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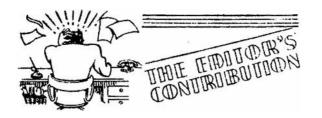


Even the best laid plans sometimes fail to materialise: I had hoped to include with this issue, four pages of illustrations; unfortunately, I had to go into hospital at short notice, with the result that I have been unable to prepare the drawings for reproduction in time for this Journal to be ready for the Gilwell Reunion. Please accept my sincere apologies. I will, however, endeavour to got them ready for the November number.

Our very energetic Regional representative for Scotland, Stanley Hunter, has produced a comprehensive index for the first five volumes of the Journal; this was quite a big undertaking and should be of great use to everyone. To have it printed will be rather expensive and I have suggested to our Secretary-General that a small charge be made to members who would like to have it; if you require a copy will you please send me a postal order for one shilling (or its equivalent) and it will be forwarded to you when it is available. This should be in November.

My grateful thanks to the contributors of this issue; I can assure them that their efforts are appreciated. It would, however, make my task a great deal easier if I were to receive more articles for publication: I can never have too many! Please help me, won't you?

JUNIOR PAGE



By the Editor

Dear Junior,

I am quite sure there must be a number of terms used in philately that you have never heard which have probably puzzled you. I think it therefore might be a good idea if we were to see if we can define some of them, so that when you hoar other collectors mention them you will understand what they are talking about: maybe, if you are a Scout or a Guide, this knowledge will help you to gain your Stamp Collector and Philatelist badges.

Let's start off with the terms used in the printing of stamps; the first four are perhaps the most important:-

- (a) Line Engraving -- this is printing from plates that have the design cut out or incised: the design will thus stand out slightly in relief on the finished stamp.
- (b) Photogravure -- this is printing from a plate that has the design etched into it, by using a photographic plate.
- (c) Recess -- this is used to describe printing from either the incised or etched portions of the plate.
- (d) Surface or Typography -- this is printing from the surface of the plate which is the exact opposite of (c).
- (e) Lithography -- literally, this is printing from the flat surface of a stone.
- (f) Embossing -- this is printing under pressure, from a plate having the design in relief, so that the design stands out, sometimes coloured but quite often left uncoloured.

Another important term is 'perforations'; there are several different kinds which are: -

- (a) Comb -- this is produced by a machine with pins having widely spaced teeth like a comb, so that with each operation of the machine three sides of each stamp in a horizontal row of the sheet are perforated.
- (b) Compound -- this is a perforation in which the number of holes differ horizontally and vertically; sometimes, but very rarely, the horizontal and vertical perforations on both sides of the stamp also differ.
- (c) Harrow -- this is produced by a machine having pins similar to a harrow so that the whole sheet or pane that is a part of a sheet is perforated in one operation.
- (d) Line -- this is produced by a machine having a single line of pins and thus only one row is perforated at one time; the perforations at the corners of such a stamp are usually irregular.
- (e) Roulette -- although not strictly a perforation, this is a means sometimes adopted: it is a series of cuts made between stamps without any of the paper being removed and provides a means whereby the stamps can be separated.

In the next Journal I will discuss some further terms. In the meantime, see if you can find examples of stamps in your own collection which are printed and perforated by these different methods.

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WHERE DOES IT COME FROM - WHERE DOES IT GO? contributed by John D. Roake Member 401)

Nowadays, the issue of a Scout series of stamps is often dogged by the inevitable imperf. set and a miniature sheet at inflated prices, and in addition to the doubtful Paraguay we now have Libya doing the same thing. The face value of the three stamps is about 1/- and the normal perf. issues will come on to the market at about that price. But what of the imperf.? As a special offer I was sent a few sets at 10/- a set. Needless to say they went back, and will not appear in my collection. The good name of Scouting is being used in a bad way. "Where does it come from?" In some cases the stamp-issuing authority promotes the scarcity, and in others it is the monopoly held by

appointed philatelic agencies or dealers who are in a position to buy up complete issues. Do not be caught by this unsavoury practice. The field is great enough to cover without patronising "big business".

"Where does it go?" is an interesting subject when applied to the naturally scarce pre-war material. The answer in general is "Across the Atlantic". Dealers lists from the other side show that there is a profusion of Mafeking, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, Siam and Roumania there - but at a price! Would you like a Goodyear on cover for £55, or a B.P. large format on cover for £105? Czecho-Slovakia pair used for £4.15.0 or Lithuania for £3.5.0! If you are a crackpot you can have that unmentionable Egypt min. sheet for one hundred and ten dollars!!!

But to return to earth, and the British market, it is very noticeable how scarce some items are, and "on cover" material from the early days is almost "American" in price. Having made a survey of most of the London dealers, I found very little material for sale, and certain sets seem to be unobtainable. Lithuania is a case in particular. The early Liechtenstein trio is another elusive item. So if you are in need of these items search out the provincial dealers and go through their stock-books, and buy!

A few more tips for those who have not completed their modern issues. Barbados is rising in price and 9/is about the current price. That attractive 1951 Austria is on the climb, as is the 1953 Liechtenstein set. FDC's of the G.B. overprints are highly quoted, as is Syria 1958. The moral is simple - get the items you want when they are issued. The Club caters for mint and covers - for used items off cover, just wait till they turn up! And like me, you will still be waiting for that Nicaragua 1948 2 cent Blue - used!!

(Many thanks, John, for the above contribution. Editor)



By Howard L. Fears

The months of July and August are about the busiest from the outdoor Scouting point-of-view, at least in Britain, and the flow of Scout and Guide camp cancels is correspondingly hectic. Added to this is a constant stream of information from members, friends, and overseas correspondents. Please forgive me if, at times, I overlook recording something; it is not intentional and I really enjoy hearing from every member. Let us take a few looks into the crystal ball:-

- (1) GILWELL. Wood Badge Reunion. As I write on August 8th, no news to offer, I am afraid. We hope to have this edition of the Journal available. I hope to be present, and we hope for a stand or some special corner of our own. But there are many hopes and I can only add my own to the pile.
- (2) WORLD JAMBOREE: GREECE 1963. I have suggested that an International Stamp Exhibition of Scout material at Marathon would be very interesting, and have "stuck my neck out" by offering to assist in planning and running, as well as lending a hand with postal arrangements. It would be wonderful publicity for the Club; any offers, suggestions (or old books?). Perhaps the Badgers might like a corner.

- (3) AUSTRIA. A Scout stamp is to be issued in October and there are to be national Scout celebrations and a Scout stamp exhibition. I have been invited to attend. But where can I find the time?
- (4) BELGIUM. Scout issue due next May and a large Scout stamp exhibition is being arranged in Brussels. I have promised to attend, help, and exhibit.
- (5) A member has very kindly sent an example of a rare G.B. Scout label. Issued during the last war, with a green background, it has the simple wording "THE BOY SCOUTS ARE CARRYING ON", beneath a large Scout hat, and below are a Scout's legs (?). Until this year I did not know such an example existed.
- (6) Charles Seaton is doing champion work with the Sales Bureau, and he asks me to remind you that application for material should be made as soon as you receive your Journal. It's usually limited supplies, and a comparison with retail prices shows many examples of bargains within our lists. Charles is also making himself responsible for the Approval Service whilst David Short is helping out with Scout camping in U.S.A.
- (7) ROBERT BOOKER, of Natal, South Africa has very kindly agreed to act as Publicity Officer for South Africa, and we hope for a spate of new members as a result of his efforts.
- (8) Recently I have been making and receiving enquiries regarding a number of new "lines" which might be offered via the Club, and before these are accepted I thought I would obtain samples and see whether you are interested, so, for the moment, I offer the following. Let me know if you are interested, but-don't send cash. Members overseas may order as well, but postage is extra in every case:-

First Day Cover Albums

Attractive Spring-Back binders, in various colours.

Variety A. to take 120 covers ... 95/
"B. " " 60 " ... 55/" 70 "

" C. " " 30 " ... 40/-

Packet of Mixed Scout Stamps (excellent value)

25	all	different		5	0
50	11	"		13	0
75	11	"	 £1	7	0
100	11	11	 £,2	8	0

<u>Lithographed Booklet</u> "BADEN-POWELL ON STAMPS OF THE WORLD" by Harry Thorsen.

13 colour reproductions, larger than actual issues, of stamps depicting B-P, including Mafeking, Australia, Liechtenstein, etc. These could be kept as a booklet for publicity purposes, or used individually as cut-outs for your own album sheets. (In the latter case you will need 2 booklets). The price is only 1/9d per booklet.

Scout Stamp Album. From America I have received an example of an album designed for the U.S. Boy-Scouts' Association to take every Scout/Guide stamp issued, and supplements are provided to keep it up-to-date. The album is well illustrated, and is altogether a fine job if you are aiming at a basic Scout stamp collection, or would be an excellent gift for a youngster to encourage him in this topic. Including supplement the cost is only 10/6d. for the pages. You would need your own binder.

In all cases with these special offers, postage is extra.

(9) Lastly, a few personal comments. I don't know whether our Editor, Wilf Nodder, will have told you elsewhere in the Journal of his recent hospital treatment. I can certainly assure you that I was glad to received a note saying he was home again and able to tackle this issue of the Journal.

Latest enrolments bring our total to nearly 530. There have been a few resignations (e.g. pressure of other interests, lack of cash, "old age", or even "I have lost interest in stamps"), and I have deleted a few names where subs. are very overdue. But our active total continues to rise, and it's an unusual week when there aren't 2 or 3 new enquiries.

I hope to meet some members at Gilwell, and if regional meetings are planned I will do my very best to attend.

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SCOUT POST

(Translated from the original article by G.A.

Pronteau which appeared in Feuilles Marcophile

No. 139)

Contributed by Reg. Morris (Member No. 465)

Jambville is a small, charming place in the departement of Seine et Oise and is normally served by the Montalet-le-Bois receiving and distribution office. (see fig. 1 and fig. 2).

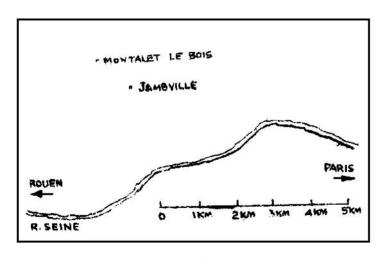




FIG 1

In May of 1961, Jambville was the stage for the French National Scouts Day when 7000 youngsters gathered in the magnificent 120 acres of chateau parkland on Easter Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

The office of Montalet-le-Bois was unable to cope with the influx of mail from the numerous post boxes in the park during these three days, hence it was handled by the receiving office of Meulan, the chief town of the district of the same name.

Meulan is generally favoured with a pictorial slogan cancellation "Meulan/Son Bassin/Sports Peche" illustrated with a yacht and the bridge over the Seine (fig. 3), but, from the 20th February, that is to say 3 months before the Jambville festivities, they used a different slogan (fig. 4).





JOURNEES NATIONALES SCOUTS DE FRANCE JAMBVILLE 20-22 MAI



FIG 4.

Whilst a temporary post office was not authorised, a small place with telephone booths and bearing the inscription 'Postal Office' was set up at the entrance to the chateau.

This office was for: (a) the sale of stamps, (b) receipt of telephone call fees, (c) the centralisation of mail for forwarding by the office of Meulan after the application of a rectangular cachet in blue bearing the words 'Journees rationales/SDF 1961/Poste Scoute/Jambville Meulan' (fig. 5)

and (d) for the transport of this mail by van to the sorting office.



FIG 5

Such mail was passed through a 'secap' machine and cancelled 'MEULAN 23 mai 7 h, 8 h 15 or 8 h 30', thus receiving the Scout cachet and the slogan "Journees Nationales" This was the last day of use of the slogan.

It is interesting to note that, to my best knowledge: -

- 1) Some of the operations normally effected by the postmen were entrusted during the three days to young Scouts who thus efficaciously participated in forwarding of mail with the blessing of the Postal Administration.
- 2) Three years before (the 24th May 1958 to be previse) a similar event to that described took place also at Jambville. That mail received a cachet as illustrated, struck in red and cancelled at Meulan with the slogan "Journees Nationales/Scouts de France/24 mai Jambville".

(I am grateful to our member, Reg Morris, for arranging publication of this article with the author and for translating from the french. Editor)

THE HIDDEN STORY .. by Wilf Nodder

It was one of those hot, stinking, dry days when I stopped my car on the outskirts of Mafeking. Although I had been resident in the Cape for some years and had travelled about quite a bit, I had not so far given Mafeking "the once over". Well, here was my chance; I had a few hours to spare before taking the road to Jo'burg, so switching off the engine, I closed my eyes and sat in the car letting my mind go back over the years... The Boer War; Mafeking; the Siege; Baden-Powell.... Umph. That was a good many years ago; few of those who had weathered the Siege could possibly be alive to-day; what exciting experiences they must have recounted.... Ah! well.......

I got out of the car. It might be as well to stretch my legs a bit. It was then I noticed a rather tumbled-down looking house just off the road and on the stoop sat a figure; as I approached I could sec that it was a man of about 65; he rose to his feet as I reached him and, in Afrikaans, asked me what I wanted. I explained that I was on my way to Jo'burg and had just stopped to have a quick look round Mafeking.

His eyes lit up as he said, "You are too young to remember the Siege, aren't you?" I nodded. "Yes, you would be," he said, "but I was in it." He was silent for a few moments and gazed across to where I had left the car. "Not many of us left, now," he continued, "but it doesn't seem so long ago to me." Again he was silent. I waited for him to continue. "Yes, I was only a lad at the time; I had come to Mafeking with my father who was in the army, a few months before the Siege began; he always said, 'Where's there's trouble, there's Bill Higgins' - that was his name - and it always was so, too, right to the end: a shot from one of the Boer rifles got him right between the eyes the night before the Siege was lifted." The old man seemed to be gazing back into the past. I waited, for I felt there was something else he was going to tell me.

He turned and opened the door, calling out as he did so, "Come inside a minute, I'll show you something that I

think might interest you." As I entered, I could see him bending over an old fashioned writing bureau; he turned, and holding a book in his hand, came towards me. "Take a look through this," he said. I took it from him, and laying it on the table, turned over the pages: it was a diary, written in a childish hand, giving the daily happenings during the Siege as seen through the eyes of a boy, a rather pathetic reminder of what, to him, must have been a tragedy.

I turned over the pages slowly, reading short passages here and there. As I turned over the next page, I let out a gasp - stuck on the page was a complete sheet of the large 3d. B.P. Mafeking stamps!!! I leant on the table to steady myself: he looked at me curiously and asked what was the matter. I then told him I was interested in the stamps and was surprised to see these rather uncommon stamps stuck down in his book. "I suppose you wouldn't like to let me buy them," I said. He shook his head. "I don't want to spoil my book, but I'll let you have some other copies of these stamps," he said, and began rummaging about in the bureau, whilst I wondered what he would produce: surely not another sheet!!

"Ah, here they are," he exclaimed, as he took out an old tattered envelope. Opening it, he drew out six complete sheets, two of which were of the small 3d. B.P. stamp. "I used to be very friendly with the Postmaster in Mafeking and, after the Siege was over, he gave me these as souvenirs. I've got a sheet or two of the 1d stamp somewhere," and he started turning over the letters in the pigeonholes again. "I've found them," he exclaimed and handed me another envelope. By this time my hand was shaking: I grabbed a chair and sat down heavily, then I pinched myself, hard ... twelve, thirteen, fourteen sheets, some of them a little creased, admittedly, but nevertheless fourteen sheets of the d. cyclist stamp!!!

I turned to him. He smiled and asked what was wrong, didn't I want them? I stammered "Yes" and wondered whether I had sufficient money on me to pay him. "How much do you want for them," I asked, hoping that he wouldn't ask the

world. "Oh, I don't want anything for them," he said, "I am only too pleased you came and spoke to me and were so interested in what I had to show you: you are welcome to them. I suppose you don't collect used copies as well?"

This was the last straw! I could only nod my head. Again he turned over a few papers in the old bureau and then handed me a bundle of envelopes tied up with string. "There are about twenty envelopes there, a couple have 3d. stamps on them, but most of them have 1d. ones; I used to write my father whilst he was at the outposts and he kept all my letters in their envelopes: they gave them to me after they had buried him. I still have the letters, but I don't want the envelopes."

I stammered out my thanks and asked if there was anything he really wanted that I could send him on my return to Cape Town, but he said, "No," he had everything he needed. I took my leave of him in a daze and made my way back to my car. As I reached it I turned; I could see him leaning over the stoop, waving his hand. I opened the car door and got inside, placing the sheets of stamps and the envelopes carefully on the seat beside me. I mopped my brow and would have given anything for a nice long, cool, iced drink, well, almost anything, as I glanced at my treasures beside me. I shut my eyes.....

.... I woke with a start: the sun was still streaming down steadily and my head ached. Then suddenly I remembered my little adventure and turned to the seat beside me. It was empty. Frantically I looked under the seat in case the stamps had slipped down onto the floor of the car, but no, there was nothing there but a small piece of silver paper and some sand. Then I glanced across to the house, wondering whether I should go back and ask the old gentleman if he had happened to see anyone near my car whilst I was dosing. All I could see were a few eucalyptus trees..... I rubbed my eyes. Had I been dreaming?

A few months later I left South Africa for good. That was in 1957.

There is, however, a seguel to this story. About six months ago I happened to read in one of the philatelic magazines of an unusual find in the Transvaal by a Mr Van Heyter, who, after purchasing an old writing bureau at a local sale, discovered hidden in a secret drawer, some complete sheets of the 1d and 3d Mafeking 'blue' stamps and a bundle of Siege envelopes. I wrote to the editor of the magazine enclosing a letter for Van Heyter, requesting particulars of the 'find'. Several weeks elapsed, then one morning I received a letter from him: it confirmed the discovery of the stamps and envelopes and also that there were fourteen sheets of the 1d. and six 3d. sheets. the envelopes were addressed to the same person, one Trooper W. Higgins!! He concluded his letter by saying --"I would have been delighted to have sent you this material to look at. I wish I had now; but unfortunately I posted it off to a firm in Cape Town a couple of days before I had your letter. Perhaps you may have read in the newspapers that a plane from Johannesburg came down just after 'take off' last May. Although there was no loss of life, all the mail aboard was destroyed. MY STAMPS AND COVERS WERE ON THAT PLACE!!!"

I am still wondering.....

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SALES BUREAU

by Charles Seaton

Dear Members,

During the very pleasant months I have been running the "Sales Bureau", I have looked forward to meeting many of you, through the medium of correspondence.

Somehow, or other, the number of expected purchasers of items in my stock has been small, and from August 1961, the number of buyers has amounted to 40.

Naturally, I always appreciate letters, ordering items, but I also welcome enquiries from any member and I do try and answer each letter as soon as possible. To

the faithful purchasers, may I say, "Thank you!" and to the others, who have not contacted me yet, a wish that I shall hear from you in the future. Bear with me if I am sold out of the item you require, or if I sometimes slip up in some way, but as a voluntary worker for the S.S.C.C. my leisure hours are sometimes limited by overtime, required by my employers.

Sorry the Togo I.D.C. has gone up by 5d. but the prices for Scout and Guide items are rising rapidly in the outside market, and anything having to be replenished in stock is affected by those rises.

With my best wishes to all of you, I look forward to hearing from any of you.

Sincerely,
Charles Seaton

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AUSTRALIAN ROVER MOOT 1961	 @	1/2	=	2
MALAYA 1961	 @	5/3	=	2
HAITI, OVERPRINT	 @	11/3	=	1
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Our Secretary-General's article on the "50th. Anniversary celebrations of the Flemish Catholic Scout Association" in our last Journal has brought a letter from his Belgium host, Mr Jos. Suy, concerning the Postal Services during 1940 in Belgium. We are very grateful to Mr Suy for the following:-

THE POSTAL SERVICES DURING 1940 IN BELGIUM contributed by Mr Jos. Suy.

The day previous to war breaking out in Antwerp on May 11th 1940, almost every Scout received his SERVICE ORDER. This order, which was in the form of a duplicated (typed) postcard and had, among other things, something to do with the delivery of mail, although no mention is made to this on the card. It was also a permit for Scouts to retain their push-bikes, an important concession, since most of these owned by the civilian population were confiscated by the Army Authorities.

The wording on the card is as follows: -

BADEN POWELL BELGIAN SCOUTS VLAAMSCH VERBOND DER KATHOLIEKE SCOUTS Schuttershofstraat, 18, Arterwerpen

DIENSTBEVEL

Naam, Voornaam

Lidzegel, No Volmacht No

Adres:

Distrikt Groep No

AARD VAN DIENST

onder leiding van:

visa. V.V.K.S.

and the translation is: -

BADEN POWELL BELGIAN SCOUTS
FLEMISH ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC SCOUTS
(Address of former H.Q. of District, Antwerp)

SERVICE ORDER

Name and Christian name
Membership certificate No. Authorisation No.
Address
District (County) Troop
Kind of Service *
Visa V. V. K. S.

* This service could be - Air raid precautions, First Aid to wounded, despatching, Letter delivering from the local authorities. In some cases Scouts took over the job of the postmen who were all in the forces.

(He very kindly enclosed one of these cards for me to examine; originally, it was issued to his brother-in-law. These 'Order' cards are now exceedingly rare as the majority were either lost or destroyed after the war ended. On the card are two rubber-stamped 'cancels': one, a double circle mark with Scout badge in centre and 'Vlaamsch Verbond der Katholioke Scouts' between circles and the other, slightly larger with inner and outer circles doubled and Scout badge

in centre; the wording between circles is 'Vlaamsch Verbond Van Katholieke Scouts, District Antwerpen' - both marks are in violet. I will try to illustrate these marks for the next Journal. Editor.)

His brother-in-law was employed in delivery of letters. Since Antwerp was occupied a good week after these orders were issued, all the men between 16 and 35 had to leave Belgium and join the Belgian Army Recruitment Centres. His brother-in-law had to go to Parc des Sports, Toulouse, France, and this is indicated on the obverse side of the card. Mr Suy mentions that he never reached it: many of the Scouts left together on bicycles and in uniform but soon rid themselves of it and they came in the middle of the battles around Abbeyville in France. He goes on to say that no cancellations were used during this short period in May 1940 in Antwerp, and most probably, neither in Malines.

I am certain this interesting information will be of use to those members who include this kind of material in their collections.

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SCOUT PERSONALITIES ON STAMPS (contd) by Stanley K. Hunter

Those who missed my earlier articles on this topic will find details of some of the more famous honorary...and active ... Scout and Guide Leaders in the Journals of March to Sept. 1961.

Please add the following: -

FINLAND: Baron Carl Mannerheim (1067-1951), Marshall of Finland, was an Honorary President of the Finnish Scout Union and was their Patron during his Presidency.

GREECE: King Paul of the Hellenes, (b.1901), is Patron of the Scouts, while Queen Frederica, (b.1917), is Patron of the Guide Movement.

ITALY: King Humbert II, (b.1904), was the "Primo Esploratore d'Italia", while Crown-Prince.

NETHERLANDS: Queen Juliana, (b. 1909), is Patron of the Guides. Prince Bernhard, (b. 1911), as well as being a member of the National Scout Council, is Royal Commissioner of both the Scout Associations. Crown-Princess Beatrix, (b. 1938), became a Brownie in 1946 and a Guide in 1949. Princess Irene, (b. 1939), joined the Brownies in 1947 and the Guides in 1950. Princess Margiet, (b. 1943) became a Brownie in 1950.

PHILIPPINES: Carlos P. Garcia, (b.1896), President of the Republic since 1957, is the Honorary President of the Scouts. He performed the Opening Ceremony of the 10th World Jamboree.

SPAIN: King Alfonso XIII, (1886-1941), was President of the Scouts. Crown-Prince Alfonso, (1907-38), was an Honorary Scoutmaster, while Prince Jaime, (b.1908), Prince Juan, ("The Pretender"), (b.1913) and Prince Gonzalo, (1914-34), all were Honorary Patrol Leaders, and appeared in Scout uniform.

THAILAND: Scouting was founded in Siam by King Rama VI (Vijiravudh), (1881-1925). On his death, he was succeeded by Rama VII, (Praiadhipok), (1893-1941), who became Royal Patron until his abdication. He was replaced by his eldest nephew, who was succeeded by his brother when he was shot in 1946. King Bhumipol Adulyadej, (b.1927), is the present Royal Patron. He is shown in Scout uniform on the 2 Baht value of the 1961 Scout set.

TRAVANCORE: Maharaja Sir Bala Rama Varma, (b.1912), was the Chief Scout of Travancore, now incorporated in the State of Kerala.

U.S.A.: Richard M. Nixon, (b.1913), Vice-President of the U.S.A., 1953-60, was a member of the National Council of the B.S.A. Alan B. Shepard, (b.1923), the space-pilot, joined the Scouts in 1935. He gained his First Class and was a keen climber and hiker.

YUGOSLAVIA: King Alexander, (1888-1934), was Patron of the Movement until his assassination at Marseilles.

I have not listed the actual stamps depicting the various personalities I have mentioned, for a good proportion appear on innumerable issues. If you are stuck, however, please contact me, and I'll supply catalogue numbers.

Incidentally, did you notice that JEAN CHARCOT has been commemorated by a recent issue of French Southern Antarctic Territories?

As I stated in my original article, I would appreciate details of more "Personalities on Stamps". This appeal is specially directed to those living outside the United Kingdom. What famous people in YOUR country have held office with the Scouts or Guides and have been depicted on postage stamps at some time?

(Perhaps some of you can help Stanley in the completion of his article. Editor.)

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The following is a translation of a Czechoslovakian article by one of our members, who for security and international reasons, must remain anonymous. I have endeavoured to follow the translation as best I could. A previous article by our-President on this subject was published in Volume 3, No.1, but that which follows gives some additional information. My grateful thanks to our member.

CZECHOSLOVAK BOY SCOUT STAMPS

Translated from the original by Member ' \mbox{X} '

Before the coup d'etat, a section of the Sea Scouts dealt with the organisation of the preparatory service for the revolutionary change at meetings held at the Czech Yacht Club; it was here that the idea of the issue of the Boy Scout stamps was born.

Two stamps were issued by the Czech Boy Scout Head-quarters with the approval of the National Committee (Service Order No. 324R of the 7th November 1918): the Boy Scouts were commissioned to deliver official correspondence between members of the National Committee, the authorities, the police, etc., during the days of the revolutionary change. By order of the Boy Scout Federation's chairman, Mr Rosler-Orovsky, the proceeds derived from these stamps augmented these services, and were used to assist the poorer Scouts:

the stamps were valid until November 25th. 1918. The Scout post was re-established for one day only - 21st December 1918 - the arrival of President Masaryk.

Letters, designed for local delivery, were taken to the Boy Scouts' Office in Harach Palace, the military School, Parliament House and the Governor's residence in Prague and there stamped - 10 h. stamp for postcards and 20 h. stamp for letters - the cost being paid by the recipient to the Scout delivering the mail.

A week before the Revolution, Mr M. Knapp arranged the printing of the stamps, the 10 h. blue and the 20 h. red: shades varying from bright blue to violet exist for the former and from dark red to rose for the latter. The printing was made from a single plate and the printing and embossing of the design, as well as the 'perforations' were printed in one operation: one cannot really call them 'perforations' since only one stamp was printed at a time, on white, gummed paper; thus no blocks or pairs can exist, neither are there different types as there was only one printing plate for each value. A small number of postcards with a 10 h. embossed stamp in blue were printed on white card. The total number printed has been given as 20,000 stamps, but this is far in excess of the actual number.

The plates and dies used to print the stamps were deposited in the Memorial of Revolt in the National Committee archives: both plates were defaced by cross filing.

In addition to the various shades of each value which was due to mixing the ink and the different application of colours, proofs or "test" prints throughout the whole range of colours and shades have, however, appeared lately. It is assumed they were made after the normal stamps had been printed: original proofs were executed on thin paper having white gum, whilst later proofs are on thick paper with slightly yellow gum. Fakes of proofs are unknown.

Accidentals, i.e. varieties, such as albino, double and blind printings are less frequently found than one would expect for a private, uncontrolled printing.

For cancellation of the stamps en envelopes, a circular metal handstamp was used with the letters N V (parodni vybor, i.e. National Committee) in black or by a rubber handstamp with the legend "Posta shauti/Praha 1918" (Boy Scouts Post Prague 1918) in violet with the date inserted by hand above the year. A two line strike in violet "Dopis od skautu...prevzal...." meaning "letter from Boy Scout.... taken over by...." also appeared on the envelopes. The recipient checked the name of bearer, and returned the envelope to the Scout after either receipting the envelope or signing the Scout's delivery book: these handstamps were deposited in the archives of the Czechoslovak National Committee Workers Association. Examples of original letters are rare items.

The Boy Scout Post was re-established on the day of the arrival of President Masaryk in Prague, on December 21st 1913, between the Railway station, the City Hall, Houses of Parliament and the Castle. 600 pairs of stamps were overprinted, crossways, "Prijezd presidenta Masaryk" from lower left to upper right corner, a red overprint on the 10 h. value and a black overprint on the 20 h. value. Letters were stamped with a two line strike "Dopis od skautu....prijal...." i.e. Letter from Boy Scout.....taken over by..... It is not known where the overprint was applied. The stamps are very rare and it would seem that the overprint typo was destroyed after printing the 600 pairs. Faked examples of these overprinted stamps exist but are crude and can be distinguished by the size and type of lettering used. Envelopes are indeed very rare.

These Boy Scout stamps are not official stamps and are not included in some catalogues: they are described in detail and priced in Michel; Senf only publishes a picture of them with a remark that they are not official postage stamps; Ywert and Scott does not mention them at all, but they are described and priced in the special Czech catalogue.

(The 10 h. and 20 h. stamps without overprint are listed and priced in Gibbons catalogue. I do not know the reason why the overprinted stamps are not included.

Editor.)



THE PERMANENT LIST SERVICE: AN EXTENSION by H. L. Fears

The many months of operating the Permanent List have taught us many lessons, and it is my sincere hope that we shall be able to maintain the Service for a long, long time. As I write, Distribution No. 20 is being prepared, and once again I feel it represents real value for money. But the organisation involved, and the outlay of time and money, produces its many difficulties. Members are spared the cost and trouble of items going astray, being damaged in transit and having to order all over the world. Accounts have to be paid in local currency, and frequently I have to send £50 or more pounds in advance to ensure an order. Did I hear you say you don't already belong? I recommend that you write to me at once, but for a minute just read on.

To extend the Service we are making a number of alterations, and in future the categories will be a little different, viz:-

Cat. A. Members receives one example of each available Scout/Guide F. D. C. plus any special cancels from camps, Kamborees, etc.

- Cat. C. Members not only receives examples as above, but in addition, Registered covers are included. Frequently the Registration label includes the name of the camp, and it is these items which become the most scarce (and expensive) first.
- Cat. X. The new Category. First Day covers of actual Scout/Guide issues only are supplied.

Existing members in Cat. B. may continue, but no new ones will be accepted. It is, of course, possible to enrol for more than one Category, e.g. Cat. A. plus Cat. X., and no additional deposit is required. The deposit, returnable, is 10/-. Still not a member? I suggest you join today.

In future, we shall also have to amend one or two other requirements. If for any reason you wish to discontinue membership of the Permanent List Service, two months clear notice of intention will have to be given, and for that period of time you will continue to receive items on the usual terms. In addition, any items or sets specially ordered and not coming to hand until the end of the two monthly period will still be supplied when available. These rules apply immediately, and I am sure you will agree with them when you think about it. After all, I order covers to help you, the member, and it is no good my going to the railway station to buy a ticket and handing over 20 assorted covers because I have had to keep them on hand and haven't received cash.

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MEMBERS WANTS AND INTERESTS

- No. 477 Richard Best is interested in any souvenir items Wiltshire. and also collects G.B. stamps.
- No. 478 Miss Shirley is specially interested in collect-Robinson, ing mint stamps of Guiding. Also S. Africa. Social work, P.T.A. and knitting.
- No. 479 Detlef Beck collects badges and shoulder flashes canada. from other countries.
- No. 482 Mr E. J. Dieckmann has a secondary stamp interest U. S. A. in that he collects Flowers on stamps. Would anyone like to do some swapping with him?

In the July issue under this heading, I made mention of the publication of a MONTHLY Journal as suggested by one of our members. Let me quote from a letter I have received from Stanley Hunter (Member 53).....

"I was very pleased to see the point of a monthly Journal raised in the current issue. I have always felt that this was the ideal distribution for our Journal...and with our hobby now so fast-moving ...almost essential. Coming down to the practical, there are the points you mention, i.e.



cost of production, distribution and time involved: frankly, I think that those combine to rule out an issue of the existing standard, at least just now. The alternative to remaining bi-monthly is, in my opinion, to issue a bi-monthly supplement, in alternate months."

He goes on to suggest that a 'newspaper-type' publication could be used to fill the gap: it need only be a couple of sheets and would concentrate solely in keeping the more active members right 'on the ball'; it would omit serious studies which would be reserved for the Journal, and could contain information on New Issues, new members, ads. contents of forthcoming P L.D's, etc. Whilst a certain amount of information would perhaps have to be duplicated in the following Journal, the News-sheet would be under a different Editor (thanks, Stanley), and this would give a different presentation: IT WOULD NOT BE, OF COURSE, IN OPPOSITION TO THE JOURNAL: it would simply supplement it and make it of more value to those who require it.

As such a venture would only benefit one section of the Club, he feels it should be financed by that section and could be 'by subscription only'. A feature of this News-sheet would be adverts., which would be charged for and the revenue used to pay for it.

He ends his letter by saying that he thinks the idea would please the majority, it would not be a drain-on the Journal editor's time and would be an added attraction for encouraging members; it would not affect the Club's finances, in fact, under favourable conditions, it may oven assist! "I would be willing to help in this venture and I'm sure others may also".

Thanks, Stanley, for letting me have your ideas on this subject AND, what is perhaps of more importance, for your offer of help.

Before the Officers of the Club make any decision on this, I think it would be fairer to hear the views of other members: would those interested in such a project please drop me a line?

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From our Publicity Secretary, John Hobbs, I have received some information about the Club Packet. The first to go out consisted of 14 books valued at £40.0.9d. containing 354 stamps and 165 covers. This had a sale of £27.12.4d.: commission on sales is 1d. in the shilling and the sum of £2.5.11 went to Club funds.

If any United Kingdom member would like to receive the next packet or have any items for disposal, he will be very pleased to hear from them. You will find his address on the inside of the front cover.

This is one way of disposing of your duplicates and at the same time of picking up some items for your own collection, and our thanks must go out to John for his efforts on our behalf.

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My correspondent who last month gave me the information about the faked cancellations of Afghanistan issue of the 'Girl Scout' stamps has sent me some further information.

The latest example of these "fakes" to appear on the market is easily recognisable: the date is 23.6.61, instead of 23.7.61! I am at a loss to understand the mentality of these fakers who make such silly mistakes; surely they do not think stamp collectors are complete imbeciles!! Admittedly, the spelling of KABOUL is shown correctly, but the Persian characters - please note I referred to Arabic and not Persian in my notes heading 'A Warning' in our last issue, Vol. 6 No. 4, page 82 - are still different from those shown in the genuine one. Incidentally, the envelope has 'First Day of Issue Afghan Scouting' typed in the upper left hand corner, another silly mistake, for, as previously mentioned, the stamps really honoured the Women's Welfare Organ-Another glaring mistake is the width of the panel containing the date: it is nearly %th inch wider!!

I have done my best to illustrate those two faked cancellations (Figs. 2 and 3) and also the genuine one (Fig. 1) in the hope that they will be of use and interest to you and perhaps prevent you from being 'taken for a ride'. (As the draft of the Journal is being sent off to the printers I have received some further information which I will include in the next issue).



I have received a letter from our member Bill Marsh, Member 374, in which he has suggested a club project which may appeal to members. His idea is that small scrap books containing a photograph of members and a short resumé of their philatelic and perhaps their Scout or Guide activities could be prepared and circulated members. These scrapbooks could be confined to zones - United Kingdom, Europe, Asia, U.S. and Canada, etc. It is possible that some members may net wish to participate and in such cases, the person in charge of the zone or group could be notified. Circulation lists could be drawn up and when finished could be returned to the Committee and a new route commenced. He considers postage would not be excessive and in any case, each member would receive some stamps on the package.

Although this project has undoubtedly a lot of merit, it would mean that a member in each zone would have to be responsible for organising the scrapbook and contacting members. If there are any members who would be willing to undertake this project, perhaps they would drop me a line.

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Howard Reeves, Member 411, has written me concerning my editorial in the May issue, which dealt with the rash of speculative and manipulated Scout stamp issues and their miniature sheets.

He writes - "In the past several years, the field of Scout philately has been invaded several times by stamp sets and souvenir sheets which were issued in limited quantities or which were manipulated to bring extra income to the issuing country. Members of the questionable issues have had no postal value, and many have been issued to take advantage of specialists' interest in Scout philately to make unethical profits."

"That there is a great deal of 'fast work' in the philatelic world is a well known fact, and it is not limited to just one topical group, but affects many areas and topics other than Scout philately. Clearly, something must be done to keep the hobby from becoming victimised more than it has already been."

"One solution to the problem might be found in the public commendation of postal directors who keep their nations' issues clean. If a campaign were undertaken whereby philatelic trade papers would publicise letters of commendation written to the 'clean' postal directors, I think that the resulting silent condemnation of the grafters would represent a first stop toward the cleaning up of the philatelic hobby."

"It is quite obvious that something must be done to stop the issuance of spurious Scout philatelic items before Scout topical philately is ruined. More importantly, it will be a sad day for the world when Scouting becomes synonymous with graft, corruption and dishonesty."

This is certainly one way of trying to stop the present flood of material from some of the countries stamp presses, but a great deal rests with each one of us who collects Scout stamps: if none of us were to buy material which does not serve a postal use, then none of this material would be sold!

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Stanley Blunt has passed me a letter he has received from our member, Mrs Destie Holt (Member 150), in which she refers to the passing of an ex member, Mr Frank Jones of Fort Payne, Ala. U.S.A. I have reproduced it as it expresses the sentiments of those of us who knew and corresponded with Frank.

"It is with deep sorrow that I am writing this letter. Yesterday morning I received word from Uncle Bing Crosby that our dear friend Frank Jones had passed away on Thursday, July 12 of a heart attack. Nell, his wife, found him slumped over his beloved Scout work on his desk or table in the basement of their home where he had moved his things to work where it was cool for the summer. He had had a very bad heart for about twelve years besides being very crippled up with arthritis. We will all miss him terribly; we know that he is now resting in peace with no further hours and days of suffering as he knew these past years here on earth. He was a grand fellow and wonderful Scouter. I am very grateful for having had the opportunity and privilege of knowing him if

only for the ten days we worked together at Colorado Springs during the 1960 Jamboree. He has done more for the hobby of collecting Scout stamps, patches, covers, and anything else connected with Scouting than any other person I have ever heard of. No matter to whom I wrote in connection with my stamps and covers, all had had contact with Frank. No matter where we went on the Jamboree grounds, we kept running into men and boys who had either corresponded with or actually knew Frank. He was known far and wide for his interest in Scout collecting and his enthusiasm for the hobby was contageous. I know of dozens of collectors that he actually started with all his wonderful help. No matter what a person wanted Frank usually was able to produce it from somewhere. I will miss him very, very much even though when I said 'Goodbye' two years ago at the close of the Jamboree I really did not feel that I would ever see him again. Will remember him as a true and wonderful friend."

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NEW MEMBERS

Our energetic Club Secretary, Stanley Blunt, sends me the following list of new members to whom we give a very cordial welcome in the hope they will derive pleasure and benefit from their membership.

(* Indicates Junior member)

507	Mr D. Cunningham	188a Rounahay Road Leeds 8. Yorks.
508	Mr R. E. Spence	115 St. Frusquin Street, Malvern, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.
509	Mrs J. H. Hudak	4628 South Hills Drive, Cleveland 9, Ohio, U.S.A.
510	Miss M.G.Burns	Apr 6, 136 Ann Street, Clarendon Hills, Illinois, U.S.A.
511 *	Robin Mugliston	106 Monkton Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight.
512 *	Philip Jackson	58 Cardigan Avenue, Morley, Leeds. Yorks.

513	John J. Burke	1940 S St SE. Washington 20 D.C. U.S.A.			
514	Mr W. L. Thomas	30 Kay Street, Rawtenstall, Rossendale, Lancs.			
515	Maj. Gen. L.K. Lockhart	275 Mangorie Road, New Plymouth. New Zealand			
516	Mr Fernand Vranckx	40 Guldendal, Mechelen (Antwerpen), Belgium			
517	Mr Emile Bodeux	50 Rue Americaine, Bruxelles 5, Belgium			
518	Mr A. Dow	P.O.Box 698, Blantyre, Nyasaland			
519	Mr William W. Walker	629 West 14th Avenue, Vancouver 9, B.C. U.S.A.			
520	Mr R. T. E. Carr	82 Solway Avenue, Cullercoats, Northumberland			
521 *	Paul A. Mudie	124 Cliff Rock Road, Rednal, Birmingham			
522	S. W. Arthur	60 Hamstead Hill, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham 20			
523	Mr D. Beech	Air Traffic Control, Royal Air Force, Akrotiri, B. F. P. O. 53			
524	Martin Tobey	1627 55th Street, Brooklyn 4 New York. U.S.A.			
525 *	Miss Ann Hay	125 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, nr. Stockport, Cheshire			
526	Mr F.G.King	11 Peters Place, Northchurch, Berkhamsted, Herts.			
527	Sc 19527 Sgt. R. Lachance	3, RCHA, CAPO 5050, Canadian Armed Forces, Germany			
528	Mr Howard J. Kaplan	3951, Stone Canyon, Sherman Oaks, Calif. U.S.A.			

529 Miss Mary Urban P.O.Box 18, George,
Cape Province,
Republic of South Africa

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

345 Mr P.H.J.Breach To 2 Chapel Close, Gunville, Nr. Newport, Isle of Wight

367 Eigil Krogh To Lillangsvagen 89, Nacka, Sweden

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I hope that both new and old members have found something to interest them in this number. May I again emphasise what I said in the Editorial - more articles and notes are needed, so please do send me something: many of you must be getting a little fed up with reading articles from the same members, issue after issue, but without these regular contributors, I really don't know where we should be! Well, the remedy is in your hands.

Sincerely yours,

WILF NODDER

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MEMBERS WANTS AND INTERESTS

No. 487 - Alastair Keir - is also a collector of badges.
Scotland

No. 492 - James Wilson - also collects stamps from Scotland Br. Colonies.

No. 494 - A.B. Mono Sham - would like to hear from members who are interested in sports, especially Football, Badminton, Netball, etc.

No. 502 - J.T.McAniff, III both are interested in collecting Scout badges.

U.S.A.

- No. 505 Miles McKie is a collector of G.B. and Aden.
- No. 508 Mr R. E. Spence is interested in stamps of S. Africa S. Africa, and 'Ship' stamps.
- No. 512 Philip Jackson is another 'Sports' fan. Yorkshire
- No. 513 John J. Burke is interested in Coins, U.N. U.S.A. stamps, Scout seals and badges.
- No. 519 W.W.Walker is keen on Camp Fire singing.
- No. 524 Martin Torey would like to swap with any member badges from all parts of the world, also Scout belts.
- No. 526 Mr F.G.King is a member of his local Town Herts, G.B. Band and would like to correspond with other members who have a similar interest.

The Membership Secretary is pleased to publish this list of Members' interests, as apart from the collecting of Scout and Guide stamps and hopes, members will make use of this opportunity to start corresponding with follow members who have similar interests.

Their full addresses can be found either in the Membership List or in recent copies of our Journal, or will forward the address if requested.

Start writing now, as with the coming winter months it will create an added activity for you and may be the commencement of a new friendship.

F.S.B.

Scarce Material -- By attending the London Auctions I have been able to supply many members with scarce material at the lowest price available. Members who need specific items are invited to let me know of their requirements so that they can be sought out in the coming season. Some stock of Scout stamps hold - Want lists promptly attended to.

John D. Roake, 41a Baker Street, Weybridge, Surrey

ADVERTISEMENTS

1. Stamps for sale - South Africa 1st. Decimal Issue, S.G. Simplified Nos. 139 to 151. Cat. Value £1.19.1.... Price £2.5.0 mint only (only one set left).

South Africa, as above, short set to 10c. for 6/6d. (limited supply)

- " Prime Ministers, S.G.73. mint, 1/
- used 6d.
- " 1954 Animal Series, S.G.113 to 126, used set 12/6d.

British Postal Orders accepted. Apply R.C. Booker, 2 Bonamour Court, Bonamour Avenue, Durban Natal, Republic of South Africa. Member 315.

- 2. Two Cachets Explorer Post 88 and Troop 88 of Washington D.C. will each sponsor First Day Cachet honouring the Girl Scout on July 24th. Price 25 cents each or five for \$1.00. Send orders to John J. Burke, 1940-S-St. S.E., Washington 20, D.C. Member 513.
- 3. D. Beck, 368 N.P.O., Kitimat, B.C. Canada, Member 479, collects all District Scout badges and crests. Will be pleased to swop Kitimat District badges for any others.

WHO'S WHO. Continued

SALES BUREAU Apply to - C. Seaton Esq.

20 Lytherton Avenue, Cadishead, Manchester

APPROVAL SERVICE Apply to - D. Start Esq.

34 Woodriffe Road, London, E. 11.

PERMANENT LIST

(Cover Service) Apply to - Secretary General and MINT STAMPS

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Despatching of Journals by members:

Messrs. C.H. Ladyman Esq.
F. Gordon Palmer, Esq.
A. Morris Esq.
D. Young Esq.

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By addressing your enquiries or correspondence to the person concerned you will ease the work of others and ensure a prompt reply. It is also very helpful if you quote your Membership Number. Many thanks.