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EDITORIAL

It is surprising how quickly time passes: twelve months ago, the S.S.C.C. Journal was merely the figment of the Committee's imagination; with this number we are commencing Volume 2. We hope you will find something to interest you in its pages.

Now that the 50th. Anniversary of Scouting is over and that there is a lull in the issuance of Scout stamps, we feel we should use this breathing space and perhaps bring into being some of the plans which the Committee of the S.S.C.C. have in mind. I know they have several projects which are highly commendable, the most important being the proposal to publish a really comprehensive check list of all Scout and Guide stamps; I think you will agree that this is a MUST. I personally, would like to see work commenced on an illustrated handbook of all Scout and Guide cancellations which have been used to date -- cancellations of Jamborees, camps, special events, etc., annotated chronologically under different sections: maybe it would be preferable to combine these two in one volume, postal history following each issue of stamps, country by country, for I am sure such a handbook would contain a great deal of useful information for all members.

There is another important notice in this Journal. Please remember the date - April 12th. - the time - 2 p.m. - and the place - B.P's Room at I.H.Q. -- and do your best to be there.

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A TRUE ACCOUNT OF SOME MUCH TRAVELLED COVERS

(By "X")

It all started in June 1954. I had been collecting Scout stamps and covers for three or four years and when my troop decided to camp abroad - which happened every other year - I thought that it was time some philatelic memento was produced. Actually, arrangements for the trip, which was to cover Guernsey, Jersey and most of the neighbouring islands, had been going forward for several months, but in June the step was taken of having an appropriate rubber stamp prepared, with the inscription:-

1st. SEAFORD SCOUTS SUMMER CAMP
CHANNEL ISLANDS, AUG. 1954

Fifty envelopes were prepared and when we left Seaford on August 19th. a few of these envelopes were despatched to Jersey. The Scout party arrived at Guernsey in the early hours of August

20th., but the following day a trip to Jersey was made. All the covers despatched on the 19th. were collected and as insufficient postage had been paid in the first place, each cover had become liable for excess postage of a penny. To show this the Jersey P.O. had impressed a rubber stamp marked 1d. and the number 691. In addition, as they had to be called for, all these covers had been backstamped on arrival with the date 20 AU. 54, the circular inscription bearing the words "Jersey C.I." However, when I went to pay the excess the post office had run out of postage due stamps and had to apply ordinary penny stamps which were affixed on the back and cancelled with a handstamp which bore the words "Jersey Channel Islands" and date 21 AU 54.

What might be called the first stage was now over and I posted the remaining covers from Jersey to the minute island of Herm, again endorsed "To be called for". The correct postage was applied and when the Scouts visited Herm on August 24th, all this portion of the sending bore the machine cancellation 21 AU 1954 and a single word "Jersey". The covers were collected at the island P.O. and it was found to date only one had gone astray -- 49 covers still existed.

At this point I should explain that special stamps are issued on Herm and whilst these are not acceptable to the G.P.O. for ordinary postage, it is necessary to affix a stamp to the value of four doubles to a cover in order to defray the cost of carrying it to Guernsey, but G.B. stamps of the usual value are also required. Actually stamps of several denominations, e.g., 4 doubles, 8 doubles, etc., are available but, I fear, their chief purpose is to lighten the pockets of stamp collectors.

Now back to the story. When I asked the man in charge of the Herm P.O. for a supply of the 4 doubles stamps, he apologised and said that as a result of an exceptional rush he had run out of stocks of this value and he hoped I would not mind if bisected copies of the 8 doubles were used! To say that I didn't mind, since this was apparently the first day of such use, was putting it mildly, especially when he agreed with my suggestion that, as he was busy, I should wield the scissors. Thus it was that several varieties of Herm stamps were affixed - on the back of the covers by G.P.O. requirements - including one instance comprising two jointed bisects.

The only island of the main Channel Isles group left to visit was Sark and part of the covers from Herm were addressed to that island and part to Guernsey, although they all have to pass through the Guernsey post office, and, as usual, they were marked "to be called for".

In some instances the correct postage stamps and, in other cases not quite sufficient were affixed and all the 49 covers were duly stamped "Herm Island 24 Aug 1954" before despatch. It seems, however, that by this time I had contravened a number of post office regulations and when I called at the Guernsey Head P.O. a couple of days later, I was not handed any covers, but was, instead, asked to accompany the clerk to see the postmaster. This person explained to me that he had all the covers - down to 48 by now - and that apart from the fact that some had insufficient postage, I had failed to remove or deface previous

stamps, had made alterations to the address, had done this and that, and consequently, he had no option but to impound them pending ultimate destruction; he showed me that although the ordinary stamps put on at Herm had been cancelled, an additional cancellation had been applied to each cover which was to be regarded as an "impounding" cancellation. My arguments that I was not aware of having done anything wrong, had not been told of any breach, etc., etc., were of no avail; the postmaster would consult his superiors, but I should regard the covers as finished. And that was that!

On August 27th. the Scouts visited Sark but of course, there were no covers to collect. Two days later we were to leave for home and on August 28th. I visited the Guernsey P.O. once more and was quite surprised to be told that the Postmaster wished to see me; more trouble, I supposed; but when I saw the gentleman in question, he greeted me with a smile. "I have been thinking it over and have decided to let you have those envelopes back". He went on to explain that a certain amount of postage due was payable and ended by saying that as a tribute to the Scout Movement, he hoped I would accept the cost of the postage due stamps as his personal gift!

From here on the story is easily finished. The underpaid covers had been stamped 1d. with the number 324 and the appropriate postage due stamps had been cancelled with the date 27 Au 54, i.e. before my final visit to the postmaster.

In the intervening years, certain of the covers have been distributed and I have less than half left. Apart from being cacheted, some of the envelopes bear as many as six stamps and eight cancellations and in the light of the above information you can imagine that each of them has its own story to tell. That is all - or nearly all. I have about five spare covers left and if you are interested, let me know. But I warn you, they are not cheap.

(Enquiries for covers should be made to our Secretary, who is well acquainted with the author of this article. Editor)

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DON'T FORGET TO READ THE PARAGRAPH ABOUT THE S.S.C.C. MEETING
IN LONDON ON APRIL 12th.

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SOME RECENT CANCELLATIONS

You will notice that several cancellations, recently used by various postal authorities, have been illustrated in this Journal. The key to these illustrations is given below. All are in black unless otherwise stated: -

Fig. 1. Great Britain-- registered handstamp cancellation, used at the Jamboree, Sutton Park, from July 29th. to August 14th. 1957. Varieties of this skeleton mark are known--(a) J, inverted, between SUTTON and COLDFIELD, (b) second L of COLDFIELD omitted. Other varieties undoubtedly exist. On all copies I have seen so far the date is not horizontally

placed above WKS.

- Fig. 2. Great Britain-- another type of registered handstamp cancellation used at the Jamboree. Note that the date is placed horizontally above and a figure 2 has been inserted before WKS.
- Fig. 3. Great Britain-- cancellation from one of the special "filed date" machines installed at the Jamboree P.O. Used on pre-ordered covers; all dated 2.0 p.m. 1 Aug 1957. (see article in Vol.1, No.4.)
- Fig. 4. Great Britain-- cancellation having moveable date portion from one of the machines installed in the Jamboree P.O. Note the difference in the length of the arcs between town name and WKS. from Fig. 3. The slogan portion being the same, has been omitted. Used from August 1st. to 12th. (see also article in Vol.1, No.4.)
- Fig. 5. Great Britain-- parcel post cancellation. Has also been noted on covers. (see also article in Vol.1, No.4.)
- Fig. 6. Brazil-- special cancellation used on day of issue of Scout stamp, August 1st, 1957.
- Fig. 7. Finland-- special cancellation (in grey) used on day of issue of Scout stamp, February 22nd. 1957.
- Fig. 8. South Korea-- special cancellation (in violet) used on day of issue of Scout stamps, February 27th. 1957.
- Fig. 9. Luxembourg-- cancellation used on day of issue of Scout stamps. It is not known whether the handstamp was made especially for cancelling these stamps. June 17th. 1957.
- Fig. 10. Luxembourg-- a very similar cancellation to Fig. 9. Note the small differences, (a) arrangement of date, (b) shape of some of the letters:-- these differences are very difficult to show, but they do exist.
- Fig. 11. Austria-- special cancellation to commemorate 50 years of the Scout Movement and 45 years of Austrian Scouting. Cancellations, with small figures 1 and 2 on right, have been noted.
- Fig. 12. Norway-- special cancellation used at Girl Guide Camp at Speiderleiren, Bomoen. July 24th. 1957.

No special handstamps seem to have been used for the issue of the two Cuban stamps which appeared early in 1957.

The cancellation on first day covers of the two Liechtenstein Scout stamps has every appearance of being from the same handstamp which was used in 1953 for the 14th. International Scout Conference, Vaduz.

- Fig. 13. is a sketch, full size, of the stamp referred to

on page 5 of Vol. 1, No.4. Details of the fine lines on the original, the wording and the shading are very difficult to produce in the sketch, but it will give you some idea of what the stamp looks like.

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1937 ROCKET EXPERIMENTS AT THE ALL-INDIA BOY SCOUTS JAMBOREE, DELHI

by R. E. Rhodes

(continued from Volume 1, No.4)

2nd. February 1937

Three rocket firings were made on this date, one propaganda rocket and two mail rockets.

The propaganda rocket carried the following:

500 messages of loyalty, printed in red.

An unknown number of messages without the Jamboree cachet but with the experimenter's signature.

200 Scout's Equipment lists-- printed in blue on white paper.

The two mail rockets were as follows:

Rocket No. 135. "Dr. M. Kronstein" carried 176 official covers each bearing a RED rocket stamp. The firing took place before the mail was cleared from the post office so both cachet and postmark bear the same date of February 2, 1937.

Rocket No. 136. "Dr. Radasch" carried 132 Jamboree official cards with a RED rocket stamp and date cachet of February 2. These were Scout's messages and were delivered immediately at the camp after the rocket was opened, so none bears a postmark.

(Note: Rocket No. 137 was not placed on the firing rack as the white ants, for which Delhi is noted, ate into the magazine chamber through the fuze inlet.)

3rd. February 1937

Four firings were made, two propaganda rockets and two mail rockets.

The propaganda rockets carried the following:

1500 messages of welcome to His Excellency the Viceroy, and Lord and Lady Baden Powell, fired directly after the march past the dignitaries. On the evening of the 2nd. February, the Jamboree authorities at the camp decided to distribute messages of welcome to the Viceroy and Lord Baden Powell. 1500 messages were hurriedly cyclostyled at the General Secretary's office and delivered to the experimenter by 11 o'clock the following morning. The latter two firings of the propaganda rockets carried these messages which were distributed in the air about 1000 feet above the huge gathering. The message read - "We Scouts gathered together from all parts of India offer our loyal greetings to his Excellency Chief Scout of India and our beloved Chief and Lady Baden Powell". These two were fired about

4 p.m. each had 750 messages of welcome.

An unknown number of messages of welcome without the Jamboree cachet but with the signature of the experimenter.

The two mail rockets were as follows:

Rocket No. 138 "Princess Elizabeth" carried 254 official covers and 34 copies of the "Jamboree Daily". These had a GREEN rocket stamp and the rocket date cachet and Jamboree postmark of February 3rd., as the firing took place about 12 noon.

Rocket No. 139 "Lord Baden Powell" carried 71 official covers and 90 official cards and one complete miniature copy of the "Pioneer". All these bore a BLUE rocket stamp and date cachet of February 3rd. Only the covers were posted but bore a postmark of February 4th. as the mails had been cleared. The cards were delivered in camp and do not bear any postmarks.

SUMMARY.

The total number of items carried by rocket are as follows:-

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|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Mail (Covers and Cards) | 810 |
| Newspapers | 35 |
| Leaflets, etc. | <u>5513</u> |
| | <u>6358</u> |

Six propaganda and five mail rockets were despatched. One was stopped by ants. There were 2000 each of the rocket stamps in red, green and blue--total 6000. No more have been printed. These would more correctly be designated as "vignettes": proofs of these also exist.

(From the above interesting article; it is obvious that these rocket items are rare. Not only are they of interest to those of us who collect Scout material but they are also much prized by aero-philatelists. These facts explain why they are so rarely seen in Scout stamp collections or are offered for sale by dealers or at auctions. Editor)

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* IMPORTANT NOTICE * -- LONDON MEETING

A meeting of the S. S. C. C. will be held at Imperial Headquarters, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, on Saturday APRIL 12th. next, commencing at 2 p.m. It is most appropriate that it will take place in B.P's Room and the President and Club Officers will indeed be pleased to welcome as many members who can manage to attend. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE, THE TIME AND THE PLACE and don't forget to bring your "swops".

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JOURNAL No. 1. - So many members have asked for a copy of the first number that it has been reprinted and is now available at 1/3d. (United Kingdom and Commonwealth) and at 25 cents (or equivalent) abroad. This includes postage. Please apply to the Secretary.

PRE-JAMBOREE SLOGAN CANCELLATION

Many thanks to Miss Thornton, Club Member No. 90, for sending me information concerning an example of this cancellation having a triangular mark with 449 inset, in place of the circular town mark. She also reports the existence of a similar cancellation but with the number 75. These have been referred to by our Secretary under "Investment Guide".

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MORE ROCKETS!

1957 certainly gave a boost to Scout stamps, but this was to be expected. The financial angle of our hobby has, of necessity, to be studied, especially by those of us whose collections are incomplete and whose spending powers are limited and it was thought that in fairness to both collector and dealer alike, revisions in catalogue prices should be recorded in the Journal as often as possible. The month of December saw a big increase in the prices of some stamps, but even so, a few of these still seem to lag behind the current auction prices for fine copies. Below is a list of Stanley Gibbons revised prices) some of which constitute a very considerable increase, the first column being for mint and the second for used copies, whilst the third shows the approximate percentage increase over the last catalogue quotation: -

| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------------|
| Mafeking, S. G. 17 | ..... | £6 | ..... | £5 |) | |
| " S. G. 18 | ..... | £7 | ..... | £5½ |) | |
| " S. G. 19 and 20 | ..... | £8 | ..... | £6 |) | 20% to 30% |
| " S. G. 21 and 22 | ..... | £20 | ..... | £8 |) | |
| " S. G. 23 | ..... | £90 | ..... | - | ) |  |
| | | | | | | |
| Hungary, 1925, S. G. 457 | ..... | 5/- | ..... | 5/- | ..... | 150% |
| Roumania, 1931, S. G. C78-83 | .. | 20/- | ..... | 15/- | ..... | 200% |
| " 1932, S. G. C84-89 | .. | 45/6 | ..... | 34/- | ..... | 100% |
| " 1934, S. G. C96-101 | .. | 27/- | ..... | 19/- | ..... | 100% |
| " 1935, S. G. 824-828 | .. | 36/- | ..... | 36/- | ..... | 100% |
| " 1936, S. G. C109-111 | .. | 15/- | ..... | 12/- | ..... | 66% |
| " 1940, S. G. 166-173 | .. | 21/- | ..... | 21/- | ..... | 160% * |
| | | | | | | |
| Persia, 1950, S. G. 987 | ..... | 5/- | ..... | 5/- | ..... | 150% |
| Turkey, 1938, S. G. 1215 | ..... | 4/- | ..... | 4/- | ..... | 160% |

(* Some collectors of Scout stamps do not consider this set should be included in a Scout stamp collection, since the Roumanian Boy Scouts, with other youth movements, were taken over by the Office of Education of Roumanian Youth in 1937: Naturally, each collector collects what she or he likes.)

I am sure our American friends will consider the Catalogue prices for the used Mafeking stamps to be quite reasonable; copies of these stamps are rarely seen and none appear to exist in dealers stock books in this country: it is because of their scarcity that our old enemy, the forger, got busy and it behoves all of us when contemplating the purchase of these Mafeking stamps, to ensure that they are genuine with regard to the actual stamp as

well as the cancellation. For a reasonable sum, copies can be expertized by either the Royal Philatelic Society, London, or the British Philatelic Association and any reputable dealer offering you this material will be only too willing to have it examined by the Expert Committee of either of these Societies.

As I am a Fellow of the Royal and also a Member of the B.P.A., I am quite willing to arrange for doubtful copies of these stamps to be expertized. The scale of charges for such examinations, which include a certificate; may be obtained from me on request, that for the Royal being the higher.

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INVESTMENT GUIDE

(Our Secretary must have had the 9th. Scout Law in mind when he compiled the following notes. He hopes they will help you to spend your money wisely when purchasing Scout and Guide philatelic material. Editor)

As those who have been collecting Scout stamps for several years will appreciate, the prices for most types of Scout material - stamps, covers, etc. - have risen considerably. However, some items have risen a great deal more than others and the purpose in presenting articles from what is loosely termed the "investment" angle is to assist collectors in obtaining a complete collection rather than to aid investors in making a profit for themselves.

High on my list of items attracting attention at the moment is the GREAT BRITAIN Jubilee Jamboree set complete used. I should imagine every S.S.C.C. member has the mint set and probably a F.D.C., but the used set is far more sought after than is generally imagined. In London at the moment, fine used copies of the 1/3d. value are in short supply and sell at not less than face - really good copies change hands easily at 1/6d. each -- the 4d. value is not exactly plentiful and I would advise completion of the set without delay.

For the collector who is keen on covers, I suggest a look at F.D.C.s of GREAT BRITAIN DEPENDENCIES in the Persian Gulf (Bahrain, Muscat and Qatar) overprints of 1957. If you can obtain a cover of each containing complete sets for a total of 45 shillings or less, my advice is to buy now. I can predict with confidence an early rise in these prices.

Two neglected stamps - and both reasonably priced at the moment - which I feel will soon show an increase, are the Scout issues for JAPAN (1949) and FRANCE (1947) respectively, preferably used: it is possible to obtain both for a shilling, but I am informed by dealers, however, that their wholesaler's supplies are low and that any new supplies will cost from 50% to 100% more.

If you received any letters between July 1st. and 31st, 1957, inclusive, from GREAT BRITAIN with the pre-Jamboree slogan cancellation, keep them carefully; in early August, one could buy them freely at 3d. per cover; I haven't seen them offered by a dealer for some time, but noticed in a December Mail Auction list that they were given a valuation of 1/6d. each. Those from some places are, of course, scarcer than others. If you have any with a date outside the dates quoted above, then they are really good, and I

fancy examples with the triangular mark in place of the c. d. s. must be scarce. (These triangular marks are quite often applied to letters posted in bulk, e.g. circulars; duplicated matter, bills etc., which are handed over the post office counter in bundles -- the Journal is posted in this manner. Editor) If you are trying to complete your collection of ordinary ones, I would suggest a price of 6d. per cover-- but I would be willing to pay more than this for the triangular ones-- any offers? (This goes for me too! Editor)

I hope these few hints will be of use to you. Further articles will appear in the Journal from time to time.

(Thanks a lot, Mr. Fears, for this information. I'm sure members will welcome articles of this nature. Editor)

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DON'T FORGET THE MEETING OF THE S.S.C.C. IN LONDON ON APRIL 12th. NEXT.
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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Committee of the S.S.C.C. has considered the question of annual subscriptions and, in order to attract the junior collector, who, after all, is the philatelist of tomorrow, it has been decided to reduce subscriptions for those under 16: at the same time, because of the increase in foreign postal rates, it has, regrettably been found necessary to increase slightly that for all members residing outside the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. Will members therefore note that as from March 1st. last, the annual subscriptions are as follows:-

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| Junior members under 16 (United Kingdom & Commonwealth).. | 3/6 | per annum |
| United Kingdom and Commonwealth members | 5/- | " " |
| Other members (U.S.A., Canada, Europe, etc.) | 1 Dollar | (or equivalent) per annum. |

We are sure you will agree that, even with these amendments, the subscriptions are still one of the lowest to be found anywhere for a specialist's society. We hope you will make these facts known as widely as possible and, in particular, bring it to the notice of the younger generation of stamp collectors so that they can receive the benefit of the experience of the more advanced philatelist.

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Please notify me immediately of any change in your address so that not only can our records be kept up-to-date but that your copy of the Journal will not go astray.
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FOR YOUR NOTE BOOK. (by our President)

- (1) Australia, January 1958. --- Single line postmark, inscribed-- GREENBANK CORROBOREE-QLD. AUST. --7000 Scouts in camp.
- (2) Australia, January 1958. --- Snowy Mountain Venture. 800 Senior Scouts staffed by Rovers started from various points in the Australian Alps terminating at Mount Kosciusko. Elaborate

cached cover and attractive cancellation. (THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT KOSCIUSKO, N. S.W. -AUSTRALIA 7308 ft.)

- (3) Set of G.B. Jubilee Jamboree stamps on cover postmarked -- B.F.P.O. CHRISTMAS ISLAND on first day of issue, 1st. August 1957.
- (4) Daily Telegraph dated 28th. November, 1957--- Includes photograph of Dr. Paul Siple at the South Pole in connection with the International Geographical Year. A reminder of Eagle Scout Paul Siple, who accompanied Rear-Admiral Byrd on his expeditions way back in 1930-1931; also a reminder of those early American cached covers, for which there is a huge demand and no supply.
- (5) Two Austrian cancellations---
 - (a) TAG DER BRIEFEMARKE SONDER SCHAU DER PFADFINDER-- 30th. November, 1957.
 - (b) 2 INTERNAT. SKIWETTERWERB DER PFADFINDER OSTERREICHS INNSBRUCK 1 -- 15th. February, 1958.These cancellations are numbered - see if you can find them all - a short cut to the bug-house!
- (6) Post card written by Scouter in charge of No.2 Cash Supply Depot, Arrowe Park, Birkenhead and posted 30th. July 1929-- bears a double line cancellation UPTON, WIRRAL, CHESHIRE. I wonder if he posted it in the camp post office?
- (7) Cover dated 1921, posted in British P.O., Constantinople and addressed to B-P. A nice early curio - any other members possess this type of cover?

Wanted by the President-- covers posted at Brownsea Island 1907 and Humshaugh 1908-- any offers?

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HAVE YOU BOOKED APRIL 12th. FOR THE S. S. C. C. LONDON MEETING?
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SWEDISH CAMP POSTS By Roy Rhodes.

(I am very pleased to be able to publish this article and list of Swedish Camp Marks which has been written by our President. It is this type of article that is so useful to members who collect this kind of material. Editor)

The Swedish Scout Organisation is sub-divided into several groups - mainly on religious denominational grounds - as indicate in the list which follows. These groups are unified only at National level by a central H.Q. known as "SVENSKA SCOUTRADET".

The dates shown in the second column are not guaranteed 100% accurate, but are based on all the information available to me at the time of writing.

The pre-1954 items are getting increasingly difficult to find and the pre-World War II items command quite high prices. If any members are doubtful of prices for the early material, the Officers of the Society will be only too pleased to advise.

The 1952 item marked * may not be a Scout Camp, but I have

included it until it is properly identified; there are a number of other "lagrets", i. e. camps; in existence, but these are other youth organisations, notably S. S. U. (Svenka Socialistica Ungdomslgat) which may trap the unwary. This list is believed to be complete.

The 1956 item marked + is an Estonian Displaced Persons Scout Camp and is already one of the scarcest and most sought after items.

To complicate matters still further, on some of the later ones, covers have come to light posted from one camp to another, bearing both cancellations; the following examples are known:-

- (1) 1951..... ORESUNDSLAGRET----- IVARSBJORKE
- (2) 1951..... " ----- KRAMFORS
- (3) 1951..... IVARSBLORKE ----- ORESUNDSLAGRET
- (4) 1955..... All six SVERIGES SCOUTFORBUND cancellations on one cover.

Almost all the camp post offices had special registration labels, which again expand the collecting field.

Any amendments and/or additions to the list would be welcomed by our hard working Editor.

(Perhaps our Swedish members may be able to help us? Editor)

List of Swedish Camp Marks

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|------|-------|-------------|---|---------------|
| 1927 | 8-19 | July | Scoutlagret, Stockholm | S. S. U. |
| 1931 | 10- | July | Kullalagret, Halsingborg | S. S. |
| 1933 | 3- | July | Hesselbyholmslagret, Strangnas | S. S. U. |
| 1934 | 25-31 | July | Sunnelagret | K. F. U. M. |
| 1935 | 30 | July-5 Aug. | Ingaro(Stockholm)-World Rover Moot | - |
| 1938 | 28 | July-8 Aug. | Tullgarnslagret | S. S. U. |
| 1941 | 5-14 | July | Olofsborgslagret | K. F. U. M. |
| 1942 | 22-25 | June | Malmkoping Jub. Lagret | S. S. U. |
| 1945 | 29 | June-2 July | Motala Rikslagret | S. S. U. |
| 1946 | 12- | July | Gransolagret | S. S. U. |
| 1946 | 27- | July | Sparreholm Jub. Lagret | F. A. |
| 1946 | 1- | Aug. | Bjorkolagret. (Girl Guide) | S. S. U. |
| 1947 | 25 | June-3 July | Orebro Jub. Lagret | N. T. O. |
| 1947 | 18 | July-1 Aug. | Adalslagret | K. F. U. M. |
| 1948 | 1 - | Aug. | Olofsborgslagret. (Girl Guide) | K. F. U. M. |
| 1949 | 1 - | Aug. | Strakenlagret | S. S. U. |
| 1950 | 28 | June-3 July | Frykstalagret | I. O. G. T. |
| 1950 | 21- | July | Ava-Tyr | S. S. |
| 1951 | 10-19 | July | Ivarsbjorke Frykenlagret | F. A. |
| 1951 | 13-23 | July | Oresundslagret | K. F. U. M. |
| 1951 | 25- | July | Kramfors Vildmarkslagret. (Girl Guide) | I. O. G. T. |
| 1951 | 9-15 | Aug. | Jarvso Scoutlager | N. T. O. |
| 1952 | 9-18 | July | Tyrestalagret | S. B. U. F. * |
| 1954 | 17-23 | July | Morkolagret | I. O. G. T. |
| 1954 | 27- | July | Skanelagret Flickscoutforbund. (Girl Guide) | N. T. O. |
| 1954 | 30 | July-5 Aug. | Tromtolagret. (Girl Guide) | S. F. S. |
| 1955 | 29 | June-8 July | Rogsjolagret. (Girl Guide) | K. F. U. K. |
| 1955 | 23- | July | Vastkustlagret | S. S. |
| 1955 | 18-23 | July | Snapphanelagret | S. S. |

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|------|----------------|---|-------------|
| 1955 | 24 July-2 Aug. | Ostkustlagret | S. S. |
| 1955 | 2-8 Aug. | Gotlandslagret | S. S. |
| 1955 | 22 July-1 Aug. | Tunabergslagret | S. S. |
| 1955 | 23-29 July | Midnattsolagret | S. S. |
| 1955 | 7-15 July | Virserum Scoutlager | N. T. O. |
| 1956 | 3-13 Aug. | Galolagret | K. F. U. M. |
| 1956 | 31 July-4 Aug. | Timrarolagret | F. A. |
| 1956 | 18-27 July | Eesti Skautide III Suurlaager, Viru, Angelholm + | |
| 1957 | 6- Aug. | Skara Flamslattslagret. (Girl Guide) | F. A. |

Abbreviations used:-

S. S. U. Svenska Scout Unionen; S. S. Sveriges Scoutforbund;
 I. O. G. T. ... Imperial Order of Good Templers; K. F. U. M. Y. M. C. A;
 K. F. U. K. ... Y. W. C. A; N. T. O.?; F. A. ?

FROM THE TREASURER

As the receipt for Member No.1 of the Club is dated 20.2.57, I have regarded the Club's year as ending on February 19th, 1958. Total receipts in this time have amounted to £32.15.11d. and after the payment of the many expenses including the production of the Journals and the very high postage charges, there is a credit balance left of £6.17.10½d. When the Club came into existence it had, quite naturally, no funds at all and in order to pay for the printing of 4,500 copies of a handbill which were subsequently inserted in "World Scouting", a loan of £6.0.0. was made by the President and myself in equal proportions. During the year more than half of this has been repaid and the amount now outstanding is £2.10.0. We can compliment ourselves on a quite successful financial result for our first year and apart from assisting the Club by obtaining new recruits, members can also help by paying their renewal subscriptions as soon as the reminder letter is received.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

When I wrote in the last issue of the Journal on the subject of membership I was keeping my fingers crossed that we would attain our century within the first year. In fact we have more than done this and as the first year of our existence closes I am sending a welcoming letter to Member No. 114. Of all these members, less than half a dozen are under 16 years of age, and with an eye to the future we are now hoping to encourage many younger collectors to join and for U. K. and Commonwealth countries a reduced rate of 3/6d. has been introduced for younger members. Will you do your best to try to get at least one such person to join, and it will also help if you could get a note of our existence and the very low rates mentioned in your local Scout and Guide Magazines etc. Incidentally, I am always very pleased to see any references in magazines and would welcome details for the future. Good Scout stamp collecting to you all.

SUTTON COLDFIELD/NYASALAND COVERS

Members will recall previous mention of registered, airmail, first day covers from the Jubilee jamboree despatched to Nyasaland and backstamped in that country. They all bear the complete set of stamps and the Secretary has now been advised by the Nyasaland Boy Scouts Association that a total of 200 such covers passed through the mails. Mr. Fears has received a very small further supply and these can be obtained from him at the present price of 7/- each. Once they have gone no more will be available.

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It is very encouraging to receive appreciative letters from members concerning the S.S.C.C. and we are also pleased to know that the information contained in the Journal is of some use to many of you.

Few of you are aware that our secretary has been unwell during the past few months, and it is to his credit that he has carried on as he has done; so if there should happen to be a little delay in receiving a reply from him, you will know the reason: he hopes to be fully recovered by the time this Journal reaches you, but please don't write him unnecessarily. You will be hearing from me again in July, so until then, good Scouting and stamping.

Sincerely Yours,
WILF NODDER.

An asterisk *, in the space below indicates that you have not returned your membership form to me. This was enclosed with Journal No.4. Until all these forms are returned, I cannot complete the Membership List and have it duplicated. Please fill in the form and return to me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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ADVERTS.

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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. | |
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| 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.

H. L. F.

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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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EDITORIAL

Perhaps it would be rather facetious of me to say that I hope you did not get too sunburnt during your summer holiday, but whether you went camping or spent a quiet time away from Scouting, I trust you enjoyed the break from work or school. We can now take out our albums once again, brush the dust off them and mount some of those items we managed to pick up during the past months.

It is very encouraging to receive contributions for the Journal from members, for it does show that more are willing to share their knowledge with others. Articles for the January number will be gratefully received - by December 15th. please.

AUSTRALIAN SCOUT CORROBOREE CANCELLATIONS 1957

by James X. Coutts

These are of interest not only to those who collect Jamboree and Corroboree cancellations and covers but also to those collectors who are postal historians in the general sense.

During December 1957 and January 1958, a Corroboree of all Australian Boy Scouts was held at Greenbank, just outside Brisbane, Queensland, and was attended by some 6,000 Scouts from all the Australian states.

A camp post office was set up by the Postmaster General's Department and a special handstamp was prepared and used at this office: it was of the single circle type having the words GREEN-BANK CORROBOREE QLD - AUST inside the circumference and the date in one line in the centre (This mark has been illustrated, Fig. 4. Editor)

A blank registration label was also available for use on registered items; these are scarce since, after the camp had been in progress a week, the number used was well under 50. On the majority of the labels, the postal clerk wrote 'Greenbank Corroboree' in green ink.

5,000 official covers were issued by the Australian Scouts Headquarters and most of them were used by Scouts for sending mail home. An official cover bearing the special cancellation and the registered label will therefore be a really scarce item.

The few South Wales Boy Scouts held a Senior Scout Adventure in the Snowy Mountains; Scouts hiked to Mount Kosciusko where a number of covers were posted in the special mail box at the top of the mountain. Special postcards were issued and a cachet reading SNOWY ADVENTURE was also applied to covers. All these items were postmarked with the Kosciusko handstamp.

At Warburton in Victoria, an all Australian Rover Moot was held from 27th. December 1957 to January 2nd. 1958 by the Victoria Rover Scouts. Some covers were posted at the Warburton Post Office and bear a cachet HIKE MAIL. They also were stamped with the Warburton handstamp dated during the above mentioned period and are scarce items.

All these items were issued to celebrate the Jubilee of Scouting. (We are very grateful to our Australian member for sending the above contribution. Similar articles from other parts of the world would be appreciated. Editor)

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RARE MATERIAL (By Howard Fears)

One of the greatest benefits to be derived from membership of a Club or Society is the knowledge of the results of research by other members. Some time ago I was perusing some back copies of "THE TIMES" and came across an article in the issue of April 23rd. 1917. This is the only indication I have ever had of the particular subject matter, but if any member can help at all, I shall be very happy to carry out further research. The article stated that the Association des Eclaireurs de France was formed in 1910 and 1911 largely due to the efforts of Lieut. de Vaisseau Nicholas Benoit, who died in December 1914. "A sincere admirer of the Chief Scout, he had wholeheartedly assimilated his methods and endeavoured to adapt them to France". The article went on -- remember the year, 1917 --

"As a symbol of the victory now drawing near, the Eclaireurs de France have decided to celebrate amongst themselves and their allied brother Scouts, but chiefly with their English brothers, the day of the patron of chivalry and Scouting, St. George's Day - the glorious allegory of the spirit reconquering the Beast, of Darkness vanishing before the radiancy of the pure Love of Humanity."

"The celebration takes place by means of a simple widespread interchange between the boys and the troop of the two countries of an attractively coloured artistic postcard. The card represents a tug-of-war between the Allied and enemy Scouts. Between the two teams yawns a wide gulf into which the loser will fall. In the foreground the English and French flags interwoven symbolise the union of the two nations and their armies. In the background fly the other allied flags, whilst those of the enemy float on the other side of the gulf. Above his friends, St. George inspires the young knights; on the other side the beast joins with his own in an endeavour to pull the rope with his mouth. and claws. But disaster has already befallen the Centrals, who are being precipitated one by one into the abyss".

(Thanks indeed for this interesting account, Howard. Perhaps our members in France can help us? Editor)

JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

The response to the competition set in our last Journal was quite encouraging: seven of you sent in entries but somehow, all of you missed the point in Question 3 which was so worded deliberately. If you check up in your catalogues you will find that the Netherland Indies issued two stamps to commemorate the Vogelanzang Jamboree on 1st. May 1957, two months prior to when the set of three for Holland were issued, viz. 31st. July. I hoped that some of you would have twigged it. However, I have, accepted 'Holland' as the correct answer and have sent a cover to the first correct entry opened -- that of Graham Keen, Member No.153, of the 1st. Gossoms End Troop. Good for you, Graham and also thanks to all those unlucky ones who sent in correct answers. Don't be disheartened and do please try again. We would have liked to have given each of you a prize but that would have been asking too much.. Even if you were not successful this time, I am sure you must have learnt something about stamps because you most probably had to look through your catalogues in search of the answers or had to ask a collector friend to help you. By the way, no Brownie or Guide member sent in an entry! Come on, girls, don't let the boys have it all their own way!

Some of you may not have reached the stage where you feel you want to collect only stamps associated with Scouting and Guiding. This is quite understandable and my advice to you is to collect everything which comes your way; by so doing you will learn a great deal about the countries and peoples of the world which the stamps and covers portray. But, at the same time, if you are able, collect Scout and Guide material, and mount it separately from the rest of your collection, so that it forms a section of its own. If you are a Cub or a Scout, such a collection will help you to gain your Philatelist badge when you become a Senior.

Although you may not be able to go to the next World Jamboree in the Philippines, it is fairly certain that special stamps and covers will be issued. Perhaps you will be able to get one of the lucky Scouts who does go to send you a cover addressed to yourself: if you can, such an item would be far more interesting than one purchased from dealer, wouldn't it?

Here is another competition; this time the questions have been set by Mr. Fears, who has also given the prize-- some Scout stamps-- I hope as many of you as possible will attempt it. The rules are the same as for last time, and the closing date is December 15th. Good luck to you.

- Q.1. Why was the Jamboree held at Sutton Coldfield in 1957 called the 'Jubilee Jamboree'?
- Q.2. In which year did the U.S.A. issue a Scout stamp?
- Q.3. New Zealand has issued a stamp showing Boy Scouts in camp. Around the edge of the design is a message in morse. What does it say?
- Q.4. Which country issued a Scout stamp in 1951 with the value of one schilling?

JOTTINGS FROM THE EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

If you are a member of the 'Scouting on Stamps Society' you will know that members Frank Jones (No.15) and Sheldon Levy (No.68) have prepared and published a supplement to the latter member's book, "Boy Scout Cachets of the United States". I can wholeheartedly recommend both the book and the supplement to those interested in cacheted covers issued by many troops in America; both must have taken the authors a great deal of time - and trouble - to compile and they will undoubtedly earn the thanks of collectors of this type of material, especially in the U.S.A.

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I know that some members have no album room for special covers issued by troops for use at their summer camps or similar functions: others are avid collectors of this type of material. I am taking sides with neither, but I do feel that any information about such covers which is passed to me should be made known in these pages: it is then up to each of you to act on it or not. Here, then, are brief accounts of two items:-

Member F.Blunt (No.41), informs me that he had 250 special camp postcards printed for use of the 1st. Gossoms End Troop (Herts.) who camped at Trelloch, Monmouth, this year. A very successful camp, even if on the damp side. For further information see under S.S.C.C. Sales Bureau.

The Bath District Scout Troop, the 1st. Aquae Sulis, a composite troop, went to Holland. This is the first time that a Bath District camp had been held abroad. A total of 1000 miles on sightseeing trips in Holland and into Germany was covered. 200 special envelopes - of which 120 were hand coloured - were printed; all but seven were used. A few covers are available on an exchange basis from the Editor.

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My thanks to member David Young (No-58) of Accrington, Lancs. for sending me a cutting from his 'local' paper in which, among the Scout notes, is a column on "Scouting on Stamps". The S.S.C.C. is mentioned in detail. Good advertising, and thanks a lot, David.

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The International Girl Guide Camp, Greece.

At this International Camp, called GREEK LAND which was organised at the district of St. Andrew; Attica, from the 10th. to the 22nd. July, a provisional post office was set up in the Camp by the Administration of Posts. A special cancellation was used on all correspondence mailed at the camp and bears the likeness of the Goddess Ceres with ears of wheat about her head; I have tried to illustrate this - Fig.9 - but the Greek characters are difficult to copy and the mark from which it was drawn is slightly smudged.

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IMPORTANT

A MEETING OF THE S.S.C.C. WILL BE HELD IN THE LIBRARY, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS, AT 6 p.m. ON FRIDAY, 31st. OCTOBER. ALL MEMBERS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. PLEASE REMEMBER THE DATE AND BOOK IT NOW.

INVESTMENT GUIDE

Whilst I have for long expected a rise in the price of the 1951 Austrian one schilling Scout stamp, I was very surprised to see that in the U.S.A., mint copies are offered at the equivalent of 5 shillings each! To think that in 1951 I refused them at 8d. each! This leads support to my view that all Scout issues should be purchased as soon as possible after release. In the case of the Austrian stamp, I think the present price of 2/- in this country is more realistic, and quite adequate although I would, as a personal preference, like to have copies on cover with the Jamboree cancellation. For such covers, a price of 5/- would not be excessive, for they have never been plentiful.

1957 was a bumper year for Scout issues, and whether you collect mint or used I recommend the filling of gaps without delay. With each year that passes these issues will rise in value and as a group, I prefer the items from Europe, such as. Finland, Luxembourg, Liechtenstein and Great Britain.

At the time of writing I haven't seen any mention of a special stamp or stamps for the Jamboree in the Philippines in 1959, but I expect that something will be forthcoming. This will focus attention on the earlier issues of that country, whether Scout or Guide, perf. or imperf. In every instance, I favour the values used.

Finally, a straightforward tip, and one which should be within the limits of anyone's pocket - Australia, 1948, a 2½d. value. Even now, after almost ten years, mint copies are seen in club books at face and used copies for ½d. With a low face value, excess stocks were probably put by at the time of issue, but in the years which have followed, these stocks must have been reduced. There are flaws on this stamp and, with a large Australian specialist following, the interest of a Commonwealth country, and American interest, not to mention the thematic interest, I feel the time for a rise has come. Buy now at face: in two or three years, the price should be 4d., that is, a rise of 60% Think of this in terms of an issue with a face value of 10/-, rising to 16/-, and you will, I think, see what I mean. In this game, it never pays to scorn the humble.

(Another worthwhile number of 'tips'. Don't say in a couple of years time that you have not been warned! Editor)

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

Some recent cancellations -

- (a) Germany. Camp at Brexbachtal, inscribed "(22b) Bendorf (Rhein) Sayn Pfadfinderlager Brexbachtal 1958" Date - 25.8.58. Design - Scout badge of Pfadfinderschaft St. Georg and picture of camp chapel. See Fig.2.
- (b) Norway - Camp, Speiderleiren Hinderavag.

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International Balloon Race, St.Niklaas, 9th. to 12th. September 1957 -- Belgian Scout stamps used on cards carried in this race.

New meter machine in use at the Manchester (Spring Gardens) Scout and Guide shop. Slogan worded "OUR PROFITS GO TO SCOUTING AND GUIDING". Reported from Gordon Kinder. Has any member ways and means of obtaining a supply of these on cover, please?

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Complete listing of varieties on G.B. 1957 Jamboree Scout issue and Persian Gulf overprints. If you wish to specialise in these stamps, send 3d. stamp to the President requesting copy of list produced by Mr. P. Bullivant of the City Stamp Shop, London.

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Events strongly suspected of being philatelically productive --
April 14-21. National Jamboree, Rizal, Philippines.
July 30-August 6. Gilwell, 3rd. Agoon.
August 10-20. 3rd. Arab Jamboree, Bir el Bey, Tunisia.
October - Ceylon Rover Moot.
December 2nd. Caribbean Jamboree, Havana, Cuba.
December - January 4th. Pan-Pacific Jamboree, New Zealand.

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'Wild Tiger' overprints on Siamese stamps. A further set of these overprints, forged, has turned up. Before purchasing any of these stamps, you are advised to have them expertized.

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SPECIAL. Previously unrecorded Scout stamps have recently come to light and are being investigated: they are of German origin and have appeared on cover, postmarked COBURG, 21st. August, 1923. There are four values of the inflationary surcharges,

viz:- 1000 marks on 5m. (yellow); 1500 marks on 15pf. (blue);
2000 marks on 40pf. (green); 5000 marks on 10pf. (orange).

The latter two are 'air' stamps, and all are overprinted RHEIN-RUHRHILFE PFADFINDERKORPS.

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A new national camp cancellation from Iran. Has any member a contact in that country from whom supplies can be obtained, please?

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A new national camp cancellation from Israel - Mount Carmel, Haifa, 29th. July 1958. (I have illustrated this, Fig-3, as best I can; Hebrew characters are not easy to copy! Editor)

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To these notes by the President, I can add one - a meter mark which franked the envelope containing a letter from my friend 'Pip' Reddin (Member No. 20). Unfortunately the meter mark is not quite complete, but I have illustrated as much of it as appears on the cover - Fig. 8.

(Three other marks have also been illustrated -- first day cancellations of the Jamboree stamps issued by Nicaragua (Fig. 1) and the Dominican Republic (Fig. 10) and that used for the Austrian 2nd. International Ski meeting (Fig. 11.) Editor)

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S. S. C. C. SALES BUREAU

Two new covers are added to the range of material which can be obtained from the Bureau. It is emphasised that when existing stocks are sold, there will be no more. (And as a special tip, you wouldn't go far wrong in ordering a few spare of the Camp Post cards at the price quoted: they are most attractive and will be very useful for 'swopping')

Orders direct to MR. FEARS, with cash, and please add postage. Rate of exchange -- 1/- equals 15 cent (U.S.A.)

- Club Journal. Vol.1. No.1 (reprint) only 1/-
 - Distinctive First day cover of July 11th. 1958 from the Greek Girl Guide Camp with special cachet and postmark.. 3/3d.
 - Camp postcard, printed, with cachet from a sketch by B.P., from summer camp of 1st. Gossoms End Troop, each card personally signed by a camper 6d.
 - Iran. 1957, one value, mint 1/9d.
 - Korea. 1957, pair, mint - (This cannot be repeated at this price when stock is exhausted) .. 2/6d; block of 4..10/-
 - Philippines. 1957. Perf. and Imperf. mint, the pair ... 1/6d.
 - Perf. value only 9d. each; block of 4 .. 3/-
 - Imperf. value only 1/- each; block of 4 .. 4/-
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PAGES FROM MY "CHIT-CHAT" DIARY - PAGE 2
by Len Bowen

Here we are once again. I hope you have found something interesting since my last chit-chat. It has been a bit flat for me - except for the Greek cover of the Girl Guide camp in Greece and a useful meter machine frank on the envelope enclosing a free sample copy of the I.H.Q. Magazine from Canada. Still, these quiet periods give us an opportunity to review and check over the accumulation of unmounted material acquired in the Jubilee year, and also to have a more critical look at the hurriedly mounted items actually in our albums, or even to think about and lay plans for forthcoming events such as the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in New Zealand at the end of the year, or the set of three Scout stamps on the 1958 stamp issuing programme of India. In this connection, make up your mind in advance exactly what you would like for your albums, such as - publicity slogan, postmark on souvenir cover, imprint blocks of four of the stamps, registered cover, set of publicity seals, etc, - when the event happens, whip round smartly and continuously until you have acquired them all. You just strike while the iron is hot, for, from my experience, a bare three months or so afterwards, one gets the same reply from all the dealers you visit -- "never heard of it"

By the way, I've been told by a District Commissioner that the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree last year put Scout funds 'in the red' to a very large sum and that an appeal was made to the Government for financial help - a sum of £25,000 was generously given towards the total debt. It sounds like the death knell to me of all World Jamborees and their replacement by Area Jam-

borees, such as the Caribbean Jamboree of 1952 and the Pan-Pacific Jamborees which have already proved successful. If you have any World Jamboree covers to spare, just send them on to me!

Did you notice that in the last issue of the Journal, Howard Fears and I in different articles commented on the Dutch Jamboree 1957 covers? His remarks as to prices were absurdly low, especially when he and I have both been offered on approval a cover by a dealer at 15/-. It is the second one I have seen offered in 1½ to 2 years - the first one I whipped up smartly at 10/6d. Either I am an experienced mug or Howard is guilty of wishful thinking!

I wonder why the Postal Authorities throughout the world fight shy of issuing special stamps and using special handstamps in connection with International Girl Guide events? After all, they are Girl Scouts, the female half of the Scout Movement. (Is it because the Girl Guide Association don't press the Authorities sufficiently hard and often? Editor). Personally, I don't think we S.S.C.C. members are paying enough attention to what philatelic Girl Guide material there already is about. A Guide Captain friend of mine loans me Guide magazines and I read recently of a pressure group in existence in International Affairs, led by Israel, for complete merging of Boy and Girl Scouts after the age of 15 -- Youth Clubs, Hobby Clubs, and such like throughout the world are mixed, so why not Scouts? If and when such merging comes about, will you then decide to start a "too late" rush for Girl Guide (or Girl Scout) philatelic material?

Talking of Girl Guides, when I heard during 1956 that the World Guide Movement was planning four Regional World Camps to celebrate B.P.'s centenary in 1957, I made up my mind to get something philatelic from the complete set of camps. This is what I have acquired:-

Philippines (Quezon City) Mint blocks of 4, perf. and imperf. stamps and two covers with special postmarks, cachets, blocks of 4 stamps, both first day of issue.

Switzerland (Valee de Condes) Souvenir covers with special cancellation and cachet (mobile P.O.)

England (Windsor) One cover posted to me direct from the Camp P.O. per favour on request and another cover sent to a Jamboree Scout wrongly addressed to Windsor Camp instead of Sutton Coldfield. Both covers bear the normal Windsor Town cancellation, thus providing proof that no special handstamp was in use at the Camp. There were no commemorative stamps issued.

Canada (Doe Lake) Here I "laid on" with a correspondent in Canada to get anything philatelic

that was going; accordingly when the Camp was being held, he wrote to the Camp P.O. In reply he received a letter signed by the "Guider in charge of Camp P.O." stating that the request from the Movement to the Canadian Postal Authorities for special stamps and cancellations had been turned down,"and also giving the temporary drafting of various local postal staff, into the Doe Lake town P.O. to handle the unusual volume of mail. This letter now reposes in my collection.

I think I achieved by object, don't you? And in spite of the postal authorities of Great Britain and Canada not recognising the events!

I suppose you have noticed that the idea of Scout Troops camping abroad with 'host' Troops who return the compliment the following year, is on the increase: some even prepare souvenir covers -- to use themselves mainly -- history is being made right now so don't let the grass grow under your feet! You have been warned.

Speaking of souvenir Scout covers, I have heard. folks sneer down their noses at Troop sponsored covers: apparently there is nothing philatelically 'official' about them. It strikes me the word 'official' can refer either to the postal authorities OR the Boy Scout Association. Personally, I don't bother to chase after many of these printed cachet covers, but only because they are getting too numerous and the events celebrated are comparatively unimportant -- particularly in the U.S.A. Anyway, please yourself from which angle you look at the word 'official', collect what you fancy and derive the maximum enjoyment possible from our hobby.

That seems to be the lot for now. I have been gossiping longer than I should have done. Cheerio for now until the next time, and good hunting.

(At least you know that if you wish to get something unusual for your collection it is no good just sitting down and waiting for it to fall in your lap! Editor)

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MEMBERSHIP LIST.

This has, at long last been completed: we hope the information in it will be of some use to you. Names of new members, change of addresses, resignations etc., will be included in subsequent issues of this Journal. We suggest you keep your copy up-to-date.

If only your name and address appears in the list you know the reason why. YOU have not completed the membership form sent you. Please don't blame me!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

At a meeting of the Club Committee on Sept. 27th. in London several important decisions were made. When the Club first came into being a number of its features were experimental - especially so the subscription. In fact the present income means a "shoe-string" budget, and a number of important Club ventures are being delayed for lack of cash alone. From January 1st. 1959, therefore, the annual fee will be 10/- (5/- 16 and under), or \$.50c on the American continent. On this basis we should not need to make any further increases.

Amongst the immediate advantages will be the distribution of a detailed membership list to all members. We also hope to increase the issues of the Journal so that they become bi-monthly. An extension of the usefulness of the Sales Bureau is also planned.

Committee member F.S.Blunt has accepted the post of Assistant Secretary and will in future be responsible for renewals except in Canada and U.S.A., where monies should be paid to Frank Jones.

Amongst the latest releases of the Sales Bureau are 3 special items, and in addition to those advertised elsewhere, these should be ordered from the Secretary, Mr. H.L.Fears. The items are:-

- 1958 Greek covers from the Mediterranean Scout camp, with a special cancel (these are scarce) 3/- each
- 1958 Gilwell reunion. S.S.C.C. production. A very attractive cacheted envelope posted at Gilwell 9d. each
- Jamaican Scout pair on cover with the special Caribbean Jamboree cancel - only 6 covers 2/9 each

All above are postage extra. Supplies of the Gilwell cover may be obtained at the same price by U.S. members direct from Frank Jones.

H. L. F.

(The printing of the Journal was held back so that the above account could be included. Editor)

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MAIL AUCTION SALE

To those members who have sent items, our grateful thanks are due. All monies realised will be for the benefit of the Club; we shall be delighted to have contributions for further sales. We are restricting the lots this time to 12; another list will be included in the next issue. To allow for overseas members, your bids must reach the Secretary, Mr. FEARS, by December 10th. On that day the highest bid for a given item will secure it and it will be sent to the bidder, who will be charged the amount of his (or her) bid, plus postage. There are no reserves, and thus a very modest bid may be successful - but DO PLEASE BID.

| <u>Lot No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|----------------|--|
| 1. | Fine used copy of the G.B. 1957 Scout 1/3d. value. |
| 2. | Mint block of 4 of 1951 Austrian 1 schilling Scout stamp. |
| 3. | A single mint copy of the 1951 Austrian Scout stamp. |
| 4. | Unopened tin of sardines, with properly printed inscription "4th. Boy Scout Jamboree Special" (from Valley Forge, U. S. A.) |
| 5. | Sweden 1954: cover from "Skanelagret" Scout camp, with special cancel. |
| 6. | U. S. A. cacheted cover, postmarked Memphis, from a "Scout-O-Rama", with U. S. Scout stamp. |
| 7. | Sweden 1954: cover with special cancel from "Morkolagret" Scout camp. |
| 8. | Brazil 1957. Souvenir sheet, with cachet, plus 1957 Scout stamp tied with special Scout cancel. |
| 9. | Canada 1955. 8th. World Jamboree. Cover with Scout stamp and camp cancel "Niagara-on-the-Lake Ont." |
| 10. | Holland 1956. "Bob-a-Job" (?) booklet, with special stickers. |
| 11. | 1957 U.K. Set of 3 covers, with official Scout, Moot and Indaba cachets, each bearing Scout 2½d. value, all posted on first day of issue in Bristol. (Aug. 1st.) |
| 12. | Holland 1937. 1½c and 6c Scout stamps used on cover with special cancel (not Scout). |

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SCANDINAVIAN CANCELLATIONS

Mr. Fears recently received a very interesting letter from Mr. Sven Faager, the District Commissioner, Y. M. C. A. Boy Scout Association, Sweden, which he has passed to me. In it, the D. C. commented on the article by our President which appeared in the April Journal; this dealt with Swedish Cam marks and had been referred to him by Mr. Lars-Erik Lingstrom (of the Boy Scouts International Bureau) through the Swedish International Commissioner.

The substance of his letter is as follows:-
The Swedish Scout Union (abbreviation S. S. U.) is divided into 5 Associations with a central H/Q - Svenska Scoutradet /SSR/, Swedish Scout Council. These Associations are:-

| | | | |
|----|-----------------------|-------|--|
| 1. | Sveriges Scoutforbund | S. S. | Swedish Boy Scout Association. |
| 2. | K. F. U. M. | " | K. F. U. M. Y. M. C. A. Boy Scout Association. |
| 3. | I. O. G. T. | " | I. O. G. T. International Order of Good Templar Scout Association. |
| 4. | N. T. O. | " | N. T. O. National Templar Order Scout Association. |
| 5. | F. A. | " | F. A. Salvation Army Scout Association. |

1. and 2. are the largest Associations in which there are many groups sponsored by local churches, e.g. Y.M.C.A. has groups sponsored by Methodist, Baptist and Established Church and these sometimes have their own camps. Large camps often have their own accidental post offices with special labels and cancellations.

The S.S.U. has been guardian for only two camps - the 1955 World Rover Moot and the Tullgarnslagret in 1938.

He then gives some corrections to the list of Swedish Camp marks which had been published:

Delete - 1933 Hesselbyholmsslageret; 1942 Malmkoping Jub. Lageret;
1952 Tyrestalageret; 1956 Eesti Skautide III Suurlaager,
Viru, Angelholm.

The dates for camps and sponsoring associations - if different from original list:

| | | | | |
|------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1931 | 10-20 | July | Kullalageret | |
| 1945 | | | Motala | I. O. G. T. |
| 1946 | 12-22 | July | Gransolageret | |
| 1946 | | | Bjorkolageret | S. F. S. |
| 1948 | 3-11 | August | Olofsborgsslageret | K. F. U. K. |
| 1949 | 1-10 | August | Strakenlageret | S. F. S. |
| 1950 | 21-31 | July | Ava-Tyr | |
| 1955 | 23-31 | July | Vastkustlageret | |
| 1957 | 6-13 | August | Skara Flamslattsslageret | |

Note: S. F. S. = Swedish Girl Guides.

He concludes his letter by saying that he has been nominated as collector for the Stamp Archives of the S.S.U. and will be very glad to help us in matters of Swedish stamps and cancellations especially those which have a connection with Scouting.

I am sure we all appreciate his offer and are very grateful for the trouble he has taken over correcting the list, some of which amplifies what was written by our Secretary on page 13 of our last number.

Recent cancellations from this country are as follows and have been illustrated:-

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|------|-------|------|--|--------|---------|
| 1958 | 5th. | July | Vasteras Scouternas VIII Rikslager | N.T.O. | Fig. 5. |
| 1958 | 13th. | July | Nordingralageret Flickscoutforbund | N.T.O. | Fig. 6. |
| | | | (Girl Guide) | | |
| 1958 | 11th. | July | Incojalageret | | Fig. 7. |

You will notice that the Vasteras cancellation is inscribed "Rikslager" and not "Rikslageret" which is rather unusual. Can any member explain the significance of this?

FINNISH SCOUT POSTMARKS. I have received two lists of these, one from member Mr. Wim Six (No. 94) and the other from our President. There are some slight variations between them and I am therefore setting down the information that is common to both lists first:

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| 1934 | July | 20 - 30, | Lauttasaari partioleniiri (Drumso) |
| 1935 | July | 6 - 15, | Kalevala-leiri (Lohja) |
| 1936 | July | 18 - 27, | Kultaranta-leiri (Naantali) |

- 1947 July 18 - 28, Westendin partioleiri (West end)
- 1948 July 17 - 20, Vierumaki, Suurleiri
- 1953 July 18 - 27, Tapiolan Suurleiri (Sulkava)
- 1955 July 8 - 18, Ekenas Tammissaari
- 1957 Feb. 22 Helsinki Helingfors

Mr. Wim Six's list includes -

- 1949 July 4 - 14, Liolanniemi Kolho (Girl Guides)
- 1958 July 18 - 27, Hango Lagret - Hango Leiri

and the President's list -

- 1949 July 14 Pohjoismaiden Partiot ttoleiri

DANISH SCOUT POSTMARKS. Here again, two lists have been received from the some correspondents; the first list contains postmarks referred to in both lists:-

- 1930 July 13 - 20, Middelfart (Faeno) K. F. U. M.
- 1935 July 22 - Aug 5, Klampenborg D. E. T. Jubileumlerj
- 1935 Aug. 2 - 11, Sonderballe Hopstrup K. F. U. M.
- 1939 July 14 - 23, Horhaven K. F. U. K. Aarhus (Girl Guides)
- 1947 July 23 - Aug 1, Middelfart K. F. U. K. Hindsgavl
- 1950 July 10 Fredericia K. F. U. M.
- 1950 Aug. 4 Int. Camp Nordley
- 1950 Aug. 3 - 13, Marielist Jamborette
- 1951 July 3 Pr. D. Rohden Pige Lejren
- 1951 July 4. Grenaa Camp
- 1952 July 8 - 17, Farendlose K. F. U. K. Spejderne Eskeldtrup
- 1955 July 11 - 16, Ronne K. F. U. M. Spejfernes Korpslejr
- 1957 July 17 Odense Eventyr Lejren

Additional marks from Mr. Wim Six's list are:-

- 1935 July 6 - 15, Hjortekaer. K. F. U. M. Jubilaumslerj
- 1936 Braha Trolleborg D. D. P. S. Korinth (Girl Guides) (cachet)
- 1956 Aug. 9 Borgjamborette Egedam Danmark D. D. S. (cachet)

and those from the President's:-

- 1931 July 6 - 15, Klampenborg K. F. U. M. Jubileumlerj
- 1931 July 22 Klampenborg Jubileum D. D. S.
- 1936 July 11 Det Danske Pigersspejderkorps Jub. Lejren
- 1952 July Sea Scout Lager bei Kolding

NORWEGIAN SCOUT POSTMARKS. I published a list of these marks which was sent me by Mr. Wim Six, in our last number; the President has also passed me a list and I am showing any differences between these lists, below. The differences have been underlined.

- 1928 Speiderleiren Verdal N. S. F.
- 1936 Speiderleiren Joloy N. S. F.
- 1938 Stranderbarmleiren Bergen krets av N. S. F.
- 1948 Speiderby en Mandal N. S. F.
- 1948 NSPFs Landlier Borre Norsk Speidernikeforbund
- 1953 Speiderleiren Rensdalen N. S. F.
- 1954 Speiderleiren Valen N. S. F.

1955 Andalsnes F. A. Korpslerj
1956 Andalsnes L. R. S. Leiren Bergen krets av N. S. F.
1958 Speidernes Landsleir 1958(Hamar) K. F. U. K.

The President mentions that the Scout Organisations in Finland, Norway and Denmark are very similar in constitution to those in Sweden. He urges members to compare any specimens of Scandinavian marks they may have with those listed so that as complete a record as possible can be available. Please refer them to me so that I can publish them. He also lists a number of items which are definitely not Scout or Guide Camp: these are:-

Sweden:

1939 July 30 Falkenberg Ungar Ornans Lager (Young Eagles)
1945 July 8 - 15 Vaguharad Stensund Jubileum Rikslagret
1947 July 4 Malmo S. S. Us Jubileumslagret - (Some doubt
about this)
1947 July 9 - 15 Motala Rassnalagret (Baptist)
1950 July 12 Stockholm Internationella Ungdomslagret
1951 July 21 Arbra Fagernas Friskport Lagret
1952 July 6 Visby IHRE Rikslagret
1953 July 19 - 26 Mahult Ornas Friskport Lagret
1955 July 10 Hovas Stora Amunden Friskport Lagret
1955 July 7 Raa Oresandslagret
1955 July 1 Enkoping Utstallingen

Denmark.

1953 July 25 Gentofte I. F. C. C. XIV Int. Rally

Finland.

1953 July 17 Nordiska Lagret Hango-Hanko
any comments?

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

As I write this in mid-September it is very encouraging to record that after little more than 18 months existence the latest membership number allotted is 169, and as proof of the universality of the Club I would mention that the last 3 members have come from U. S. A., Greece and France respectively. Naturally, with the tremendous interest in Scouting at the time of the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree a number of collectors joined because of the novelty of the subject, and a few of these have not renewed their subscription - but in total they number less than a dozen.

Particularly pleasing is the increase in members from Canada and the U. S. A., which now exceed 50, and an additional Committee member has been appointed to help; he is GEORGE EYERMAN, of 87-16 SUTTER AVENUE, OZONE PARK 17, NEW YORK, U. S. A.

Writing from Holland, member W. SIX reports recent rare item he has added to his collection:

1939 Lithuania. Full set on registered cover sent and used in the Girl Guide camp at Pazailis.

- 1944 Holland. Covers with the rare cachets and cancels used by the "Ordonnance troops" of the Netherlands Scouts in Nijmegen and Grave.
- 1954 Ceylon. Official round cancel used at the "Jamboree P.O. Nov. 1954. Ceylon" on the occasion of the visit of Lord Rowallan to Ceylon.

We like to hear from members, and many of you, of course, have written during the last 3 months. The editor and I are most appreciative of the many kind things said about the Journal, and after a slow start it seems that the idea of the Sales Bureau is welcomed. It is our hope to provide material which would not otherwise be obtainable, at reasonable prices. However to date we generally appear to have under-ordered - many members have had to be disappointed. If you have any suggestions regarding coming Scouting events, do please let me know.

May I finish with a little moan. When the Club started we thought of a total of about 30 members: active membership is now more than 5 times that number. But when it comes to renewal subscriptions it seems that some members lost the power to put pen to paper. A renewal notice and 2 reminders are sent before we finally delete a member. But if he had any feeling at all I should have thought that if he didn't intend to renew he could have written a short note to say so. As it is, apart from the time wasted, up to one shilling per person of the Club's small funds are wasted in sending notices and reminders. But then, I am sure these remarks couldn't apply to you, else you wouldn't have read so far!

Good Scout stamp hunting.

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On reading through this Journal, I notice that prominence has been given to cancellations. This, I can assure you, was not intended - it just happened! It is, however, perhaps understandable, since no Scout or Guide stamps have been issued for some time now. May I finish up on a similar note to that on which I started? Please send in articles, especially any on stamps, for inclusion in the next and subsequent issues of the Journal. And how about one or more of you Juniors writing something, e.g. 'my favourite Scout stamp and why', or 'why I like collecting stamps'; it need not be a classical piece of literature, y'know. Let me have them by December 15th. please, won't you?

Yours in Scouting,
WILF NODDER.

P. S. HAVE YOU BOOKED FRIDAY 31st. OCTOBER, 6 p.m. IN THE LIBRARY, IMPERIAL HEADQUARTERS, FOR THE S. S. C. C. MEETING?

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SUBSCRIPTIONS - A GENTLE REMINDER

Have you received a reminder about your renewal subscription? If so, have you posted it off to the Secretary? If not, will you do so right away? Thank you.

ADVERTS.

1. Canadian collector wishes to exchange Scout covers only. Has wide variety from several Jamborees and current covers from many countries. Please write for list if interested: W.J. 'PIP' REDDIN, 710 KITCHEN ST., FREDERICTON, N.B., CANADA.

2. For sale. Postage extra. C.W.O.

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| 1945 | Sweden Motala S.S.U. Rikslagret postmark | 4/- |
| 1958 | Austria, Innsbruck, 2nd. International Ski mark ... | 2/6d. |
| 1957 | Austria, Vienna, 45 Years Austrian Scouting mark .. | 2/6d. |
| 1958 | Germany, Bendorf Brexbachtal Lager postmark | 5/- |
| 1957 | Nicaragua, miniature sheets, pair, mint | 21/- |
| 1956 | Switzerland, 3 cards posted at Kanderstag Scout chalet, English, French and German | 4/6d. |
| 1955 | Canada, Jamboree imprint blocks mint (plates 1 or II) | 2/9d. |
| 1955 | " " cover, F.d. cacheted with camp mark | 1/6d. |
| 1950 | U.S.A. 3 cent brown stamp, plate block, mint | 2/6d. |
| 1948 | Philippines, imperf pair, mint | 1/9d. |
| 1958 | Israel National Camp mark on cover | 3/6d. |
| 1958 | Sweden Nordingralagret | 2/6d. |
| 1958 | " " registered cover | 4/- |
| 1958 | " Incojalagret " " | 4/- |
| 1958 | " Vasteras N.T.O. Rikslager | 2/6d |

3. Exchange - Early Scout material for the rarer European items. Purchase desired of material e.g. 1937 All-India Rocket covers, etc.: MILTON KLEIN, 2868 SEQUOYAH DRIVE, N.W., ATLANTA 5, GA., U.S.A.

4. COUNTY & DISTRICT BADGE EXCHANGE SERVICE - Send your list of wants, spare badges and a stamped addressed envelope to the ASSISTANT SECRETARY, S.S.C.C., 20 GEORGE STREET, BERKHAMSTED, HERTS. - A fair exchange guaranteed by return post.

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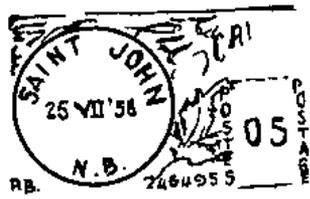


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