote a whole album to their collection, but some philatelists only devote a small section of their album to Scout stamps.

But back to the subject of this page. People who only slightly specialise in Scout stamps put them in a special section at the end of each country, others devote a section of their album to these stamps. For keen collectors a good way is to arrange one copy of each Scout Stamp in date order and beneath each stamp write a little about it - Why it was issued? Date of issue, colour, size and perforation, and in pencil the latest catalogue price. As well as the country of issue and catalogue number. Another way is to convert your collection into Thematic Sections which can include: - stamps showing a picture of B-P, stamps issued for Jamborees, Guide stamps, stamps issued to raise Scout Funds, health stamps, anniversaries of Scouting: both generally and for particular countries, and miscellaneous, including the 1938 Polish, 1954 Falkland Island Dependencies and the 1918 Czecho-Slovakia stamps.

For your covers one can buy special albums to hold envelopes or one can keep them in their own album, mounting them with photograph corners. These covers can be classified under the following headings; First Day Covers, Jamboree Covers, Cachet covers, covers with special postmarks, centenary covers and miscellaneous, e.g. 1955 G.B. Bob-a-Job, or simply under their country of issue.

If you have any ideas for the arrangement of your collection, send them to the Editor and he will probably consider them.

(I can say how delighted I am to have a Junior Member actually writing the Junior Page article. It's the first time we have achieved it so far, but I'm sure it would be grand if it could always be tackled in this way. H. L. F.)

# REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

by H. L. Fears

The Committee have been thinking about the expansion of the Club and the invaluable help which can be given by good regional representatives. Existing R.R's are:-

Canada : E. Edmondson

U. S. A. : O. K. Hunter and E. Hoffmeister

Benelux (Belgium, Nether-

lands, Luxembourg) : W. Six

Scotland : S. K. Hunter Manchester area : W. Swift

(This list excludes those in the U.K. who also have other duties).

Proposals have been made for several other R.R's and I have written to various members. However, I am happy to announce the appointment of A.H.Nicholson of 16 Munns Drive, Burgess Hill, Sussex, as R.R. for counties south of London, i.e. Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

# MUDBOREE!

by R. E. Rhodes

That is what they called the 'Coming of Age' Jamboree, Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, Wirral, Cheshire. 31st July - 13th August 1929.

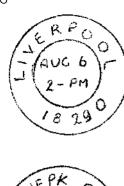
Back in the days before we were cursed with the deadly rash known as F.D.C.itis - when the Post Office was just a means of getting a message from A to B. The Official Programme and Guide merely says "POST OFFICE"

ON KINGSWAY, EAST OF No. 4 SUB-CAMP".

The now rare camp postmark was a last-minute affair. Right up until 30th July it was anticipated that outgoing mail would be cancelled as fig. 1.

Fig. 2 shows cancellation on postcard posted on the site on 30th. It is still not known which cancellation was used on the 31st July.

The 'E' in Arrowe was inserted at the last moment, hence no gap in "Arrowe Pk".



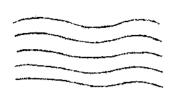


Fig. 1



Fig. 2



An item of special interest was a set of 4 postcards of "silhouette studies" designed by Capt. H. L. Oakley, M. B. E., A. R. C. A. and published by the "Birkenhead Advertiser" at 3d. They were: -1. The Pier Head, Liverpool

- 2. The Chief Scout of the World.
- the B.P. Way Scouting: Scouting: Traditional.

Another collectable item is a green label showing 3 Scouts with staves and inscribed "World Jamboree, Birkenhead" and the dates.

There are also 2 other labels of French origin. Registered mail bore a normal Birkenhead 'R' label.

By far the rarest item arising from this event is the Imperial Scout H.Q. meter franking with the Arrow design - perhaps Mr Len Bowen will illustrate it for us in the Journal if we ask him nicely.

# JUST A STORY

by Howard L. Fears

Long before Whitsun I received a kind invitation to attend the French national camp at JAMBVILLE. Actually I also learnt that whilst the Catholic Scouts were meeting, at ORLEANS the Protestant Scouts would be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. planned to attend - and would have done so, but for the difficulty of getting a plane.

But I did learn that both camps would be having a special cancel and so I put the wheels in motion to obtain a supply of covers for Permanent List members and others. Club Member

CLAUDE MARCHAL kindly kept me informed of development. As he would only be able to attend one camp himself, he asked another Scouter going to the other camp (Orleans) to handle that end. At this stage I requested 200 covers from each camp — a total, of course, of 400.

With about 10 days to go before the Whitsun camps, Claude wrote and told me that he was very busy and hadn't time to write my address 400 times, so would I please prepare them myself and despatch with all haste. I dealt with the job at once. I purchased 400 envelopes and started to write. Can you imagine writing your own address 400 times - and how long it would take? Then 400 pieces of paper had to be cut up and a single piece placed in each envelope, and then each of 400 flaps tucked in. At one stage I applied a little "time and motion" study to the whole job, and found I could clear 25 envelopes in 20 minutes. By sticking at it, by the evening of the second day I had disposed of the entire job in my spare time and all the blank covers were parcelled up. At the Post Office, apart from paying, 7/6d. I also had to cope with a Customs Declaration - and how would you have described the contents?

All was done, the parcel was on its way, and now all I needed was the kind co-operation of my friends to produce a real snip for you, dear member. The days went by, Whitsun came and went - no covers. Then a note from Claude - "What happened to your covers, they haven't reached me?" A simple thought. Within a day or two of my despatch there had been a French rail strike (all parcels in France are handled by the railways), and this, quite obviously, had been the cause. Eventually Claude was able to tell me that my parcel had reached him, but far too late for use, of course.

There's an obvious moral, without doubt. You won't be receiving either of the special cancels through the Club. I have had to stand the loss of 400 envelopes and postage, apart from the time (which is even more precious). We live and learn, but I leave you with just one request; if you have a complaint about the service or the price of covers, please don't say a word unless you are at least willing to step forward and offer to write my address 400 times, at least to start with. (What's that you say, A Scout should be Prepared? - quite so, I'm buying myself a rubber stamp, but that won't discount the above).

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

In the article by Stanley Hunter 'Scouting Personalities on Stamps' in the March issue it is stated that we have to thank King Rama VI of Siam for the "Wild Tiger" overprints on the Siam 1920 stamps. I presume this to refer to the fact of him being the reigning Monarch, and not to the fact that a tiger's head appeared instead of a fleur-de-lis as a Scouting badge. The connecting link between the Scout movement and the tiger's head makes interesting reading, and is quite definite, although I cannot now remember the corroborating evidence.

During World War I a Senior Statesman of France named Georges CLEMENCEAU displayed great vigour and determination in his conduct of the war effort against the enemy, in addition, his personal facial features included big bright eyes and a long drooping moustache, so it is not surprising that the grateful French nation popularly referred to him as "Tiger" Clemenceau.

When the war was over Clemenceau was appointed Governor General of French Indo China, and no doubt the French sphere of influence at that time had links with Siam.

In 1919 the Scout movement was either started or restarted in Siam and "Tiger" Clemenceau as Gov. General was invited to accept the Presidency of the Siamese Boy Scouts Association, which position he duly accepted. Whether the Siamese language official description of a Boy Scout means "Boy Scout" or "Wild Tiger" I do not know, maybe they were popularly referred to as "tigers" because "Tiger" Clemenceau was their Chief - but the tigers head on the 1920 stamps certainly is derived from the personal reputation of Mon. George Clemenceau, and as for the description "Wild tiger", well, tigers in the jungle are not very domesticated!

Yours faithfully LEN BOWEN

# ADVERTISEMENT

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# SALES BUREAU

# Greetings!

<u>A new line</u>: Limited supplies now available of the 2nd Caribbean Jamboree issue. FDC of the 8¢ and the 25¢ together on one envelope, most refreshingly designed and a give-away at sh. 3/4 the pair (this price 17% <u>below</u> current dealer prices!)

Another new line: The "Sankt-Georg" 10pf. mint, in Scout green at -/4 each. Blocks of 4 available for those who order now.

For the specialist: Reference sheets on "Scout" cachets/cancellations of various countries during 1957-58-59, and a sheet on "Varieties of the J.I.M. stamps of the U.K." Very useful and well worth the 3d charge per sheet.

For the historian: Read how the S.S.C.C. has developed and acquire a wealth of feature articles all at once by obtaining copies of back numbers of the Journal. Only 4 copies of Vol.1, No.1 left, others have sold out, so don't delay further. For those who like to write: letters always welcomed.

Yours aye,

JOHN H. WILSON,

c/o 15 Paget Road,

Wolverhampton, Staffs.



# HERE AND THERE

By the Secretary-General cum Temporary Editor

If you think the following notes are a bit disjointed, don't complain: they are disjointed. I add a note each occasion when I have something to record and the time to do it.

<u>Publicity</u>: It was very pleasing to record that the American Topical Association have asked if they can reproduce one of my articles from "Stamp Collecting".

However, one prospective member who wrote in the other day said that she had read about the Club in the "Nursery World" - I don't know how that got in there!

<u>Donation</u>: We know that the Club sub. doesn't allow much scope for indulging in whims and fancies, and if we think about producing any Handbooks, we have to make an appeal for money. It is, therefore, very pleasing to record a kind donation from member No. 10, Mr JACK STEWART. This will be placed towards the fund to launch Handbook No. 1: Scout and Guide material from Denmark. We are proceeding with this book, and hope to release it in the autumn.

Editions by Airmail: Now that we have had experience of several distributions, we are finding (to our cost) that we cannot send the Journal by air-post as cheaply as we had hoped. Sorry: for the present we shall have to raise the annual additional payment from 5/- to 7/6, subject to any further adjustment based on longer experience. Would members accepting, this part of the Service, please send an extra 2/6d now to Mr BLUNT.

Nicaraguan Scouts: Club member F. VALADEZ writes: 'March 1961 Journal, query page 34. The correct title of the Association is "Asociacion de Scouts de Nicaragua". By the time of the issue it was "Federacion Nacional de Boy Scouts (Exploradorer) de Nicaragua". As it is a small Association they do not have machine insignia; they are hand-made. Thus it may be that an error was made by the stamp designer and not supervised by Scout authorities, or it could be that it was used by the Scout who posed for the designer, as the person who made the hand-embroidered stripe made the mistake of writing "Scout de Nicaragua" and not "Scouts de Nicaragua" (Generally made by elderly persons not able to speak English and who do not know about Scouting)'.

FRANCISCO VALADEZ also goes on to say that there are, in fact, other errors in the design, since the hat must have in front the oppressed part. The 'fastener' above the shirt, near the shoulders, is in the opposite direction.

Query and Answer: Following the query in the January Journal, FRANCISCO says that he had a talk with the ex-President of the Scouts de Nicaragua, PORFIRIO SOLORZANO, now living in Mexico, and he indicated that there was no special Scout cancel used at the 1st Central American Jamboree held in Chiltepe, Nicaragua in 1952. Thank you for all the "gen", FRANCISCO.

Approvals: If you think it is taking a long time for a selection to be sent you, please have patience. The supply of material on the market at anything approaching a reasonable price is very smell indeed, and usually the only way of getting stocks is for me to "get around". So, please, we are nil doing our best, and if you succeed in getting a bargain, it's been worth waiting.

Glasgow: Scottish Regional member S.K.HUNTER reports that Glasgow members of the Club have just held their second display of Scout stamps. The first was held at the Glasgow County Scout Council meeting, while the second was shown at a large Group "Parents' Evening" on April 28.

<u>I.H.Q. Meter Frank</u>: Have you noticed the changed "slug" in the I.H.Q. Meter Franker? It now reads "the official story of the Scout Movement. B-P's SCOUTS." This refers, of course, to the recently published official history of the Boy Scouts Association called "B.-P.'s Scouts". It is priced at 21/-. Mind you, it's none of my business, but if you want a copy, send me enough cash to cover postage as well, and I'll ask I.H.Q. to send you one.

<u>Donation</u>: Since writing the previous entry, I have received a donation from Mr COLLINS, which will go to the same cause. Thanks a lot. By the way, don't forget to send material for the Auction Sale to Mr RHODES.

Scout Sets from Togo and Surinam: Club member BENNET D. KITTS writes: "Later on we are supposed to get a Togo set and one from Surinam. No doubt you know how these are controlled by a commercial agency in New York City. You must be on an approved list - order a large minimum and hope you aren't cut back by shady dealings. Hope all the 20 odd newly independent French Colonies don't decide to get on the wagon". (And me - for the sake of the Permanent List! H.L.F.)

Pakistan Covers through Permanent List: I have been very fortunate in obtaining a supply of 60 cards cancelled on the first day of a Divisional Boy Scouts Training Camp at MULTAN in Pakistan, on May 5th 1961. Only 500 cards were produced, and the majority of these were shipped wholesale to U.S. at 1/9 each. As the Permanent List price is only 1/- you can consider the price a snip! I endeavoured to obtain a further supply so that every member interested could be supplied, and have been promised other - perhaps even more interesting - ones with different designs. These may cost a few coppers more. My Pakistan

correspondent tells me that collecting cacheted covers has become a craze locally ... "The demand is so great that you can ask any price for them".

South Korea: On May 10th a 40h blue-green stamp was issued commemorating the 15th anniversary of the foundation of Korean Girl Scouts. The design shows a Girl Scout and camp with badge.

Member Peter Bowen: Our well-known London Region Junior Member Cub Sixer Peter Bowen "passed up" at a special initiation ceremony on 10th May 1961 and is now a keen Tenderfoot Scout of the 2nd Hornchurch (Essex) Troop. He has also just passed the 11+ examination for an Essex Grammar School.

Gilwell Meeting of Club Members: In connection with the annual Wood Badge Reunion at Gilwell in September, plans are going ahead for a meeting of Club members. We will see that you are all informed in adequate time and I, as Secretary-General, look forward to meeting many members indeed.

<u>Philippines</u>: More Scout Stamps. Have just been informed that on May 2nd, two of the 10th World Jamboree stamps were issued plus surcharges. The 6c + 4c has been surcharged 10c, and the 24c + 5c surcharged 30c. In addition, 100,000 tete-beche pairs have been issued. Can anyone tell me why the Philippines have jumped on the band-wagon again? Don't be too hopeful about covers through the Club; I had no warning of this.

#### CUBAN POSTAL CONCESSION

by PETER DUCK

Following the remarks on Marines Yeroulanos in the May issue of the Journal regarding the use of a special handstamp for official mail of the Greek Boy Scouts. I have in my collection three official covers from Cuba, each of which bear the handstamp of the Asociation de Scouts de Cuba. Two bear a purple handstamp of the "Oficina Nacional" and the other a blue handstamp of the "Consejo Nacional" of the two covers bearing the "Oficina Nacional" mark, one has no postage stamps and was sent to Jamaica, the other which was posted to London has two stamps affixed on top of the handstamp, almost completely covering it. The third of the covers has both handstamp and postage stamp, also a label

which readers might be interested to note -

"Our Revolution in NOT COMMUNIST.
Our Revolution is HUMANIST.
The Cubans only want the right to an education, the right to work, the right to eat without fear, the right to PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM."

It is also interesting to note that the Asociation de Scouts de Cuba is part of the Ministerio de Defensa Nacional.

Can it be that the same sort of free postal system is in operation in Cuba as it is in Greece? Perhaps Club Members have other information on this matter, and maybe there are other Countries where this system operates. I am interested in collecting all official covers from Scout and Guide Headquarters throughout the world.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS

Early in 1962 the revised List of Members will be produced. As you will know, previous lists have been printed showing members in numerical order. However, the suggestion has been made that the List should be produced listing members by countries. The advantages which have been suggested include the ability for a member joining from, say, Canada, to know at a glance the details of all other Canadian members without having to read through the List from beginning to end.

On the other hand, there is always a point of view that existing practices should not be altered unless for a very good reason. So, in short, it's over to you. We want to know which you would find most useful, and how you would deal with the U.K. members. Divide them into England, Scotland and Wales (with the Isle of Man on its own?), would you say? Or sub-divide England itself? Please write to Mr BLUNT and let him know.

## SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY - 1 By Stanley K. Hunter, Member No. 51.

As the popularity of our thematic topic grows, so does the related philatelic literature. I feel that it is now time to produce a handy listing, to enable us to use the "printed word" to help us in our hobby.

I have divided the following descriptive list into two distinct portions. The first part deals with periodicals, while the second will be concerned with Scout Stamp catalogues, handbooks, etc.

The first part is divided into three sections: -

- 1. Scouting in stamp periodicals
- 2. Stamps in Scout periodicals
- 3. Scout stamp periodicals.

#### 1. - Stamp Periodicals

Articles on Scout stamps have appeared on numerous occasions in the philatelic press, although few are of lasting interest. The following is a list of the more recent ones which I feel will interest members:

GIBBONS' STAMP MONTHLY Nov. 1959
"An Issue is Born ... NZ 3d Jamboree".

(This article was reprinted in "The Scout")

PHILATELIC MAGAZINE 10 Aug. 1958 Illus.

"Cancellations & a Scout Jamboree" (1929).

(by W.G.Stitt Dibden)

1 Jan. 1960 Illus.

"Stamps Commemorate World Jamborees" (by Allen Kay)

STAMP COLLECTING 12 March 1961 Illus.

"Scout & Guide Stamps & Cancels 1960" (by Howard Fears, our Sec.-General)

STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL 1960 Illus.

"World-wide Brotherhood".

(by C. R. H. Parsons)

#### 2. - Scout Periodicals

"THE SCOUT" (Boy Scouts Association)
Our Secretary-General edits the stamp-collectors' page in

"The Scout", which appears in the issue at the end of each month. This is intended to be of general interest to all young collectors, but special attention is naturally paid to the Scouting angle. As readers possibly see "The Scout" regularly, I do not intend to list those articles. I would like, however, to draw your attention to the following issues:-

6 Jan. 1956.. Special stamp issue. (As well as several features on stamps, the front cover was illustrated by a selection of Scout stamps.) Scout stamp-collectors are portrayed on the covers of the issues of 27 Feb. and 22 Oct. 1960.

BOY'S LIFE (Boy Scouts of America)

A column of general stamp interest appears each month and is contributed by Mr W. Art McKinney, Editor of the Journal of the "Scouts on Stamps Society, International" (SOSSI).

A special Scout Stamp issue appeared in November 1959, with a fine fall-coloured Scout Stamp cover and an article "Scouts on Stamps", by Mr McKinney.

#### WORLD SCOUTING (B.S.I.B.)

A series of six articles by Mr Harry D. Thorsen Jnr. appeared in this international Scout periodical, which now appears in bulletin-format. Mr Thorsen's articles have been reproduced in permanent form in his latest publication "Scout Stamps - Scout Seals", mentioned in Part II of this bibliography.

1959 - JAN, "Jamborees on Stamps"; MARCH, "B-P on Stamps of the World"; MAY, "Scout Mail Adventure", (Czechoslovakia).

1960 - JAN, "Early Scout Issues 1920-39"; MARCH, "Scout Stamps 1940-57"; MAY, "Jubilee Year in Scout Stamps". (An article on the SSCC, entitled "Universal Scouting through Scout Stamps" by Howard Fears appeared in 1960).

#### 3. - Scout Stamp Periodicals

#### S.S.C.C. JOURNAL

First published in July 1957, this bi-monthly soon expanded from its original 4 pages. In 1961 it changed its format and the March issue contained 25 pages of text. (Well done, Wilf Nodder, the Editor).

The first Index (2 pp), covered the first two volumes. I understand another Index is planned for issue in the near future (Note to Ed. Not to hand at time of writing)

S.O.S.S.I. JOURNAL

The first edition of this monthly appeared in November 1951, as the Journal of the "Youth Organisations on Stamps Society". It is now published under the title of the "Scouts on Stamps Society, International (SOSSI) Journal", under the editorship of Art Mc-Kinney.

#### SCOUT PHILATELIC GAZETTE

I have only seen passing references to this periodical, which is of Canadian origin. Should any reader have details, I would be pleased to hear about this Gazette.

I have only listed the periodicals in English that I have come across, but in order to produce a comprehensive list, I would be grateful of information on any Scout Stamp paper that I have missed.

(To be concluded)

#### Self-portrait: YE OLDE PRESIDENTE

A pre-historic veteran of Scouting aged 31 and doesn't look a day over 58. After many years of diligent study aspired to the dizzy heights of A.S.M. level. Must be potty - who else but a raving lunatic would sell a fabulous collection of Australia in order to raise sufficient wind to buy a handful of Indian Scout Rocket Posts?

Tears around in an ageing car with terrifying abandon in vain attempts to be in 4 places at once, in the hope of thus gaining an evening or two of peace and quiet at home in order to catch up on correspondence.

Likes stamps, jazz records, badges, Scout records, people who buy stamps from him, and bread and butter pudding.

Dislikes chamber music, motorists and pedestrians who are rash enough to get in his way, mashed swedes, porridge dixies and postmen who batter his mail to death.

Main ambition - to save some money.

Hope for future - to get collection fully mounted and written up (hollow laughter).

Lives too near to Gilwell for comfort and too far from Howard Fears to chivvy him.

Unmarried, outrageously spoilt only child who is the bane

of his folks life, who can't understand why their son is the dutiful Scout Leader one night and the next night playing clarinet in some unsavory jazz club. Obviously needs a good woman to keep him in order.

Dutifully catches the 8.15 every morning like all the other city Bank men, and has never quite lived down the day he dared to go to work in Scout uniform.

#### PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE 12

by LEN BOWEN

Once more into the breach, dear friends! - what shall we "stew-over" this time?

I've just been perusing the new German "St. George" stamp quite a well produced item, with wording on it to link it up with Scouting - a great pity that the Scout Badge was not incorporated on it I thought - but one thing I noticed is really remarkable. The official title of the Western German State Post is "Deutsche Bund Post", consequently, the stamps are on paper watermarked with "D B P" - the letter "D" appears as a meaningless oval whilst "B P" stand out quite distinctly - another unwitting link up with Scouting! - the sort of watermark that ought to have been on the 3d value of the "Mafeking Besieged" local issue! acquired two First Day Cards of this stamp, posted at the Scout Camp at Brexbachtal, Bendorf, Germany, and the special cancellations are totally different, although both are official German Post Office cancellations - can any member from that part of the world tell us all the reason why, or give any farther information on these two cancellations?

Still on stamps - some members like to expand their collections by including stamps with a "Scouting" link-up - I've recently come across one myself which no-one yet seems to have "cottoned on to"! In 1953 Denmark issued a set of stamps to celebrate the "1000 years of Danish History" and the lowest value, 10 ore green, depicts a "Runic" or "Rune" Stone - ancient inscribed stone monuments, roughly hewn, which are still in existence and date back to the times of the Vikings and Norsemen - I believe the inscriptions refer to victorious battles, or successful explorations - certainly they have an historical aspect from which much useful information has been obtained as to the early history of Scandinavia. Now in 1956, the Salvation Army Scouts

of Sweden held a Jamboree at TIMARO and a special cancel was employed - the advance information reaching this country stated. "as token and emblem the camp will have a Rune-Stone and a Viking with his ship - probably the cancel will include something of these figures." Those of you who possess the officially issued cover for this camp will note that the camping scene cachet includes a Viking complete with horned helmet and sword, and that the centre of the special postmark is a "Rune Stone" on which is inscribed a Viking Ship. - thus the link of the stomp with Scouting!

Well folks, I try to help other members if I can, so perhaps I am qualified to ask somebody to help me! - referring to the 4th World Jamboree at Godollo, Hungary in 1933 and the Air Mail service by Flying Scouts operated between Matyasfold and Godollo. I have a cover which is signed by the four pilots on this service, but as the signatures are typical continental style flourishes I cannot decipher them with any accuracy. One of the signatures I have identified by reason of an article by Mr W. Arthur McKinney in the March 1961 Journal of S.O.S.S.I. as being the prewar crack Hungarian pilot FRIGYES UEFTY - please, can any member assist me to identify the other three?

Must be on my way now, but before I go, let me remind you all that if you "pick up" any Scout Covers yourself from dealers boxes of oddments don't forget to look inside the envelope - one envelope I acquired with a vary poor strike of the Greenbank Corroboree in Queensland, Australia (1957), for a mere 6d had as a "filler" an extremely useful sheet of specially headed notepaper which matched the cachet on the envelope! That's the lot! - Cheerio!



#### MARKET ADVICE

A leading article in a well-known English financial newspaper dealt recently with the subject of purchasing stamps for investment purposes. Let me say, at once, that I do not

intend to deal with that. I imagine that our interest in stamp collecting is, in most cases, limited to building-up a good collection without excessive cost, and if we ever think about the ultimate financial aspect it is because we might one day need some money urgently and we would then like to realise as much as possible on our collections.

Those who have been collecting Scout stamps for some years will know that interest in the subject has increased tremendously within the last few years, many collections starting in 1957 at the time of the Jubilee Jamboree. But each year more collectors take up the subject and, of course, the supply of material from early events does not increase. Hence the simple laws of supply and demand operate and prices rise.

But my immediate purpose in writing this article is to give advice applicable to the present. I think I could almost state it as a "law", that material is never as cheap as when it is first available. This applies to the stamps themselves, but even Imagine for a moment that a camp is being more so to covers. held in Ireland. Covers are printed at, say, 3d each, to which must be added postage of 3d. The organisers usually hope for a small profit and to allow for their expenses another 6d can be The price has now risen to 1/- per cover. At this stage the covers are received in bulk, but it is quite likely that between 5 and 10 per cent will be unsaleable for obvious reasons - e.g. damaged in transit, poor postmarks, etc. (In a recent consignment of 40 covers, I was unable to use 5 of them, i.e. 121/2%). Still further costs have to be added to cover administration and postal expenses at this end, adding in total at least 33 1/3% to the cost. In fact, any cover from any event produced for sale at less than 1/4d. probably represents almost no profit. If a dealer is involved he has to allow for overheads, and he will perhaps retail the cover at 2/-.

Alright, the cover now costs 2/-. By buying in bulk from dealers I can perhaps obtain them for S.S.C.C. at 1/8d. and they are then sold to you at 1/9d. However very few people buy more covers than they need. The organisers probably know nothing about stamp dealing and only supply the exact number ordered - Any balance of covers in hand represents profit not readily available. For the same reason, few dealers hold more than a limited number of covers, and this has to cater for occasional sales to all sorts of people. Six months pass and any surplus has been "skimmed" off. What is the position of the collector

fresh on the scene? Quite obviously he can only hope to purchase from one of two sources - the dealer or collector who has spare copies) or from a collector who, for a consideration, will take the item out of his collection.

Here, then, lies the crux of the problem - supply and demand. If you bought a cover for 1/9d. and a friend asked you to sell it to him you might do so - but not at 1/9d. If you think you can get another easily, you might charge 2/6d. to take into account the trouble involved. However, when you approach the dealer, his stock has gone down from 20 covers to 3, and he sees no prospect of getting more, so he raises his price to 2/9d. If you buy at this price you will be out of pocket. But what will be your reaction if another friend comes along and wants to buy this further cover? Instead of asking 2/6d. you might say 3/6d. And when you go to replace it, the dealer who now has only 2 covers left realises that the market needs what he has to offer, and raises his price to 5/-. Within a year the price has grown 2506 and promises to keep going up.

Do you think I an being fanciful? I took the example of Ireland, since I have never seen a cover from Ireland. But the prices I have quoted are exactly true for Indaba covers from Holland 1960. And on the day I write this (early May), a dealer in Denmark has just offered me a supply of these covers at the wholesale price of 5/-. Need I say more? Well, perhaps one thing - let me repeat the "law" - material is never as cheap as when it is first available. And if you want to be sure, join the Permanent List.

H. L. F.

#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

I do hope new member J. J. BOTHA. (No. 368) won't mind me quoting from his recent letter. Apart from believing in the adage that a few words of thanks are worth a lot, there are one or two morals to be drawn from this letter:

Dear Mr Fears,

I am most interested in becoming a member of the "Permanent List" which is operated by the Club.

This list seems to me to be a grand idea and of great help to members. I was rather surprised to read that out of somewhat

360 members, only about 50 are members of this service. For my part I am only too happy to join. Just think of the time and bother that is saved. I certainly do not mind the small extra expense. A pity that a new issue service is also not operated by the Club - I feel that this service could be profitable to the Club, not to mention the members.

As I have just started collecting stamps of this interesting subject (as a result of your article in "Stamp Collecting") I feel that the approval service, also operated by the Club, would be of great help in the building of my collection. So please be so kind and add my name to this list too.

Although I have only been a member since the beginning of this month, I have already received the three latest Club Journals and these have been avidly read from cover to cover. I'm greatly looking forward to future issues.

My thanks to all you hardworking fellow members who have made the Club so successful and who have made it possible for me and others to join. I am positive that there is no other stamp club which can compare to "The Scout Stamps Collectors Club".

Kind regards,
Yours faithfully,
J. J. Botha (Member 368)

#### DRAFT CONSTITUTION

Following the publication of the proposed Club Constitution, kindly note the following alterations:

Clause 3 (c): 4th line - substitute "must" for "muts".

Add: -

Clause 3 (e): Regional Representatives shall be appointed to hold meetings, initiate and extend publicity, encourage membership and generally to further the objects of the Club in their respective areas.

#### PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

- 1. <u>Austria</u> has popped up again with two new cancellations: a) 50 Jahne Pfadfindergruppe Wien favoriten "St. Georg"
  showing St. George thrusting sword down dragon's throat.
  - b) 50 Jahre Pfadfinder in Osterreich Jubilaums ausstellung 15-23 IV 1961.
    - (a) is in green numbers 1 & 2. (b) is in black numbers 1-4.
- 2. Germany have emerged with a new Bendorf Pfadfinderlager Brexbachtal cancellation showing Madonna with child in her arms.
- 3. Get your <u>Trinidad & Tobago</u> pair on F.D.C. with Jamboree B.O. cancel before they all disappear. Also keep sharp lookout for the pre-jamboree slogan postmark used in Port of Spain which reads simply "Visit Boy Scout Jamboree Trinidad April 4th 14th" it's going to be a tough one for certain.
- 4. Horrified to note that the two low values and the tete-beche pair of the 10th World Jamboree, <u>Philippines</u> has been overprinted for their 2nd National Jamboree, Pasonanca Park, Zamboanga City 2 8 May 1961 and that there is a special F.D. cancellation.
- 5. Unexpected "weirdie" turned up a dew days ago circular green cachet on cover "Peace EIPHNH SULH Jamboree" Limassol, Cyprus. Ordinary Limassol postmark.
- 6. HORRORS! A new rocket post is upon us! Germany. I have just acquired a cover bearing a block of 4 of the new St. George stamp and a 50 pfg. rocket stamp cancelled "BEFORDERT MIT RAKETE PAESMUHLE/STRAELEN 21.5.61". The rocket is call R3 "Alan Shepard".
- 7. Recently I have been bewailing the complete absence of prewar material someone must have heard because I have just got 1936 Roumania on cover and several Swedish prewar cancels don't give up hope there are still a few things around after all!

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#### NEW MEMBERS

Naturally, since this issue is going to press much earlier than usual, we can't expect quite so many new members as usual. However we offer a very warm welcome to all our new friends:-

#### (J indicates Junior Member)

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		1. 5. 61 3. 5. 61	Derrick East, 1 Fir Road, Sutton, Surrey. Brian Lamb, 19 Moss Vale Crescent, Stretford, Manchester.
	366	8. 5. 61	D. J. Marchant, 1 Teddington Park, Teddington, Middlesex.
	367	8. 5. 61	Eigil Kragh, Katarinavagen 18-VII, Stockholm, So., Sweden.
	368	9. 5. 61	J. J. Botha, 28 Geduld Mine, P. O. Dersley, Transvaal, S. Africa.
J	369	9. 5. 61	Rosli Osman, 4038-A Jalan Pasir Puteh, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaya.
J	370	19. 5. 61	Joseph Sassan, 802 Fern Street, Yeadon, Penns.,
	371	25. 5. 61	Henry Douglas Tucker, P.O.Box 3, Brown's Town, Jamaica.
	372	3. 6. 61	William G. Wells, 749 Hawthorn Road, East Brighton, Victoria, Australia.
J	373	3. 6. 61	Robert Michael Finnie, 8 Durrants Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.
	374	5. 6. 61	William W. Marsh Jnr., 5818 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia 43, Pa., U.S.A.

#### Change of Address

85 J.H. Hicks, 42 Maryland Avenue, Ward End, Birmingham 34.

328 Correct title: Dr. Walfredo Belliona.

#### PERMANENT LIST

I can't be sure whether the latest distribution will have reached you before the arrival of the Journal. It should include the W. German Scout stamp on 2 covers, one with the "Bonn" cancel and the other with the reputedly scarce "St. George" cancel. There are also registered covers available as far as supplies allow for the "Bonn" F.D.C. The Pakistan covers mentioned earlier in this Journal are also included, as well as registered and ordinary covers from the W. German Pfadfinderlager.

# FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY : Notes about new members.

- No. 362 Bennet D. Kitts, 1516 Harrison Street, Philadelphia 24, Pa., U.S.A. writes ... I have just received my first copy of our Journal and was greatly pleased. My only regret is that I didn't join sooner .... I would like to contact other members and do a bit of swopping. Please send me some application blanks so that I can introduce the S.S.C.C. to other members of our Liberty Bell Chapter Scouts on Stamps Society International.
- No. 372 William G. Wells, 749 Hawthorn Road, East Brighton, Victoria, Australia has Scouting philatelic material for exchange and would be pleased to receive Wants Lists from anywhere in the world.
- From a U.S. Scouter member to other Scouter members Are any of your boys interested in gaining their World Friendship badge? As you probably know one of the requirements of this badge is the boy must correspond regularly with another in a different country. I have a list of boys who are interested in finding a pen-pal for this purpose; please write to me if you can help.
- No. 367 Eigil Kragh of Sweden is interested in First Day Covers of all Scout issues.
- No. 366 Douglas J. Marchant of Teddington is interested in collecting all types of Badges with the emphasis on foreign equivalents to all badges leading up to Queen's Scout, i.e. up to Eagle Scout etc.

P.S. If you are interested in corresponding with another member with similar tastes to your own, please let me know your interests and I will look through my records and find you someone of your own age group who would be interested to hear from you.

F. S. BLUNT

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And so we come to the end of the July Journal which (with any luck) most of you will be reading in June. For the next issue Wilf Nodder will have resumed his editorial chair and I know he would welcome a contribution for the next Journal from a Club member with your name. Do support him; having 'had a go' I now know what producing the Journal involves and even now I have to place myself in tender hands to hope that all my rough notes will appear as a finished product (thanks to Ramsgate Duplicating Service).

Just a few final points. If you have read the Journal straight through, please go back to "Elections" and send in your nominations NOW. Although I admit I am sometimes more than a little busy, I do like hearing from all members and I will always reply - even if this time I have to break my "reply within 48 hours" rule because I'm sun-chasing in Corsica. Lastly, I'm a bit worried about this issue of the Journal. I can't quite visualise the finished product. I don't know how it will come out for size and interest, and I can't bear the thought of the standard being dropped. So be lenient I beg of you!

My very best wishes to you all, HOWARD L. FEARS.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

Jan H. van der Steen, Maredÿk 13A, Leiden, Holland, S.S.C.C. Member 276, collects almost anything connected with Scouting like stamps, FDC's, badges, uniforms, pennants, journals, programmes, posters, records, books, photos etc. Large stock of swops available.

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I must admit it was a pleasant change to be able to pick up the July issue of the Journal and read it for the first time. I found it far more interesting than looking through a copy I had previously edited. I am therefore doubly grateful to our Secretary-General for undertaking the preparation of our last number and for giving me the pleasure of reading it.

Yesterday I returned from a fortnight's camp in Sweden with some of my Senior Scouts and we are very grateful to Member Bjorn Hermond and his brother Scouters and Scouts for their hospitality and for the very excellent way in which they arranged activities and visits and looked after our well-being. Had I not joined the S.S.C.C. I doubt very much whether I should have arranged to go so far afield; the benefits of belonging to a Society such as ours are therefore not merely confined to stamp collecting; it provides one with an opportunity of meeting brother Scouters with whom one has corresponded. Bjorn and I managed to find a little time to natter about stamps and no doubt we shall be including some notes on the recent Swedish camp postmarks in a future issue.

At the end of the week I shall be off again to help at our Scout Troop's summer camp. I shall certainly do my best to see that this Journal is published as early in September as possible and hope that it is available for the meeting to be held at the Gilwell Reunion.

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Stanley Hunter, Member 51, has passed me some additional information about his article "Scouting Personalities on Stamps" which appeared in the March Journal. Perhaps you might like to add the following: -

King Baudouin is now the Honorary President of the Boy

Scouts of Belgium, whilst Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is Patron of the B-P Guild.

He also adds that he understands that the 1 RP + 50 sen purple stamp of the Indonesian 1955 National Jamboree was most probably adopted from the photograph on page 24, 1947 edition, of the Boy Scouts of America "Handbook for Scoutmasters".

(A few more annotations for your albums. Editor)

#### JUNIOR PAGE

By the Editor

Dear Juniors,

I was delighted to see that this page was written by a Junior member in the last Journal. Ever since the S.S.C.C. came into being, I have been urging a Junior to edit it. The first time it happens is when I vacate "the chair", so it seems we shall have to arrange for the Journal to have guest editors occasionally! We may then have some offers!! However, should there be any Juniors who would like to try their hand, I should be more than grateful. Now some of you have entered your collections for Society competitions. Why not write and let me know how you prepare your display, what you think about such competitions, whether you think they are good - or bad - for philately? Do see what you can do, won't you?

Quite a number of countries will be issuing Scout stamps this year. The old plea - buy when first issued - still holds good. If you are interested in Scout and Guide postmarks, there have been a large number already used - and more to come - so here again, obtain them when they are current; they will never be cheaper.

Just a final request. This is YOUR page. Write and let me know what you would like to read about in it and then we will see what can be done.

Good hunting until the next Journal.

#### PUBLICITY - AND WHAT IT MEANS

I have been asked to write a few words about my job of "Publicity Secretary", but I find it a difficult task to do, as all I seem to do is to write letters, and as they say in Hong Kong - "This is not much to write home about".

After advertising in Overseas magazines and papers, the Secretary receives numerous enquiries about the Club and all these (less the envelope with the foreign stamps) are sent to me to reply to.

Soon after taking over this job, the Assistant Secretary kindly presented me with about 30 letters from members who originally enquired about the Club and left it at that, so I had to write to them all again; this by the way was how I spent Easter Monday, slogging away at this machine.

I now answer all the mail once a week, usually Friday evenings; this is not due to laziness but due to my other "sideline" Scouting. Mondays, my wife who is an A.C.M. takes both my sons to her meeting and I usually pop down to the Headquarters as well; Tuesday is given to preparing for my Troop night on Wednesday (W. Troop) and on Thursday (T. Troop), so here we are at Friday, which is my writing evening.

Other means of attracting new members is through the Pen Pals Column in the Scout Magazine, and writing to all the Scouts who show an interest in stamp collecting. I have also written to the 20 Scout Groups in my District, sending them some application forms for display on their notice boards; if any other Scouters would like to do the same, I am sure that the Assistant Secretary would be only too pleased to send a supply of application forms.

A number of enquiries are received via the Scout Magazine in response to the articles written by Mr Howard Fears; also his article in the Stamp Collecting magazine brought in quite a few.

During the first three months, I wrote 101 letters and I was beginning to wonder what I had let myself in for, but recently I am averaging about 20 a month, which allows enough time for my typewriter to cool down between letters.

I find this a most interesting job, especially receiving letters from abroad, as some of them are extremely amusing, quite a number of the Scouts give descriptions of themselves and also

where they live, which makes me feel that I already know them quite well.

J. E. HOBBS

(Now we know what is entailed in trying to recruit members - and I thought editing the Journal was tough going!! I've changed my opinion. Editor)

#### SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY - II

By Stanley K. Hunter, Member No, 51

The first article in this series dealt with Scout stamps and periodical literature. This article is concerned with permanent publications on interest to Scout stamp collectors.

While I have read most of the following items myself, there are some which I have not had the opportunity to examine. Should any readers have spare copies of these books (indicated \*), I would be grateful if they would contact me.

BOY SCOUT & GIRL GUIDE STAMPS OF THE WORLD, 1956. By Gordon Entwistle. 82pp. Illus. 7/6d.

This beautifully produced descriptive listing can now be obtained at a very reasonable price, due to the book being "remaindered". It was reviewed in the Journal (August 1957).

Note: Readers may care to correct the following misprints:—
Page 12, lines 6 & 7, "to" and "by" should be reversed. Pages
51,2 read "Liechtenstein", Page 51, line 2, read "1933" and line
5 read "F.L. Pfadfinderkorps....". The chapter on Mafeking should
not be regarded as authoritative. (There are several other points
that are not correct. Editor)

BOY SCOUT STAMPS OF THE WORLD (2 vols) Illus. by Harry D. Thorsen Jr. \$ US per volume.

Vol. I SCOUT STAMPS (first published 1950) Revised 1955. 48pp (lithio). \*

Vol. II BOY SCOUT FUND SEALS & CAMP POST STAMPS. (1955), 32pp, \$1 US. Companion volume to "Boy Scout Stamps of the World". This book illustrates almost 250 Scout labels, many of which I doubt whether the average collector has ever seen before. Indispensible to any Scout Label collector.

CATALOGO ESPECIALIZADO DE TIMBRES POSTALES. 1956. By Jose Barnard. 63pp. Illus. \*

See the Journal (March 1959), where it is described as a detailed Scout Stamp catalogue, published in Mexico.

SPORTS & SCOUTISME, Catalogue de Timbres-Poste.

Brun & Fils 1960. 80pp. Illus. Text in French.

As is suggested by the title, this thematic catalogue is mainly devoted to the topic of Sport. Scout and Guide stamps, however, are included in the second part, which totals nine pages. In the majority of cases, only commemoratives are included. There are 60 Scout stamp illustrations. All issues are priced (mint/used & sts) in New Francs.

LES OBLITERATIONS SCOUTES EN SUISSE. 1957. Illus.

This single sheet, printed on art-paper, was published by the Scouts on Stamps Society, International (SOSSI) and issued in connection with the Society's Convention, held at the Jubilee Jamboree. The text is in French and lists a dozen Swiss Scout and Guide cancellations (1925-57).

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS AT THE WORLD SCOUT JUBILEE JAMBOREE. 1959. 13pp. (dupl.) Illus. 2/6d. Compiled by C.M. Langstone. This exhaustive record of the postal services at "J.I.M." was reviewed in the Journal (Nov. 1959, etc.), and also in "World Scouting" (March 1960).

SCOUTS ON STAMPS 1956.

By Gordon Entwistle. 8pp. 1/-.

This (unpriced) check-list was published for "The Scout" Stamp Club.

STAMP COLLECTING - MERIT BADGE SERIES. 1951. Illus.

Prepared by J.W. Shaver. 56pp. 25¢ US.

This is the instructional handbook of the Boy Scouts of America. While mainly intended to be of general interest, there are several fine Scout stamp illustrations, including a photograph of the Official Presentation of a sheet of the 1950 U.S. Scout stamp to the President of the Boy Scouts of America.

STAMP COLLECTOR & PHILATELIST - How to Gain the Badge. 30pp. 9d. 1947 (Revised 1950). By L.N. & M. Williams.

While like the American Merit Badge booklet, mentioned above, this work is intended to help Scouts pass the appropriate proficiency badge. There I am afraid, the similarity ends, for whilst no-one would dispute the philatelic knowledge of the Williams brothers,

it seems hard to believe that any boy could be inspired by this publication.

Fortunately the requirements for the Over-15 badge (Philatelist), have been altered and a new edition should eventually appear. Let's hope that it will not be so dreadfully dull and correct.... and also that even a <u>passing</u> reference is made to Scout stamps. (Seems to me that these handbooks should be prepared by Scouter/Philatelists! Editor)

TIMBRES & SCOUTISME \*

By G. Depolier (9/-)

This priced catalogue is published in French.

SCOUT STAMPS - SCOUT SEALS. SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE. By Harry D. Thorsen, Jr. 48pp (lithio) 1961. \$ US. This invaluable guide to Scouting labels was reviewed in the Journal (March 1961) and should be in the possession of anyone intending to collect Scout seals. There is also a stamp checklist and a reprint of Mr Thorsen's outstanding articles on Scout stamps.

#### S. S. C. C. CATALOGUE

This priced check-list was published by the Club in July 1959 (8pp.) and revised in January 1961 (12pp.). It is compiled by Club Members Roy Rhodes and Len Bowen and is no doubt a well thumbed adjunct to your collection.

SCOUTS ON STAMPS. 1959 (Revised 1960) 4 pp.
Prepared by Art McKinney, Stamp Editor of "Boy's Life".
The current list now includes 223 stamps in addition to souvenir sheets, etc. Each stamp is allocated both Scott end Minkus catalogue numbers. Gratis.

#### CORRIGENDUM

The following has been sent me by the author. I retained his original comments about the handbook purposely, and can only reiterate the remarks I added. As the local examiner for these badges I regret that the I.H.Q. Badge Test Committee did not arrange for the text to be completely re-written - by a member of the Movement who is also a philatelist!! Editor.

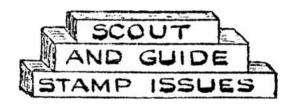
SCOUT BADGE TEST SERIES, No.21 (Boy Scouts Assoc.) 54pp. 1/6d-I have just received a copy of the new edition of the "STAMP COLLECTOR & PHILATELIST" badge book. I had hoped that the 1959 Revision of Scout Tests would have been an opportunity to re-write

this booklet. The only difference, however, seems to be that it is now printed on much better paper and shares the volume with four other badges.

The old text appears, word for word, apart from the alteration in the requirements for the PHILATELIST Badge, which now suggests "Scouting" as a subject for a specialised collection. The book, however, studiously ignores the very idea and dismisses Thematic collecting in a single short paragraph.

Apart from this, it is still an essential aid to anyone wishing to help Scouts gain the two philatelic proficiency badges, if only because it contains the official list of philatelic terms to be used by an Examiner.

(Thanks a lot, Stanley, for these comprehensive notes. Editor)



#### GERMANY (FEDERAL REPUBLIC)

10 pf. stamp green, depicting St. George and the dragon. Issued 22nd April, 1961.

#### SOUTH KOREA

40 h. stamp, blue green, showing girl Scout making salute on left, with background of camp, and girl Scout badge on right. Korean characters and date at top and at bottom. Issued May 10th 1961. A miniature sheet was also issued.

#### Advance information

 $\overline{\text{TOGO}}$ . Six stamps printed by De La Rue together with imperf. miniature sheet. To be issued in September.

50c. orange and green (Daniel C. Beard, founder of the B.S. America.

1f. (colour not yet announced) (Lord Baden Powell)

10f. dark grey and red. (Togolese Rover Scout)

- 25f. blue, yellow, green and red. (Scout and Togolese Flag).
- 30f. green brown and red. (tents and camp fire)
- 100f. magenta and blue. (African, Asian and European hands making Scout salute)



#### By the Secretary-General

Can you really visualise the behind-scenes work involved in this service? With over 100 subscribers, the physical act of distribution is, in itself, such a large task that each distribution, if carried out by one person might well take three full days! To make the task a more evenly spread affair, we are delighted to welcome a couple of assistants. ALAN MORRIS from Scotland, and "BIM" KNIGHT from Surrey. HOLTON still continues with the lion's share, and I am doing a few myself, so in future distributions you may note a change of distributors. We

are grateful to them all.

Now to deal with a few general points. First of all, Registered covers. Some members have asked whether these can be restricted to those items where a special Registration label will be used. But here is the difficulty - this is not known until the event takes place, and, having placed an order, it cannot be changed at five minutes notice. Also, even if the label does not seem distinctive, nevertheless you may rest assured that it was the only one available and to that extent is an item of genuine interest.

Also, a few members have mentioned the question of variations in cachet design. One of the principal suppliers has been using the familiar St. George and the Dragon motif, but in response to my request he has agreed to try and vary the design another time.

Would you like to come behind the scenes for a short while and see how the P. L. works? (These letters are NOT abbreviations for Patrol Leader!!! Editor) Firstly, I have to maintain an extended correspondence throughout the world to try and "cover" every Scout and Guide event, bearing in mind the probable demand when the material is actually received, casual sales, and the extent to which I may be left with supplies on my hands. ly nowadays, special covers are being printed which involves designing the cachet, arranging the printing, addressing the covers and then passing them to the servicing point. Accounts from abroad have to be paid in foreign currency, with necessary charges as well. Then, for instance, out of the blue, come demands and suggestions - How about this for a range of items handled in a very short time? (1) Irish Guide camp cards - supply ordered and paid for at two days notice. (2) Swedish Scout cancels. Apart from handling over 700 covers for three special events, one complete consignment of covers arrived which had been stamped for registration but sent by ordinary post. This meant that the maximum selling price was about one shilling per cover less than the cost price! (3) Surinam covers - Seven days in which to place order and pay for it in Surinamese florins - and what do you know about those? This involved a personal outlay of £50. (4) Israel covers - almost a complete doubling of my order so that I could supply as many people as possible - over 1,000 covers sent me! (5) Portugal - Something has gone wrong with the arrangements. Can I supply covers for requirement? (6) Announcement of special Scout cancellation for Gilwell Park, However, the first day of use is not certain; London. fore I make seven trunk calls in trying to clarify the position and who pays for these? Then find it is August 29th, a Tuesday. Have to arrange for postings on every day until September 3rd, two different covers, with total printing, I believe of between 1300 and 1400. Also, please realise that all those covers require a piece of paper placed inside to conform to P.O. regulations, they have to be stamped and addressed - All of these jobs I shall do, leaving the actual distribution to the hard-working team who themselves have to make up about 100 Invoices, put in envelopes, etc. The bulk supplies are sent by me to them with an indication of the price to be charged. And the miracle of it all is that prices are really amazingly low - in the case of the G.B. covers, I don't suppose they will cost even 1/- each!

Just how can this be done? At any one time the amount of

money actually owing for covers received - and awaiting distribution - or ordered and not yet received, may easily exceed £150. Obviously the Club cannot deal in these figures. Therefore, I now purchase all material in bulk myself - which means, incidentally, that the club is spared possible losses from telephone calls or from items such as the Swedish registered covers, I mentioned above - and such part of it as is necessary is sold at rock-bottom prices to the Permanent List. Thereby I am able to order sufficient to cover all requirements. Because of the tremendous expenditure of time and money involved, I don't quite do it all for love, but you have only to compare our selling prices - which include a modest profit for S.S.C.C. - with dealers' prices to imagine the smallness of the margin.

(There are very, very few societies and clubs who undertake a service similar to this, especially with voluntary labour. It deserves the support of all members. Editor).

#### \* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*

The next meeting of the London Area members will be on Saturday 21st October 1961 at Roland House Scout Settlement, Stepney Green, at 2 p.m. There will be a display by the President, also the auction lots will be on view and there will no doubt be some lively "trading" going on. Be sure not to miss it - Note it in your diary NOW.

#### SALES BUREAU by Charles Seaton

Greetings to fellow members. Having taken over the "Sales Bureau" from John Wilson, may I draw your attention to the following items which are now in stock:-

#### Recently issued material

Second Caribbean Jamboree. First day cover with 8c and 25c stamps on one envelope. Camp cancellation. Price 3s.4d. (Note: Dealers' prices are at least 8d above this, if you can obtain this cover. "Fynden" of "Stamp Collecting", has tipped these two stamps. Need I say more?)

S.S.C.C. Back numbers of the Journal: No copies of No. 1 available but one or two for 1957, 1959, and 1960 and for March and May 1961 available.

The Sales Bureau is run for YOUR benefit, please write me for your "wants". Letters will be welcomed, but do enclose postage for reply.

For those who wish to illustrate their collections, a few sheets of Scout cancellations 1957, 1958 and 1959 and one sheet of the varieties on the G.B. Jubilee stamps are available at 3d per sheet.

#### STOP PRESS

#### ISRAEL JAMBOREE

by Howard L. Fears.

From our Israel member HIRAM H. COHN I am very kindly being supplied with material from the 1961 Scout/Guide Jamboree. Available items include a First Day Cover. First Day Camp-card (both with special cancels) and Sheets of specially printed souvenir labels. Both the cover and the card will be sent to all Permanent List subscribers, but the labels and extra covers and cards will be available from me. Supplies have not yet been received, but are expected any day now, so write and let me know your requirements.



June 8th. Sent off the draft Journal. Delighted to announce the appointment of E. SARGEANT of 63 Seymour Street, Bathurst, N.S.W. as Regional Representative for Australia. Club member E.D. Turnure Jnr. of 12052 East 65th Street, Oaklandon, Indiana, U.S.A. kindly sends me a copy of Harry Thorsen's book "Boy Scout Stamps of the World", issued in 1949. He has a small supply of these booklets in hand, and will be very happy to send a copy to any member whilst the supply lasts. Write direct to Mr Turnure. He also expresses a very strong view on Club membership: "definitely limit it before it gets out of hand". He suggests a total of 300 plus Juniors.

June 12th. Very pleased to receive acceptance from Francisco M. Valadez (Jnr) of Mexico of appointment as Regional Representative for South America. He is an International Commissioner and will be a most useful contact with Latin America

June 14th. From member in Singapore Leong Chee Keng: never let the Club limit membership. We are an international Society serving an international organisation and, in his opinion, we must never refuse a request to join, otherwise we should be creating a privileged section. In essence, I agree, but I must repeat a warning given earlier that there is a limit to the strain which is placed on voluntary effort, and that the only

solution may be payment for at least one official (and you can't do that on an annual sub. of ten bob!)

June 15th. Canada will have a special cancel at their National Jamboree in July, "but there will be no cacheted covers". In haste I am trying to organise something for Club members: keep fingers crossed please.

<u>June 26th</u>. Bjorn Hermond has kindly consented to act as R.R. for Scandinavia. He asks whether he should buy the 2 Mafeking stamps for 130 DM.

June 30th. Our recent volunteer to run the Sales Bureau, John Wilson, announces "for better or worse, I will be going into double harness on August 11th. and am likely to honeymoon on a migrant ship bound for Melbourne".

<u>July 6th</u>. Several U.S. members have asked for a conversion table between dollars and sterling. It is no good quoting the exact "spot" prices which vary from day to day. The following table represents my own rule-of-thumb guide:-

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\$1.00	=	7s.	Od.
50c	=	3s.	6d.
25c	=	1s.	9d.
10c	=		8½d.

Simple sterling conversions: -

10s.0d.	=	\$1.43
5s.Od.	=	72c
2s.6d.	=	36c
1s.Od.	=	15c

I know these are not exact; I repeat, they represent a simple rough guide.

<u>July 7th</u>. Despite his many duties, FRANK RALPHES has agreed to stand in as H.R. for Wales "until a more suitable member is forthcoming" (to quote his own modest phrase).

<u>July 10th</u>. Enquiries re membership coming in from New Zealand. This apparently follows from publicity given about the Club in the D.H.Q. Gazette, the official monthly publication of the Boy Scouts Association of N.Z.

July 12th. Member T. Hughes reports that leading Manchester

- stamp dealers are offering the recent Trinidad Scout pair on F.D.C. at 5/6d. Don't say I didn't warn you.
- July 15th. Following the kind intervention of Club member Mrs Jardine, an article of mine re the Club has been accepted by "Council Fire", the magazine of the Girl Guide World Bureau. Mrs Jardine has also kindly agreed to act as Girl Guide Representative for S.S.C.C.
- July 18th. Wim Six, writing from Holland, says that in his capacity as Hon. Sec-Gen. of Jubilee Airmail Exhibition at The Hague from August 4th to 14th. he is terribly busy and regrets that he has no time spare at all to answer and write Scout letters at the moment. He asks me to express his apologies to all members who have written to him and not received a reply.
- <u>July 19th</u>. Kind remarks department: "I would be very happy indeed to nominate any or all of the Committee who are prepared to stand as listed in the July issue of the mag. so well produced so regularly" from a member.

One volunteer is worth .... Member CHARLES SEATON of Manchester has very kindly volunteered to be responsible for running the Sales Bureau.

<u>July 20th</u>. A very kind donation towards Handbook No. 1 from ED. EDMONDSON of Canada. I have recently seen the proof for the illustrations of labels for the Handbook, and I have every hope of the book "being on the stocks" in the Autumn: just give me a few days with nothing much to do.

A belated but kind advice of the Opening on July 18th of the 50th Anniversary International Guide Camp in Blarney, Ireland. A special card and an official cachet - and as far as I know I should be receiving a supply. If this is so, it will probably represent a scoop for S.S.C.C.

July 31st. Our good friend C.G. Mummery from South Africa sends a very acceptable donation to the Handbook fund. He also reports that he recently acquired a New Zealand cover franked with the Dunedin Exhibition stamps cancelled with the special Dunedin Exhibition postmark dated 19 Jan. 1926 and addressed to "Set. G.E. Stephens, 7th Cape Town B.S.A., Jamboree Camp, Tahuna Park, N.Z." The question is, does anyone know anything about this Jamboree?

Aug. 1st. From Mexico, R.R. Vacadez has sent me a supply of covers with the scarce Cuban Scout postal authorisation - the one which means that no postage stamps are affixed. He suggests that members might like to trade for them. So if you need an example, send something worthwhile for a "swop"; I will send a Cuban cover in return and your item will be sent out by me, to Mr Vacadez,

From U.S.A. Milton Rogers reports that he has secured the U.A.R. (Syria) set imperf. on cover - only 8 are supposed to exist.

#### THE WORLD'S OLDEST SCOUT CANCEL?

by Howard L. Fears.

Wim Six from Holland reports that he has traced what he thinks is the oldest Scout cancel in the world. Let me quote what he writes:

"It is a Scout cancel used on a real used postcard sent from London on 23rd March 1913 to The Hague, arrival postmark March 27th. On the left upper corner a black Scout cancel was used which reads 'Padvinderskamp London 20-30 March 1913'. Could any member give me more information about this English Scout camp in which also some Dutch Scouts were visiting and/or camping? Also the word 'Padvinderskamp' indicates that this was a Dutch private cancel, or better say cachet."

Well, any comment?

#### <u>CANCELLATIONS</u> By the Editor

For members interested in postal markings, it is thought the following check list would be useful. Other marks not mentioned undoubtedly exist and it would be appreciated if details of any unrecorded which have been used during the past twelve months were sent me for inclusion in future issues of the Journal. A tracing of the mark would of course be preferable to a description.

#### AUSTRIA

- (a) WIEN 101, 16.4.1961, at top, 50 JAHRE superimposed on a Scout badge, in centre: PFADFINDER/IN/OSTERREICH/JUBILAUA\_SAUSSTELLUNG/15-23. IV. 1961, at bottom. Handstamp numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4 in 0 of 50.
- (b) WIEN 101, 23.4.61. 50 JAHRE PFADFINDERGRUPPE, at top, St. George and dragon in centre; WIEN FAVORITEN "ST. GEORG" followed by number 1 or 2 at bottom. In green.

#### FRANCE

Double circle type. ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE, at top, 1911-1961/CINQUANTENAIRE/21 MAI 1961, in centre; ORLEANS at bottom.

#### GERMANY (Federal Republic) all double circle type.

- (a) (14b) FRIDINGEN (b TUTTLINGEN) at top, with CHRISTL PFAD-FINDEBSCHARFT, Scout badge and DEUTSCHLANDS 1910-1960 and date, 6.8.60, 11 on sides, in centre and BUNDERSLAGER, at bottom. Scout cancellation.
- (b) (22c) ALTENBERG/uber BERGISCH GLADBACH, at top, Scout badge with church superimposed and date, 9.5.60 in centre; KONFERENZ der EUROPAISCHEN PFADFINDERBUNDE, at bottom. Scout cancellation used at Conference of European Scouts Association, Altenberg.

A spate of cancellations associated with the issue of the St. George's Day stamp! All are double circle type.

- (a) (17b) ST. GEORGEN (SCHWARZW) at top, with date, 22.4.1961, ERSTAUSGABE and letter b, c, or d, in centre; PFADFINDER SONDERMARKE at bottom. Scout cancellation. (Has anyone an example with letter 'a'?)
- (b) (21b) EVERSBERG (KY. MESCHEDE) 1, at top, with a Scout pointing towards a church and date 29.5.61. 10 or 6.6.61 underneath, in centre; PFADFINDERLAGER 1961, at bottom. Scout cancellation.
- (c) (22a) MULHEIM (RUHR) at top, Guide badge, date with crossed hammers (?) underneath, in centre; LANDESTREFFEN der PFAD-FINDERINNEN, at bottom. Guide cancellation.
- (d) (22b) SPEYER, at top, Scout badge and date 23.4.61 underneath, in centre and ST. GEORGSTAG, at bottom. Scout cancellation.

(e) (22c) BONN 1, at top, date 22.4.61, with ERSTAUSGABE/a or c, in centre; PFADFINDERSONDERMARKE, at bottom, Scout cancellation. (It is presumed that examples with letter 'b' in centre exist).

The following cancellations are from the camp at BREXBACHTAL: -

- (a) (22b) BENDORF (RHEIN) SAYN, at top, Madonna and child, Scout badge and date, 22.4.61. 12 on sides in centre, PFADFINDERLAGER BREXBACHTAL 1961, at bottom.
- (b) (22b) BENDORF (RHEIN) SAYN, at top, with Scout badge and date, 22.4.61. 12 on sides in centre and ZELTLAGERPLAYZ BREXBACHTAL, at bottom.

#### INDIA

Single circle. 3rd ALL INDIAN SCOUT & GUIDE JAMBOREE, at top, Scout and Guide badges combined and date, 27.12.60, in centre, BAPUTINAGAR (BANGALORE) at bottom. - Golden Jubilee of Indian Scout Movement.

#### NORWAY

Single circle. NSPF LANDSLEIR, at top, date, 28.6.61, in centre, RINGERIKE, at bottom. Guide camp cancellation.

#### SOUTH KOREA

Korean Guide badge in centre surrounded by Korean characters (translation - 15th Anniversary of Girl Scouts of Korea), at top; date, 4294.5.10, at bottom. In violet.

#### **SWEDEN**

Single circle, VISINGSOLAGRET, at top, Scout and Guide badges and date 1.8.61, in centre; W.T.O's SCOUTFORBUND at bottom.

#### TRINIDAD

Single circle. JAMBOREE BO, at top; date, 4 AP.61, in centre, TRINIDAD at bottom - Second Caribbean Jamboree cancellations.



All bids to be filed by 30th October 1961 please. Items 24 to 29 are  $\underline{\text{NOT}}$  Scout material. Send  $\underline{\text{all}}$  offers and enquiries to Mr R. E. Rhodes, 38 Richmond Avenue, Highams Park, London, E. 4.

1) 1948 SWITZERLAND National Camp, Lugano Label

2) 1960 AUSTRALIA Sydney Jamb. Pmk. on plain cover

3) 1960 BRAZIL 50 years Scouting stamp on plain F.D.C.

4) 1960 BRAZIL - ditto -

5) 1960 FINLAND 50 years Pmk on cachetted F.D.C.

6) 1960 GREECE Amoikaeia Camp " cover

7) 1960 PAKISTAN Stamp on cachetted F.D.C.

8) 1961 TRIN. & TOBAGO Pair on cachetted F.D.C.

9) 1939 SCOTLAND Monzie Castle Rover Moot Label

10) 1960/61 Packet containing recent PAKISTAN & ARGENTINE Singles & INDONESIA & IRAN sets (10 mint stamps)

11) 1949 RUSSIAN displ. Person Scouts in Germany Min. Sheet commemorating 40 years Scouting

12) 1961 GERMANY Strip of 4 on commercial cover

13) 1960 G.B. B.P. House IHQ Meter franking on cover

14) 1956 ISRAEL Hulda Jamboree Cover

15) 1957 G.B. Sutton Park (2%d. only) F.D.C. (Peterborough Contingent)

16) 1957 G.B. - ditto - but with 4d. value

17) 1957 G.B. Jubilee Jamb. set of 8 labels in folder

18) "Boy Scout & Girl Guide Stamps of the World". Book by Gordon Entwistle in new condition.

19) Scout Stationery. Collection of printed envelopes all addressed to Internat. Bureau, Ottawa from Scout H.Q.s. in all parts of the world. 43 covers.

20) 21) 22)	Scout	Stationery Ditto - but 17 covers only - ditto - but 12 covers only - ditto - but 9 covers only
23)	Mystei	cy lot of Scout Junk - Who's a Gambler?
24)	· ·	- ditto - only <u>NOT</u> Scout material
25)	1958	MONACO IF IMMAL. CONCEP. MAXIMUM CARD
26)	1960	GHANA Current set %d to 6d. Used
27)	1958	U.S.S.R. Pictoria set of 15 C.T.O.
28)	_	Packet of assorted Pictorials incl. Czecho, Holland,
		Poland, and others - approx. 50 stamps.
29)	Envelo	ppe containing typical 'Bank Mixture' on paper (500 -
		stamps
		G.B. $2\frac{1}{2}$ d used on cover 4, 8, 57 B.F.P.O. Xmas Island
		SWEDEN Incojalagrey registered cover
32)	1960	PORTUGAL C.N.E. Nat. Camp, Estoril card (no stamp)
33)	1960	DENMARK 30 & 10 Guide stamp on F.D.C.
34)	1955/6	5 U.S.A. 6 Ghastly Cachetted covers
35)	1953/8	B - ditto - (only different)
36)	1960	U.S.A. 4¢ stamp on F.D.C.
37)	1944	N. Z. Health pair F. D. C. (Guide Princesses)
38)	1953	N.Z ditto - (Scout & Guide)
39)	1925	SWITZERLAND - Nat. Camp, Bern Label (Rare)
		CZECHOSLOVAKIA - Postcard (not Scout postmark) with

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early Scout Matchbox label affixed. (???)



Some of you may be interested in a very useful official publication which has been prepared and which is an illustrated survey on Scouting in 36 countries. "FACTS ON WORLD SCOUTING", a 90 page booklet, is half a crown, plus postage, from the Boy Scouts International Bureau. Commonwealth Building, 77 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa 4, Canada, - a very good value it is, too.

If you read the "Philatelic Magazine", you may have noticed a reference recently to an unusual "Mafeking Seige" stamp. Whilst this does not concern the two stamps printed locally, i.e. the 1d. cyclist and the B-P stamps, since it is associated with the overprinted Bechuanaland Protectorate issue, it seemed to me worth mentioning.

It appears that a Lieut. Llewellyn who was with the forces outside the beseiged town heard about these overprinted stamps and sent five shillings into Mafeking by runner to obtain a supply. Instead of the expected stamps, however, he received his own special "issue". The printers had taken a Bechuanaland Protectorate 1d. lilac stamp and overprinted it

LLEWELLYN 5s BEFOOLED Even under the most trying conditions, someone had a sense of humour! This story is certainly new to me. I wonder who possesses, this "stamp" now?

Member Mr C.W. Hill has sent me a cutting from the "Birmingham Mail" - "The World of Stamps", a column which he edits. He has very kindly inserted a paragraph about the S.S.C.C. among his comments on Scout stamps which includes particulars of new issues. This is certainly a boost for the Club.

At frequent intervals I receive a letter from member William Anderson (No. 288) giving me details of future issues. He is able to supply all such material and if you have any difficulty in obtaining some of the more scarce items, I suggest you contact him.

A newsy letter from Mr F. J. Oppliger, member 160; he feels that membership to the S. S. C. C. should be limited otherwise the running and organising becomes a burden to the few. He also mentioned his interest in the article on "The Japanese Jamboree stamp" (May 1961 issue), since he was able to discuss this stamp with Mr Willard Boyles, a former Secretary of the S. O. S. S. I. and the first collector of Scout stamps as such way back in 1932. It is nice to hear that some of the articles published are useful to members.

John Hobbs, member 38, writes that he has heard from William Wells, member 372, concerning the cancellation used to advertise the World Rover Moot in Australia next December. It was used at Melbourne G.P.O. on April 17th and withdrawn after a single day's usage because the wording on the slogan read - PAN PACIFIC - SCOUT JAMBOREE - VIC. DEC. 29 - JAN. 9. So far our Australian member has only found two copies. This is something worth looking out for.

Anent the paragraph under "Here and There" (July Journal page 91) Stanley Hunter, member 51, tells me that the new I.H.Q. meter slogan mark was first used on April 24th, the publication day of the "B-P's Scouts". Fancy having to rely on our member "over the border" to supply this information? He also referred to a recent meter mark used by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America at New Brunswick N.J. which depicts two Scouts, oho cooking over a fire. The inscription is - "Hi! come on - Join our gang! BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA." A final note from him mentions a publicity circular now available for use in Scotland. Supplies of this circular are available to Scottish members on application to him, but please enclose a 3d stamp for return postage.

In an interesting letter, Francisco Valadez, member 59, refers to the article on Cuban Postal Concession (July 1961, Journal). He writes that the Asociacion de Scouts de Cuba is not - or was not before the Revolution, - part of the Ministry of National Defence and is completely independent. The Ministry agreed to obtain this concession from the Government of Cuba. The concession is for ordinary mail only; for air mail it is necessary to affix stamps to the correct value required. Francisco considers that the latter covers are not true Scout items and with this I agree.

The concession goes back to 1928. Seals were used for a short period but have been discontinued by Castro because Cuba is a Democratic Socialistic Republic. Francisco's personal opinion, which will be shared by many, is that the recent revolution was communistically inspired. The present situation is obscure, for all members of the Executive Committee and as far as is known, the National Council, are in exile.

It would thus appear that a cover bearing the official handstamp is a desirable acquisition to a Scout stamp collection,

It is to be hoped that Scouting and all that it means will ultimately return to this ill fated island.

Francisco also mentioned that the Scout Association in Guatemala has for the past twenty five years enjoyed a similar concession. There is one difference inasmuch that for air mail letters, postage stamps to the value of the difference between ordinary and air mail rates have to be affixed, along with the

handstamp of the Association. Incidentally, Districts and Scout Groups also enjoy this concession.

It might be a good idea to make representations to our own Postmaster General! I bet to could cause a sensation in Parliament!

#### NEW MEMBERS

A very hearty welcome is extended to all the following new members who we hope will find much to interest them.
\*Indicates Junior member.

375	*John Derek Embrey	14 Maxstoke Road,
376	G. Byron Wildermuth Jr.	Sutton Coldfield, Worcs. 7348 Nth 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. U.S.A.
377	John C. Schmidt	6940 S. Winchester Ave. Chicago 36. Illinois. U.S.A.
378	Robert Hankinson	16 Egerton Road, Lacey Green, Wilslow, Chester.
379	David Arthur Savill	27 Coronation Road,
380	Timothy John Carlisle	W. Cowes, Isle of Wight.  38 Berwick Road, Little Sutton,
381	*Anthony R. Crompton	Wirral, Cheshire. 22 Durrants Road,
382	Ernest H. Turnbull	Berkhamsted, Herts. Portland, Northland,
383	*Ian Ambler	New Zealand. Church Street, Kawakawa,
384	Maxwell G. Strode	Northland, New Zealand. 21 Prendergast Street, Pascoe Vale Sth. W. 7.
385	Mr R. C. Lambert	Victoria, Australia.  3 Vincent Road, Sittingbourne, Kent.
386	*John Williams	43 Poolwood Rd. Woochurch Estate, Birkenhead, Cheshire.
387	Martin Cerajewski	29 Seagate, Kingsbarns, St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland.

388	Murray Field	25 Gildner Street, Kitchener,
		Ontario, Canada.
389	*John Goodwin	100 Dongola Road, Tottenham,
		London, N.17.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

146	H. H. Ritter	has mo	oved to	P.O.Box 493, Clayton, Georgia, U.S.A.
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363	E.C. Steel		ıı	London, S. W. 16. 6 Cedars Avenue, Walthamstow, London, E. 17.
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#### OUI OU NON?

(With apologies to Gen. de Gaulle) by Howard L. Fears

The Committee elections have taken place. Why, you may ask, is there no ballot paper in this issue of the Journal? Simply, my friend, because only the existing post-holders have been nominated. About 10% of adult members have written to me on the subject and usually the nominations have been endorsed with such phrases as "proposed - for as long as they can serve." So for the year 1961 the elections are over, and from all the "new" committee may I express our thanks for your confidence.

Actually the question of the elections themselves is an

interesting one. The decision to hold them did not flow from any request on the part of members. But certain members of the Committee thought that as a democratic body, the "rank-and-file" should be given a chance to express their views. Now indeed it is more apparent than ever that the Club is in a most healthy state, and that as long as the Committee continues its present virile policy, all will be well.

Do not expect to hear the question of elections raised at frequent intervals. It is not our intention, for instance, to conduct them annually unless good reason exists for doing so. But with the Constitution we may truly describe our organisation as democratic.

And so ends another Journal. We hope it meets with your approval and contains some items that are of interest to you. We feel it is gradually reaching the ideal Journal we originally had in mind, but if you think some improvements are possible, please let me know and, if they can be adopted, well, we will do our best to include them.

Yours Scoutingly,

WILF NODDER

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#### ADVERTISEMENTS

- 1. 3rd Canadian Jamboree Cachets. The 11th Kitchener Troop is sponsoring attractive 3rd Canadian Jamboree Cachets (Ottawa July 6 16).

  Cover with 1955 Jamboree stamp .......... 50c. each Cover with regular issue stamp ........... 25c. each Please order promptly from MURRAY FRIED, 25 Gildner Street, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada.
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#### 3. LATEST ITEMS

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" First Girl Guide cancellation	45c.
<pre>" Meter cancellations (2 different)</pre>	70c.
Israel, July 1961 cancellations	50c.
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Netherlands, Water Kamp cancellation,	
July 26th. reg'd	\$1
" ditto, not registered	75c.
Surinam, F.D.C. complete with five	
stamps, Aug. 19th	\$1
Trinidad, official programme	\$1.15
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Elsewhere in this issue will be found an account of the S.S.C.C. meeting and display which, for the first time, formed part of the official programme of a Gilwell Reunion.

It was very encouraging to note that quite a number of Scouters were interested enough to look round the display and to remain for the informal meeting even if the interest on the part of some may have been caused in the first place by curiosity. I should hate to think the reason why so many were present in the Storm Hut was due entirely to the heavy shower of rain that occurred at that particular time!!

I fully realise that only holders of the Wood Badge could attend this meeting. I wonder if this would be an incentive to those who are enthusiastic Scout stamp collectors and are "on the active list", but who are not "Wood Badgers" to have a go at the Course and so come along to the 1962 Gilwell Reunion meeting? Heaven forbid that I should be accused of plugging Wood Badge Training in a stamp publication, although I am sure the Camp Chief at Gilwell Park would raise no objections!! Anyway, it's a thought, isn't it? And you would certainly be able to meet and talk with your a few S.S.C.C. members.

Finally, may I suggest you think about what Stanley Blunt has to say concerning B.P. House and the possibility of holding S.S.C.C. meetings there and for those of you

whom it directly concerns, to drop him a card giving your views? I'm sure it would be appreciated.

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#### JUNIOR PAGE

By the Editor

Dear Junior,

Aren't your Juniors a shy lot? The only contributions I get are from Chee Keng of Singapore. I think we can call him one of our regular contributors, for he certainly keeps all S.S.C.C. members informed of what is taking place in his part of the world.

Have you managed to get the Suriname Girl Guide Jamboree set of stamps - and the South Korean Girl Scout stamp?

There are five stamps in the former set, the 8c+2 shows a Guide sending a message in semaphore; the 10c+3, a Guide saluting; 15c+4, Brownies round a toadstool; 20c+5, Guides round a camp fire, and the 25c+6, two Guides cooking. It is certainly a colourful set and should be popular with thematic collectors.

I described the latter stamp mentioned above in the last Journal, but it does not, in my opinion, come up to the printing of the Suriname set of stamps.

This brings me to the three commemorative sets which have recently been issued in this country. As you know, Great Britain is very conservative when it comes to the question of stamp designs and method of printing. I have heard some people say these last three sets look like colourful labels more appropriate for sticking on Christmas parcels; others have said it was not before time that the British Post Office went gay, and some have been heard to say that it takes longer to stick them on the envelopes because they are twice the size of the normal stamp!

There will always be some people who disagree with others over anything and stamp collecting is no exception.

You should study the article on cacheted covers to see what I mean. Whatever you collect in the way of stamps whether it be mint, or used, first day covers or postmarks, dogan or meter marks, as long as you enjoy doing it you are on the right lines. Keep it up, for you will never regret it.

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CAMP CANCELLATIONS FROM THE MALAYAN SCOUTS 50th ANNIVERSARY (GOLDEN JUBILEE) CHAMPOREE at Camp Semangat in Cheras Village.

## (Contributed by Leong Chee Keng) (Junior Member No. 222)

The Malayan champoree (Malayan version for Jamboree) was held in Cheras Village, 12 miles from the capital, Kuala Lumpur, from 6th to the 12th August, well over 1000 Scouts from Malaya, Singapore, Brunei, Sarawak, North Borneo and Thailand attending.

I was unable to attend the camp myself but I arranged with the Scout Executive Secretary in Malaya to send me covers from the camp.

I have received three airmail registered covers with hegs No. 1050 - 1052 issued during 7th August since the 6th was a Sunday and the postal service did not then operate. I presume these are the first registration numbers to be used during the camp because there are no collectors other than myself in Malaya interested in early registration numbers from the Camp. Furthermore, I do not think any Scouts would like to have their letters addressed to their parents and friends registered! These covers have a different cancellation from that used daily by the Kuala Lumpur P.O. being a special one with M at the base, which I presume must be from a Mobile van. Also on the covers appeared a black or purple chop showing an outline map of Malaya with the words BUDAK2 FENGAKAP at top, BOY SCOUTS at bottom, 1911 on left and 1961 on right of map and 50 TAHUN (i.e. years) within the map which has a Scout badge above it.

On the 8th and 9th, covers were not stamped with the chop since I understand the Mobile van was not there, but on the 10th and 11th, the covers were stamped with the same light postmark of Kuala Lumpur with letter M at base, but with the chop in black.

#### Later

I am now able to confirm that the Mobile van was in use only on the 7th, 10th and 11th August and was open for postal business from 9.0 a.m. to 12.0 noon and again from 230 to 5.0 p.m. special covers bearing the camp badge on the left were sold at 10c (3d.) each. Covers on the opening day received a heavy Kuala Lumpur postmark and the special chop either in black or purple. Only the black chop was used with the Mobile van mark.

It was probably through my recommendations to the Boy Scout Association and the sending them of four letters bearing camp cancellations of New Zealand, Denmark and Pakistan that the special mobile van cancellation and the chop were used. Unfortunately, I was not given any information so that I was caught unawares!

#### Special Note

This year, Malaya may issue a commemorative Scout stamp; it certainly seems very likely that they will.

(Thank you, Chee Keng, for all this information. He has a few covers from the camp, without the chop which he can supply to collectors at 6d. each - first come, first served. Editor)

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#### THE GILWELL POSTMARK - 1961

(Contributed by W. Raife Wellsted, Member 265)

When the Camp Chief asked me to form the Gilwell Reference Collection last year, I suggested that there would be considerable interest in a special postmark at Gilwell. The Camp Chief asked whether it would be possible to organise one for the 1961 Reunion, and after discussions it

was agreed to approach the Post Office. The Post Office agreed and I was then asked to submit a design for the postmark.

The accepted design was prepared by a local Chingford draughtsman, Mr L.C. Norman, in consultation with the Camp Chief and myself. The design shows the Gilwell Badge surrounded by two concentric circles. The outer circle reads 35th ANNUAL REUNION/GILWELL PARK, E. 4. and the inner circle INTERNATIONAL SCOUT TRAINING CENTRE 2 SEPT. 1961.

The original intention was that the office should operate from Tuesday August 29th to Sunday Sept. 3rd. and the original press release confirmed this. However, in the event the Post Office was unable to arrange for transport of cash, residual stocks, etc. on the Sunday, and the office closed on Saturday, August 2nd at 6 p.m. This caught many people, including myself on the wrong foot, and consequently there was a growing demand for copies of the postmark during the Sunday meeting.

No details are available as to the exact number of covers serviced, but only 15 registered covers exist, which means that these are bound to be a rarity in due course. Two, Nos. 0001 and 0015, are held in the reference collection.

For those who may be interested, there are still supplies available of a twice full size drawing of the postmark as originally submitted to the Post Office. These copies are printed on 'blued' paper and are endorsed with the designers signature and dates of use. It is interesting that the dates printed on these copies coincide with the original press release and consequently are in error by one day. Anyone wishing to purchase one should write to me, W.R. Wellsted c/o Langite Works, South Chingford, E.4. enclosing 1/- plus 3d postage. As a point of interest, 9d. of the 1/- charge will be paid to Gilwell Park to offset the Post Office charges for the special postmark. Also 130 of these souvenirs were sold in the Providore at Gilwell between Tuesday and Sunday lunch time.

(I am very grateful to Raife for the above information and for the "inside story" of the first Gilwell Park Reunion

cancellation. Although a specialist of note on the postal markings of Hong Kong he can find time to devote to Scout stamps. Editor)

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An interesting letter has reached me from our member, Jan Van der Steen (No. 276) in which he wrote that he has tried to find out the names of the Hungarian pilots asked for by our "chit-chat" diariest in the July number: unfortunately their names are not given in his copy of the official log book of the Jamboree, although there are many photos of the planes, etc.

On the subject of "Scout Stamp Bibliography" contributed by Stanley Hunter, he con-



siders the catalogue on "Sports and Scoutisme" produced by Brun and Fils very useful especially to continental collectors of Scout stamps and those who use catalogues such as Yvert. The full name of the catalogue is - La collection par guere - Clement Brun. Catalogue de Timbres-Poste. Sports et Scoutisme. Editions Brun et Fils - Paris, and the price 3.50 new Francs. First issued in 1960, reprinted in 1961, the next edition should be available in a few months

time. Copies may be obtained either on application to Harris Publications, Ltd. 27 Maiden Lane, London, W.C.2 or to M.P. Lempert, 19 Gerrard Street, Piccadilly, London. Many thanks, Jan. for this information.

An extract from a letter from our hard working Club Secretary, Stanley Blunt, which is of importance to all mem-Jack Wishart (No. 305) of 9, Widgeon Road, Darlington. Co. Durham, is now assisting Stanley. He will be responsible for sending out all subscription reminders as and when they become due. Members can send their dues to him with all confidence and he will pass them on to Stanley each (Should you have cause to write Stanley on other matters, he does not object to your enclosing your subscription in order to save postage). Stanley's main responsibility will be the enrolling of new members so will those of you who introduce a potential member please refer him to Stanley direct so as to ensure him receiving his membership card, first copy of the Journal and anything else that is available with the least possible delay. He concludes his letter by saving that the enrolling of new members Nos. 396 to 404 was the outcome of S.S.C.C. meeting at the Gilwell Reunion. Good work, Stanley, I'm sure you will find Jack a great assistance to you.

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Lee Yaw Kong, Junior member No. 360, writes that he thinks the Journal very interesting and asks if I will accept articles from him for the Junior Page. I most certainly will. His English is excellent so next issue I may be able to include something for Juniors from Yaw Kong.

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#### GILWELL REUNION - BEFORE & AFTER

By Howard L. Fears.

It is, perhaps, a sign of the growing importance of the Club that we were included in the programme for this year's Reunion of Wood Badgers at Gilwell. To this was allied in the interest following on the use of the special cancel. As

a Club we owe a special debt on this occasion to Mr Wellsted and Mr Rhodes: without the work of these two, it is safe to say that there would not have been a display at all.

First of all, the special cancel. This was in use from August 29th to September 2nd inclusive. Please don't ask me whether a similar thing will happen next year; we must just keep our fingers crossed.

The Meeting and Display on the afternoon of Sunday, September 3rd was intentionally informal. In a gathering of Wood Badge Scouters I hardly feel that a lecture on Scout stamps past and present would have been very welcome. In the circumstances I spoke a few words explaining the advantages of Club membership and Roy Rhodes followed up with a description of Jamboree stamps. Then there was a chance for anyone interested to see the material on display and "buttonhole" members - certainly I spent a very hectic 90 minutes. Incidentally we made a goodly number of new members and all concerned agreed that the effort had been well worthwhile. Also this was one of the few occasions where almost all the Committee were gathered together at one time - Our President, Roy Rhodes, Journal Editor Wilf Nodder, as well as Tom Holton, Stanley Blunt and myself.

We have learned a lot from this first attempt. If we can do so next year, we may be able to put into operation the suggestion of several members. Basically, the idea is that some corner of Gilwell shall be reserved for a permanent display throughout the weekend, with a Club official "on duty" all the time. This would give a chance to deal with the many casual enquiries and seekers after information. And in addition we could have an actual meeting at a specified time which would, I am sure, be of interest to all.

(I'm certain this idea would be a very popular one and well worth trying. Editor).

#### SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY

By Stanley K. Hunter, Member No. 51

It was originally intended to restrict this Bibliography to two articles, but the interest in this sideline of Scout Stamp collecting has persuaded me to add a few more items for you to look out for. Perhaps if the Editor can find room, it will be possible to make this a regular feature of the Journal.

(I'm all for giving "the customer" what he wants. Editor)

#### Part III - SCOUT STAMP ALBUMS

There is certainly no doubt that many keen Scout Stamp collectors frown on the very idea of printed thematic albums. I certainly feel that, no matter how well the Album is designed, it cannot give me the scope for arrangement which I would like. On the other hand, there is something to be said for the 19th-Century urge to fill up steadily all the printed spaces on an album page. Printed albums are also of great use to collectors who don't have much time, or who have little philatelic knowledge. However, like everything else in Philately, you can take it or leave it, as you prefer.

#### K-LINE SCOUT STAMPS OF THE WORLD ALBUM

Unfortunately, I have not yet seen a copy of this album, although I understand it is very satisfactory. The illustrations, as in the other two albums listed here, are in black and white. The marginal designs and the printed description of each stamp is in gold. The pages are heavy  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11" and are punched to fit standard three-ring binders.

SCOUTS ON STAMPS - Topical Album Sheets (Boy Scouts of America) Edited by W.C. Dunhof. 22pp. (plus blanks). US \$1. 1960.

This set of Album pages also fits a three-ring binder and is produced on 100lb white paper. It illustrates all officially-recognised Scout and Guide stamps from 1900 to 1960, in chronological order, with appropriate captions.

There are spaces (and illustrations) of all overprints and imperforate varieties.

The sheets are sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America and were checked by Mr W. Art. McKinney, the "Scouts on Stamps" expert.

SCOUTS ON STAMPS (World-Wide) Published by Unique Scout Stamps. 13pp. US \$2.95. 1960.

This album is distributed by a U.S. stamp form as a Scout Stamp approval bonus, selling at US \$1. It is supplied with a three-clip binder and a title-page containing a current price-list. The arrangement is rather cramped and haphazard, although spaces for all stamps up to 1960 are included.

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#### SALES BUREAU

#### By Charles Seaton

Once again I am able to offer members some bargains. I can only suggest you compare the prices given below with those of dealers and then take advantage of the offers, some of which it will not be able to repeat. All inquiries for material are welcome; I would appreciate receiving postage for returning the items ordered - many of you do - as this saves the S.S.C.C. unnecessary expense.

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1957 -	July,	August,	October
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#### Mint Stamps

Boy Scouts of	America	3c. sepia.	blocks	of 4	 2s.6d.
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Varieties on J. I. M. stamps of U. K.	
Cancellations - illustrations (October, 1958)	3d.
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Folder containing 8 labels of J.I.M	1s. 0.
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Sankt-Georg	1s.6.
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Association (card)	2s.2.
Girl Guides. Irish Jubilee Camp (card)	1s.4.
Gilwell Re-union, set of 5 covers, (August 29th	
to September 2nd. 1961)	5s.0.
Gilwell Re-union covers, singles	10d.
B-P. Guild covers	.50

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#### CACHETED COVERS

By Howard L. Fears

A U.S. member has, in my opinion, quite rightly, suggested that it is wrong for anyone to criticise dogmatically purely "cacheted" covers, that is, covers without Scout stamp or cancel, their only interest being in the printing. For instance, they may commemorate the 23rd CAMPOREE of the XYZ Region held at Googoo Town on September 30th - and the covers are duly posted in that town on that day. It is quite true that some members may not collect these covers and that, of course, is also entirely a matter of personal opinion. Indeed, some individuals asking me for a regular supply of covers have stipulated that only Scout stamps shall be used. In my opinion, that also is going too far but, and I repeat, this is only my opinion.

May I therefore make a plea? However strong your own views on what constitutes a Scout collection, do please allow the other man to have his own opinions. If he will only accept covers measuring 7%" by  $3^2/_3$ ", printed on thin pink paper and with stamps inverted, you might not agree

with him, but that does not in any way alter his right to collect what he likes, when he likes and how he likes. Indeed, whilst rubbing home the point, may I add that some high class collections I have seen (even prize-winning collections) would get Scout attention from me, because I don't like the way non-philatelic data or accessories are included. But I am equally sure that my own peculiar preference for having a cover for every day that a camp is open would also raise a few eyebrows.

'Nuff said, I hope. Toleration, please, gentlemen, and even if you have a view to express, remember that whilst entitled to your own opinion, it doesn't make the rest of the world wrong because they don't - or won't - agree.

(There's a lot of truth in the above article and we can all learn a lesson from it. Editor).

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#### CANCELLATIONS

By the Editor

Here is a further list of recent Scout and Guide cancellations, some of which should have been included in the September issue of the Journal.

#### AUSTRIA

BUNDESLAGER 1961 LAXENBURG PFADFINDER N OSTERREICH between what can be described as a "squashed" double ellipse: with LAXENBURG above. Austrian Scout badge the right leg of which is shaped as an 'L' with 50 JAHRE inside ellipse and date 27.7.1961 underneath. A figure 3 appears to the left of the Scout badge. Undoubtedly marks with 1 and 2 also exist.

#### CANADA

Slogan postmark inscribed 3rd. CANADIAN/SCOUTING/JAMBOREE/JULY 6-15, 1961, boxed.

#### FRANCE

Double Circle Type. ECLAIREURS UNIONISTES at top, LE MALZIEU-VILLE (LOZÉRE) at bottom, between circles. JUBILÉ EN MARGERIDE, a horn and date, 29.7.61, in centre.

#### ISRAEL

- (a) Israeli Scout and Guide badge superimposed on a tent with HAIFA 1.8.1961, Arabic lettering and Hebrew lettering in circular formation underneath Hebrew lettering with 8th JAMBOREE inside.

  (I regret I am unable at present to give the translation of the Hebrew and Arabic lettering).
- (b) Double circle type, with THE 8th ISRAEL JAMBOREE, Hebrew lettering and 1961 between, and a globe with a Scout's (or Guide's?) head in centre and date, 31.7.48, under.

#### ITALY

Double circle type with segment top and bottom date, 28.1.1961, between and ROMA in bottom segment. POSTE ITALIANE - CONGRESSO NAZ. GIOVANI ESPLORATORI ITALIANI between circles.

#### NETHERLANDS

Double circle type, NIEUWKOOP 26 JULI t.e.m. 2 Aug '61, at top with Scout and Guide badge either side, NATIONAAL, WATERKAMP at bottom and outline of yacht in centre. Covers also bear imprint of the Mobile P.O. mark, AUTO-POSTKANTOOR 1, 2 or 3.

#### **PHILIPPINES**

2nd NATIONAL B.D. JAMBOREE at top, PASONANCA PARK, ZAMBO CITY at bottom, round a Scout badge on which is superimposed a Scout's head making salute.

#### SWEDEN

- (a) Single circle type, SÖVDEBORGSLÄGRET at top, 18 7 at bottom, with the outline of what would appear 1961 to be either a bord in flight or a lake!
- (b) Single circle type, VIKINGALÄGRET DANNÄS at top, 7.8.1961 at bottom with the prow of a Viking ship and shield in centre.

The two following cancellations may not be Scout ones. Can any member confirm please?

(c) Single circle type, OJALÄGRET FLODA at top with a Maltese type cross and letters MJK, with date 1/8 on one side and 19 on other. Outline of tent above cross.

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#### SWEDEN (contd)

(d) Single circle type L JUNGSBRO at top, ANSCARSFORBUNDETS TALTAGER at bottom, a shield with cross superimposed on circle in centre; date,  $\frac{2}{2}$  and 19 on either side.

#### SURINAME

Double circle type, the inner circle being off centre, with EERST DAG VAN UITGIFTE at top and 19-VIII-61 PARAMARIBO at bottom, with outline of camp fire and flames in centre.

(Eerst dag van uitgifte - first day of issue)

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#### KILLING TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

How many of our members, I wonder, have had the opportunity of visiting the new Baden Powell House in Kensington, London?

My wife and I a few weeks ago spent a delightful time there making use of the many facilities offered, and as a temporary headquarters while visiting other places of interest

It has been suggested that the S.S.C.C. might hold its A.G.M. or one of its ordinary Club meetings there.

Committee rooms are available for such meetings and the House itself is very central, easy to find being only a short distance from Victoria Station where one normally alights when visiting the SCOUT SHOP in Buckingham Palace Road.

For those who would like to stay a night or two the accommodation offered ranges from 10 and 12 bedded dormitories for Scouts; and for Scouters 3 and 4 bedded rooms with baths, showers and all amenities, or twin bedded rooms with built-in wardrobes and washbasins.

Charges are most reasonable being only 10/6 per night bed and breakfast for Scouts; for Scouters in the 3 and 4 bedded rooms 14/-; and for Scouters or married couples in the twin bedded rooms 16/-.

The free permanent B-P exhibition is a particular attraction for all visitors. In addition, the residents are

able to make full use of the common room, the reading and writing room, the games room, the quiet room, the roof garden and other amenities.

Day visitors are welcome and parties can be accommodated for meals at any time if prior arrangements are made with the Warden. Light refreshments are available for visitors and interesting souvenirs, etc. are obtainable from the House Providore.

If this suggestion should interest you will you please send me a card to tell me your views. Accommodation must be booked up well in advance, especially for week-ends, as obviously a Club meeting would have to be, but for those of you who do not come along to our meetings perhaps owing to distance or other reasons, then B-P House would be the ideal choice to meet your fellow members, do some Club business, swapping, or whatever the programme may be for a few hours, and then see something of London according to your wishes with a local member or members who would be happy to act as guides.

#### THE CLUB SECRETARY

(There is something to be said for holding our meetings in B-P House. Drop our Club Secretary a line if you think so. Editor)

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#### MINT STAMPS

By Howard L. Fears

Recently I asked a number of members if they could think of any further services or activities which the Club should sponsor. I received a variety of replies, and, to my delight all were of a positive (as opposed to negative) nature. The ideas ranged from an annual camp at Gilwell for Club members, to more adequate coverage of the whole annual Reunion (which we are now considering), to a permanent exhibition sponsored by the Club. In the fullness of time some of these things may come to pass, but in the meantime I propose to explore the response from members at large to one subject only.

Many members have asked whether mint Scout and Guide stamps could be provided as issued, on a similar basis to the cover service. Frankly, I have never operated a service of this nature, and cannot foresee all the hazards. Before committing myself, therefore, I would like you, the member, to let me know if you would be interested in such a service. It would be restricted to Scout and Guide stamps, mint, as issued. We would not include used copies, nor miniature sheets. Just as in the Permanent List Service, members taking part would have to agree to accept everything, and if it comes into operation, I should appreciate the assistance of a volunteer to get the despatches out!

From enquiries, however, and in view of the very great amount of writing all over the world involved, I could not provide this service unless at least 60 members took part. So it's over to you. If you would want more than one copy, or blocks of 4, that might be arranged. You must let me know - and nothing will start until announced in the Club Journal.

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#### SOURCES OF SCOUT STAMP DESIGNS

By Stanley K. Hunter (Member 51)

It was obvious from the response to my offer in the JOURNAL (May 1961), of a descriptive leaflet on the Japanese Jamboree stamp, that readers are interested in the origins of Scout stamp designs.

In this article, I would like to give you some details on the sources of some Scout stamps based on photographs and paintings.

The famous Mafeking "Local", depicting B-P, was adapted from a full-length portrait, showing him as the Commander of the South African Rifles at Mafeking. It was taken in 1899, presumably by Captain Greener, who was responsible for designing the stamp. (Correct. Editor). The 1d. value, showing Cadet Sergeant-Major Goodyear, the "First Boy Scout",

is attributed to Dr W.A. Hayes (again correct. Editor). (Another set of Scout "Locals", produced by an unusual printing process, under Emergency conditions, was the 1918 Czech stamps. These stamps, depicting the Bohemian Lion, were designed by the Deputy Chief Scout of Czechoslovakia, Roessler Orovsky).

A familiar picture of B-P, shown on stamps, is of course, the David Jagger %-length painting, seen on various 1957 issues and the Australian Guide stamp. In 1929, the year of the 3rd World Jamboree, B-P was elevated to the Peerage and made a Freeman of the City of London. To commemorate this, two paintings were executed, one going to the Company of Mercers in London and the other to the Boy Scouts Association. Another familiar portrait of B-P was the 1929 photograph, shown on all four values of the Liechtenstein Scout Conference of 1953.

The stamp issued to commemorate the 1954 International Patrol Camp at Sao Paulo, Brasil, was based on a statue erected in Rio de Janeiro, showing a Boy Scout. This statue was given to the Youth of Brasil by the Youth of Chile, to commemorate the aid given during the 1923 earthquake.

I dealt with the 1949 Japanese stamp in my earlier article (May 1961). I would just like to add, however, that Mr William Hillcourt tells me that it was based on a photograph he took, around 1940, at the Shiff Scout Reservation, Mendham, N.J. Mr Hillcourt is now the National Director, Programme Resources, of the Boy Scouts of America.

(Mr George Russell, the Scout depicted, will supply an autographed copy of the stamp at US \$2.00, plus postage. This would make an eye-catching addition to any stamp collection).

Another photograph from the Boy Scouts of America "Scout Field Book" which has received philatelic status, appears on page 123 of the current edition. (The "Field Book", incidentally, costs US \$1.00. As it has over 550 pages, it is quite a weighty volume, so if you wish to obtain a copy, check return postage rates.)

The stamp concerned is the 50+25 sen (red) value of the 1955 1st Indonesian National Jamporee set. The photograph of the camp-fire was taken by Mr Clinton Martin of Verona, N.J. It was photographed around 1940 and, unfortunately, no record was kept of the boys concerned. I would like to quote the wording which appears under the photo and which is quite applicable to the stamp:

"Camp Fire after supper was one of those quiet fires where you sit and have a good time with your friends...."

The 75+25 sen (brown) appears to have been inspired by the photograph on page 240 of the "Field Book". The design on the stamp shows a young Scout feeding a fawn. The positions have been reversed and the page altered quite considerably, but the resemblance is still quite striking.

Another photograph we can trace is the 1954 Cuba National Patrol Camp single of 1954. The Cub Scout is Eduardo R. Almeyda and the Patrol leader is José Antonio Mola.

Among Scout stamps NOT depicting actual Scouts is the Australian Pan-Pacific Jamboree pair and the 1950 U.S.A. commemorative. This particular stamp was based on an Anniversary Poster issued by the Boy Scouts of America.

The 1960 U.S.A. Scout Jubilee issue, however, shows a 14-year-old Massachusetts Scout, Thornton Percival. This stamp, which incidentally passed the previous US FDC record by well over half a million covers, was designed by Normal Rockwell, the outstanding Scout artist and illustrator.

There are, of course, many other Scouts depicted on stamps based on actual photographs and pictures, e.g. Roumania, Nicaragua, etc., but I have not come across any details of them, so if you know of any others, you will be doing us all a Good Turn by passing on the information.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following into our Club; may they derive much benefit from membership.

#### \*indicates Junior Member.

390	C. H. Hookway	17 Verona Drive, Surbiton, Surrey
391	Chu Foong Fatt	558 Jalan Esa, Kluang, Johore, Malaya
392	Leo P. Robinson	3421 Shelmore St. Philadelphia 36, Pa. U.S.A.
393	James S. Wardrope	51 Buchanan Cres. Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland
394	D.C. Jeffries	8 Paisley Drive, Edinburgh 8. Scotland
395*	R. K. Goyal	c/o Babu Ram Om Prakash, Paltan Bazar, Dehra Dun. India
396	George H. Rowlands	2 Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester
397	Dr K. J. H. Mackay	92 Coleridge Road, Cambridge
398	D. H. Gould	York House, York Road, Windsor, Berks.
399	C. E. Dakin	5 Cherry Lane, Sale, Cheshire
400	O. J. Cole	Gullfoss, Briscoe Road, Hoddesdon, Herts.
401	John D. Roake	41a Baker Street, Weybridge, Surrey
402	Ronald E. A. Howard	16 Effingham House, Kingsnympton Park, Kingston Hill, Kingston-upon Thames, Surrey
403	E.J. Sercombe	35 Larkfield Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middx.
404	R. J. Searle	Crossroads, Farley, nr. Salisbury, Wilts.
405	Robert F. Kan	7308 Brookville Road, Chevy Chase 15, Maryland, U.S.A.
406	John W. Munro	65 Halton Road, Spilsby, Lincs.
407	A. Hector P. de Zoysa	Sea View, Akurala, Ambalangoda, Ceylon

408	R. A. Regnault	c/o Lands & Survey Dept. Private Bag. Te Kuiri, New Zealand
409*	Khoo Thow Meng	Overseas Union Bank, Penang, Malaya
410	Edward D. Tykwinski	6952 Clinton Road, Upper Darby, Pa. U.S.A.
411	Howard Reeves	R. D. No. 2, Box 33; Boonton, N. J. U. S. A.
412	Eric C. Butler	Whiteness Manor, Broadstairs, Kent
413	Leslie M. Dury	4 Netley St. Landport, Portsmouth, Hants.
414	Terence A. Gibson	12 Rochford Crescent, Boston, Lincs.

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#### CLUB BADGE

The Club Secretary still has two or three rubber stamps of this badge to sell. If you would like one to use on your stationery will you please write quickly enclosing 6/6d to cover cost and postage.

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I have a considerable number of unanswered letters in my tray and unfortunately, owing to my having broken a finger on my right hand, which is now encased in plaster, they will have to remain there a few weeks longer. I have managed to "scribble" the draft of this issue and can only hope that our good friend who types the stencils can read it!! I must therefore ask for your indulgence and any errors that appear, please put them down to my temporary infirmity.

Sincerely yours, WILF NODDER

#### MEMBERS' WANTS

In addition to collecting Scout & Guide stamps, etc. many of our members have other interesting sidelines.

Foreign badges and patches. Nos. 307, 377, 383, 384,

386, 387.

County badges and pennants. Nos. 384, 385, 389.

Neckerchiefs and Woggles. Nos. 377, 378.

Common stamps of current issue on unusual covers or envelopes redirected with several stamps. Postmarks. Medals and service badges. No. 386.

No. 389 would like to write to other members on the following subjects: - Photography, Radio construction, and/or camping.

Names and addresses of the above will be found in recent copies of the Journal.

If you have a similar Want and it has not yet been published, why not write to the Editor or the Club Secretary - don't forget to make use of the privilege you have as a member to have one free advertisement in the Journal per annum.

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#### <u>ADVERTISEMENTS</u>

Member No. 345 - Peter H. J. Breach, 7 Cross Lane, Newport, I.O.W. is breaking up a world collection of stamps into an Approval Selection Service. 10 day approval with 1d in the 1/- discount to all who ask for a selection. He is also collecting Postmarks, Cancellations, and Slogans for which he is willing to pay or will exchange for Old Stamp Catalogues.

Member No. 360, Lee Yaw Kong, P.O. Box 90, Labuan, North Borneo will send North Borneo Scout colony badges for F.D. covers of any type.

The Club Secretary urgently requires one or more of each of the following County badges for an Overseas member, and is willing to pay for them, plus postage, or will send Herts badges in exchange: -

Cumberland, East Riding Yorks, Lancashire, Leicester, Rutland, Northampton, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Berkshire, Dorset, Somerset, Radnor, Gloucester, Glamorgan, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Brecknock, Hereford, Cardigan, Montgomery, Shropshire, Merioneth, Flint, Denbigh, Carnarvon.

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