

# THE JOURNAL OF THE SCOUT STAMPS COLLECTORS' CLUB

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## EDITORIAL

Perhaps you are normally averse to making New Year resolutions; if you are, may I suggest you make an exception this year. Will every member make up his or her mind NOW to send in bids for the items in the B.P. House Auction Sale, so that our secretary will, in due course, be able to send a substantial cheque to I.H.Q. for this deserving cause. Had it not been for B.P. and the great vision which he had, there would have been no Scouting and Guiding, this Society would never have come into existence, and I doubt whether you would have formed friendships with peoples of other nations so easily. If you feel you have received something from Scouting or Guiding, I urge you to give your best support to our effort.

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## JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

Have you made any New Year resolutions? Lots of grown-ups do, but some of them, I'm sorry to say, do not seem to keep them for long. Now there is one resolution which isn't awfully hard to keep if you are a stamp collector. It is this - resolve to learn more about your stamps.

All this means is, when you have a few minutes to spare, read about them and study them; this is how all the great philatelists, past and present, became experts. If you haven't a catalogue, see if you can borrow one: ask Akela, Brown Owl, Skip or Captain if he or she knows someone who would lend you a copy. Perhaps some of your dad's friends receive letters from abroad; most grown-ups are only too pleased to pass on stamps from their letters to Juniors, especially if they themselves do not collect. But I would suggest you ask such people for the whole envelope with the stamps still on it: for one thing, folks who are not stamp collectors are liable to tear stamps when removing them from envelopes; again, it is often worth while saving the part of the envelope which has both the stamps and cancellation on it. Some of the latter have queer sounding and peculiar names and one day you may become interested enough to form a collection of them.

Above all, look after your stamps: don't throw your album in the toy cupboard; look after it carefully, and put your duplicate stamps away either in a stock book or in a box.

Now I'm sure all of this isn't very hard to do: if you do it when you start collecting, it will become a habit with you.

Some philatelists are very particular about their stamps; they take great care of them, using tweezers and not their fingers to pick them up; they also mount their stamps properly. And this is because some stamps are rare and worth lots of money, but if they were damaged ever so slightly, they would be of little value. Even if your collection is just an ordinary one, you should still take care of it so that you get into the habit of looking after your stamps.

Congratulations to our new Junior member Rodney Goodman (No. 238) who is a Wolf Cub in the 6th. Ealing Pack, for being awarded 1st. prize in the 1959 Middlesex Philatelic Junior Cup Competition for his entry of "Scouting on Stamps". Good work, Rodney.

Good luck to you in your collecting. I'll be with you again in March.

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B. P. HOUSE MAIL AUCTION SALE by the Hon. Sec.

By now every member must have had a chance of looking through the list of 72 lots. I have received a number of bids, but by no means have the majority of Club members considered their offers. Not only is it a grand chance to add something to your collection, but also a practical means of aiding the B. P. House Fund.

Now come - bids must reach me by Feb. 28th. 1960 at Seaford. Go carefully through the whole 72 Lots and see if you can't find a bid to make for at least half of them. One member has put in a bid for every single item! Even if you have the item in your collection already, it can be secured as a duplicate. Let's make our contribution a GOOD one. (Please see the Editorial. Editor)

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A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION by the Editor

Following the publication of an article on the recently issued New Zealand Pan-Pacific Jamboree stamp, under the title of "An Issue is Born", in the November issue of "Gibbons Stamp Monthly", I wrote to the Editor, Mr. Rang, requesting permission to publish a slightly abbreviated version of it, and also to Mr. R. J. G. Collins, the well-known New Zealand philatelist, who lives at Christchurch, asking to be allowed to reproduce some of the illustrations which accompanied the article. They replied they were only too pleased for me to do so, and I have expressed the S. S. C. C.'s grateful thanks to both gentlemen. I am sure you will find it useful when you write-up this stamp in your collection.

As a matter of interest, in his letter to me, Mr. Collins mentioned that he joined the Kelburn (Wellington) Troop in 1911. When he went to Christchurch in 1915 he became Scoutmaster of the Merivale Troop which had the distinction of winning the King's Standard (awarded to the champion Troop of New Zealand) three years in succession. The Movement

became so popular in the district that-the Troop expanded to four troops, with every member of Troop 1 a King's Scout. He went on to say that Troop 4 is interesting historically: Colonel Cosgrove, Dominion Chief Scout, who then lived at Merivale, thought that some opportunity should be found in the Movement for younger boys. He therefore arranged to start a patrol to which was given the name of Bull Pups: this proved so successful that a second patrol, known as Wolf Cubs, was formed. Colonel Cosgrove made a report on the innovation to B-P, and thus there came into being the Wolf Cub section.

#### THE NEW ZEALAND 3rd, PAN-PACIFIC JAMBOREE STAMP

When Mr. Collins was asked by the postal authorities to prepare a suitable design for this stamp, he chose the characteristic three finger Scout salute, which up till then had not featured to any great extent on Scout stamps. The rough wash drawing, fig. 1 - this is approximately half the size of the illustration which appeared in the article - which he submitted was favourably received by the authorities but before he could prepare a working drawing, the post office authorities saw specimens of the Finnish 30m Scout Jubilee stamp of 1957 which was of similar design and it was therefore necessary to find a different motif.

The Scout authorities suggested adapting the Jamboree emblem, fig. 2, the Kiwi, which incidentally had featured on the 1d. pictorial stamp of 1935 which had been designed by Mr. Collins and his cousin. It was at this stage that Mrs. Shirley Collins, his daughter-in-law, who was Art Mistress at Christchurch Girls' High School, submitted three pencilled sketches. Fig. 3, which she herself preferred, had the Scout fleur-de-lis as the central design, whilst the other two, figs. 4 and 5, had the Kiwi as the motif. Both the postal and Scout authorities favoured fig. 5, and a working drawing, bearing the same wording as the Jamboree emblem, was prepared by Mrs. Collins. The authorities then suggested that it would be preferable if the words BOY SCOUTS were substituted for AUCKLAND, and a second working drawing was made which was more compact than the first and which had a re-drawn figure '3', a smaller 'D' and more whiskers on the face of the kiwi! This drawing received approval and was used as a guide by the engraver. I have not tried to reproduce these two working drawings prepared by Mrs. Collins as I felt I could not do justice to the fine work she had put into them.

The article concludes with a description of the different species of kiwi found in New Zealand.

It appears to me that when close co-operation exists between the designer, the postal authorities and the Scout Association the result is a well-designed and appropriate stamp. Would that other countries - including Great Britain - do the same and so avoid producing some Scout stamps on which errors occur!

The productions will give you some idea of the thought and work which go into the designing of a stamp before it reaches the engraver's bench: even then, a great deal of intricate and skilful work has to be done before it can be bought by the public over the post office counter.

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#### CATALOGUE INCREASES

Liechtenstein, 1953 - 14th. International Scout Conference, set of 4 - from 7s. 2d. mint, 7s. 4d. used, to 20s. 3d. mint, 21s. used. This set has been "tipped" more than once in the Journal.

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#### INVESTMENT, RESEARCH AND OTHER TOPICS by the Hon. Secretary

1924 Wembley Jamboree. I am indebted to member W.SIX of Holland for some interesting and helpful comments re the 1924 Wembley Jamboree labels. In my own article I had mentioned 2 labels, but Mr. Six records a third, which shows an Indian sitting on his knees alongside a Scout with a stick in his left hand. Outside the frame at the top but also within the limits of the perforation is the quotation "Scouting for the Boy Scout Jamboree." This label was over-printed in black "Wembley, Aug. 1-8, 1924." Mr. Six mentions that in his collection he has a genuine used postcard from the Exhibition, to which the "camel" label is tied by the postmark.

1937 Dutch Indies Jamboree Stamps - Values. In a long letter, Mr. Six also mentions my remarks about the present value of the 1937 Netherlands Indies Jamboree set. He believes that in Holland the present price is about f. 3.25 (mint) and f. 2.50 (used). As the set appeared on May 1st. 1937, real F.D.C.s with the ordinary date stamp 1-5-37 are very scarce indeed, and would cost at least f. 25. This is also the price for a real F.D.C. of the Dutch 1937 set with the cancel dated 1.4.37. (A Dutch florin (f.) equals approx. 1s. 6d.)

The Club's Finance. A word on the subject of finance. At the time of writing this we have almost completed a full year at the revised subscription rates; it is significant that apart from Juniors, only a handful have failed to renew during the year, and we must regard this as a tribute to the successful operation of the Club. One thing I can say, however, is that there is no prospect of the fee having to be raised in the foreseeable future, and we hope to be able to continue our bi-monthly Journal publication. As a regular feature we intend publishing in alternate years revised membership lists, and revised Scout stamp catalogues. Thus in 1958 we issued the first membership list, in 1959 the first catalogue, and in 1960 will appear the revised members' list. This will be

completely up-to-date, showing all alterations of address, new members and deletions. In passing I would like to pay a tribute to my colleagues who are responsible for these productions. It is, in the best sense, a 'labour of love', and the real satisfaction comes in knowing that you, the members, are appreciative.

Operation of the Sales Bureau. Whilst considering the inner workings of the Club, a few remarks on the operation of the Sales Bureau might be appropriate. In the first place, the object of the Bureau is to make material available to members at reasonable prices, but, at the same time, it is not our intention to build up a stock of items for long-term investment. To enable future purchases to be financed, a modest profit element may be involved and, by the same token, even if a given item does not produce a profit we must avoid its producing a loss. Bearing all these factors in mind it will be realised why our purchases are sometimes based on a reasonable minimum demand and not a possible maximum demand. Is it better to obtain, say, 30 covers at 2/3d., to be sold at 2/6d., and dispose of them all, with the consequent modest profit, or buy 60 of them, of which only 38 are sold? This leaves stock on hand, reduces on capital available for future purchases, and creates the problem of disposing of the balance - perhaps at a loss. Why not buy 38 in the first place? Because it is impossible to gauge the demand for a particular item within certain limits. All of which boils down to this, that we feel it better to buy a number which we can be sure of selling, than to gamble with the Club's money and possibly incur a loss. The big drawback in that members who do not apply for items as soon as possible may find the material sold - out and we are aware of the extra difficulties of our far-flung colleagues in this respect. On balance we hope that you will also agree with the real value of this part of the Club's organisation - although we always welcome constructive suggestions for improvements.

New Zealand Jamboree. Member E. Sargeant (No. 73) who was at the Jamboree writes from Australia, "I made enquiries re registration labels at the Jamboree and it appears that they 'forgot' to get special labels printed! For some a rubber stamp from a nearby Post Office Savings Bank was borrowed, but the Bank needed the stamp and on most occasions the labels were filled in by hand. Occasionally the normal cancellation was used."

Recent Offers of Scout Stamp Material. The perusal of a recent list of Scout stamp offers published by a well-known London firm, shows several interesting items. Some of the most significant entries include:-

			s.	d.
Austria	1951	Jamboree.	1 stamp, mint	4. 6.
Dutch Indies	1937	World Jamboree pair,	Mint or used	9. 6.
Egypt	1956	Arab Jamboree.	Set of 3, mint.	5. 6.
G.B.	1957	Souvenir F.D.C.		20. 0.
France	1947	Jamboree.	1 stamp, mint	6.

			s.	d.
Hungary	1939	Girl Guides Rally. Set of 4, mint	4.	0.
Japan	1949	Tokyo Jamboree, mint	1.	3.
Austria	1937	International Scout Jamboree Hagenbund. Special pmk. ....	6.	6.
N. Z.	1944	Health pair (Princesses as Guides), mint or used .....	1.	0.
Persia	1956	Jamboree pair, mint	6.	0.
Syria	1958	Scout Jamboree, pair, mint	20.	0.

Now these items are not for sale via the Club; if you're interested, I'll let you have the firm's name. I would, however, invite comparisons with your own estimates for some of these Scout stamps or covers. Could some of our overseas friends let me know how prices in their own countries compare? In connection with current stamp offers, by the way, I noticed another dealer advertising on October 30th, 1959:-

MAFEKING Overprint, S.G.16. Very fine used ..... £8

Stamp Offers of 1957. I also spent a profitable evening recently looking back over some adverts. and offers between 1951 and 1957. I'll reserve for another occasion a description of prices prevailing in 1951 and 1952, except to say that when I think of material I refused at that time which has now gone up in price as many as 10 times - could I but turn back the clock! More to the point is a list of offers by a well-known West End firm at about the time of the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree in 1957, in other words, about 2 years ago, and these prices represent the offers of a quality firm with large overheads. Consider these for luck:-

			s.	d.
G. B.	1957.	Set of 3 on F.D.C. from Jamboree	3.	6.
Czechoslovakia	1918.	Scouts pair, mint	57.	6.
Egypt	1956.	2nd. Arab Jamboree, set mint	3.	3.
		- ditto - F.D.C.	5.	0.
Hungary	1925.	Sports set, one stamp showing	20.	0.
Hungary		Scout bugler (mint) .....		
	1933.	Godollo Jamboree. Set mint	11.	0.
Italy	1956.	National Camp, Rasiglia. Set of 16 souvenir covers with different cachets .....	45.	0.
Netherlands	1937.	Jamboree. Set of 3 mint	2.	9.
Roumania	1931.	Scout Ex. Fund. Set of 5 mint	10.	0.

Jamboree in Turkey. Can anyone help? Club member C.KING from Sheffield has received a special envelope printed for a recent Jamboree in Turkey, but unfortunately there is no evidence of a distinctive stamp or cancel. Does anyone know about this event - if so, can they fill in the picture?

Pan-Pacific Jamboree, Sydney, 1960. A noted authority on Scout stamps, Mr. James X.Coutts, who is a Club member, writes as follows to the Asst; Secretary, Mr. Blunt:-

"We are holding a Pan-Pacific Jamboree in Sydney, Australia,

next Dec., 1960, about 30 miles from where I live. It should be good. Great preparations are being made for 10,000 Scouts or the ground. There will be a Camp Post Office with special postmark - perhaps two or three. One on first day and others later.

"Efforts are being made for the issue of a special stamp but this is hard to manage, however our Scout H.Q's are doing their best with regard to this.

"Compliments of the Season to all members of the S.S.C.C."

Grateful Thanks. Finally, I hope the respective members will forgive me quoting from their letters, but as I am sure you will all understand, sympathetic appreciation of the efforts of the few is always warmly welcomed. As a small selection, I quote:-

"Our current magazine is a corker".

"Wow! - what an issue of our Journal ..... the team effort is giving wonderful results."

"Many thanks for all the work and thought that all the 'officials' put into the Club, and also the rather excellent magazine."

Good Hunting in 1960.

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SALVATION ARMY SCOUT CACHET

(Contributed by Member No.22, L.P.Voller)

The following notes may be of interest to those members who collect official Scout cachets.

In June 1950 the Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts became affiliated to the Boy Scout Association, changing to the B.S.A. uniform and methods of training and having the right to wear their Life Saving badge on the right breast.

In August 1952 they held their first international camp, officially known as the First World Salvation Army Scout MONTONDO. The word Montondo comes from the African (Congo) jungle country and is derived from the Ko-Tonda verb "to give thanks."

Sixteen countries were represented at the Montondo which was held at Lunteren in Holland in the province of Gelderland, home of one of the oldest windmills in Holland, dating back as far as 1507. The Montondo was opened on the 5 August 1952 by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and closed on the 15 August.

In the Montondo handbook there is no mention of a special postmark for the occasion, but there was a post box at the camp offices for the collection and distribution of mail. A special cachet was used with green ink. The cachet measures 4.5 cm. by 3 cm. and depicts a large Scout badge on which is superimposed the four sails of a windmill. At the junction of the sails there is the Life Saving Scout Badge ..... a four pointed star with a life-belt and a Cross. The scroll at the base of the

design reads "Montondo-Lunteren. 1952." (This has been re-produced, reduced in size, in fig.7).

I have never seen this cachet noted or advertised in lists of Scout philatelic material but there is no doubt that it was in official use at the Montondo by an officially recognised section of the Boy Scout Association. My copy is on a postcard "EDE STATION - 8-VIII-21 - 1952" posted by the G.S.M. of a Soke of Peterborough Group of Salvation Army Scouts. I wrote to the then editor of the Salvation Army youth magazine who was unable to help me in this matter and was referred to another Salvation Army Officer who was also unable to help. I then obtained permission to advertise my want in a Salvation Army periodical but received no replies. Has any other member of S.S.C.C. one of these? I shall be grateful to anyone who can supply further information on this cachet.

(Thanks a lot for passing on this information. Perhaps some member can assist Mr.Voller. Editor.)

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SALES BUREAU - by the Hon. Sec.

The demand for the bargain offer described in the last issue of the Journal has almost disposed of the supply. The last few are still available at the time of writing, comprising (briefly):

1 cover with 17th. International Scout Conf. cancel from India, Plus 1 F.D.C, of 1st. Berkhamsted Group's Golden Jubilee celebrations, Plus 1 official F.D.C. of N.Z. Pan-Pacific Jamboree, with "Scout hat" cancel.

The cost is 6/3d. for the whole lot, including post (\$1.00 for U.S.A. etc.) If you want them, write now - it's your last warning.

We are also very pleased to have secured some covers from the Philippine Jamboree at a very reasonable price, and also a few very colourful cacheted covers from Indonesia. No need for me to emphasise the scarcity of both of these. As the quantities are not balanced, I am dividing them into 2 different offers:-

Offer 1.

1 F.D.C. with cachet in green from Philippine Jamboree, with camp cancel, and 30+10 Scout stamp, Plus 1 F.D.C. from Indonesia, with cachet, Scout cancel, and full set of 6 Scout stamps.

The cost of this offer is 7/6d. plus postage (U.S., etc, \$1.25, including post).

As I can only do about six of the above, you might be interested in

Offer 2.

Official F.D.C, with cachet in green from Philippine Jamboree. (There are also two covers with cachet in black). 30+10 Scout stamp and camp cancel. Cost is 4/6d. plus post.

1957 Jamboree Booklet. At the time of writing the supplies of this booklet have not arrived, but I am sure they will be available by the time this Journal is in your hands. For details, see the account in the last Journal, but I would emphasise that if you reckon to know anything about this Jamboree (or to find out the gaps in your collection), this booklet is a MUST. Price is only 2/6d. plus post, or you can obtain a copy from FRANK L. JONES in the U.S.A. (as soon as I am able to send him a stock) for 40c. plus post.

Publications - back numbers of the Journal. As a result of the details in the last issue of the Journal, all of the odd copies have been sold out, and the following are the only copies available:-

Vol. I, No. 1. (reprint) ..... 3d.

Vol. III, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (the issues of 1959)

3d, each, or the 6 for 1/3d.

Illustrations: Dec. 1957, Oct. 1958, or Nov. 1959. All

3d. per-sheet.

Postage extra in each case.

We are considering a reprint of Vol. I, No. 2.

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Björn Hermond (Member No. 213) has written me about the queries raised by Mr. Bayes in our last issue. I quote from his letter:

The FLODA - VÄSTGÖTARESAN S.F.S. cancellation was used between 31st. July and 10th. August, the camp being coincident with the Amundo Jamborette. It was a camp for the whole Girl Guide Association and attended by about 3,600 Guides.

The name VÄSTGÖTARESAN comes from the book of that name written by Carl Von Linné (Carlus Linnaeus). "Resan" does mean journey (or travel) and the whole word means Vastgota journey, after the journey made by C v L in about 1740. The camp had its own Carl von Linné and he tried to give the girls of our modern age a glimpse of the life lived over 200 years ago. There were 29 sub camps, each of which was named after a famous Swedish flower: Guides from 19 countries were re-presented and were dispersed throughout the whole camp. A special label for fixing to letters, was issued; it showed a map of the province of Västgötland; the statue of Carl von Linné, the Guide badge and an old fashioned engine (on which was seated a Girl Guide) pulling some carriages. Björn together with a Danish and a U.S.A. Scout attended the camp as "observers" (What an experience! Editor)

The cancellations from MOTALA RIKSLAGRET and OSKEVIKOBY RIKSLAGRET are not Scout marks. He cannot give an English translation for the association responsible for these cancellations: it is a kind of athletic club whose members practice their sport out-of-doors - skiing, skating, canoeing, hiking, etc. It is peculiar to that part of Europe and annual national camps are held. The hammer is the sign of the association and although they base their activities on the lines of the

Scout Movement, they have no connection whatever with the Swedish Scout Association.

(Thanks a lot, Björn for all this information which I know will interest members. Editor.)

"Philatélia Scoute." Claude Marchal (Member No.140) has kindly sent in a French illustrated pamphlet, under the above title, which deals with Hungarian Scout and Guide stamps and cancellations: it is a contribution by W.Grob, an S.S.O.S. member.

Details of all the stamps issued and the cancellations used up to 1948 when the two movements were banned in Hungary, are given and illustrated. You will remember that the stamps and cancellations used at the 4th. World Jamboree at Gödöllő were discussed in the Journal (Vol.3, Nos. 2 and 3). The special machine Scout cancellations used at the first National Scout camp in 1925 and at a subsequent camp just outside Budapest during the following year, are fully illustrated in the pamphlet. These items are exceptionally rare nowadays.

I have reproduced the cancellation (fig.8) of a handstamp used during a camp at Harshegyi after the Second World War just prior to the oppression: You will notice that the St. Stephens crown which originally appeared on the Hungarian Scout fleur-de-lis has been replaced by a shield. Harshegyi was a Scout camping site a few miles outside and overlooking Budapest: I well remember camping there for ten days in the company of several other English and Hungarian Scouters, including Paul Sztrilich, affectionately known as "Jumbo" on account of his great size, who was Camp Chief of Hungary, during the Easter of 1929 when the snow was thick upon the ground and parts of the Danube were frozen over. Brhh!

All Hungarian Scout and Guide cancellations are now elusive items and those who are interested in this branch of philately are well advised to snap up any that are offered.

(Many thanks, Claude, for sending this information. Editor)

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Mr. I. Brown (Member No.164) has written in to ask if an article on 'frauds', i.e. stamps purporting to show Scouts (neckerchief, hat, staves, etc) from non-Scouting countries, could be included in the Journal. He mentions the Hitler Youth stamps, Yugoslavia 1959 "Pioneer" and Czechoslovakia 1959. May I suggest those of you who know of such stamps write me mentioning, if possible, the S.G. catalogue number as well as the country, issue, etc., so that a list can be compiled. I am sure none of you, especially the junior members who collect Scout stamps would wish to include any such items in their collection and even the rest of us can be caught! I have in mind the 1942 'Work & Joy' issue of Bulgaria which depicts 'Scouts' but which has always been suspect with me. Well, see what you can do, will you?

FROM MY COLLECTION - The Beginning 2  
(Contributed by G. Jackson, Member No. 7)

In my last article I dealt with how I came to form my Scout and Guide collection, and in the following article I will show how it began to build up. Before I start however, could I appeal for some information? I believe that special poster stamps picturing a Scottish Rover Scout were issued for the World Rover Moot held at Monzie Castle in 1939, and I would be pleased to hear from anyone who has any information regarding these or has some for swop or sale.

Until 1950 my collection formed quite slowly, but, in that year I visited Austria and spent a few days at the VIIth. World Jamboree at Bad Ischl. There I was able to add to my collection the special Austrian postage stamp issued for the Jamboree. This is surely one of the best - I myself would say the finest - Scout stamps ever issued. From a letter home I obtained a copy of the special postmark. After visiting the Jamboree I went on to Vienna to visit an Austrian Scout who had stayed with me after we had both attended the Second Scottish International Patrol Jamboree at Blair Athol in 1948. (Incidentally Member No. 10 was Camp Chief of this Jamboree). This visit to Vienna gave quite a fillip to my collection as, while I was there, I was able to purchase my Roumanian, Hungarian and Lithuanian sets. These, added to the Jamboree items I have already mentioned, practically doubled my collection overnight. From then on my Scout and Guide collection began to become more and more important while my former interests were vanquished to the sidelines.

I have found that swopping is a useful method for adding to my collection, and I have obtained quite a number of my items in this way. My swopping of course can only be done by letter and how I envy those of you who are in and around London and can attend the various meetings arranged by the Society. What a golden opportunity to add to one's collection, as well as seeing all those other items such as Mafeking stamps, Siam overprints, Rocket Covers etc., which one would like to have but cannot at present afford. My letter writing helps to supplement my knowledge of Scout and Guide stamps as well as to increase my collection and the time I spend on it I feel is indeed worthwhile. I am always pleased to hear from any of my fellow stamp collectors and, if any of them have anything to swop, I hope they will get in touch with me. Another source of material is the Journal, both the Sales Bureau and the Adverts. Quite a number of my items have been obtained from there.

My collection normally expands at a fairly even and steady pace by purchases, swopping and other means, but occasionally it gives a large leap forward. The Jubilee Year with its large number of special issues was such a time, and these last few months seem to be another. A few months ago I obtained a large selection of Formosan covers and seals and recently I obtained an interesting selection of covers from the various camps which

have been held in Sweden this year. All I need now is the time to mount them.

Although at first I only collected postage stamps, after a time I saw that a wealth of other material was available. My collection therefore now includes postmarks, seals, special cards etc. In fact it includes the lot. I have even tagged on a set of cigarette cards showing Patrol Emblems and a set of Scout Match Box labels. This may make the "purist" shudder but my motto is, "collect what you like". If you follow that principle I am sure that your collection will give you a great deal of pleasure.

(To be continued)

JAPANESE CANCELLATIONS

Wim Six (Member No.94) has very kindly sent in a list of Japanese Scout cancellations, together with their English translations which he obtained direct from Japan. I think it may be of interest if I were to give some explanation concerning the dates which appear on them since to some members these may be confusing. The first figures represent the year of the present Japanese epoch, which is named the showa. Each epoch begins with the succession of an Emperor and each year ends on December 31st, irrespective of the date when each epoch commences. The present epoch began on December 26th. 1926, thus 1959 is the 34th. year of the present epoch. The year is followed by the month and the day. For convenience, its equivalent has been given, in parentheses, after it.

1. 24.9.22 (Sept. 22, 1949) "Zen Nippon Boy Scout Commemoration" (All Japan Boy Scout Jamboree Commemoration)
2. 25.8.19 (Aug. 19, 1950) "Kobusai Fubuki Kinen Zen Nippon B/S Taikai" (Commemorating Re-administration of International Boy Scout, All Japan B/S Jamboree SHIJUKI)
3. 26.7.26 (July 26, 1951) "B/S Fukuoka Pref. Camporee KOKURA"
4. 26.7.27 (July 27, 1951) "B/S Hokkaido Camporee OTARU"
5. 26.8.4 (Aug. 4, 1951) "Nippon B/S Yali Kunzen Zengoku Taikai\_Kinen" (All Japan B/S Camping Training Jamboree Commemoration YAMAGATA)
6. 28.8.21 (Aug. 21, 1953) "B/S Fukuoka Ken Renmei Godo Yaei Taikai Kinen" (B/S Fukuoka Pref. Council Joint Camporee AMUTA)
7. 31.8.3 (Aug. 3, 1956) Boy Scout Nippon Jamboree Comm, KARUIZAWA
8. 31.8.12 (Aug. 12, 1956) Welcoming Gen. Spry - Reunion of Scouters TOKYO OSHIMA,
9. 32.8.2 (Aug. 2, 1957) "B/S Kanto Yaei Taikai" (Kanton Region B/S Camporee CHOSHI)

10. 32.8.2 (Aug. 2, 1957) "B/S Nishi Nippon Taikai Kinen"  
(Western Japan B.S Camporee Comm.  
MATSUE)
11. 33.3.9 (March 9, 1958) Rover Moot, TOKYO OSHIMA.
12. 33.4.29 (April 29, 1958) "Dai Ikkai Tokai Chike Cub Rally  
Taikai Nagany Chico" (First Tokai  
Region Cub Rally, NAGUYA CENTRAL)
13. 33.7.31 (July 31, 1958) "Dai Sanki Yamagata - Ken B/S  
Taikai" (3rd. Yamagata Pref. B/S  
Camporee YAMAGATA MASEI)
14. 33.8.8 (Aug. 8, 1958) "Dai Jukai B/S, G/S Yaei Taikai"  
(10th. B/S., G/S Camporee OITA)
15. 33.8.8 (Aug. 8, 1958) "B/S Yaei Kunzen Taikai Kinen"  
(B/S Osaka Camporee YONONAKA)
16. 34.8.6 (Aug. 6, 1959) "B/S Dai Nikai Nippon Jamboree  
Kinen" (11 B/S Nippon Jamboree  
Commemoration SHIGA IMAZU)

(This list should be of great assistance to us in annotating the pages of these cancellations in our albums: the characters in the cancellations emanating from many countries other than our own are, to many of us enigmas, so thanks a lot, Wim, for the list.

Could one of our members in Formosa be persuaded to produce a similar list for the Scout and Guide cancellations and cachets which have been used in Free China? Editor)

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THE CLUB'S ADVISORY BUREAU - by the Hon. Sec.

Every month we get about half a dozen enquiries from members. Can a certain item be identified; is the attached post-mark from Syria a Scout one; how do the values of Mafeking plate flaws compare with standard prices; should the latest neo-Scout issue from Czechoslovakia be included, and so on. Generally we can provide some sort of answer, although we are as capable of making a mistake as anyone else. The point is that this service is free to you, the member.

How can you take advantage of the Advisory Bureau? Simply by writing to one of the principals - such as our President, Mr. RHODES, the Editor, Mr. NODDER, or to me. If your first correspondent doesn't know, he passes the request on to another committee member, and eventually you can be sure that as much "wisdom" has been gleaned as possible. Remember, the service is entirely free to members - so don't say you haven't been warned.

Thinking of things which are free also prompts me to add a word on the advertising arrangements. As a member you are allowed to insert one advert, per year free of charge in the Journal. It should be of reasonable length, else you will be charged a modest sum if it is excessive. Additional adverts. in the course of the year may be inserted for a small charge. All requests in this connection should go direct to the editor.

Is it any good putting in an advert? Well I can only speak from personal experience, but my own modest advert. produced 14 replies within the first month.

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TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN  
(Contributed by Len Bowen)

Yes, the title does seem a little out of place in a Scout Stamps Collectors Journal, but a glance at the Swedish section of our albums will soon spotlight the connection, that is, if the item has perchance come your way! Knowing it to be a difficult item to obtain - heaven knows why - I am giving some information relative to the item for member's benefit. If some of our Swedish members could supply additional information from their opportunity of "on the spot" enquiries, then I'm sure it would be appreciated.

There is in existence an international organisation called "The Lion Club" and whose objects are similar to the "International Rotary Club", and who materially assist good causes whenever they are able. Apparently, assisting the Scout movement in Sweden was one of their projects, and in 1954 they were able to link up the issue of a souvenir post-card on the occasion of the total eclipse of the sun on June 30th, that year. The Swedish post office provided a special handstamp and the profits from the sale of these cards were used to benefit Scouting in Sweden. The picture side of the card bears both the Lion Club badge and the Swedish Scout badge - with crossbow superimposed - down the left hand side and across the bottom appears the inscription 'TOTALA SOLFÖRMORKELESEN - DEN 30-6-1954, Kl. 13. 41-13-51' otherwise the card is black all over with the exception of a red splosh - top right quarter - in which is inset a filled-in black circle about the size of an English florin. This represents the total eclipse of the sun with only the glare of the sun's flames to be seen.

The address side of the card is white and in the top left hand corner is a map of part of Sweden showing the area in which total eclipse could be viewed; down the left hand side is the inscription "SALJES TILLFÖRM FÖR LIONS CLUB JONKÖPINS OCH SCOUTRÖRELESEN". Can this be translated by one of our Swedish members please?

The special cancellation used is a double ringed circle; between the circles at top is the word JONKÖPING and at the foot, in thinner lettering, TOTALA SOLFÖRMÖRKELESEN: in the centre is a map of Sweden depicting the path of the total eclipse viewpoint and the date 30/6/1954.

(I have reproduced the sketch of this mark (fig.9) which accompanied the article; it is thus possible that it differs slightly from the actual cancellation. Editor) Can any member supply more detailed information, please?

(Many thanks, Len, for this unusual, but interesting contribution on a little-known subject. Editor)

PRE 1939 G.B. SCOUT CANCELS - by the Hon. Sec.

I am very pleased that Mr. Rhodes has published his researches in the Nov. 1959 Journal. It is my hope that one day we can produce yet another special supplement for the Club of all known Scout cancels, labels, stamps, cachets, etc. produced in the U.K. Thus any contribution of this subject is most welcome.

As to his findings, I am not sure that we can really accept the general 1924 Wembley Empire Exhibition cancel as truly Scout in the same sense that Arrowe Park and Mount Edgcumbe are obviously for inclusion. Apart from that, it is important to note that two completely different cancels exist for the Wembley affair. Perhaps I'm wrong; I have included specimens of both in my collection, but I would not seriously count them as the first G.B. Scout cancels.

1929 Arrowe Park is, of course, a purely Scout affair. It is interesting to note that the registration label employed at the Jamboree post office had in mauve the letter R at the left, and the printed inscription "Birkenhead No.48", plus the individual label number.

I have just one specimen of the Mount Edgcumbe Camp. It's strange that my example has exactly the same day and time of posting as recorded by Roy Rhodes (I expect that the addresses are also the same). I also agree that such covers are rarely seen, and would fetch at least a pound or two if offered. But I do remember turning one down in 1952 because I thought it too expensive at 7/6d!

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CANCELLATIONS & CACHETS

A further selection of reproductions accompany this issue. I have tried to draw the characters of the Japanese and Formosan marks as accurately as possible; but this depends to a great extent on the clearness of the examples from which they are copied. All are from handstamps unless otherwise mentioned.

1. Used on outgoing mail from "PHILIA", the first Patrol Leader's meeting of the Middle East and the Mediterranean. It shows the Greek Scout fleur-de-lis and Appollo's lyre, the symbols of the meeting and represent harmony. "Philia" means friendships and will be the name given to all such future international P/L's camps. The site was at Amfikleia near Weiphia. Only a few covers survived as the camp post office was swamped and the postal accessories, including the handstamp, were washed away and lost during a torrential storm on the last day of the camp. Used September 1955.
2. Used on mail in Formosa to celebrate the 10th. World Jamboree in the Philippines, 8th. July 1959. In red and in purple.

3. Example of a Japanese cancellation used at the Jamboree at Karuizawa. In reddish mauve (see article by Wim Six).
4. Used at the 17th. International Scout Conference, New Delhi, India, August 1959.
5. Machine cancellation used at Camp Post Office, first day of issue of the three air mail stamps. A similar cancellation, dated 22 July, for the first day of issue of the two postage stamps was also used. Marinos Yeroulanos (Member No.168) sent in some sketches of other types of machine cancellations used. The circular date stamp portion is the same as that illustrated, but the hat and badge on the right are omitted. A variety of this mark also exists in which the day is above the month and there are five instead of four lines on the right. Another similar type also exists which has larger lettering than 5. This also has five horizontal lines on the right and was used for cancelling the souvenir sheets. A mark, used on mail delivered to the camp, as a backstamp, is of this latter type and has the word RECEIVED in a straight line above the date.
6. Cancellation used by the Indonesian postal authorities on F.D.Covers to commemorate the 10th. World Jamboree.
7. Cachet used by the Salvation Army Life Saving Scouts at the first World Salvation Army Scout Montondo.
8. Used at Harshegyi, Budapest in 1948 at a camp just before the oppression. (see article "Philatélie Scoute")
9. Reproduction of a sketch of the Swedish cancellation described in the article "Total Eclipse of the Sun".

I am unable at present to illustrate the registration mark, which can be found in black and in violet, used at the 10th. World Jamboree, but hope to do so in a future issue.

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DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, FELDMOCHING

Contributed by R.Polchaninoff, (Member No.166)

Collectors will undoubtedly be interested to know how the plates of the Russian Boy Scout Post came to be used by the Russian Committee of the Displaced Persons Camp Feldmoching, Germany, near Munich.

In 1950, the population of the camp was approximately 2500 Russian and Ukrainian D.P's: there were several schools within the camp as well as various cultural, sport and social organisations.

The German Post Office had a branch office within the camp which employed both Russian and German workers. Two Russian postmen distributed letters to the barracks. The

Russian committee, with the help of the Russian postmen, organised their own camp post in the territory of the D.P. camp.

Stamps had to be issued for this purpose but they were extremely expensive to obtain; consequently the Committee approached the Scout Post with a request to make use of their plates for the aforementioned purpose. This request was granted. The stamps were overprinted "Camp Feldmoching Post" in Russian.

(I am very grateful to Mr. Polchaninoff for these two articles and hope that he can be persuaded to write further on the subject of D.P. Camps and Posts, about which so little has appeared in the philatelic press. Editor)

#### SCOUT POST

by R. Polchaninoff (Member No. 166)

Soon after the capitulation of Germany in the Second World War, the Allies entrusted UNRRA with the establishment of special camps for the displaced people (DP). These camps, as all other organizations of the Allies, were given ex-territorial rights. Post offices were established in such camps but most of them had no valid seals, and stamps of their issue were not commonly accepted. At the same time the German Post Office was still suffering from the disturbances of the war and operating very badly; it took a long time for a letter to reach its destination.

Camp Maenhehof, near Cassel, in the American zone of occupation was the centre of a whole system of camps under the direction of UNRRA Team 505. This system encompassed camps of about 3000 total inhabitants (Russians and Ukrainians) located in an area of about 20km radius: in Cassel itself, Fuerstenwald, Rotwestend, Zirenberg, and Wilgelmstahl.

The Scout Post came into existence in Camp Maenhehoff. It was just before the Easter holidays, when the need for conveying messages is so great, that the Boy Scouts decided to organize the postal service between the said camps. Hurriedly mail boxes were set up at various locations and stamps, together with greeting cards, were issued. Because the service was certainly of a private nature and because this was against the existing regulations, the leaders were summoned before the courts but taking into consideration the extraterritoriality of D.P. Camps the charges were withdrawn.

At its tenth anniversary, on December 1, 1956, the Scout Post issued Commemorative Sheets, with the pictures of their first two stamps with the church and an Easter-egg. The proceeds from the sale of these sheets will go to the needy in Europe.

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PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE SEVEN

by Len Bowen

Well, chums, its chit-chatting time again! - tell the char-wallah to put the kettle on! Xmas time is approaching fast as I speak (write) - I know I won't have time to send my many friends individually an Xmas Greeting, and as I've missed already all the last posting dates for foreign mails, I'll just have to console myself with pleasant thoughts - I'll be thinking of you all on Xmas Day when I'm resting back in my favourite armchair browsing through the back Journals while the "Xmas Pud" is settling its argument with the turkey and stuffing!

I've just received from the Secretary my copy of "The Postal Arrangements at the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree" published by the British Postmark Society - I've just scanned it, but I'm laughing now, the early bird gets the worm! Take notice all of you S.S.C.C. and S.O.S.S.I. members who consider yourself philatelists as distinct from just "collectors of stamps" only, you cannot afford to miss this opportunity of adding a first rate specialists publication to your Scout philatelic library - its all in there, stamps, postmarks, slogans, different dies of First Day cancellations, quantities of mail posted, and lots more - the cost is purely nominal, so refer to the last S.S.C.C. Journal right now! I was surprised indeed at the quantities of registered mail posted - 576 items on the first day - but only a total of 14 items for the last 5 days of the Jamboree - now work out the scarcity value of the dates yourself!

Turning to another point, I've had a little spot of luck just lately, which proves that "plodding on" usually gets you there if you temper it with patience. I've been having a go at completing my plate blocks in recent months, and found that I was short of block B.2 of the N.Z. 1958/9 Pan-Pacific Jamboree and plate 2 (second printing) of the 6 pies of 1958/9 Pakistan Jamboree, and was thinking in terms of "9 months too late!" Well, I'm one of those chaps who reads stamp journals regularly, particularly the adverts., and I mentally "classify" the dealers in my mind, over a period as to their specialities. One dealer I remembered who made a strong point of Plate Imprint Blocks, so, nothing ventured nothing gained, I dropped him a line in November, and, by return of post, came the missing plate blocks that I had virtually "kissed goodbye" to! He must have wondered why I only ordered plate blocks with a Scouting flavour!

A sudden thought has just flashed through my head - I refer to the query raised by Jeffrey Bayes, in last issue, in his article on Swedish cancellations - the Lagret Postmarks incorporating a hammer in a circle. About 3 years ago I was introduced to a Swedish youth staying in England for six months, and as he was a philatelist I showed him my Swedish Scout cancellations - I distinctly remember him pointing out to me that these "hammer in circle" cancellations were not Scout camps, but Holiday camps of a type of "Keep Fit" movement - athletes or gymnasts, or something like that - I could not get a clear, concise description as his English was extremely limited.

By the time this issue is out it will be 1960 - that figure at the end intrigues me - a joined circle - let us join up the circle in 1960, let us all get to know each other more - he, or she - is a lonely person who hasn't a happy circle of friends.

Gee whiz! my time's up! - see you again soon! - I nearly forgot it! - Jolly good health, lots of luck, and lots of "Scout Stamps" pleasure in this New Year - Sincerest Greetings from Len and son Peter!

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NEW MEMBERS

A very hearty welcome is extended to the following:-

\* signifies Junior member.

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- 209 P.HORTON, 5 South Street, Walsall, Staffs.

Please delete No.182 from your list of members.

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You will have noticed that this Journal is larger than normal. I shall have to cut down the size in future issues or else the wrath of our Secretary/Treasurer will fall heavily upon me. Happy hunting, good collecting and Scouting and Guiding for 1960.

Sincerely yours,  
WILF NODDER.

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ADVERTS.

1. Official F.D.C. 12th. September 1959, commemorating Inauguration of Malayan Parliament, 4, 10 & 25 cent values. 3/- each (25c U.S.A.). Registered post 1/- extra. British P.O.s must be uncrossed. - Master Leong Chee Keng, 15B Kim Ching Street, Singapore 3, Malaya.

2. George Washington Chapter of S.O.S.S.I. will issue a coloured cachet for the 50th. Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, to issue first day on February 8th. 1960, in Washington D.C. Cost will be 20c. each or 6 for 1\$. Send orders to JOHN J. JUHASZ, P.O. BOX 412, BOUND BROOK, N. J., U. S. A.
3. Your offers are invited for the following out-of-the-way items. Closing date will be February 10th. when successful bidders will be notified.
  - a) 1946 Lithuanian D.P. Scouts in Germany (Detmold) two scarce stamps (10pf and 20pf) mint.
  - b) 1924 G.B. Wembley Jamboree Label - native on camel.
  - c) 1925 Hungary, mint set of 8 sport issue, including 1000K. Scout bugler.
  - d) 1936 Roumania, Brasov set of 3 mint.
  - e) 1948 Australia, 2½d. imprint block of 4 mint.
  - f) 1955 Canada, 5c. Two imprint blocks of 4, mint, plates I & II.
  - g) 1957 Sheet 12 different labels commemorating Jubilee Jamboree printed in Durban, Natal.
  - h) 1957 G.B., B.O.A.C. First Flight, London-Tokyo. Postmark London FS & Jubilee Slogan.
  - i) 1956 Egypt. 3 stamps on F.D.C., plain, postmark Cairo.
  - j) 1959 Syria. 2 stamps on elaborate F.D.C.
  - k) 1939 Hungary, set of 4 "I PAX TING" on souvenir card postmark 'D' in black.
  - l) 1955/1956 Australia set of 3 different Pan Pacific postmarks on 3 covers.
  - m) 1950 U.S.A. Valley Forge F.D.C., cachetted.
  - n) 1957 G.B. set of 3 on airmail F.D.C. postmark "BFPO, Christmas Island".
  - o) 1957 Cuba, set of 2 used in small souvenir folder.
  - p) 1953 Liechtenstein set of 4 on special card.
  - q) 1959 N.Z. Pan Pacific Jamboree: the scarce 'other than first day' on cachetted cover.
  - r) 1947 Finland. Rare "Scout lagret Westend" postmark on cover.
  - s) 1948 Australia Pan Pacific 2½d. imprint block of 4 used on F.D.C. (cachetted)
  - t) 1941 Sweden Olafsborgslagret postmark on cover.
  - u) 1946 Sweden Sparreholm jubilee lagret postmark on cover.
  - v) 1954 Brazil cachetted cover, F.D. with special postmark.
  - w) 1951 Sweden Oresundslagret KFUM on cover.
  - x) 1936 Australia Scout Centenary Corroboree. Belair, postmark on cachetted cover.
  - y) 1958 Greece souvenir booklet (not stamps) in English and French re the first "Philia", Athens.

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