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by the Assistant Editor.

We hope that the lateness of the last issue and its being called both AUGUST and SEPTEMBER issue didn't confuse you too much! We seem to be back in the right month now, and hope that similar delays will not occur in the future.

The response to our request for articles has been encouraging and two items of major interest (the recent Swiss National Camp and research into the banknotes of Mafeking) have been held over to the DECEMBER issue!

The response to the auction of the late STANLEY BLUNT's collection has been very good there being very few unsold lots. A further club Auction will feature in December if sufficient material is submitted. Material and details of reserve prices to JOHN ROAKE as soon as possible please.

In a very few months the Club will be entering the second decade of its life and many new projects are envisaged; a new issue of the Membership List, a new issue of the Club Priced Check-List, extension of the various Club services etc. To do all these things, and to maintain the Journal at its reputedly high standard will cost more money and the committee have been reviewing the various forms of income with the increasing costs that we must bear. The current rises in postal charges have a substantial effect on our economy. I need hardly remind members that not one single member of the Club receives a penny in the way of an honorarium, and many officials personally finance their own costs of postage etc. on behalf of the Club.

This summer has been a very busy one for several officials, and I would ask for members' indulgence where I have not answered their letters promptly or not at all. At present I have letters from some fifty members on hand, which I hope to get down to in the next couple of months!

. JDR

THE "ASS. 'ED" BOOBS AGAIN!

In the June issue of the Journal I edited an article by REG MORRIS concerning his trip to the United States, and confused the ownership of some of the remarkable items he had seen there. I gave credit to SHELDON LEVY for certain covers etc., that were really in the collection of JAY ROGERS, and JAY has specifically mentioned Siam covers which are of the earliest known of the third type. Although SHELLY has not got this particular item, he has got '..... one of the finest cover collections of the early Scout issues on this side of the Atlantic'. The quote is from JAY's letter which also included the following very welcome contribution to the 'Journal'.

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SIAM TYPE III OVERPRINT First Day of Issue.

by JAY ROGERS.

The November, 1963 SOSSI Journal carried an extensive article by David Torres of the American Philatelic Society, based on information supplied by Mrs. R.E. Nortum, a Siam specialist, stating that the First Day of Issue of Siam type III overprint (Scott B24-30) was in December, 1921. It also stated that the unoverprinted stamps used in the set were released on June 21 and August 6, 1921. Based on this information the SOSSI has listed the First Day of Issue as being in December 1921. In addition, W. Arthur McKinney and Harry DO Thorsen, in their book "Scouts on Stamps of the World", list the First Day as being in December, 1921.

I have recently added to my collection a Siam commercial cover franked with the 2, 3, and 5 satang stamps of the type III overprint set and the 5 and 15 satang stamps without the overprint. The cover was mailed to London, England and is postmarked "Bangkok, April 28, 1921." The date is of importance as it precedes the First Day of Issue of all 5 stamps as reported in Torres A.P.S. article. I would therefore suggest that the First Day could be in December, 1920 as originally believed, and certainly not later than April 28, 1921.

I think the most interesting marking on the cover is a lightly pencilled price that the cover was probably once sold for many years ago in England..... 1/6d!

CHIEF SCOUT VISITS STAMP DISPLAY

The Commonwealth Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean of Duart, Bt., was amongst those who visited a display of Scout stamps and covers which formed the main portion of an International Stand staged by BILL BOURKE in the Scout Hall at Roland House in East London recently.

The occasion was a "Meet The Chief" Get-Together for the Patrol Leaders and Senior Scouts of the area, held on the 3rd September as part of the 50th Anniversary Year celebrations of Roland House. An astonishingly varied series of activities and displays was put on under the leadership of the House's imaginative Assistant Warden, Mr. Basil Murray. In the yard lads were abseiling down from the roof and arriving (from next door!) at the end of an obstacle course, while inside the Hall were displays ranging from parachuting to the stamps, all being related to the new Chief Scout's Award.

The Chief spent quite a long time at the International Stand, which displayed Scout badges and magazines of the world and some Jamboree photographs as well as the stamps. He studied all the stamp exhibits in detail - and onlookers watched him gradually nearing two sheets from the 1961 New Zealand Jamboree. Included on one of these, BILL has a space filled with a story of the Chief, who was determined to meet every one of the 3,000 Scouts in camp. He found a solitary lad at work in his kitchen, and the following conversation took place!

Chief: "What's your nickname?" Scout:
 Chief: "Go on, tell me" Scout: "Fish"
 Chief: "Well, that's a funny nickname'."
 Stout (cheerfully and reasonably) : "Well, it's not so funny as Chips!"
 (Which as most will know is the Chief's own nickname.

He finished reading it - and demanded loudly "WHO GOT THAT?!!" BILL hastily replied that it had already been recorded in print by Gilwell's Camp Chief, Mr. John Thurman, and the Chief very nobly said he approved of its inclusion.

Members will we know be glad to hear of the Chief's interest in our hobby.

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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

I am sorry to report that our President is laid up in hospital at the time of writing (Oct. 1st) and is likely to be out of activity for several weeks. However, I am glad to say that his illness is not very serious, and when his metabolic processes settle themselves to rights again, ROY will be back with his usual breezy column of comments in the Journal.

We all wish you well again ROY, and very soon.

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When JOHN HOBBS had to give up the organisation of the Club Packet of members' material for sale, ROY took on this task, and now that sufficient material has been received, there has been enough to circulate four packets, on four separate circuits. The idea is that once a packet has completed one circuit of members, it will be checked and sent round on the other circuits. Whether this works efficiently depends directly on whether members send on the packet PROMPTLY, or retain more than a couple of days. It is regretted that the Club Packet circuits must be restricted to members in the U.K. for reasons of postal charges and insurance.

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MARKET TRENDS -- GIBBONS EUROPE CATALOGUE

I'm appearing in a different place this time, to give my usual comments on 'Market Trends', and covering Europe this issue. In the December Journal I will deal with the countries of Asia, Africa, and the Americas (other than the British Commonwealth which has already been covered).

The first 'Scout' country in the catalogue is Austria --- and what a surprise that gives us! The 1951 Bad Ischl stamp goes rocketing up to 30/- mint and 20/- used. Unmounted copies of this stamp at anything up to 20/- will be a good investment.

The Belgium pair from 1957 has risen to 5/- mint, reflecting information that has already been given in the Journal.

The modest 1957 stamp of Finland, rises to 3/- mint, but the French stamp of 1947 still seems underpriced at 10d.

The Greek set of 1960 has continued to rise and is now listed at 31/6 mint and 25/5 used. The Marathon set of 1963 follows suit and is 15/- mint and 8/3 used.

As might be expected the Hungary sets of pre-war days have taken yet another jump and are shown as follows:

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|-------------------|------------|------------|
| 1925 Sports set. | MINT 111/- | USED 111/- |
| 1933 Godollo set. | " 33/- | " 24/- |

The ever-elusive Liechtenstein set of 1932 is 150/- mint and 195/- used; the 1953 set mint is 85/5 and only a shilling less for the used! The 1957 set is 10/- mint and 12/- used --- and to think that the Sales Bureau has been selling this pair on FDC at 4/6!

The Lithuania overprints of 1938 rise fractionally to 122/6 mint or used, and slight increases in the Netherlands and Colonies issues are recorded.

Roumania now has three of the six European sets that rate more than a 'ton' (i. e. more than 100/-) and Gibbons list as follows:

| | MINT | USED |
|---------------------|-------|------|
| 1931 Exhibition set | 50/- | 18/6 |
| 1932 Sibiou set | 142/6 | 46/6 |
| 1934 Manaia set | 102/6 | 39/6 |
| 1935 Scout Fund set | 113/- | 45/6 |
| 1936 Brasov set | 45/- | 24/6 |

Now let us consider why these sets continue to rise in price. The quality of paper of all of them is very poor, and fine sets are rare to find. The quality of perforating and gumming is also poor. Gibbons' prices reflect the value of fine mint sets with light first hinge or in unmounted state. Heavily-mounted or thinned copies exist in profusion and do not merit anything like the prices shown. The used sets of 1932 and 1934 are very much underpriced, and fine used sets of the others merit a higher pricing. As a matter of interest I called on Gibbons' shop in the Strand, London, and they could NOT supply any of the used sets!

At H. R. HARMER's auction in September and STANLEY GIBBONS' auction of the same month, there were many fine Mafeking stamps under the hammer, and prices realises were very much in keeping with the trends I reported last issue.

..... JDR.

THE SECRETARY - GENERAL

WRITES

THE ILLNESS of ROY :- It is not generally appreciated how often Roy Rhodes is called upon to act in one or the other of his several club capacities. As President, with a notoriously interesting collection, he is often asked for information. Frequently his material is used for display. His brain is picked with unflinching regularity and he has the task of piloting through Committee business and dealing with other Committee matters. And yet he does it all with unflinching good humour. Indeed, he is veritably one of the stalwarts of the Club.

The news, therefore, of his illness, admission and re-admission to hospital will come as a blow. He knows of the interest and concern of members. Nevertheless, Roy, we wish you well and hope for your emergence as fit as ever.

MATTERS FINANCIAL :- This is an era of inflation. At the same time existing services tend to cost more, and improved services even more. If you think I am referring to money, you are right.

It was early in 1957 that the Club first came into existence at a memorable meeting in the old Ebury Street home of the International Bureau. 1967 will therefore mark the beginning of the new decade. Checking on the current finances, Club Treasurer A. H. NICHOLSON advises that we are only just balancing the books as the result of special efforts, Auctions, etc. Increasing costs of every sort will soon mean that even with such efforts we will run into the red, apart from the loss of income that their reduction would involve. Special efforts were, in fact, intended to build up extra income. Lately, we have had to use such income merely to balance the books. Subscriptions should pay for all ordinary expenses and the truth is that they don't.

1967 being an anniversary year there are also important changes. In respect of those concerning the Journal, I will not steal the editorial surprises planned, but I can mention the detailed

Membership Directory, the price listing to tie-up with the catalogue, and a speedier distribution service for Journals. To achieve these alone, plus publicity material and the inevitable inflation would soon absorb - nay, more than absorb, all our resources and return us to the system of paying Club accounts in arrears. This we cannot allow.

Junior membership has always been subsidised. Assuming the average cost per Journal as 2/-, six of those per year, not to mention postal costs, correspondence and the like, will far exceed the annual Junior sub. of 7/6. Whilst it is our wish and intention to encourage Junior membership, we cannot afford charity on a grand scale. And at the present time we not only subsidise Junior membership but, in effect, we subsidise the adults as well. You will recall that in an organisation of over 600 members it must be very unusual for every official to give his services entirely voluntarily. Indeed most officers pay all their own post bills, supply their own stationery and even pay the wages of a typist to deal with the correspondence.

Alright, so you guessed, SUBSCRIPTIONS. Yes: the Committee have unanimously agreed that at the A.G.M. next year it shall be resolved that subscriptions be increased to 21/- per adult or 14/- for Junior members. We hope you agree.

OTHER MATTERS FINANCIAL. Quote from a letter received: "I have not received all the mint new issues which appeared in the last 12 months. Why? I shall expect a reply by return of post". I am aware that the writer of the letter will - I hope - recognise his words. But in order to save any similar communications, may I make a few points clear about both the MINT and PERMANENT LIST Services.

Firstly, the Services are optional.

Secondly, we state clearly that we do our best to supply as cheaply as possible such items as can be secured in reasonable supply.

Thirdly, a comparison with other sources of supply should prove very easily indeed that savings of 25%, 33 and a third %, and 50% are common.

In return, however, members are expected TO PAY PROMPTLY. At a recent count nearly 40 per cent of members were owing for items. No one has to pay in advance, but late payment means that it comes out of my pocket. If you are overdue, do please remedy that NOW.

Thus if you are one of the members who has an occasional moan, please stop and think for a moment. One recent issue would have cost me nearly £240 to obtain enough stamps and covers for everyone.

Frankly, the slow payers make it too risky.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. This has been fixed for Saturday, March 11th, 1967 at Roland House, East London. Fuller details later.

ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRACY. S.S.C.C. is, by its nature, a democratic organisation. Thus the Committee elections will fall to be dealt with in 1967 and it has been agreed that, as previously, these shall be dealt with by post. If you turn to the insides of the front and back covers you will note the details of Committee officers. We have a PRESIDENT,
 SECRETARY-GENERAL,
 TREASURER,
 MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
 and 4 other Committee members, all of whom carry out various functions.

Every Club member is, therefore, invited to nominate any other Club member for the Committee, either as a general Committee member or for a specific post. Before making the nomination, however, it is as well to ask the member whether he -or she (why not?)- is willing. Such nominations should be sent to H.L. FEARS, ROSE COTTAGE, SELMESTON, POLEGATE, SUSSEX, and they may be sent now. The closing date for nominations is JANUARY 20th 1967, which gives all our overseas members a full and equal chance. In the event of more than one member being nominated for the same post a postal ballot will be conducted.

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NEWS FLASH -----

After the success of the England Football Team in the World Cup, one stamp of the World Cup set was re-issued with the legend "England Winners" incorporated. There is no truth in the rumour that the October issue of "Battle of Hastings" stamps will be similarly re-issued with the wording "England Losers" !

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PETER'S POT-POURRI by PETER DUCK.

Swedish Cancels 1966.

member Harald Thoursie of Gothenburg has kindly sent me a listing of Swedish Scout cancels issued in 1966 as follows -

- June 13-18 SMU Scouts Camp in Olstorp, Rydsmäs, near the city of Eksjö in the province of Smaland.
- June 18 Estonian Scouts rally on their own camp-site Koitjärve near Lake Lygnern, Fjäras in the province of Halland.
- July 19-27 Salvation Army Scouts held a camp in Strömbacka, Bjuräker, near the city of Hudiksvall in the province of Hälsingland.
- Aug. 2-11 Swedish Methodist (Wesleyan) Church Youth Assoc. (MKU) connected to YMCA Scout Assoc., held a Scout camp called "Rikslägret Knopen" (countrycamp, The Knot) in Munkaskog, Habo in the province of Smaland.
- Aug. 8-13 SMU Scouts Camp in Sävsjöström in the province of Smaland. (Indianlägret)

I have also purchased a cover which the cachet indicates that it is a Scout cancel. The cancel is dated 13.5.1966 and shows a large fleur-de-lys with the text "ENKÖPING UTSTÄLLNINGEN". Could any member confirm whether or not this is a Scout cancel?

7th ARAB JAMBOREE - 12th August 1966. Libya.

This camp has so far produced three stamp issues.

Firstly from Algeria on 23rd July, one stamp of 1,00 dinar (in a rather ghastly colour combination of green, purple & yellow) was issued in conjunction with an 0,30 dinar stamp to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the "Scouts Musulmans Algerians". The first Day cancel shows the Jamboree badge which is the Arab World supported by a pair of wings. The wording on the cancel is "SCOUTISME ALGER". U. A. R. (Egypt) also issued a 20m stamp showing Scouts in camp and reading 7th Pan Arab Jamboree - Libya in English and Arabic. The stamp also shows the Camp badge as does the First Day cancel on 10th August.

Libya itself issued a pair of stamps of 25 & 65 mils values showing the Jamboree badge and the text The Seventh Arab Boy Scouts Camp. 12th August 1966. At the time of writing I have not yet seen an FDC. These two stamps were issued in conjunction with a 5 mil value for the First Arab Girl Scouts Camp on the same date.

SCOTTISH HANDSTAMPS

In the April Journal of SOSSI two handstamps or supplementary cancels from Scotland were shown together with a short note from STANLEY HUNTER. These particular handstamps were for use on official mail and were both circular, reading as follows -

"9th Scottish International Patrol Jamborette.
31 Jul 1964. Blair Atholl".

- "National Sea Scout Camp. 17 Jul 1965.

Dunstaffnage Bay, Oban, Argyll." (with a Scout Badge)

I made enquiries about these handstamps to Scottish HQ in Edinburgh and I was informed that both of them had been combined to make a new one for the 10th Scottish Jamborette, and they kindly sent an example. The new design has the wording "Scottish International Partol Jamborette 29 Jul 1966. Blair Atholl" (together with the Scout badge from the Sea Scout Camp handstamp)

METER CANCELS

Two new meter cancels have appeared from Australia in 1966. Both from Melbourne - "GANG SHOW 17th May to 21 May

Theatre, St. Kilda" (unfortunately the example I have is not quite complete and the name of the Theatre is missing)

- "Australian Corroboree, Woodhouse, S.A.

1966-67, 28th Dec. to 7th Jan 67."

(Showing the Corroboree badge)

From the Swiss National camp DOMLESCHG in July-Aug 1966 there are a great number of handstamps, it appears that each sub-camp had their own cachet - each one in a small rectangular box and I have the following, mostly all on the same sheet.

Pfadfinder - Bundeslager 1966
Unterlager - Poststelle
4 BONADUZ

1 TAMINS

3 BREGL

5 TSCHAVIR

6 TULEU

7 RHÄZÜNS

8 ROTHENBRUNNEN

10 RODELS

11 CAZIS - F.

12 SILS

RESSORT BAHN U. POST

(a) Ressortchef

- (b) Unterressortchef Bahn
- (c) Unterressortchef Post

There are also blue Handstamps showing the camp insignia (an ibex) one stating "6 SCHWEIZERISCHES PFADFINDER BUNDESLAGER 1966 DOMLESCHG." And the other "Internat. Pfadfinder-Briefmarken-Ausstellung. Bonaduz 27. 7. -3.8.66"

"6. Bundeslager.
6e Camp Federal
6. Campo federale"

A balloon flight took place on 3rd August and a number of postcards were flown. The balloon flew as far as Dachau in Germany, when the cards were transported back to the Swiss border at Buchs and reposted back to the Camp. A red cachet was printed on each special Ballon-card reading "BALLON HB-BOE PILOT: EDGAR ALBRECHT ZÜRICH". and Depicting a balloon. The card also bears one of the Swiss Scout stamps of 1963 cancelled as follows - "Landoort: AMPERMOCHING Landkreis Dachau b. München. Post mit Auto bis Schweizer-grenze zurücktransportiert".

Another interesting item from the camp was a 'miniature sheet' which was sold at a premium to raise funds for the transport of equipment etc. to the Camp. The sheet is red with white printing, measures 5.7 x 6.5 cm and has the 1963 Scout stamp affixed in the centre. The ibex insignia is printed at the top of the sheet together with the words "6. Bundeslager

6e Camp Federal
6. Campo federale
1966 Domleschg

26 juillet au 3 aout 1966" appears at the sides, and "Sous-Camp GE/VD Unterlager" at the bottom. The complete sheet with stamp is tied to the cover by the Camp cancellation.

SCHELDT FESTIVAL labels

Each year in September the Sea Scouts of Antwerp hold a Festival at their base. During the last two years a label has been issued to publicize the event. Both labels are of the same design showing a Sea Scout in the form of an anchor and holding a large mug of some beverage or other! We all know that the Belgians are the World's biggest beer drinkers! The 1965 label was yellow, and the 1966 one is in green and the wording reads - "Zeescoutsterrein Antwerpen-linkeroever. SCHELDE FESTIVAL" with the appropriate dates for each year.

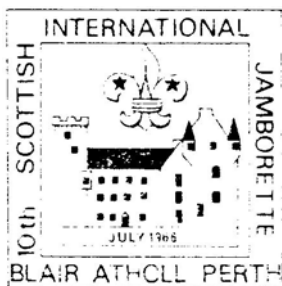


THE CHIEF SCOUT AT ROLAND HOUSE

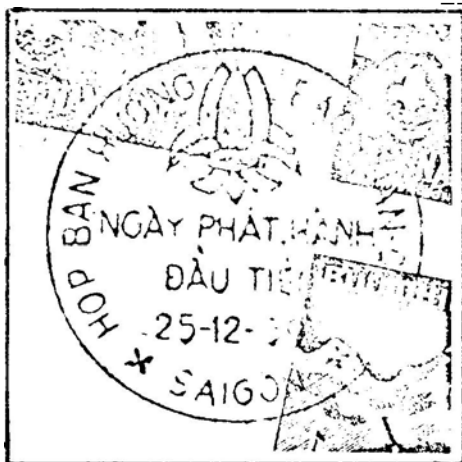
10th SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL PATROL
JAMBORETTE, 1966



DESIGNS BY GEORGE KAY



DESIGNS BY RAIFE WELSTEAD



TYPE - 'A'

TYPE - 'B'

VIET-NAM

(ENLARGED ONE AND A HALF TIMES)

10th Scottish International Jamboretteby STANLEY K. HUNTER

This Jamborette was held from July 20th to July 29th 1966 in the grounds of Blair Castle, in the Perthshire village of Blair Atholl. Blair Castle is one of the finest castles in Scotland. It has historical associations with Mary, Queen of Scots, "Bonnie Dundee" and Prince Charles Edward Stuart - "Bonnie Prince Charlie". Queen Victoria was so impressed with the men of Blair Castle that she granted the Duke of Atholl the right to the only private Army in the United Kingdom. Both the present Duke and his father did much Scouting. All ten Jamborettes and the Scottish Philia have been held in the grounds of the Castle - normally in America Park.

It was agreed, as this was to be the 10th Jamborette and marked the 20th anniversary of the first Patrol Jamborette, that moves should be made to obtain a special Postmark.

I was asked to institute this and obtained proposals from two artists - RAIFE WELLSTEAD and GEORGE KAY. Raife is, of course a Club Member and was connected with the famous Gilwell postmark of 1961. George Day, an Industrial Designer in Edinburgh, also designed the 1965 Scottish Philatelic Congress postmark.

After consultation with the Camp Chief, JACK D. STEWART, O. B. E. and DAVID C. JEFFERIES, in charge of administration, one of Mr. Kay's designs, depicting Blair Castle was selected. Both Mr. Stewart and Mr. Jefferies are Club Members.

When the news that the G. P. O. had approved of the design of the Postmark, a Press Release was hastily distributed. Due to the shortage of time, only one paper covered the Report. This is just as well, as, including SSCC orders, 1500 covers had to be addressed and stamped. It was determined that the philatelic side of the Jamborette should not disrupt the normal postal activities.

The Camp Post Office was in operation since July 18th, handling mail to and from the various Scottish contingents who were preparing the site for the overseas Scouts. The Camp Postmaster was Alan V. Carter, a Scouter from Stratford-on-Avon. His Staff included two Scots and a Canadian Rover.

As Philatelic Advisor to the Jamborette, I was attached to the Camp Post Office, which was located in "business quarter" of the site. An attractive Post Box - in pillar-box red - was surmounted by a Globe wearing a Scout Hat and a grin big enough to take the largest letters. The Box had been manufactured specially for the Camp and brought from Warwickshire. The Press found the pillar box of interest - although boys had to stand in front of the door to

hide the "EII R" Royal Cypher! It had been forgotten that no Postal equipment in Scotland carries the Royal Cypher. Needless to say, a numeral from the Cypher vanished mysteriously during the Camp!

Overseas Contingents began arriving on the Tuesday, but it was felt that it would be fairer to wait till all Contingents were present, before releasing the Postmark. It had been agreed by all those in any way connected with the Postmark that it was primarily intended for the SCOUTS and not Philatelists!

The handstamp was held by the Head Postmaster at Pitlochry, Mr. R. A. Maclellan. Suspecting that he was in for something big, he agreed that addressed covers could be taken in advance to Pitlochry for handstamping prior to Jul. 20th. It was just as well, for, in the end, over 3,000 covers has piled up for First Day Cancels! His Staff were kept busy. At the Sub-Post Office at Blair Atholl, Mrs. M. E. Ogilvie, sub-postmistress took over the handstamp on July 20th, where it was used for the duration of the Jamborette.

Registered Mail was handed in at the Camp Post Office, but not registered until reaching Blair Atholl Post Office. I prepared sixty "blank" labels, on the lines of the Berkshire International Camp, and a few rubber-stamped "Blair Atholl" in violet. In manuscript I wrote "B. A. Int. Camp" in an endeavour to have them used. Unfortunately, the Head Postmaster felt, as the Camp did not actually possess distinctive Registration facilities, it should not have a distinctive label. I was reluctantly forced to see his point and the special labels were abandoned. The first Registered Letter bearing the Camp Postmark on both envelope and Receipt was "Blair Atholl 3305". Tragedy struck when this cover reached the recipient - the vital label was missing! On request, however, the Sub-Postmistress endorsed the envelope "Blair Atholl 3305" and initialled it. I wonder what the status of this cover is?

The last Registered Cover is believed to have been "3355". The numbers in between, however, were also used for normal mail posted at Blair Atholl. This mail, of course, did not receive the Jamborette postmark, hence only some 15-20 registered items exist.

Although the handstamp was ordered with completely moveable dates, it was discovered that only the actual "day" could be moved. Slugs had been provided for all dates from "19th" until "29th". As stated, the "19th" slug was never used. The Sunday date ("24th") was also not used. The Camp Post Office was open for a restricted period - when I stood in as "Counter Clerk" - but as Blair Atholl Office was shut, the Head Postmaster ordered that all Mail would bear Monday's date. Due to another misunderstanding, no slug had been provided for July 30. The Camp actually closed on July 29, but most of the Staff remained and the Post Office would be busy

tidying up. It was too late to remedy this error by the P.O. and any mail was cancelled with the regular postmark.

During the Jamborette, approximately another 3,000 pieces of mail were handled by the Camp Post Office. As can be guessed, a great deal of information was learnt by staff at the three Offices involved in the project - the Camp Post Office in America Park, the Sub-Post Office at Blair Atholl and the Head Post Office at Pitlochry. This will prove of great use for future Cancels - this was the first time for all concerned --and in fact, the first distinctive Scout postmark in Scotland. (A skeleton cancel was used at the Mobile P.O. at the World Moot in 1938, but that could hardly be classed as a precedent!) In spite of the various reverses - e.g., the Registration facilities, relationships between all the three Staff was most cordial, and the G.P.O, Staff must be thanked for their sympathetic approach to the whole event.

Next year will be Diamond Jubilee Year and I am sure that we can expect several special Postmarks and Cancellations. Whilst I will be the first to encourage this more, I must stress that this must not be taken on lightly. It involves a great deal of work - and a sympathetic G.P.O. Staff - if the Movement is to reap any financial return.

The handstamp cost £20 and has to be ordered by the G.P.O. I understand that a plastic hand-stamp can be obtained for half this amount. In my experience, however, the result is less than half as good. A nominal fee is charged (5/-) for use each week. In addition, there may be a Designer's Fee (although I am sure a sympathetic artist won't be very hard to find).

It has been the custom in the past, to offer Camp stationery for sale to the Campers, e.g., Souvenir Envelopes headed note-paper and post-cards, and it was decided to repeat the practice of a Souvenir Envelope. The 1964 envelope was re-designed with the revised date and 1000 printed. When it was found that the G.P.O. had approved the Postmark, Mr.Kay was asked to design a companion envelope. 3,000 of this pattern, also authorised by Scottish Headquarters, were produced.

The envelopes were the only source of revenue, but this income not only covered all expenses, but allowed a tidy sum over, for Jamborette funds.

A few spare covers were retained and if any Member wishes a First Day envelope bearing Scotland's first Scout Postmark, it can be obtained from me for 1/6 (or equivalent) plus postage.

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THE CLUB CATALOGUE .

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NEW ISSUESALGERIA:

Two stamps issued on July 23rd and described elsewhere by PETER DUCK. The designer is said to be Mohammed Bouzid, and the stamps were issued in sheets of 25, perf. 12¼. The 30 fr. stamp commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the Algerian Scouts whilst the 1 dinar value shows the outline map of the U.A.R. as part of its design and commemorates the 7th Pan-Arab Jamboree in Libya.

EGYPT:

A single stamp for the 7th Pan-Arab Jamboree issues on August 10th. This stamp was issued in very small quantity, and together with a small face value it is likely to appreciate in value very rapidly. Remember the speculation that happened with the Syrian pair!

LIBYA:

Here again we had a set of two issued for the Jamboree on August 12th in conjunction with a stamp for the First Arab Girl Scouts Camp, which was presumably also held in Libya.

Covers with special cancellations exist for all of the above stamps and judging from their lack of appearance on the London market, I would deduce that they may be in short supply --- if you see any, buy up a few spares; they will be good 'swop' material.

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The dates of the 1st Malaysian Jamboree in Penang are from Dec. 9th to 15th, and a stamp is to be issued.

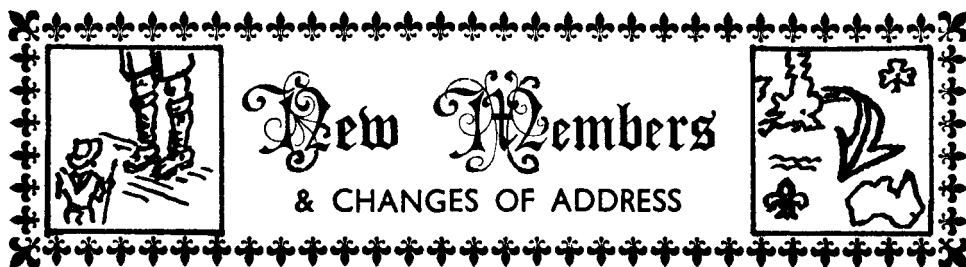
Another Sea Scout Regatta in Dunedin, New Zealand from Dec. 19th to Jan. 7th (it seems to last a very long time!) If there is a cancel this time, let us hope it gets well-serviced for all collectors.

Australian Corroboree --- Dec. 18th to Jan. 6th are the dates given to me but I venture to suggest the "18th" could possibly be "28th".

IMPORTANT DIARY NOTICE

Take your pen or pencil in the right hand (or left hand if that is your habit) and open up to the page for Saturday 29th Oct. 1955. Now write -- "I must make an effort to go to the Club meeting at Roland House, Stepney Green, E.1. at 2.00 p.m.". Interesting displays being arranged and an enjoyable afternoon for all old and new friends.

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CLUB MEMBER EXHIBITS AT ROVER MOOT

Member, A.W. GEERING of Eastbourne formed an exhibition of some seventy-four pages for a Moot held at his Local Association Camp Site at Bushy Wood, near Hailsham, and this display was suitably housed in the Cub Hut.

During the course of the Moot many visitors admired the display and Mr. GEERING was most surprised when he was asked to meet a visitor to the Moot who pointed at a particular stamp and said "I designed that one". In the conversation that followed it transpired that the visitor was Mr. HUGH N. G. COWHAM, formerly the Organising Commissioner for the Scouts of Nigeria, and the stamp he had designed was the 3d. value of the Nigerian Golden Jubilee set. Mr. Cowham explained that the black background of the shield represented Black Africa, whilst the 'Y'-shaped design in silver represents the two converging rivers of Nigeria.

Mr. GEERING was also given one of the Nigerian country badges that were brought into use last year at the time of the Jubilee, and which also is based on Mr. COWHAM's design. Naturally enough, the badge AND the stamp now feature on the same page in the collection.

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MEMBERSHIP LIST

Arrangements are in hand for the publication of a membership list in alphabetical form with an analysed section where members will be listed according to their country or county of domicile.

This will involve quite a considerable amount of work to see that the details given are correct, so members are asked to co-operate in the following matters:

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3. If, for any reason, you wish your address, or your name and address to be withheld from the Membership List, please write.

As this list will be in use for some while, it is hoped that members will give attention to the above requests. All advices of changes of address etc. to be sent to the Membership Secretary:

W.H. KNIGHT, Esq., 165 London Road, Redhill, Surrey, U.K.

VIET-NAM CANCELS OF 1959

Most members will know of the infamous "SAIGOK" forged cancels of the FDCs of the Viet-Nam 1959 stamps, where even the official envelopes were forged as well, but they may not be aware that there are two different GENUINE cancels, in addition to the "TRANG HOP BAN" cancel that appears on some covers.

Photographs of the two types are given in this Journal and the following notes will be of interest:

TYPE I. The Lotus flower forming the Scout badge has three large wide petals.
 Lettering of 'SAIGON' is narrow.
 No line under 'SAIGON'.
 Figures of date are narrow.

TYPE II. The petals are much narrower.
 Larger lettering in 'SAIGON'.
 Line under 'SAIGON'.
 Wider figures in the date.

This news comes semi-anonymously from "Member No. 554", but who I will tell you has one of the most DE LUXE collections of the stamps, die-proofs and designer's proofs of the Belgium 1957 stamp that there could possibly be!

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SCOTLAND IN DECEMBER?

Are you going to be in Edinburgh for the Annual Conference of the Boy Scout Association in Scotland? Or for any other reason?

If so, then you will be able to take part in a proposed SSCC Regional Meeting on either December 3rd or 4th. If you have not yet signified your intentions to STANLEY K. HUNTER, then drop him a line at 34 Gray Street, Kelvingrone, Glasgow, C.3.

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