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You will see from the list of new members that we have now passed the 500 mark! And six months ahead of the target which our Secretary-General set. We must, however, not lose sight of the fact that this number does not constitute 'Active members' -- there have been resignations, quite a number from the Junior section has been due to increasing homework, and this is something which we must accept: those who have had to resign have given good reasons for doing so. I am sorry to say that there are still quite a number who are overdue with their subscriptions, despite repeated reminders!

If YOU happen to be one of those, would you do either of two things -- post off your subscription or drop a postcard either to our Club Secretary or Renewal Secretary -- their addresses are shown on the inside cover - saying that you wish to resign. This apparent lack of co-operation does increase the already heavy work of both these officers, work for which they do not get paid and which is freely given. I am sure that what we ask is very little - if you happen to be one of those who has lost interest or has not the time to continue membership, please remember the fifth Scout Law - and send a postcard.

You will notice that our International Family Circle is growing: we can now add British Guiana, Norway and Czechoslovakia to the list: not only is this encouraging, but it also shows how world wide philately and Scouting is.



By the Editor

The competition proved no more popular with Juniors abroad than in the U.K., for I have received only one entry - from Leong Chee Keng, member 222. His entry contained only one omission - Poland from Question 5. Perhaps I should say, before any member takes me to task, that it is generally accepted that the 1938 Polish stamp commemorating the Restoration of the Territory ceded to Czechoslovakia depicts three figures, one of which is dressed as a Boy Scout as representing the largest Youth Movement in the country at that time. I have posted Keng his book which I hope will be of interest to him.

I have received a letter from Jack Wishart, our Renewals Secretary, in which he tells me of a visit he paid to an Exhibition of Philatelic material in Hull following the Yorkshire P.A. Convention. Here he was very pleased to see one frame from a Junior member, none other than H. Symonds, member 239, who won the competition in May. The frame consisted of six sheets of Jamboree stamps very neatly arranged and written up. He saw from the Exhibition catalogue that this exhibit had gained the Hull and District President's Cup and the Yorkshire P.A. "George Heaps" Cup, both in 1961. Incidentally, it appears our Junior member also won an award in 1959 for 'Games and Sport on Stamps'.

Now, Juniors, please don't hide your light under a postage stamp! If any of you who belong to a Philatelic Society are successful in competitions, do please write and let me know; it is not a question of being a 'big-head': all members, adult and juniors, like to hear about the success of others. Anyway, although it is somewhat belated, we do congratulate our Junior member on his success last year and hope he will have many more.

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SOURCES OF SCOUT STAMP DESIGNS

(continued)

by Stanley K. Hunter

In the November 1961 Journal, you may remember that I gave some details of the source of the 1st Indonesian National Jamboree set. Mr William Hillcourt, the National Director, Program Resources, of the Boy Scouts of America, has kindly supplied some more details on this set.

The set was based on photos appearing in the Field Book prior to the 1951 edition, in which photos of Scouts in the Field Cap replaced those showing the broad brimmed hat.

The 1 Rp, depicting a Scout saluting, appeared in the earlier editions on page 17, as well as in the "Handbook of Scoutmasters". The boy with the doe (75 sen), was on page 241, while the signaller was taken from page 78.

An interesting point that I overlooked in my earlier article, was that the camp-fire stamp (50 sen), was actually based on a composite design. If you care to look at this stamp, you will see three Scouts. The boy in the centre and the boy at his right are from a photo which appears in both the earlier and current editions. The boy with the fire-wood, actually comes from a photo, (page 165), of a demonstration on how to build a reflector fire. This photo has been "revised" in the current edition. (If any American members have a spare copy of the pre-1951 Field Book, I would be interested to hear from them).

In case you're wondering about the Liberian "Scout" issue, I'm sorry to tell you that Mr Wea Natt, the Chief Scout executive of the Boy Scouts of Liberia, tells me that none of the stamps portray actual Scouts.

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50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE
FLEMISH CATHOLIC SCOUT ASSOCIATION

(contributed by Howard Fears)

Any attempt at a report on the Exhibition of Scout Stamps at Antwerp as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of V.V.K.S. (Flemish Catholic Scout Association) must include a description of the material on display and also a brief account of the success of the arrangements.

Of course, the items shown start with a basic Scout collection, but I thought you might be interested in some of those items which are rare - or even unique. So let us walk round the Exhibition.

(1) PADVINDER Post in Belgium in 1940 and 1944. Let me start with a document from 1940 of great interest, which helps explain the origin of the Scout post following the official capitulation on May 28th. I think the following translation of a poster speaks for itself:-

"POSTAL SERVICE
free Delivery by Boy Scouts.

"The official Postal Service has now been restarted in some communities.

"However, postal communications between many places has not yet been established. To cover such gaps the Boy Scouts, with the agreement of the civil authorities and the German occupation forces, have instituted a postal service, so that letters may be delivered to any destination in the country.

"All letters MUST be stamped at normal rates and be posted unsealed.*

*Translator's note: The letters had to be sent unsealed.

"LETTERS MAY BE HANDED IN HERE for destinations where the official postal communications have not yet been restored.

(Printer's Name):- MECHELEN - Firma A. Olbrechts - de Maever. to comply with censorship requirements.

Incidentally, this document was probably in use at Malines (Flemish spelling is Mochelen), and he's up very well with the next document which is an authorisation written in German, allowing postal delivery by Boy Scouts in uniform from Malines. This document reads:-

"The following Boy Scout Karl Jacobs from Malines, has permission from the local German authorities to take the post from Malines to Antwerp and Brussels by bicycle in Boy Scout uniform."

This is signed by the local German Commander.
Dated: Malines 7th June 1940.

This form is counter-stamped in German, to comply with censorship requirements, with the Eagle and Swastika Censorship hand stamp, also by the Belgian Red Cross Section from Malines, and it has been typed on Scout impressed paper with the Scout badge and inscribed "Catholic Scout Federation of Belgium."

Towards the end of the Exhibition, the Scout mentioned in the German postal permit, Mr Karl Jacobs (who is still an active Scout) visited the Exhibition. He confirmed that the actual Scout postal services in 1940 were carried out during May, June and July, and gave a graphic description of the ways in which the post had to be concealed in his socks in order to ensure delivery. A full account of these services is being prepared by the officials from the Exhibition, who propose to make fuller enquiries. (I am hopeful that we shall be given a copy for publication in this Journal).

The actual Boy Scout post cancels are very simple. On display are examples of cancels from two towns, Antwerp and Malines. An Antwerp cancel, for instance, is in blue and simply reads, in circular form "PADVINDERS POST ANTWERPEN" There is no date at all.



From Malines the only specimen shown is very similar except that instead of "Antwerpen" is the word "Mechelen", and it is in red.

At first, it was thought that such services were only in use in 1940 following the capitulation and the occupation, but ample documentary evidence is on display including one cover dated in pen, and a document from VVKs, to prove that in September and October 1944 (following the Liberation) a similar service was revived, in view of the local breakdowns in communications.

From the collection of Wim Six from Holland also on display there is another Belgian Scout post item. From the Scout post in August 1940 there is a cover apparently sent from Liege, with a District Scout hand-stamp, and delivered via the Belgian Red Cross to St. Malo. Also on display is a photographic reproduction of a cover for a similar service from Bruxelles ("BUREAU NATIONAL DU SCOUTISME BEIGE"), which was delivered in Toulouse, following assistance by the Red Cross.

(2) For a complete change, let us look at some recent acquisitions of Wim Six from Jugoslavia in 1935 comes a cancel reading:-

III. TABOR SKAUTA
6. ix. 35
BEOGRAD 21

From Belgium itself there is an item on piece with a clear cancel, reading:-

INTERSCOUT - LIEGE
8. 9. VIII
LUIK 1930

This was issued from the Scout Camp at LUIK (Liege) in connection with the festival for the 100th Anniversary of Belgian Independence.

(3) I should imagine that few collectors can have many items from Luxembourg; thus my interest was taken by two covers from this country. The first, dated Aug. 1st 1921 is cancelled, Simply "LUXEMBOURG", but is an official stationery of the Federation Nationale des Eclaireurs du Luxemborg. The letter is addressed to Lieut.-General Sir Robert Robert Baden-Powell at Imperial Headquarters, and stuck on it is a label showing a Scout in uniform, holding a staff and blowing a bugle. At the bottom of the label is the inscription "F. N. E. L. BOY SCOUTS LUXEMBOURG. POW-WOW. 30/7 - 1/8. 1921".

The other item from Luxembourg is of much more recent origin, and is from the National Jamboree in 1948 (July 26th to Aug. 4th) at Bonnevoie. The cancel reads "LETZEBURGER, BONNEVOIR. Scouten Jamboree", and is dated 1.8.48. There is also a special registration label reading "BONNEVOIE (Printed), JAMBOREE (hand stamp), and a number.

(4) Claude Marchal from France did not send many items, but in his case, it was quality, if not quantity. There is a proof of the 1947 French stamp signed by the designer, and French labels from 1911 onwards. I had not previously seen the French label from 1929 - the year of the Birkenhead Jamboree. Issued by the Association Nationale des Scouts de France, the labels comprise a block of 4 in a folder. The upper 2 labels are inscribed "RALLYE DES SCOUTS de FRANCE, ORLEANS 8-9 MAI 1929", and the lower 2:-

"JAMBOREE MONDIAL, BIRKENHEAD. 31 JUIL -
13 AOUT 1929".

(5) Talking of labels, there is a very complete display of VVKs labels, from the collection of a label collector. I counted no less than 70 different, and it would need a better artist than I to attempt a free-hand reproduction of the designs. There was also a strip of 5 labels inscribed "JAMBOREE 1926" (a National Belgian Jamboree).

(6) When I was in Holland last time I described the Dutch Scout post of 1944 and 1945, and one day perhaps Mr Six may be prevailed upon to give a detailed account for this brief report, suffice it to say that from the very end of 1944 and far a while in 1945, a similar service was in operation to that which the Belgian Scouts undertook. The hand stamp

for the Scout delivery service for Rotterdam, for example, has a Scout badge in the centre, and around it the words "PADVINDERS POST DIENST" and the year, e.g. 1945. From the examples available the Rotterdam post would appear to have been the best organised, but Utrecht, The Hague, Schiedam, Amsterdam and Nijmegen also have examples.

The second aspect of the report on what is known locally as "S ... BOUM" will cover the postal arrangements and philatelic souvenirs. If it had been known earlier that plans could have been made, there might have been a special Scout stamp or at least an overprint on the 1957 pair. In the end, everyone had to be satisfied with a special cancel. But a word in advance is perhaps necessary here: the postal authorities of Belgium are more accommodating than those of England, and they will apply the cancel on anything which has a postage stamp on it, not only envelopes. The post office was established in a room opposite the Scout Stamp Exhibition in the Flemish Tourist Board centre, and was open from 10 a.m. to mid-day and 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. With one clerk on duty to sell stamps and deal with Registrations, etc., a postman was employed full-time operating the hand-stamp.

I hope by now that you have all soon the special cancel which was in operation on May 19th, 20th and 21st only. Each day the date was changed, but no time of posting shown. Special registration facilities took the form of labels numbered but without any inscription (this, I understand, is standard practice in Belgium at exhibitions). Thus the registered letter is accepted at the Special Post Office and a blank label - but unnumbered is attached and stamped with the Exhibition cancel.

On Saturday, May 18th, 88 Registered letters were sent, starting, of course, with No. 1. Attendance at the Exhibition on Sunday was naturally not great, because all the major outdoor displays were taking place, and Registered mail may only be sent in Antwerp on a Sunday from the one Central P. T. T. office (open day and night). At the Exhibition P. O. Registered mail which was accepted on Sunday had to pay an excess fee of 3 francs because the mail had to be taken to this particular Post Office, but at least it gets a special cancel for

this privilege. Thus on Sunday, only 8 Registered letters were despatched. On the last day, Monday, 11 further letters were sent by Registered post, making a total for the entire Exhibition of 107 Registered letters. (This number 107 is the last one issued from the Exhibition).

The organisers had provided 2 official items, one cover and one card - and there was also the SSCC variety. The 1957 sheet of 8 labels had been overprinted around the edge and sheets of 10 similar "S ... BOUM" labels were also available. Pin badges were on sale as well.

The organisation of the Exhibition was undertaken by Club member J. SUY who had put in a tremendous amount of work to prepare the display, bearing in mind that over 300 sheets of stamps were on Show. Contributed by Belgians were the bulk of the items, of course, with some sheets from the collections of Club member W. SIX (Holland), C. MARCHAL (France), and R. RHODES and myself from England. Admission was free for Scouts etc. in uniform, so the exact numbers of those attending cannot be given from the entrance tickets sold, but I would guess the numbers at 600 on Saturday, 300 on Sunday, and 300 on Monday. Visitors included the Chief Scout of Austria, Prince Emmanuel of Liechtenstein, General Lockhart, a Papal representative, and the Chief Scout of the V.V.K.S.

Lastly, a few general impressions. I had not appreciated how much organisation would be involved in a parade of 27,000 Scouts, Cubs, Rovers, etc. including many Scout bands. They had come from many areas of Flanders, but I was much impressed by the youthful liveliness of the Scouters and the approach to the Movement. The District Commissioners all had an average age of about 26 to 30 - and the local Groups, including the cubs, had to march in procession in column up to 20 abreast. They marched 8 miles to the Stadium and, in the evening, all 8 miles back again. I feel that many English Scouts, let alone cubs, would think twice about doing that. From many points of view I must congratulate all the organising officials and the superb friendliness with which I was met, and the very kind generosity of the Suy family, who welcomed me into their homes. Of course, I had to work very hard writing very many addresses on covers, but I secured a

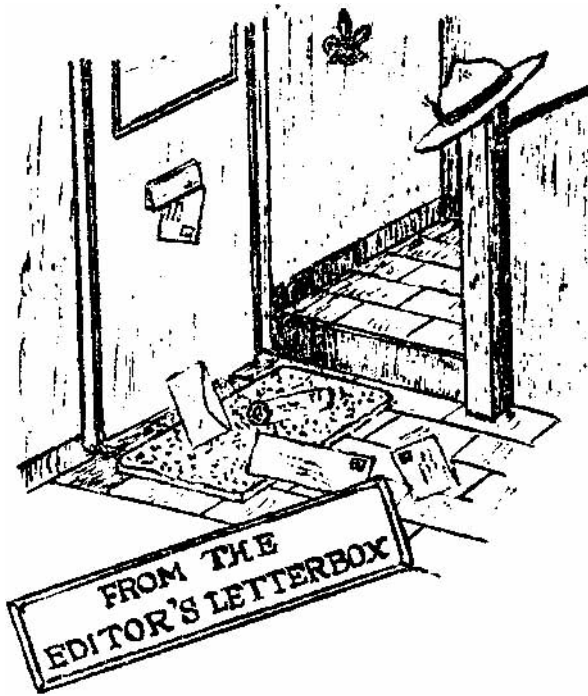
few unusual souvenirs. For example, a cardboard cover from the Postal Museum complete with the S ... BOUM overprinted labels, cancelled with the hand-stamp of the Exhibition and signed by Prince Emmanuel of Liechtenstein (Chief Scout of his country). He signed various items for me in French, English and German. I even obtained one or two items showing all 3 dates of the Exhibition cancel. Perhaps at one of the SSCC displays I can have the whole collection mounted, so that the many varieties may be seen.

As a final supplement, you might be interested to know that the VVKS movement is organising its own Scout Stamp Club especially for the Scouts and seem to be having considerable success with much interest being shown. Already over 100 members have been enrolled, and many enquiries were received at the Exhibition. It would be very fine if we could maintain a close association between our own Club and their organisation.

In October a Scout stamp has been promised from Austria, and in a moment of wild abandon I have promised to help the Scouts there, who are organising another Scout Stamp display - so you know what I shall be doing in the Autumn - yet more hundreds of envelopes to be addressed - cor!

(I am sure you will all wish me to say a big "thank you" to our Secretary-General for this long and interesting description of the Exhibition and for the great deal of trouble he went to in getting covers sent to members. Editor).

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A letter from David Potter (member 60) refers to the remarks made in our May Journal about the issue by some countries of souvenir sheets and so-called 'Scout' stamps. He is in agreement with the writers in condemning the amount of printed paper which is turned out as 'postage stamps' in an effort to attract the Scout stamp collector. He thinks it would be wise, however, to realise that although souvenir sheets may be required for completeness, this in itself should never be the prime requirement of a collector. He, himself, likes souvenir sheets as he considers they give a colourful impact to the album: but immediately they command too high a premium

over face, they lose their attraction and he can see no reason for purchasing them. What is more important, he doesn't regret it: if it leaves a blank space in his album, then he just ignores it! He feels we have become too used to getting all new issues 'off the press' and he queries whether this is stamp collecting (I think it can be called so, but it is certainly not philately. Ed.) He suggests those who must have those sheets should have the virtue of patience; very often they will appear in an auction somewhere at a very fair discount off new issue prices, sometime in the future. After all, stamp collecting is a hobby; if we buy something at an inflated price and regret it afterwards, then it is no longer a hobby and gives one no pleasure.

He also quotes some recent auction realisations:-

Siam - First Scout set, S.G.S1 to S6, fine used except S6
 which had a rust stain £6
 Siam - Second Scout set, S.G.S7 to S12, fine used except
 S12 which had slight thin £5
 and mentions that there were very few bargains to be had at
 STAMPEX this year. One dealer had a supply of mint Scout
 stamps but covers were conspicuous by their absence.

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One of our new Junior members, Richard Best, member 477,
 would like to correspond with an overseas member. He says
 he is a novice with regard to the collecting of Scout stamps
 Here is an opportunity for one of our overseas Juniors to
 have a pen pal.

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Our Junior member, Leong Chee Keng, member 222, has
 asked me what I think of the idea of publishing the Journal
 monthly: he agrees that the subscription would have to be
 increased to cover the extra postage but the matter contain-
 ed in two months' issues could be the equivalent to the pre-
 sent bi-monthly issue. The Journal would then line up with
 the S.O.S.S.I. Journal of America. He feels that by so
 doing the news would be much more up-to-date.

Whilst I certainly agree with this latter point, there
 are other things to be considered: it would mean twice as
 much work for our four voluntary distributors; this would be
 most unfair to ask of them: it would increase the work of
 our hard working Club Secretary - even now he has little
 spare time to himself, and speaking for the Editor, poor
 chap, I can assure you he would look down his nose! It takes
 roughly a week of evenings to draft out each issue of the
 Journal and he happens to have quite a fair amount of Scout
 work to do beside having to earn his living! He would, how-
 ever, be quite willing to hand over the reins to anyone who
 would be prepared to run a monthly Journal, and if there is
 such a person in the Club, perhaps he or she would drop him
 a line. At present, I am afraid he would be unwilling to do
 it.

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James Coutts, member 75, in a letter to our Club Secretary gives us some information about the cancellations used at the New Zealand Waiora Jamboree. This was referred to by our President in his contribution under 'News and Views' in the May Journal.

First day cancellations was the single circle type but the one used on the 6th January featured a bird with outstretched wings as if in full flight, similar to the Jamboree badge. It is quite a scarce cancellation as is also the actual Jamboree badge. Should any member have an example of the cancellations would they kindly loan it me so that I can illustrate it in the next issue along with others.

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ROLAND HOUSE MEETING OF S. S. C. C. 23.6.62

Although I know it would put me that much in arrears with the recent heavy mail which required my attention I am pleased I went along as, although there were only eleven of us present we had a most enjoyable afternoon.

In the absence of our President, Mr Roy Rhodes, who was at the last moment prevented from attending by family reasons, Mr Len Bowen took the Chair.

For the first hour or so he treated us with a very interesting commentary on the pages of an album he brought along and passed round singly for our inspection. This gave many of us an opportunity of viewing for the first time many of his rare Scout items. Thank you Len.

As well as proving to be an excellent Chairman he also proved he could use his abilities in the role of an Auctioneer. It all started with the Membership Secretary producing an item sent along by our Renewals Secretary to be sold on behalf of Club Funds. This was soon snapped up for 8/-.

This proved to be a popular session of the meeting as Mr Blunt produced four more items which had been given to him recently and he had brought them along to show members. To keep the auction running he offered them as further items on behalf of the Club Funds. By the time these had been

disposed of other members had offered some five further items of interest so that at times competition was really keen. At the close of this session the M.S. announced that he had the sum of £4. 1. 0 he would be able to send to the Secretary-General.

Prices realised: Central African Jamboree cover with accompanying literature, 8/-. Packet of pre-stamp letters, etc., 7/7d. 19 commercially used covers with 2½d G.B. Scout stamp, 2/6d. F.D.C. New Zealand Health with Princesses, 3/6d. F.D.C. U.S. with 2 Juliette Low stamps, 9/-. One pre-war Roland House sticker (seal), 8/-. One India last day cover, 2/6d. One Formosa F.D.C., 7/-. One Trinidad cover with P.O. cancel advertising Jamboree, 4/6d. And a piece de resistance - a F.D.C. with registered label of the Central African Jam: also with accompanying literature, which realised 28/6d.

Members were still hard at it swapping when I left at 6 p.m.

F. S. B.

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SALES BUREAU
by Charles Seaton

Dear Members,

Even with longer daylight and holidays, I am hoping that you will still have some spare moments to study the items offered in the "Sales Bureau". Most of the items once sold will not be able to be replaced at anything near the price they are now, and one or two are now quoted in other sources at nearly double the price.

This is a service run for your benefit, to see items at lowest prices possible, but only while stock lasts. Might I ask prospective buyers to enclose postage when ordering, for although most do so, quite a few forget.

Hoping you all have good holidays, but with enough cash left to purchase the odd item.

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F. D. Cs.

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"	1960	Girl Scout Week	(7)	1.	6
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"	"	1961 ")	(6)		4d
		no cancellation)				
FORMOSA	1959	"Covers"	(4)	1.	3
"	1959	"Cards"	(5)	1.	3
THAILAND	1961		(4)	2.	10
AUSTRIA	50	"JAHRE" cancel)	(4)	sold in	4.	0 a
	FAVORITEN	")	(4)	pairs		pair
SURINAM GUIDE	1961		(5)	.....	7.	3
TOGO SCOUT	1961		(1)	.....	9.	3
B-P. GUILD COVERS			(17)	.....		9d
2nd WHITTON SCOUT GROUP)						
Silver Jubilee)			(5)	.....	1.	0
2nd CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE	4. 4. 61		(2)	.....	3.	4
SANKT-GEORG	22. 4. 61		(4)	.....	1.	6
50th ANNIVERSARY	V. V. Ks.)	(3) "Covers" in "Flemish" date			19th.	
FLEMISH CATHOLIC SCOUTS	) (4)	" " " "			20th.	
ANTWERP	19, 20, 21 May 1962)	(4) "Cards" " " "			21st.	
		(4) "Covers" " "English")"			19th.	
		(3) "Cards" " ")"				

All these items are 2/- each

"MINT STAMPS"

THAILAND SCOUT	(10)	.....	1.	10
LIBERIA. "MIN" SHEET	(2)	.....	5.	9
PERSIA 1960	(5)	.....	2.	0
GREECE 1960	(4)	.....	7.	0
TRINIDAD 1961	(3)	.....	2.	3
LEBANAN 1962	(7)	3.	3
Stampex Exhibition Sheet with				
1957 Jamboree Stamp	(8)	1.	6

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Sent on approval if postage is paid		
AUSTRALIAN JAMBOREE SEALS	(21)	9d.

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SCOUTS or "SCOUTS"?

by Stanley K. Hunter

In 1960, some listings appeared in the Journal, giving details of the so-called "fraud" Scout issues. These were mainly stamps depicting boys and girls in Scout-like uniforms and were issued to publicise various "nationalised" youth organisations. It was fairly easy to reject all those issues out-of-hand, for a large proportion were from the "Iron Curtain" States, where B-P's Scouting is prohibited.

In the last few months, however, we collectors have been faced with another type of "fraud" ... stamps honouring Scouting, issued by countries where B-P's Scouting is not recognised yet, but where the Government is not actively opposed to it. I have in mind the recent Liberian set. Liberia was in fact, a Founder-member of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, but resigned after only twelve years membership. Another State with "lapsed" membership is Afghanistan, which issued a pair of Guide stamps. Paraguay, on the other hand, has never been a member of the Bureau, although their stamps obviously paid homage to B-P.

It is clear that we must establish the status of these issues. If we select membership of the World Bureau as our standard, we must be prepared for some disappointments, for several Scout "Classics" were in fact issued by "un-Registered" countries. Take Liechtenstein, for example, for the 1932 Charity set was issued before the Principality was made a member of the Bureau.

Turkey is a comparatively new member, so this makes the 1938 "Buglers" and the Charity labels "illegal" Scout stamps. Scouting in Iran was suppressed in 1940 and not re-Registered until 1955, so the "Shah in Uniform" is not really a Scout stamp. The story in Japan is the same, for the 1949 stamp and cancel were issued during the year prior to Japan's re-Registration.

While all these examples are of countries where Scouting is now "official", surely it is possible that Liberia and Afghanistan may "return to the fold", and that Paraguay may eventually join us?

I know that all three have blacked their copy-books by issuing "complex emissions" ... but what about some members of the Bureau itself, who should know better?

Well, any comments?

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A WARNING

By the Editor

It has been brought to my notice that covers, supposedly 'first day' of the Afghanistani issue of 1961 showing a Girl Scout and the associated souvenir sheets, are being offered in the philatelic press, nine to ten months after, their release.

There are several interesting features about those covers which immediately place them in the category of "Fakes": firstly, most of them bear a cachet, in English; this is, in itself unusual, since French and Arabic are the common languages in Afghanistan and it would also be contrary to the usual practice of the Director of Posts to allow cacheted covers to be used; moreover, these covers are made of a pure white paper and not the usual brown porous type common to Asia: secondly, and what is of more importance, the cancellation shows the place of origin spelt KABUL, and although this is the spelling normally used by the population of that place, it has not been used on cancellations seen on commercial mail during recent times. The spelling has always been KABOUL; again, the cancellation also bears differently shaped Arabic lettering from the normal and the date, instead of being 23.7.61, is 23.7.6.

My correspondent in this matter is a member of the S.S. C.C.; he has very kindly sent me a number of photostat copies of commercial mail which he has examined and also of faked 'first day' covers of the issue in question, and to my mind there can be no doubt whatever that the cancellation on the latter examples has been 'manufactured'.

I think I am correct in saying that there is no 'official' Girl Guide Association at present in Afghanistan. If this is so, then this issue should not come under the heading of 'Scout and Guide stamps'. I realise that the issue was for the Women's Welfare Organisation and presume that the Postal Authorities thought fit to portray a 'Girl Scout' maybe with the idea that it would prove very popular with thematic collectors. Some people, whose dealings must certainly be considered to be on the questionable side, have tried to jump the wagon and place a number of faked covers on the market.

I hope none of you, or at least very few of our members, have been 'caught' over paying high prices for those covers; should anyone possess what he or she considers to be a genuine F.D. cover, it would be much appreciated if details of it could be forwarded to me. Again, if there are any members who would like further information on the subject, perhaps they would drop me a line. I shall be only too willing to pass on all I know.

At least, YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

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Some future events which might produce some new Scout stamps or cancels. By F. S. Blunt.

50th anniversary National Jamboree, Boy Scouts of Iceland.
Thingvellir, Iceland. July 28 . August 7.

First Asian Jamboree (3rd Nippon Jamboree). Gotomba (at the foot of Mt. Fuji, Japan. Aug. 2 - 7.

Fourth Canadian Rover Moot. Camp Scout Mekinac at St. Roch-de-Mekinac, Quebec, Canada. Aug. 27 - Sept. 4.

Second European Regional Scout Conference. Britain Sept. 21-24.

Philia for Arab Scouts. Libya.

Jamboree-on-the-Air. Oct. 20 - 21. Call letters VE3WSB.

Third Far East Regional Scout Conference, Bangkok,
Thailand. December 5 - 12.

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I am greatly indebted to our member Mr R. Allen (Member 320) for sending me a copy of the "South African Philatelist" of October 1957 in which appeared an article by Dr Freund. My acknowledgement to the present editor, Dr Berry, of the "S.A.P." for allowing me to publish it. Since it is of some length I shall be spreading it over several issues. Editor.

"THE FIRST BOY SCOUT AND HIS CADET CORPS"

The Boy on the 1d Blue Mafeking stamp
by Dr K. Freund

WARNER GOODYEAR was 12 years old when the shadow of a Siege with all its hardships fell upon him, his family and the citizens of Mafeking. But he was such an efficient, courageous boy that it was not long before the great Colonel Baden-Powell, the gallant Commander in charge of the invested town, recognised the excellent "Scout Leader" qualities of this youngster. Young Warner showed all the characteristics of a good "Scout": Loyalty, Unselfishness, Enthusiasm, Inventiveness and Courage.

To tell the truth, Goodyear and his gang of boys were about the only ones who treated the Siege more as a game. As one of these Scouts once wrote to me: They were full of playful nonsense and just loved the excitement of doing errands and other duties while shells were whistling around.

None the less, they took their responsibilities seriously, doing "good deeds", not every day, but every moment, and executing "man-sized jobs" under the most dangerous conditions. They were the true protagonists, the "kernel" of the future world-wide movement of Boy Scouts.

CAPT. GOODYEAR, HIS FATHER

In praising Warner Goodyear, one must not forget that he had inherited all his "Scout" qualities from a remarkable father of striking character, whom the son idolized and in whose footsteps he tried to follow.

Capt. Charles Goodyear was a true "King of Mafeking", having been one of the first residents of this place, and later its first Mayor. He was a well-known Army Officer. In earlier times, he had joined Col. Warren's expedition, was then the first Officer to join the Bechuanaland Border Force, and at the beginning of the Siege was placed by Baden-Powell in command of the Cape Boy Contingent which did some excellent exploits against the enemy. In one of these Capt. Goodyear was severely wounded.

THE FORMATION OF THE CADET CORPS

When the Boer forces started to surround Mafeking and an attack on the town was imminent Baden-Powell mustered all the available man-power to take up the stand.

Alas, there was only a small handful to withstand the large Boer forces. Altogether 700 trained men, police and volunteers could be placed by Baden-Powell at strategical Outposts and Forts at the surrounding flat outskirts of the town.

In addition, there were some 300 town males of all shapes and varying degrees of fitness. Many of them were "white collar" workers who had never seen a rifle in their lives who at the beginning were hopelessly at sea when they had to learn to drill and to shoot. Baden-Powell remarked once that it was "not much fun to face an enemy who meant to kill you, when you have never learned to shoot!"

The whole place of Mafeking to be defended was about 5 miles around and contained 600 white women and roughly 7,000 Natives.

Gradually, the man-power position got even worse, some of the men getting killed, many others wounded. The duties of fighting and keeping night-watch on look-outs became harder for the rest.

THIS IS WHERE THE BOYS CAME IN

You know what boys are: They had been careering about the deserted streets like March Hares, anyway. While all ordinary, decent citizens kept lawfully underground, in dug-out bomb-shelters, as the General Orders demanded, the boys could never be kept underground for long, but hopped and teared around as boys would do. The wilder the bombing and shelling, the greater fun it was for them.

At Baden-Powell's instigation, his Chief Staff Officer Major Lord Edward Cecil, got together all boys of the place, from 9 years upward, and formed them into a cadet corps.

Now, their exuberant activity could be harnessed into some useful duties which so far had been carried out by men: Delivering military orders and messages from and to the Forts, keeping look-out, acting as orderlies, and delivering civilian mail among the population which was scattered through the town and not allowed to move about at most times. In particular, no civilian was allowed to visit the outposts, and no soldier was permitted to go back into town, for long periods, except by special permit. Letter-writing was therefore the only means of communication among the poor Mafekingians.

All these aforementioned duties were taken over by the boys of the new Cadet Corps which released men to go and strengthen the firing-line.

SCOUT UNIFORM

The boys were put into Khaki Uniform, and wore either a forage cap or a "smasher" hat and a yellow "pugaree". The hat was not unlike the Boy Scout's hat worn to-day, but it was usually turned up on one side.

Boys who were appointed messengers or postmen received a despatch pouch. None of the boys was armed.

DRILLING AND SCOUTING

The corps drilled regularly under Major Lord Edward Cecil. Warner Goodyear was made their leader and appointed a SERGEANT-MAJOR. The boys were a very smart bunch and kept a proud bearing at all times, fully conscious of their responsibility and importance.

Baden-Powell frequently watched the drilling with great satisfaction and asked himself: WHY CANNOT ALL BOYS BE LIKE THAT? Then and there he made his resolution to form a civilian corps of Scouts on similar lines as soon as the war was over.

B.P. himself taught the boys WOOD-WORK, CAMPING and HIKING whenever he could manage. When the boys were off-duty, for instance on Sundays, he arranged COMPETITIONS which in type were very similar to competitions still familiar to the Boy Scouts of to-day. Here is for instance one which I am taking from the "Mafeking Mail, Special Siege Slip" No. 130, April 29, 1900:

"CADET COMPETITION. - The rules of the above will be as follows:

Each cadet will receive a letter on the Recreation Ground. He will carry it to the Staff Officer; route via Carrington Street. He will then receive a verbal answer and return to the Recreation Ground to the sender and repeat the verbal message to him in a loud; clear tone of voice.

Timekeepers:

DUTIES

The boys had to carry out their jobs frequently under heavy shell fire, but bravely carried on, although it meant risks to their lives every time.

Here is a typical incident which Baden-Powell reports in his book "Scouting for Boys": "I said to one of those boys on one occasion, when he came in through rather a heavy fire: 'You will get hit one of these days riding about like that when shells are flying'. And he replied: 'I pedal so quick, Sir, they'd never catch me'."

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NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new members to the S.S.C.C. and trust they will derive much benefit from their membership.

For security and international reasons, the names and addresses of Members 481, 484, 485 and 486 are withheld as by mutual agreement they will and must not be mentioned in the Club Journal or Membership List.

* against member's number indicates Junior member.

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We are hoping to be able to have copies of the September Journal available at the Gilwell Reunion this year, as we did last Reunion. In order that this can be done, will contributors please let me have their articles and notes by AUGUST 12th. This also applies to those who wish to insert advertisements.

Sincerely yours,

WILF NODDER

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3. Silver embossed green cachets of 25th Anniversary of 11th Kitchener Scout Group available with the commemorative issue including special letterhead. Only 25c. each. Murray Fried, 25 Gildner Street, Kitchener, Ont. Canada. Member 388.
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