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EDITORIAL.

We are indeed pleased to welcome Maj. Gen. Spry, Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau as our honorary Vice President. Several months before the formation of the S.S.C.C., he very kindly placed at the disposal of those of us who were interested in "Scouting on stamps", a room at the former International Bureau in London for a meeting over which he, himself, presided. Since that time, the Society has been founded and membership has grown rapidly and although the tempo of the influx of new members has slowed up somewhat, it is encouraging to note that quite a number of those who have recently joined are juniors. A suggestion made at the April meeting in London was that a small part of the Journal should be given over to our younger members. I am sure all will agree with this and to the "Junior Section" which we commence in this number.

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REPORT OF THE FIRST LONDON MEETING OF THE S.S.C.C.

(By the Secretary)

All present at the first meeting of the S.S.C.C. were unanimous in their agreement that the occasion had been a pleasant, instructive and helpful one. Held on Saturday 12th. April, at the Imperial Scout Headquarters in Victoria, London, the actual venue was the historic library. The Club President, Mr. RHODES, acted as Chairman and opened the meeting after welcoming members present, by calling on the Secretary to conduct a short Annual General Meeting.

Mr. FEARS outlined the present state of the Club's finances and its activities as well as the plans at present under consideration. The meeting agreed that whilst the present Committee members should continue in their functions, the Committee should be increased from its present size of three to seven. The seven members should represent regions having a fair number of members and should include a representative from the U.S.A.: these members should be responsible for dealing with suggestions, etc., from members in their own regions and those outside these areas should communicate direct with the Secretary.

Two other matters of importance were also discussed. One was the Club Journal, which was wholeheartedly approved. A suggestion that a page for Juniors should be included will be con-

sidered by the Editor. (It has! Editor)

The other major topic was Club funds and various suggestions were made for trading and money-making ventures. The Secretary and the Editor were both warmly thanked for their efforts and regrets were expressed that Mr. NODDER should have had to enter hospital for an operation.

The chief activity of the meeting then took place and consisted of displays by Mr. BOWEN and Mr. RHODES; items shown included some not seen in Britain outside of these collections and more than one person present was very envious of what he saw!

As will be soon elsewhere, special covers were produced for the meeting and those remaining are offered for sale. It is suggested that a further meeting should take place in the autumn in London. The Committee, incidentally, wish to record their thanks to all those who attended the meeting and in particular to those who offered their assistance in various capacities, especially Mr. LADYMAN who has undertaken to be responsible for the addressing of the envelopes for the despatch of the Journal.

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S. S. C. C. COMMITTEE

by Howard Fears

As a result of the continually increasing membership it has been agreed that the size of the Committee should be extended and that where appropriate Committee members should be appointed for particular regions. Briefly, as far as possible these Committee members will be responsible in their own regions for dealing with the suggestions and complaints - if any - of members, for arranging meetings of members, for encouraging new members and for the submission of material to the Editor of the Journal. By these means we feel that members will ultimately have a greater sensation of "belonging" to a Club of those with similar interests, and we know of at least one Committee-man who is arranging to contact all the members in his region. Details of the Committee and the areas involved are:-

1. Covering Herts, Middlesex, Birmingham, Shropshire, Northants and Leicester: F. BLUNT, 20 George Street, BERKHAMSTEAD, Herts.
2. Covering North West England, including Derby, Lancs., Cheshire, Yorkshire and Staffs: C. SWIFT, 97 Mount Drive, Urmston, MANCHESTER.
3. Covering South West England, including Somerset, Hants. and Gloucester, and also Wales: W. G. NODDER, 158 Bradford Road, Combe Down, BATH.
4. Covering Essex and London postal districts: L. BOWEN, 27 Lambourne Gardens, HORNCHURCH, Essex.

5. Covering United States of America: F. JONES, P.O. Box 146, Fort Payne, ALA.

It is hoped that additions to the list can be made when membership justifies it. In particular we have in mind two further regions, Scotland and Western Europe.

In addition to the above five, the Committee of S.S.C.C. includes the President, Mr. Roy RHODES, and the Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. H. FEARS. Apart from being a Committee member by virtue of his regional interest, Mr. W. NODDER is also included as Editor of the Journal.

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NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

The first Junior branch of the S.S.C.C. has recently been formed at Berkhamstead and at present consists of eleven members under the leadership of Mr. Blunt (Member No.41). The inaugural meeting, held on May 1st., was given over to discussing stamp collecting in general and in swapping. Regular meetings, at which Mr. Blunt will be giving a series of yarns and displays on Scouting on Stamps, have been arranged.

Any member of the S.S.C.C. who has spare duplicates of stamps of a general nature would be doing these lads a good turn if she or he were to send them to Mr. Blunt who will see that they are distributed.

Great work, Berkhamstead, and good stamping and Scouting to you all.

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SPECIAL CANCELLATION USED AT THE SECOND "ALL INDIA" JAMBOREE
by JAY ROGERS

The Second "All India" Jamboree was held on the outskirts of JAIPUR City from December 2nd. 1956 until January 1st. 1957; about 10,800 Scouts and Guides attended this very successful encampment. Like the first "All India" Jamboree, held some twenty years before, this event was also marked postally.

A special circular cancellation was used on at least some of the mail coming from the Jamboree: the left central portion of this circular cancellation contains the Indian Scout badge; the right central portion contains the name and date in English, "Jaipur, 31 Dec. 56": the upper portion of the circle bears the inscription in native script: "Indian Scouts and Guides". The lower portion, also in native script, says, "2nd. All India Jamboree". Thus the only part of the cancellation that is significant to a person not familiar with the Indian script is the Scout badge.

In India there is very little concern among collectors for postmarks. Hence this event received very little publicity in a philatelic sense. It is a good item to keep an eye open for and makes a nice supplement for anyone who is lucky enough to have a piece of Rocket Mail from the First Jamboree of 1937 in their collection.

A complete description of this Jamboree can be found in the May 1957 issue of "World Scouting".

(We are very grateful to our member, Mr. Rogers, for these notes, especially as the Rocket Mail for the 1st. "All India" Jamboree has been fully described in the last two numbers of our Journal by our President. Editor)

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

I am hoping you are going to find this section of the Journal jolly useful to you. Several adult members who know a lot about the stamps which have been issued to commemorate Scouting and Guiding, have promised to write short articles and notes to help you with your collecting and I do hope you will read them all carefully. If you have any questions about stamps that are puzzling you, write them on a postcard and send them to your Regional Committee member who, I am sure, will do his best to help you.

Up to the present, 35 countries have issued nearly 170 postage stamps connected with Scouting and Guiding; this may not seem a large number, but it is surprising how difficult it is to get together just one of each. Don't let this worry you, because you can still obtain about 70% of them for quite a reasonable outlay and with them make a really interesting collection to show your chums: even those collectors who have plenty of money to spend on stamps cannot obtain some of the rarer ones, simply because only a few were issued and these are already in someone's collection. I expect some of you started collecting Scout stamps last year; if you did, I hope you were able to buy as many as possible of those which were issued by many countries during that period, because before long, some of them will go up in price and will cost more to buy. Therefore, if you can afford it, always try to buy all Scout stamps as and when they are issued.

From time to time, articles appearing in the Journal will advise you about some of the stamps which, at present, are quite cheap, but which are likely to increase in value. If you have all that were issued last year, I suggest you use your spare pocket money to buy some of those which are mentioned in the Journal.

Here is a little competition for which all of you under sixteen may enter. I will send a special Scout cover to the Junior sending in the first correct answers to the questions given below, opened after the closing date:-

- Q.1. When and by which country was the first stamp showing a Scout issued?
- Q.2. Which country has so far issued the greatest number of different Scout stamps?

- Q.3. Which was the second country to issue a set of stamps to commemorate a World Jamboree? Where was the Jamboree held?
- Q.4. Name the country which issued a stamp showing a Guide and a Ranger.

Send your answers to me so that they arrive not later than September 15th: this will allow Juniors living abroad time to enter. Please mark your envelopes COMPETITION in the top left hand corner. As with all such competitions, the Editor's decision is final. Good luck to you all. Look out for another competition in the next issue of the Journal.

INVESTMENT GUIDE.

by Howard Fears.

Some of the items I am going to mention in this article would seem so obvious as to need no further emphasis; but I find that it is frequently just such items which are overlooked and which, when you try to obtain them later, have advanced in price many times. First, I must mention again the GREAT BRITAIN 1957 Jubilee Jamboree set. I know from experience that the odd values are not only expensive but hard to find, especially used. May I repeat, therefore, the advice I gave in my last article: buy now, because the price is advancing fast. If you can get the used set for 3/- or less, you have a bargain. For individual values, the lowest prices seem to be 2/- for the 1/3, 9d. for the 4d., and 3d. for the 2½d. If the market price -- not the catalogue quotation -- for the set is less than 5/- in about twelve months, I shall be most surprised. (Since our Secretary wrote this article, the 1/3 value, used, is selling at 2/6d. in London. Editor)

The star item this time is AUSTRIA 1951. One stamp only, and it should be in every collection. But have you it mint and used? Quite recently copies changed hands at 9d. and 1/-, but I remember the warning of a dealer that stocks were very small and few wholesalers had any. At that time -- about fifteen months ago -- MINT copies were being imported from Austria at 1/3 each and not many of these could be secured. Now I notice that dealers in London, for instance, are quoting figures in the 2/- and 2/6 range, and more than one prominent dealer has single copies only, no blocks. So before you forget, just check up on your own - and don't ask me: I haven't any spare!

JAMAICA 1952, the pair, are still rising slowly, and although the colours are rather frightening on first acquaintance, I must recommend them as good steady risers. For a set which has risen more rapidly, I would draw your attention to LIECHTENSTEIN 1953: in less than a year the price in London has jumped from 3/6d- to an average of 7/-, with the now familiar warning, "I can't replace my stocks of these". If you have them in complete-sheets, with the special border showing amongst other things; the wooden beads of the good Badge, my advice is to hang on to them. This may prove to be a very

scarce set.

From stamps to labels. GREAT BRITAIN 1957: a set of eight labels issued by the Boy Scouts Association in a folder for a shilling. During the year they were very common, but are they common now? If you think so, just try to obtain a set! Should you require a set, the price to pay -- if you can find a seller -- is a matter of speculation. In fact, I should be glad to hear from any member on the subject of his views on prices for labels generally. Would you pay 10/- for a Scout label issued in 1924 or 1929? Perhaps our American friends would like to add a word regarding Pre-War U.S. Labels. How much would they pay for really scarce ones?

In finishing, I would like to touch on a matter raised from time to time by almost every Scout Stamp collector I know. How much should one pay for a cover? Let me take a concrete example; HOLLAND 1937, the set of three stamps for the World Jamboree. This can still be obtained cheaply -- I bought a set less than a month ago for 9d. --But one value, on piece, with a Jamboree postmark, was marked at 2/-: and if I could buy the set of three, on an ordinary cover, all cancelled with the Jamboree postmark, for 3/6d., I should regard it as a bargain. I expect the price would be nearer 5/-. However, if the cover was extra special, with a registered label or postmarks showing more than one of the four distinguishing numbers on the marks, I might be lucky to be offered it for less than 7/6d.: and if there was something really unique about it -- all four postmarks on one cover, or sent by airmail from the Dutch East Indies, showing the special set of two stamps, with the Jamboree postmark as a backstamp, -- the price might be getting around the 10/- mark. But whilst you are wondering whether you should pay that much, it might be bought up by a collector who would be glad to have it even if he had to pay £1. So you see how difficult the question becomes. One moral is, however, completely clear -- the catalogue value of the stamps on the cover may not mean a thing.

(I can wholeheartedly endorse these last remarks of Mr. Fears to whom we are grateful for his very useful "tips". The collecting of covers and postal history items is a branch of Philately that is comparatively new. There is, at present, no yardstick for this type of material and this can be very disconcerting not only to those who are just commencing collecting but also to the specialist. I have included a short article on this subject and hope that it is controversial enough to cause you to write to me, giving YOUR views. Editor)

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It may possibly interest members to know the official numbers sold of the Scout Jubilee stamps last year; these were:-

	<u>2½d. value</u>	<u>4d. value</u>	<u>1/3 value</u>
Great Britain	137, 235, 286	9, 318, 477	3, 820, 478
Bahrain	167, 764	161, 783	158, 208
Qatar	162, 406	161, 468	156, 085
Muscat	155, 041	154, 705	154, 080

Coil Stamps	<u>2½d. value</u>	<u>4d. value</u>	<u>1/3 value</u>
Great Britain	23 of 4800	21 of 4800	20 of 4800
	49 of 480	37 of 480	33 of 240

In the article on page 3 of Volume 1 No.4, it was stated that the original coils were re-made up into coils of 240 stamps. As will be seen from the above, this applied only to the 1/3 value, the two lower values being re-made into coils of 480.

The above figures also bear out Mr. Fear's words in the previous article; the quantities sold are extremely small for commemorative stamps of Great Britain, and lightly cancelled copies of the top value will never be plentiful.

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NORWEGIAN SCOUT POSTMARKS

(By Mr. Wim Six)

We are very grateful to our member for sending the following list of Norwegian Scout postmarks which have so far been used. This augments the list of Swedish Postmarks published in our last Journal. Can any member supply a similar list for Denmark please?

- 1928 SPEIDERLEIREN ANDALSNES, N. S. F.
- 1932 SPEIDERLEIREN MANDAL, N. S. F.
- 1935 K. F. U. K. LANDSLEIR ASK,
- 1936 SPEIDERLEIREN JELEY, N. S. F.
- 1937 N. S. P. F s LANDLEIR MANDAL
- 1938 STRANDEBARNLEIREN (BEZIRK BERGEN)
- 1947 K. F. U. K. LANDSLEIR MAGNOR
- 1947 SANDANELEIREN (BEZIRK BERGEN)
- 1948 N. S. P. F s LANDLEIR BORSE
- 1948 SPEIDERLEIREN MANDAL N. S. F.
- 1949 4 WORLD ROVER MOOT SKJAK
- 1951 VOSSELEIREN (BEZIRK BERGEN)
- 1952 SPEIDERLEIREN TRONES-VERDAL N. S. F.
- 1953 N. S. P. F s LANDLEIR OLBERG
- 1953 K. F. U. K. LANDSLEIR VERDAL
- 1953 SPEIDERLEIREN RENSA (P. L' s)
- 1954 SPEIDERLEIREN VALENT N. S. F.
- 1954 FLOROLEIREN (BEZIRK BERGEN)
- 1956 L. P. S. LEIREN ANDALSNES
- 1956 SPEIDERLEIREN 1956 BOMOEN
- 1957 SPEIDERLEIREN 1957 BOMOEN

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Following the President's article in the last Journal, here are some more items for members' note books:-

1. Third National Scouters Congress - Rome, 1st. November 1956. Double ringed postmark inscribed "Poste Italiane" at top and "III Congresso Naz, Le Capi Dell A. S. C. I." at base.
2. Canada. Slogan postmark from Sydney, Nova Scotia, 8th.

February 1957 "Support/Boy Scout/Campaign" in three lines in rectangle.

3. Norway. Slogan machine postmark from Oslo, 18th, February 1957. 50th. Anniversary of Scout Movement, with pictures of Scout and Guide badges.
4. Special card with portrait of B.P. on one side and 50th. Anniversary stamp on the other. Inscription in English and Arabic reading "Iranian National Organisation of Scouting - First Day Cover - Commemorating 100th. Anniversary of Lord Baden Powell and the 50th. year of Scout Foundation and the 4th. Anniversary of the Iranian National Organisation of Scouting". My copy is signed by the Iranian International Commissioner.
5. U.S.A. cacheted cover from "Annual Scouters Barbecue" Alpine Scout Camp and New Jersey postmark, 29th. September 1956.
6. U.S.A. cacheted cover from "Scouting's Big Show of 1956" Cleveland Arena and Ohio postmark, 18th. May 1956.

The above has been kindly sent in by Mr. J. Bayes, (Member No. 74). Have other members something of interest?

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S. S. C. C. SALES BUREAU

Many members have enquired, from time to time, whether it might be possible for the Club itself to undertake the actual sale of material especially when, as a consequence, the selling price is below the usual market price. As an experiment, therefore, supplies have been obtained of certain items, and details of all the material obtainable via the Bureau are listed below. You will see that it includes the special covers sponsored by the Club itself for the 1st. Convention. I should like to point out that for your needs you should write to the Secretary, Mr. H. FEARS, that the price of return postage to yourself MUST be added, and that the small element of profit involved will, of course, be for the benefit of Club funds. Finally, if you have supplies of similar material in which the Sales Bureau might be interested, please notify Mr. FEARS.

(Rate of exchange taken as 1/- equals 15c. (U.S.))

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| Club Journal | Vol. I No. I (reprint); | No. 2; | No. 3; | Vol. II |
| | No. 1, 1/- each. | | | |
| Jamaica 1952 Scouts, | Pair Mint | 1/6d. | Block 4, | 6/- |
| Iran | 1957 1 Val. Mint | 1/9d. | | |
| Philippines 1957 Perf. & Imperf. | Mint, The pair | 1/6d. | | |
| Japan | 1949 Scout stamp, Mint | 9d. | Block 4, | 3/- |
| Cuba | 1954 1 val, Mint | 9d. | Block 4, | 3/- |
| Korea | 1957, Pair Mint (a bargain price) | 2/6d | | |

S.S.C.C. covers, cacheted, in red (only 15 issued) 2/6d.
in black (only 24 issued) 1/6d.

Austria, 1957, Postcard, with Austrian stamp & special Scout
cancel. - 1/-

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CANCELLATIONS AND COVERS - WHAT ARE THEY REALLY WORTH?
by the Editor.

This is a question all collectors of covers and postal history items ask themselves at some time or another, so let us take a couple of examples and see if we can arrive at some conclusions.

A few months ago, a postal history sale catalogue of one of London's leading auctioneers contained the following:-

"Cover franked by 'Baden Powell' 3d. (S.G.21/22) April 12, and another of May 1, franked by three copies of the 'Cyclist' 1d. (S.G.17/18)". The estimated value of these two covers was given as £10. At the sale, a sum of nearly three times this figure was obtained.

At a postal history auction last year, a cover, which, with a few others, I had originally purchased some five years previously for 75/- and which was franked with four stamps of the catalogue value of 8/4, was sold for £18.

Let us consider these two lots more closely and try to find the reason why such high prices were paid for what the uninitiated might think were "just three old envelopes".

The former two covers were what are called "campaign" covers, i.e. they are associated with a military operation; they are also connected with 'Scouting on stamps'. The latter was a "combination" cover, i.e. it bore stamps of two different colonies, the use of such stamps, in combination, being officially sanctioned by the postal authorities. Had the stamps on the Mafeking covers been soaked off, they may have fetched £10, for they were by no means good copies: had the stamps on the latter cover been removed, I should have been lucky if I could have sold them for half-a-crown! I hope you see the point -- these covers were purchased by collectors for one reason - in the case of the former, because of their association with an important historic event and in the case of the latter, because of its association with the postal history of a country.

The present day demand for this type of cover is considerable; few people in the late 19th. and early 20th. centuries kept the envelopes in which their letters came: if they happened to be stamp collectors it is possible they removed the stamps, oft times not very carefully, and stuck them in their albums. If, as in the case of the Mafeking stamps, only a small quantity were issued and used, it is obvious that the number of envelopes bearing stamps existing nowadays must also be very small. Admittedly, some folks retained their 'Mafeking Siege' envelopes for sentimental reasons and have since found that sentiment sometimes has its reward! Similarly with the

'combination' cover; the postal use of stamps from two colonies in combination, was for a limited period and only a very small quantity of such entires have survived, those which have, therefore, becoming rarities.

You may well be saying "All this is understandable, but you have only mentioned early covers. What of the modern ones? Some of these are priced very high. Is this because collectors have become 'cover-minded'?" I agree, they have, and by doing so have created what I think can be called a 'false market'. Many advertisers in stamp magazines and periodicals now cater for the cover collector; covers are available for almost any event -- first day issue of a new stamp, expeditions, flights, tours, voyages (not forgetting the 'Mayflower') and those which concern us, Jamborees, Moots, camps, and what have you. Most of the latter type covers are reasonably priced, simply because they are issued in sufficient quantity to meet the present day demand, but to the postal historian most of these are -- 'just covers', and not postal history material in the true sense of the word unless they provide proof, by their cancellations, of an unknown routing of mail during that period or of the existence of a little-known post office or postal agency, or, in more recent years, they bear a cancellation of a machine or handstamp specially prepared by the postal authorities for the event. And even the postal authorities of some countries are now finding how remunerative the making and using of such handstamps can be! So what? I suggest we try to look at the purchasing of covers from a purely logical angle. If a cover does really tell us a story, e.g. that there was a siege of Mafeking in 1900 and that people found time to write letters during the siege; that there was a limited postal use of the stamps of one colony in another; that it had associations with a celebrity, such as an envelope which once contained a letter written by B.P., or one sent by a Scout and posted at a World Jamboree or Rover Moot, then we must expect to pay for the privilege of having it in our collection: if, on the other hand, it is a cover, privately sponsored by a Scout troop as frequently done by our American friends, we should expect to obtain it for a few pence, plus a servicing fee. If, however, it happens to be a cover produced for the sole purpose of obtaining money from collectors -- and this is being done by some people far more frequently than one would suppose -- we should not give it album room -- the best place is the w.p.b.

So don't you think it really boils down to this? A cover is only worth what YOU, yourself, consider it to be worth paying for, and NOT A PENNY MORE. Or don't you?

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MAIL AUCTION SALE

As you will appreciate, one of the Club's greatest needs is MONEY, and several projects are being held up for this reason alone. It has been suggested, however, that if every possible member were to donate to the Club one item of Scouting interest

- a cover, or some Scout stamps or badges - a postal sale could be organised and the proceeds given to help the Club finances. I think this is a good idea; all the items donated can be listed in the next issue of the Journal and members will have a chance to bid, by post, for the material. But first we need the material so will YOU, the member, be so kind as to send a Scout cover, or Scout stamps; labels or badges, to the Secretary, Mr. FEARS, as soon as possible. If you can send more than one item, even better, but do send something - NOW. Thanks.

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PAGES FROM MY "CHIT-CHAT" DIARY

by Len Bowen

Do you enjoy a general "chit-chat" on Scout stamps and Scout philatelic material with other members as much as I do? The London area members I am able to talk to personally fairly often, and occasionally, those from the U.S.A. and Europe if they let me know in advance of their coming to London; as for the rest of you folk, the next best thing I can do is to talk to you through the pages of this Journal.

How has your luck been lately? Yes, I am quite satisfied with mine -- last week I pulled off a Club Book for 2d., a used copy of the New Zealand 1953 Health stamp, 1½d. value (Girl Guide) with the variety, -white dot under 'E' of "POSTAGE" - also I found a mint PLATE block of four of the U.S.A. Scout stamp for 1/6d. Don't forget it is not enough to have a list of varieties in a magazine in your stamp cupboard; you should have them tucked away in the back of your head! That way you automatically look for them whenever you see an issue of stamps on which varieties are known; the varieties will then 'hit you in the eye' should you come across one -- the secret is to know just what you are looking for.

Another bit of luck which seems to have come my way concerns a meter mark that I counted on a page with a few Scout stamps when I was much younger -- as a Patrol Leader I had occasion to write to Scout Headquarters, and duly received a reply; on the envelope was a Jamboree publicity slogan incorporated with the machine postal franking. It looked intriguing, so I kept it and still have it in my now considerably built-up collection. I seem to be the only Scout stamp collector in the world who possesses a meter mark of the Arrowe Park Jamboree held at Birkenhead in 1929! Does anyone else possess one?

Have you ever read advance details of a Scout or Guide camp in some foreign country and wondered how you could get a cover sent to you from there? Just try dropping a line addressed to 'The Scoutmaster, British Contingent', a little letter inside offering to refund postage on arrival back in England will often do the trick. That is how I got my registered cover - with the special registration label - from the Jamboree at Godollo, Hungary, and what is more, I received a mint set of stamps inside it as well as an Esperanto Jamboree Souvenir with

another set of stamps stuck on it! Of course, the best thing is to carefully prepare the way, in advance, if possible, with a Scout stamp collector in that country; always have something posted to yourself even if there is no indication that a special cancellation will be used; by this method, my pal, Roy Rhodes and myself, acquired covers from the miniature Jamborette in Tasmania where the camp post office used a 'Relief No.4' cancellation without warning, on the Scouts' letters home. We are now patting ourselves on the back for our trouble!

Do you yet the chance of going through a variety of stamp magazines? I take two myself and see plenty of others through my connections with the Romford Stamp Club. It is most noticeable nowadays, how often the 'market tipsters' refer to the 1952 Jamaica 1st, Caribbean Jamboree Scout stamps -- back in 1952, the stamp magazines referred to then as 'Jam-pot labels' and they could be purchased at 10d. a mint set. Of course, the answer lies in the numbers printed and sold.

Have you noticed how widely varied are the prices for covers with the Dutch 'World Jamboree 1937' cancellation? If you see any, buy them at whatever the price -- I'm sure the average price will work out very nicely. This cancellation was never particularly plentiful, even in 1937.

Must be pushing off now. Another 'chit-chat' soon.

(Thanks a lot, Mr. Bowen for your friendly hints. Editor)

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Mr. Bayes (Member No. 74) suggested in a letter to me that it might be possible to arrange for covers to be serviced by members attending future Scouting events -- e.g. Scottish Rover Moot, National camps abroad, Pan-Pacific Jamboree in New Zealand etc: whilst I agree that it is a good scheme the biggest drawback is advising all members of the S.S.C.C. in advance that a member would be prepared to do it, particularly as the Journal is only a quarterly publication. I feel it is a question for the Committee to consider and, if possible, try to arrange the servicing of covers on a club basis, so that as many members who wish may acquire this material. I am sure it is one of the 'ventures' which the Committee would consider worthy of sponsoring.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S POSTBAG

The volume of correspondence reaching the Secretary concerning Club matters and articles appearing in previous issues of the Journal amply proves the growing importance and significance of S.S.C.C. Take, for instance, the recent article on Swedish Camp Posts. Club member H. BERGQVIST wrote from Sweden to say that "F.A." stood for Franlsnings-armen, i.e. Salvation Army, and that N.T.O. is similar to J.O.G.T. and means National

Templar Orden (National Order of Templars). Then from Holland, member W.SIX said that the list should not have included:-

1942 Malmkoping Jub. Lagret
1945 Motala Rikslagret
1952 Tyrestalagret,

since these were not Scout camps, but were organised by S.S.U. (Svenska Socialistica Ungdomsrät). A few days before writing this article a letter was received from Mr. L.LINGSTROM, the Executive Commissioner for Publications and Public Relations at the Boy Scouts International Bureau, now at Ottawa in Canada. Mr. LINGSTROM wrote: "There are 5 Associations in the Swedish Scout Union: Sveriges Scoutforbund (Swedish Boy Scouts Association); K.F.U.M. (Y.M.C.A. Scout Association); I.O.G.T. (International - not Imperial - Order of Good Templar Scout Association); N.T.O. (National Templar Order Scout Association), and F.A. (Salvation Army Scout Association). In the largest Association, Sveriges Scoutforbund, there are many groups sponsored by local churches. As for the 1952 camp Tyrestalagret, I am not quite sure myself, but I have the impression that it was run by Scouts belonging to a Templar Association affiliated to the Y.M.C.A. Scout Association."

On April 18th. the Jubilee edition of "The Scout" was published, and this included our first magazine advertisement. Frankly, from the point of view of new members the result was disappointing. Apart from publicity in philatelic magazines, an article on the Club is scheduled to appear in the June issue of "World Scouting", and a write-up is also promised in the magazine of the Royal Air Force Association philatelic society.

It was a matter of very considerable pleasure to all concerned when Maj. Gen. D.C.SPRY, C.B.E., D.S.O., C.D., consented to become an honorary Vice-President of the Club. As all will know, the General is Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau, now centred in Canada. When the Bureau; was in Ebury Street, London, the General was one of those responsible for the birth of S.S.C.C., so we regard him as a very close connection of the Club.

Many members have written to say how much they enjoy reading the Journal. Let me quote a few at random:

"I should like to thank all concerned for a good Journal which is better each time it comes out".

"I am delighted with the latest production - excellent effort."

"Let me congratulate you and your fellows who helped to organise such a fine group and especially on your excellent publication."

WIM SIX from Holland is a very keen Scout-stamp collector and has contributed a deal of useful information. He reminds us of the special cancellation from the Philippines used during 1957, i.e. the First Day cancel from Manilla on 19th. Jan., as well as the F.D. cancel from the World Girl Guide

camp itself, which reads "G.S.P. Branch Office, Quezon City, First Day of Issue Jan. 19, 1957." Amongst the recent acquisitions of Mr. SIX are the following:

- 1936 China, "2nd. National Scout Camp" Nanking cancel.
- 1939 Hungary, Air-Scout day at Szentes, 21st. May
- 1944 Poland, Scout cancel used in Warsaw.
- 1945 Holland, Amsterdam Scout cancel used during the Scout Post services, on Red Cross form.

Membership of the Club has continued to rise and as I write, at the beginning of June, has already reached 140. The increase to this number has been greatly helped by the formation of the first branch of S.S.C.C. in Berkhamsted, Herts., as the result of the actions of Committeeman F.S. BLUNT. He has organised a Club for interested local Cubs and Scouts, and has enrolled them as members of S.S.C.C. I am sure many of our other members are in a position to do this and thus encourage the participation of the younger generation in this fascinating hobby. I would also like to appeal to all members to pay their renewal subscriptions as soon as they receive the first notice. Postage rates are so high and our operating margin so small that if further reminders have to be sent it is more difficult to build up our fund for further projects. I am sure I can rely on you to help.

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FIVE WAYS IN WHICH TO OBTAIN MORE MEMBERS
by the Secretary.

The more members in the Club, the greater the advantages for all concerned. More members - more subscriptions - more money available to sponsor new ventures - more world-wide connections - more interest to existing members - and so on. Each existing member has it in his or her power to obtain others and we suggest below five ways in which this can be done; will YOU try? -- I'm sure you will.

1. By personal recommendation to friends who are interested.
2. By sending the name and address of prospective members to the Secretary.
3. By passing your copy of the Journal on to other stamp collectors, whether in your Stamp Society, Scout Group or even on the train or bus.
4. By telling your foreign correspondents about the Club. It would be wonderful if we could have a member in every country in the world, wouldn't it?
5. By organising a Branch of the Club in your area. Perhaps you can get local Cubs and Scouts to join as well as adults -- don't forget the special Junior rate.

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MEMBERSHIP FORMS

There is still a considerable number of members -- over 40 of them! -- who have not returned their membership forms to me. The Committee feels that the list of members should be printed and circulated as soon as possible so if you happen to be one of the above mentioned defaulters, only your name and address will appear in the list, unless your form is returned promptly. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

In our next issue, I am hoping to be able to illustrate a few more cancellations which are worth looking out for. Here's hoping that your summer camp, expedition or family holiday will be an enjoyable one.

Sincerely yours,
WILF NODDER.

ADVERTS.

1. FOR SALE - Sweden, packet of 25 Scout and Guide covers, all different, 1945 to 1956. Price £5 (one only). Write first to L.BOWEN, 27 LAMBOURNE GARDENS, HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
2. WANTED TO BUY - Large quantities of Scout stamps, on or off paper. G.EBERT, BOX 1679, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA.
3. WANTED - Forgeries of 1d. and 3d. Making and genuine stamps with forged postmarks. Write stating price to THE EDITOR.
4. WANTED, EXCHANGE ABROAD - Send 100 to 1000 mixed from your country and receive same number by return: also exchange pre-Jamboree slogans for foreign Scout cancellations; all letters answered. J.BAYES, 3 EVERSFIELD ROAD, KEW, SURREY.
5. EXCHANGE - U.S. Special cacheted covers for foreign covers and cancellations. Patches also exchanged. FRANK JONES, P.O. BOX 146, FORT PAYNE, ALABAMA, U.S.A.

Notice to Members:

All members are allowed one free advertisement per year.

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