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THE JOURNAL OF THE SCOUT STAMPS COLLECTORS CLUBVOLUME 11, No. 6DECEMBER, 1967E D I T O R I A L

By

Howard L. Fears

1967 will go down in Scout stamping as the year of the IDAHO Jamboree and also as the year of the "band-wagon". The volume of Scout issues from Arab countries might have been tolerable if short sets of low values had appeared. Indeed, with the lack of interest shown by some other countries which might with justification have issued a stamp or two, one might almost have welcomed the Arab releases. And as we know it isn't just the set perforate, but when it comes imperforate and with a souvenir sheet, all of doubtful postal justification, the point at which the goose ceases to lay the golden eggs comes very close indeed.

In any hobby there are rules but these often allow the individual to choose for himself, and with stamp collecting this means that one may collect what one likes. Some collectors will want everything but there must be a limit to the purses of many enthusiasts. Thus it is with increasing frequency collectors are saying that they intend-they must-draw the line somewhere. You may or may not, approve of the issues for 1967. You may doubt their postal usefulness, their Scouting interest and even their legitimacy. You may decide in future to collect perforate only or even to exclude undesirable issues. At this stage whatever you think or decide is of your own choosing. But equally the stage may be reached where the bodies devoted to the hobby combine to say "No more". If this should happen it will represent the fruits of corporate action and may lead, in time, to the establishment of a body for advice and consultation freely available to any country proposing a Scout issue.

The benefits of co-operation between the Scout stamp clubs and societies have been mooted elsewhere already. The undoubted virtues of national clubs are obvious but a central office for co-ordination between such national clubs would also have an authority for greater than the sum of the individuals. Such a central office could advise and recommend. It could also, incidentally, maintain a "black" list of those people who do not pay their bills and in the SSCC we could add a few on this account.

Early next year I hope to be in Belgium to meet the BENELUX Club officials as well as those from other European Clubs. This may be an opportunity to explore the possibilities for co-operation. Would any reader like to write and tell me what he or she thinks?

SCOUT & GUIDE STAMPS 1967 (Continued)

By
Peter Duck

The issue date for South Arabia - Mahra State is given as 1st September, and for Yemen (Kingdom) as 10th September. First day covers of the latter have been seen of all editions (perf., imperf. and miniature sheet) but no FDCs seem to be available from any of the South Arabian States. Ceylon Girl Guides issue of 19th September produced 5 different first day cancellations, 4 from Colombo and one with supplementary cancel from Trincomalee.

September 25	Dubai	World Jamboree Commemoration. 10, 20, 35, 60 dh, 1 & 1. 25 Riyals.
September 18	Bhutan	Girl Scouts issue 5, 10, 15 ch 1.50, 2.50 & 5 Nu perf. & imperf. Perforate and imperforate miniature sheet combine 2.50 & 5 Nu Values.
September 18	Ghana	50th Anniversary of Scouting 4, 10 and 12 np issues in special sheets of 12 with decorative border and centre pane. Imperforate miniature sheet combines all values.
September 29	Congo	World Jamboree Commemoration. 50 & 70 francs CFA Special first cancellation Brazzaville.
October 17	Tchad	World Jamboree Commemoration. 25 & 32 francs CFA Special first cancellation Fort Lamy.

October 25 Ajman World Jamboree Commemoration.
30, 70 dh, 1, 2, 3,4 Riyals perf. &
imperf. Miniature sheet of 5 Riyals.
Printed on metal foil paper by State
Printing Office, Budapest
Also printed for Dependency of Manama.

November 1 Lesotho Diamond Jubilee of World Scouting.
15 cents.

Coming issues announced - COSTA RICA, MALDIVE ISLANDS, IRAQ,
BOLIVIA, GRENADA, ITALY, FED. OF
SOUTH ARABIA, NEPAL, LUXEMBOURG.

SCOUT & GUIDE CANCELLATIONS 1967 (Continued)

Omitted from previous list -

April 16 Belgium Nationaal Scouts Judo Kampioenschap -
Antwerpen

September 23-24 Denmark Esbjerg Landsgildeting.

September 28 Canada Toronto "Maple Leaf Chapter. 60 yrs
Scouting"

October 21-22 Austria 40 jahre Pfadfindergruppe Graz 3.
(numbered 1 - 4)

October 28 G.B. Diamond Jubilee Year. Southsea Scout
Week.

New meter slogan from Austria.

WIEN 24.10.67 8 Pfadfinder Lotterie. Ziehung 22. 1. 68.
Pfadfinder Osterreichs. 1010 Wien Mahlerstrasse 7.
The Slogan depicts a bird (feathered) in Scout uniform.

The 2nd Vancouver Scout Stamp Show which was held on 21 October pro-
duced an attractive cover in red and black and depicting B-P. The postage
meter of Vancouver Scout H.Q. was brought into use for the occasion

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using the slogan “Scouting Serves”.

GHANA celebrated the 50th anniversary of the BOYS SCOUT MOVEMENT (had you noticed?) with an issue of 3 attractive stamps on 18 September. The stamps are multicoloured and all show the flag of Ghana. They were printed in Haarlem, Holland by Enschede en Zonen, and there are a few interesting facts to be found in the stamps.

4np shows a Scout blowing what appears to be a hunting horn, and at the camp-fire holding a cooking-pot (?) is a figure which looks suspiciously like a Girl Guide, although no mention is made of Girl Guides.

10np depicts a Scout hiking, behind him suspended in mid-air is a Scout scarf. In the bottom left hand corner is the date Aug. 1967 although the stamps were in fact issued in September.

12½np shows Lord Baden-Powell.

The stamps are issued in sheets of 12 with a decorative border and centre panel. The various designs around and in the centre of the sheet show Scouting activities such as hiking, cooking, cycling, camping and raising the flag. Each sheet has a gold imprint at the top reading “Boys Scout Movement 50th Anniversary in Ghana” and a gold Scout badge in the centre panel. The 4 np sheet has a yellow border with blue and red printing. The 10 np sheet has a blue border with black and red printing. The 12½ np sheet has a pink border with black and blue printing.

Then we come to the miniature sheet which combines all values with mock perforations. This has a pink background with some of the border designs from the sheets repeated in blue, and the same gold printing including the Scout badge at the top.

The sheets of stamps are printed in such a way that the stamps are only available in strips horizontal or vertical or three together at a right angle. Yet when I purchased some cancelled copies, I was able to obtain a block of four. Therefore it appears that the stamps were also printed in normal sheets.

P.L.D. and M.D.

By

Howard L. Fears

Like “Topsy”, the club and its facilities have just grown. When the original enthusiasts gathered in EBURY STREET in 1957 none of them could have imagined the organisation which exists today. Just as the Club has grown, so

have its facilities been extended, and the services for supplying mint stamps and covers must come within this category.

However 1967 has put these services to the test in a quite unexpected way. Every enthusiastic collector must hope for an all-embracing service but, of course, when issue after issue pours out - and expensive issues at that - the facilities come under fire. Certainly, late in 1966 I had hoped that with amended arrangements and a reasonable number of releases we could tackle anything - but what a pious hope. In fact the sheer flood of very expensive items caught us out in the weakest sector; the supplying of items has depended on rapid movements of covers and stamps to distributors and thence to members and in return, the equally rapid payment for items by members. Obviously, however, if payments were not made the funds would not be available to obtain further items and until such funds came to hand the flood would continue to grow and the volume of items available for despatch would in turn become large in due course.

For long we have relied on the help of volunteer distributors and for their long-suffering services I would like to express every possible thanks. Many members have kept their accounts clear or in credit and to these members also I express my thanks. But in the middle of the flood it became unfortunately obvious that the pressure was becoming too great. For the purchase of items for future releases I was even forced to borrow from the bank (and hence pay interest) whereas the material awaiting distribution or the accounts outstanding exceeded the amount involved by a handsome margin. And who pays the bank interest?

Thus I would ask every P. L. D. and/or M. D. recipient to note the arrangements which will now apply:

1. All despatches will in future be made by me direct, (at this stage I would again place on record my sincerest thanks to the distributors who have for long borne the heat and burden of the day)
2. Subject only to sufficient items being available to justify a distribution, distributions will be made at intervals of 6 to 8 weeks.
3. For mint stamps, only perforate stamps will be supplied except to those members in the MINT SUPER category who will receive everything available.

4. All items will continue to be invoiced as at present at approximately wholesale costs. However we shall not continue to send despatch after despatch when payment has not been made for previous distributions. If there is more than one distribution outstanding for payment, the next one will not be sent.
5. For members paying quickly the benefits of wholesale prices will, as at present, apply. BUT each account will also show the increased charge which will apply if payment is not made within 14 days of receipt. This increased charge will represent an addition of 10%. A practical example will make this clear. Suppose the cost of despatch comes to 30/-. If payment is sent to me within 14 days of receipt this is the total to pay. However after those 14 days an addition of 3/- is made, so the total outstanding becomes 33/-. To avoid confusion the "quick payment" amount will be calculated in the ordinary way and a separate note will be added showing the increased total applying if not paid within 14 days.
6. Any member wishing to be sure of the reduced price benefits can easily do this by maintaining a credit balance or, obviously, by paying on receipt.
7. Who benefits from the 10% charge? First of all, may I say that I hope there won't be any charges made. If the monies are received quickly enough and the despatches can keep to a regular pattern there should be no need for me to borrow money or to hold up purchases. But if a charge is levied then it will be used to pay such bank charges and the losses which arise from bad debts and damage in transit. Any balance remaining will be passed to the Club funds.
8. Finally, for those members who pay quickly or keep a credit balance the service will not involve any reduction in quality and should actually result in an increase in quantity i.e. in "Covering" the new items more extensively. If I know that all monies due for the despatch being made at the end of January, for example, will be in my hands by Mid- February. I can calculate accordingly. I am most grateful to the quick payers - in fact, some members make a point of paying quickly every-time and are often in credit. BUT, to stress the point of my argument. I stopped today and did a little research. The amount of money

outstanding and due to me for despatches already made exceeds £525. in the last twelve months losses through bad debts and damage exceed £28. The next despatch is ready to go and is valued at more than £380 and I have already paid more than 115 for items due to be received in the future. In total that is over £1000 which has had to be found out of my own pocket. If you think that when I get that money in I shall be rich, I should mention that I owe the bank on this account £475 as well as monies to some suppliers. Thus the service can only operate by rapid payments. I am sure you will understand and I know that your co-operation is assured.

STAPLEHURST SCOUTS SOUVENIR POSTMARK FOR JUBILEE YEAR.

By

N. R. Handle, A.C.I.I.

It all started when our village Scout Group decided to purchase its own headquarters. We would need a lot of money and we would have to earn it ourselves as we were not eligible for any grants. I am a stamp collector and had been mildly interested in postmarks and had from time to time thought that it would be a good idea to have one in the village - but what could a small village have which would justify such a thing?

Well, there were 2 events due soon. The Village Fete was one of them (it was the 2nd one the committee had organised, so we hadn't had the excuse for a postmark very long!) and the other was the Scout Jubilee year 1967. No special postage stamp was being issued by Great Britain and I had not heard of any special postmarks etc. sponsored by Headquarters so I thought I'd do something about it myself. The Group was not big enough to put on a Scout display just by itself, but if we put on one at the Village Fete we could cope with that and it would be a better event from the GPO's point of view - they might not allow a postmark for a small Scout display all by itself, but a Village Fete attracts hundreds of people.

I wanted to use the new Scout badge in the postmark so that it would be attractive to collectors of Scout items and so first of all I approached

Scout Headquarters for permission. This was given and a suggested design was also supplied by the Publicity Dept. and with a minor modification it was the one used. The Village Fete committee agreed to the use of the postmark (they were nothing to do with the Scout Group) and we offered them all profits from the covers sold on the day at the Fete, all profits from prior sales going to the Scout Building Fund.

The next thing was to fix up a display - we couldn't just have a few posters. Much of the display material was hired at a small charge from Headquarters and we also managed to rake up quite a bit ourselves.

Things then started to move. Having got permission of the various bodies we wrote to the GPO. I thought that possibly there might be trouble in getting permission, but no - permission was given and the design accepted without any trouble. Indeed, it seems from a leaflet supplied that the GPO will allow special hand-stamps for almost any event nowadays - subject of course to approval of the design of the postmark.

The next job was to design a souvenir envelope and sell it - as this is where the profits come from. A friend at the office made a sketch based on my ideas and it was adopted - it was, as you may recall, a Scout in the old uniform with wavy hat brim with a Scout in the new 1967 uniform with the old and new badges at their feet. There was also "1907 60 1967" to show what it was all about.

To publicize the event I duplicated a letter and order form and sent copies off to stamp magazines (both in U. K. and abroad) and wrote to various Scout and Guide publications. The majority were most helpful and put a mention of the postmark in their issues. "The Guide" was especially good to us and gave over most of one week's editorial to us and this produced a large number of orders. The U. S. stamp magazines also gave a good write up and hundred of covers were eventually sent to the USA and Canada. By this time, we were getting close to the date of the fete and we still hadn't got the envelopes printed due to some snag. We guessed that 1500 would be enough - ample in fact - and these were printed in green ink (the Scout colour). We had tried to get the GPO to allow the postmark to be in green but this was not

allowed - possibly because green is reserved normally for postage due and other control markings.

Then consternation! We were running out of envelopes and the orders were coming in at the rate of 50 to 100 per day. Luckily we had purchased a large number of envelopes when we got them printed originally, but had kept some blank for general use. These were then sent off to the printer who did a rush job for us. He used the ink roller in use for the then previous job to save time and so the second printing of the envelopes is in black ink. Not all of these were used of course, but as they have no inscription they are suitable for general Scout use. There were no special issues due on the 24th June and we had quite a choice of stamps that we could use on the envelopes. The new 4d had been issued but it was dark and would not show up the postmark if it covered the stamp. In any case, if we sent the covers by 2nd class mail we would save 1d per cover and on 2,000 covers that amounts to a tidy sum. So I decided that we would use the 3d regional stamps. These were a lighter colour than the "English" 3d and would let the postmark be seen, they were also more attractive than the ordinary stamp. Some of the covers to be sent abroad were to go by airmail and various stamps were used to make the covers attractive to the recipients.

Some collectors had asked if covers could be registered. The GPO agreed to this, but would not agree to a special registration label. As the number of registered items would probably not exceed 50 at the very outside, this was understandable.

A week or so before the event the GPO sent some sample strikes of the postmark and these were identical to the drawings - it seems that the rubber stamps are in fact taken directly from the drawings and produced by some photographic process. On the morning of the 24th June we assembled the display and waited. The local postmaster had said that the special posting box would arrive by van at 11. am. but despite posting Cubs and Scouts at vantage points by the road we could not see the van. Eventually it arrived at just gone noon and we relaxed. The box was put in position and we sat back and waited. In order to save filling up the box all the orders we had received had been preliminary sorted to help the post office and were stacked in a few boxes. These

the postman took with him so he could start the postmarking right away. The postmarking was not done in the village as there was no staff available for that sort of thing. The mail was taken to Tonbridge sorting office some 12 miles away which is the head office for a very large part of Kent, and postmarked there. Registered items were put in a separate envelope and handed to the postman when he cleared the box at 18. 00 hrs. and these received an ordinary "TONBRIDGE" registration label in due course and not a "STAPLEHURST" label as they should have done, so in that respect the labels were "special". The registration receipts and recorded delivery receipts were also stamped with the handstamp. It was too large to go on singly and mostly was applied half on one and half on another.

The fete opened at 2. pm and we awaited a hoped for rush to buy the souvenir covers - however, those living in the South East may remember that afternoon - it rained without stop and therefore the attendance at the fete was very greatly reduced and only about 60 souvenir envelopes were sold.

For those interested in statistics the following may be of interest: (Supplied by the GPO): Total covers postmarked : 5,499 (of these about 1400 were sent direct to the Tonbridge GPO by collectors and dealers). The registered items were additional to the above and 22 covers were so dealt with plus 2 by recorded delivery.

THE SECOND FIJIAN JAMBORETTE, AUGUST 1967

By

Dr. W.G. Wells

The Second Fijian Jamborette was held at VATUKOULA, in the Fijian Highlands, from 24th to the 29th August, 1967. Those taking part moved into the camp on the 24th, and the Opening Ceremony was performed by H.E. Sir Derek Jakeway, the Governor and Chief Scout of Fiji, on the 25th.

About 1800 Scouts were in attendance, the majority being from Fijian Troops; overseas representation included 57 from Australia,

79 from New Zealand, 8 from Western Samoa, 8 from Tonga, and representatives from American Samoa, England and India.

Vatukoula (meaning “rock of gold”) is situated on the northern side of Viti Levu, the main island in the Fiji group. The town is unique in that it is wholly owned and administered by the Emperor Gold Mining Co. Ltd., (except for the Post Office, Police Station and few stores) and houses only employees of the gold mine, and their families.

Philatelic facilities were provided from a Mobile Post Office; a special date stamp was provided for the Jamborette.

The Mobile Post Office was open from 8 am. to 9 pm. from the 25th to the 28th August (inclusive) and from 8 am. to 12 noon on the 29th. Full postal facilities were available including registration, and also Post Office Savings Bank (P.O.S.B.) facilities.

No record was kept of the number of articles and letters cancelled at the Jamborette; however at closing time on the 29th, only 40 registered articles had been posted - 36 to myself, and 4 to club member Eric Sargeant, of Bathurst, N. S. W. (Registered cover bearing registered labels with numbers in excess of 40 were processed at the Philatelic Office in Suva, after the Jamborette was closed).

The postmark was circular of 31 mm. diameter and incorporated the words “Second Fiji Jamborette 1967 - Vatukoula”, the date, and the emblems of the Jamborette badge. It is of interest that the postmark illustrated in the Official Jamborette Programme differs from the one actually used, in particular relating to the wording around the circumference of the postmark. (The “official” version is shown in the diagram).

The registration labels used were simply rubber stamped-

R Mobile P. O. , there being no specific designation regarding
 No. ,

the Jamborette.

To commemorate the Jamborette, the P.O.S.B. printed a special postcard. One side showed the Jamborette badge in full colour, to-

gether with wording including "Greetings from Fiji and particularly from Vatukoula, home of the Emperor Gold Mine and the Second Fiji Jamborette". The total printing of cards was 2,500. One card was distributed to each person attending; overseas contingent members were entitled to an additional card, if they claimed it! The cards ran out at the Jamborette on the third day.

The Bank of New South Wales also printed a souvenir envelope, which was sold at the Canteen for a penny each! The cachet incorporated the Jamborette badge, and the wording "You can bank on the Wales/Bank of New South Wales/Largest Bank in Fiji".

The only other item of philatelic interest emanating from the Jamborette was a letter sheet, (officially called a letter card) of the humorous type, on which a Scout could place a tick or cross in various boxes to indicate what he was doing. These were sold for three-pence at the Canteen; the number that were posted by boys without being addressed was great, and caused the P. O. no end of worry in trying to trace the sender.

And so, as they say in Fiji, "Ni sa moce", or Farewell.

THE PRESIDENT'S NOTES

By

Roy E. Rhodes

It is appropriate that I must take this opportunity of Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a progressive New Year. And what a year it has been for new issues and a wealth of postmarks.

I must say that the vast quantity of stamps emanating from African Colonies and Arab States commemorating the World Jamboree in Idaho has been overwhelming and unpopular in some quarters. It is regretted that the production of "miniature sheets" and imperf. sets at high prices trading on the good name of Scouting still goes unchecked. It would be

interesting to know what percentage, if any, of the proceeds benefits Scouting in the Countries concerned.

I notice that the Arab States are apparently at pains to perpetuate the eternal "Camp Bugler" motif - an image that, I fancy, the Advance Party were anxious to dump in the same Junk-yard as lustres and asp-idistras - but perhaps that is an explosive subject with some.

The design of the 50 F GABON REPUBLIC showing how to find State of Seujun showing a Scout aiming a rifle at a Springbok seems to be an unfortunate choice in design, but perhaps reflects the mood in Aden at the time. And to say, the miniature sheet showing the location of the Jamboree to be in Canada, does nothing to enhance it either.

It is a great pity that U. S. A. chose to break the 34 year-old tradition by not producing stamps to celebrate the World Jamboree, but the 6 ¢ postcard is certainly an attractive item. I have a new 5 ¢ American stamp commemorating 50 years of the Independence of - Finland - I wonder what goes on in the computerised mind of the philatelic Pentagon.

From a philatelic point of view, 1967 being a Jamboree year almost eclipsed the Diamond Jubilee - but not quite - the attractive Bahamas set has saved the day. I suppose the British GPO could have produced something, but never mind folks, it's only 40 years to the Centenary.

I hope to see all the London "crew" at the next meeting, at Roland House on Saturday 6th January 1968.

MIDDLE EAST ROVER MOOTKOLAK-CHALL, TEHRAN, IRAN. – JULY 23rd - 30th 1965

By

Wilf Nodder

Although the following information concerns a Scout event held over two years ago, it has not been published in the Journal: I am sure it will prove of interest to our members.

KOLAK-CHALL is the name of the region in the Northern Mountains situated between MANZARIEH and TO-CHALL, 2650 metres above sea level and 28 Kms. from TEHRAN.

The camp site was equipped with all mod. cons. to use the present day phrase - running water, electrification, television and post and telegraph services - and had a variety of shops. Access was by way of a good road for the greater part and then on foot, or, if one wished, by donkey or camel, providing one was willing to try this mode of travel!! Iranian Scouts were available at MANZARIEH to act as guides to parties attending the moot.

The emblem of the moot was a leaning cypress in which is inlaid the picture of mount Demavand and the Scout badge; it is surrounded by three branch leaves somewhat like the Scout badge and adopted from the ancient stone sculptures of Pasargadia. This emblem also formed part of the design of the special stamp issued to commemorate the event.

The camp consisted of four sub-camps bearing the colours, red, green, white and yellow, each holding between 250 and 300 Scouts.

An intensive programme was arranged: the moot opened with a religious service and competitive activities such as swimming, volley ball, basketball, etc. were held daily; mountaineering was demonstrated, followed by an organised climb to the TO-CHALL peak by those who wished to make the journey. Each evening films were shown in the cinema and a special camp fire was also arranged.

The camp fee was £5 or \$14 U. S. dollars a person and Scouts from abroad who were interested were invited to spend a few days prior to or after the moot.

I have not seen it stated anywhere how many members of the Move-

ment attended the moot and from which countries they came, at least the Iranian postal authorities must have considered the event of sufficient importance to issue a special stamp to commemorate the occasion.

My thanks to our member Bennet D. Kitts for sending me an account of this Moot.

TWO MAJOR DISCOVERIES

By

Wilf Nodder

I am most grateful to our member David Jefferies from “north of the border” for sending me the following information.

The first concerns the finding of a forged overprint on a genuine used copy of SG 11, 15 by 5 a blue, one of the values of the Type S2 “Wild Tiger” Scout issues of Siam.

Although there are numerous minor differences in the native characters between the genuine and the forged overprint, the most prominent is in the large character to the right centre of the top line. This has been illustrated and will help to provide members with a positive identification. Obviously when a handstamp of this kind is used to overprint individual stamps there are bound to be minor variation in the characters due to the angle at which the handstamp is applied and to the amount of ink used, but members should have little difficulty in sorting the wheat from the chaff. I am sure we should all appreciate any information about other values of this set of stamps having similar characteristics which members may have in their collections.

We are indebted to Mr. Freshwater, a dealer friend of mine of long standing for supplying David with these particulars.

The second “discovery” concerns mail from the Richmond Park Jamboree, 1920, something which I know will interest a certain section of our membership, for it provides one of the missing links. David has recently acquired a Scout postcard from this Jamboree which has a Richmond Surrey machine cancellation! As it has so often been written in this Journal, the age of miracles has not yet passed. I wonder if his find will be the forerunner of further examples of mail from this event being unearthed?

Anyway, full credit to David for his discovery.

“SPREADING THE WORD”

By

Charles Tong

We had a “Scout Week” in Reading a few weeks ago where I was invited to stage an exhibition of Scout and Guide stamps in one of the School halls, where I and some helpers were asked to receive cubs for their Collectors Badge and another group tested for Athletes badge. Some 60 odd entries came up for testing for Collectors and several hundred members of the public visited the hall during the day.

Following this I staged another display at a County Cub Rally held at Youlbury where there were upward of 1000 Cubs and Scouters, and again the stamps were a source of interest. In this I had the help of another Old Scout who is a member of my Philatelic Society, and he brought along some excellent thematic material to go with the Scout Stamps. I also had the pleasure of giving a lecture to Scouters at a Training weekend at Youlbury on the subject of Stamp Collecting with particular emphasis on Scout stamps.

ETCETERAFrom the Hon. Editor

This issue of the Journal includes numerous interesting items. I would draw your attention to the P.L.D. and M.D. notice and also to the request in the Editorial for news regarding international co-operation between the various Scout stamp clubs. If we have enough replies to make it worthwhile I, will include a summary of these in a subsequent Journal.

I hope the next Journal will contain a particular surprise. REG MORRIS has been compiling his monograph on the 1967 Jamboree and if copies are received in time they will be distributed with our next issue.

From FREDY SCHERB comes news:

Recently I secured the official and original U. P. U. - Journals (United Postal Union) from the epoch 1901 and 1902 which contain a detailed report about the Postal Service during the Boer War (including the Mafeking Siege Post). In one of these reports the fakes on the Mafeking overprints are already mentioned (in 1902!)

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There's more I finally got the special postmark to commemorate the Scout festivities in Roumania in 1935 organised by the O. E. T. R. to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the accession-. to the throne of King Carol II. Again I secured the original U. P. U. Journal No. 7/1935 which contains the following report in French:

“Ces timbres, valables pour l'affranchissement du 8 au 30 juin 1935, ont ete emis a l'occasion des manifestations scoutisme organisees par l'office d' education de la Jeunesse roumaine (O.E.T.R.) pour feter le 5e anniversaire de l'avenement au trone de Roumanie de Sa Majeste le Roi Carol II. Les surtaxes de 1 leu et 2 lei sont destinees a alimenter les fonds de l'Office d'education susmentionne.” (U.P.U. No. 7/1935)

The special postmark, a double-circular datestamp (Ø 27 mm) has the following wording:

EXPOSITIA LUNA BUCURESTILOR * OFICIUL P.T.T. *
and the date 10 JUN 35 - 9

It's a telegram sheet with full Scout set 1935 and six very clear strikes of this probably very, very rare postmark.

HOW DO YOU COLLECT?

By

RON KEARLEY

My collection started as a side line to my general collection of QE II colonials. My interest grew rapidly in the Scout stamps, and rather sickened by the long and expensive omnibus colonials, I sold the QE II collection to purchase further Scout issues.

I have always been most interested in other collectors approach to layout etc. as I was myself working in the dark.

My initial Scout collection took the form of the “Story of Scouting”. A very brief story was written and the stamps were used to illustrate the story.

This method served well enough when the collection numbered only a few dozen stamps. I rapidly found, however, that as further stamps were added so they became difficult to fit into the “story”. On top of this I couldn’t bring myself to break sets to make them fit into the pattern. i.e. the Cub stamp of the Cypress set should under my system have been mounted on the page regarding the conception of Wolf Cubs. The Sea Scout on another page etc. etc.

After some heart searching I decided to remount the collection, an activity that took up many winter evenings.

Where possible I now keep a page for each set and mount the stamps in Hawid strips. Extravagant perhaps, but quite pleasing to look at. Each page is headed by the name of the country. Two lines below I enter the data and a further two lines below the name or reason for issue. The Stamps, well spaced, under this. At the bottom left hand corner I enter the perforation details, printers name etc. In the bottom right hand corner I draw a simple map about stamp size showing the location of the country, keeping things very simple and uncluttered. (Some of the Scout stamp issuing countries are in rather out of the way spots and the map helps to pin-point them.)

All the writing up is done in black ink with a steel nib in a script I picked up from Gibbons “How to Mount a Stamp Collection”. Important titles are underlined in red ink.

I usually try to find out anything of Scout interest about the country in question and include this in the writing up as briefly as possible.

The album pages are kept in dated order and I include World Census figures where appropriate to show the growth of the movement.

I’m not sure that I’ve hit upon the right formula but at least I can add new and old issues without affecting the general layout.

RECALLING BROWNSEA

By

The Editor

A reminder of B-P's first ever Scout camp at Brownsea Island in 1907 was given a -tangible focus with the National Patrol leaders Camp this year from July 29th to August 5th. I have been asked if any details are available of the original camp and am indebted to the South American Scout magazine "R.S.A." for the record of events given by SIR PERCY EVERETT, who took part in the camp: "During the summer of 1907, the Chief was gradually completing his plans for the camp. He was fortunate enough to find a friend in Mr. Charles van Raalte who placed at his disposal a portion of Brownsea Island."

This island was ideal for the purpose. It was about two miles long, one mile wide, was very thickly wooded in parts with the lakes in the centre and plenty of what we would call now 'good Scouting country', and with a sandy southern shore on which the camp was set up."

"The Chief chose his boys, twenty in all, sons of friends at Eton and other Public Schools, poor boys from the East End of London, and a number of Secondary School boys from the neighbourhood of Bourne-mouth, who were recruited by Mr. G. W. Green of Poole, a man who for years worked among boys in his native town."

"The boys were arranged, in four Patrols: Ravens, Wolves, Curlews and Bulls. (These, then, were the first patrol names to be used in Scouting)."

"Patrols camped on their own, under their own Leaders, with full responsibility for their honour to carry out the Chief's wishes, and right well they responded."

"But the most vivid memory of all was the Camp Fire before prayers and Lights Out. Round the camp fire at night the Chief told us trilling yarns, himself led Eengonyama chorus, and in his inimitable way held the attention and hearts of all."

“I can see him still as he stands in the flickering light of the fire an alert figure, full of the joy of life, now grave, now gay, answering all manner of questions, imitating the call of birds, showing how to stalk a wild animal, flashing out a little story, dancing and singing round the fire, pointing a moral, not in actual words but in such an elusive and yet convincing way that everyone present, boy and man, was ready to follow him wherever he might lead”.

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MIHON

By

John L. Burns Jnr.

The Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts of RYUKYU ISLANDS have issued 2 separate stamps. The Girl Scout one in 1964, the Boy Scout in 1965. Before the stamps came out they issued an overprinted MIHON with Japanese Characters. This word means "Sample" are these stamps totalling 1500 only in each case were issued to a few individuals and organizations. Mr. Tom BURGESS of the Far East Council Boy Scouts of America gave

me a dated postmarked envelope with the MIHON Boy Scout Stamp on it - but dated before the stamp was issued. The cover bearing also a V. S. Scout stamp was cancelled by an Air Force A. P. O. Postal Unit with a date 22 day before the stamp itself was released. Incidentally, MIHON cannot be used for postage.

HOW DO YOU COLLECT

By

F. H. Wright

I had been a stamp collector for many years and started collecting Scout stamps as a side line whilst a Scouter. I was not then alive to the importance of covers, other than tents, but kept a few received from boys attending jamborees. My collection consists of Scout and Guide stamps only and I have mounted them according to the year of issue. I have most of the Mafeking siege stamps, Czech. 1 & 2, Siam Tigers, Roumanians and nearly all the subsequent straightforward Scout issues. I have made no hard and fast rule as to what I collect - I have some covers and one or two miniature sheets (at a reasonable price) I also have one ordinary Norwegian 40 ore (skiers) but it has a 4th Rover Moot cancellation.

SALES BUREAU

Most of the material offered in the last Journal is still available and orders will be accepted on the basis of these prices up to the end of January subject to availability. However, replacements of stocks, especially from sources of 'hard' currency will inevitably mean increased prices and by the time the lists are published again, there will be many changes in price!

I have been asked by some members to supply certain items if the Mint Distribution is not issuing them. These requests are difficult to meet exactly, as the Mint Service endeavours to cover everything but there are occasions when supplies at the right price come in very late, or sometimes not at all.

My policy for the Sales Bureau is to try and keep a full stock of all issues if they can be obtained at reasonable prices. Of course it is impossible to get hold of stock of mint Mafeking and Siam 'Tigers', but I

am always prepared to comb the London market for members who want the rare items. Wants lists for these kinds of items will be executed on a Sales Bureau basis --- i.e. a commission of 10% will be charged for Club funds on all such orders executed. At present I can supply a few nice copies of the Mafeking "Cyclist" and "Small Head" stamps --- USED only. Do not ask for "Large Heads" as these are scarce at the right price, and I have several requests on hand.

All 1967 issues not listed are now available through the Sales Bureau, so your orders are invited. They will be listed in detail in the next Journal but --- "The early bird catches the worm"

. John D Roake

CLUB AUCTIONS

A very good response to the last one results in commission coming to the aid of Club Funds. The next issue will contain a splendid selection of Swedish postmarks and other Scandinavian material from the 1940s onwards, together with other interesting material. I have also been sent items to be sold where the total realisation benefits the club. Fine gestures on the part of those members who have sent in material, for which I thank them sincerely. Any items for next auction should be sent immediately for inclusion.

. John D Roake

And so to the end of yet another Journal and to the end 1967 and the end of a Jamboree Year. The prospects for 1968 are exciting. I know of some unusual Scout items expected and providing there is no flood the P L D and M D should cope, especially with the new arrangements. A. H. NICHOLSON is working on the Supplement to the Scout and Guide Catalogue and we may even have to think of a re-issue of the entire work. An up-to-date membership list is also proposed for early 1968 as well as a price list either to accompany the Catalogue or as a separate publication.

So the year comes to an end. I hope that all members will receive this Journal before Christmas so that the seasonal greetings will be topical. Firstly I offer greetings for a happy Christmas on behalf of the Committee and the other officials. Secondly I offer these greetings from - and to -

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those who have made the P L D and M D possible. Lastly I offer them on my own account: I wish you a holy and a happy holyday and every good and joyful sentiment for the year and years that lie ahead.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM JOHNNY ROAKE!

May I thank all those members who have sent me such kind messages during my recent illnesses that have taken up most of the summer and autumn. By now I think I have answered all outstanding correspondence and dealt with all requests that have been made, but if there is anyone who has been waiting for a long while for an answer or something to be done on their behalf will they please write again. I have lost a lot of letters, turned out by over-zealous daily helpers, and I know that there are several matters outstanding for members in the Australia - New Zealand area.

May I also thank those who have been so complimentary about the four years during which I was associated with producing the Journal. This was a hard job, and one that became oppressively difficult at times, so I would like to publicly acknowledge the Club's gratitude to HOWARD FEARS for gallantly taking over the Journal this summer. If he had not done so, there would have been NO Journal, and with all his other work for the Club, the added burden makes great inroads into his personal and business time. Thank you HOWARD --- from one who knows!

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