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EDITORIAL

I must apologise to you all for not including the page of illustrations with your last Journal, but circumstances beyond my control prevented my being able to do so: it will be sent out with this number. Up to the present, no charge for producing these illustrations has been made to the Club, but it may not be possible - at least for a few months - to get them printed under similar circumstances as regularly as I would wish. You can be certain that they will be continued as soon as is possible.

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JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

Almost every issue of the Journal contains names of new Junior members. It may surprise you to know that there are over 30 Juniors in the Club, a very high percentage indeed. Yet I still haven't had an article from one of you! Shocking, isn't it? Perhaps it is too much like doing homework to write something about your collection, but it would be nice to be able to publish something written by one of you. Let's hope I'm lucky one day.

Did you read Mr. Fear's recent article on "stamps" in "The Scout"? There were some useful hints for juniors in it. He will be contributing some more in that section of YOUR magazine - I hope you do read it, and, like many other adult members do, enjoy doing so - and I am sure you will pick up some useful tips if you take the trouble to study what he writes.

Don't forget to add the U.S.A. Scout stamp issued this month to your collection. There will be plenty of them about, but that does not mean you can wait a long time before purchasing a copy. Fortunately it is a low face value stamp, besides being attractive in design, so that every member can obtain one.

Just one other thing. Keep plugging away at learning all you can about the stamps you have in your album and if in doubt about any of them do ask any of the older members of our club to help you. I'm sure they will be only too willing.

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NOTES ON AN AUSTRIAN ESSAY

contributed by George Jackson (Member No. 7)

In Volume 1, No.4 of the Journal, in an article "For your Notebook" by our President, mention was made of an essay of an unissued Scout stamp which had come into existence and the origin of which was in doubt

The article stated that it had been contended that the essay was a design which had been submitted to the Austrian Postal

Authorities but there was nothing to support this contention. Furthermore, it was stated that the contention in any case was irreconcilable with the Vaduz Castle part of the design. The details given interested me and I decided to do a little detective work on the matter: as a result of my researches I have unearthed the following information which, I think, proves that the essay was, in fact, Austrian in origin.

First of all, the badge in the foreground is undoubtedly the Austrian Scout badge: this is a fleur-de-lis bearing a shield with bars of red, white and red horizontally, the Austrian national colours. For confirmation, examine the badge as it appears on the 1951 Jamboree stamp, or, better still, a black and white illustration of this; in fact, essay and stamp are basically the same, both consisting of the Scout badge surrounded by an ornamental design. As the essay first appeared in 1957, it is likely that it was a proposed design for a Scout stamp for the Centenary year.

Secondly, the castle part of the design, instead of being irreconcilable with the above, does, in fact support it: the contrary view rests on the misconception that the castle in the background is Vaduz Castle, Liechtenstein: there is, however, nothing to suggest this and actually, the wording shows that it is Burg Liechtenstein. This castle is in Austria, about 15 miles south of Vienna and furthermore, belongs to the Boy Scouts of Vienna and Lower Austria. The castle at one time belonged to the Princes of Liechtenstein from whom it takes its name, and those Princes had large possessions in Austria of which the castle formed part.

I have a similar essay in my collection; it is black on white card and is by the same artist, but "Burg Liechtenstein" is omitted from the background of the design. A copy of the essay with the name included, is, however, missing from my collection and I would be pleased to hear from any member who has a copy for sale or exchange. Any offers, please??

(This shows what research can do. Many thanks, George, for your efforts. Editor)

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SOME NOTES ON SCOUT POSTMARKS OF AUSTRIA
contributed by the President

This is probably an incomplete listing of the Scout marks which have been used in Austria, but it will start the ball rolling.

- a. 17-27 JULY 1936 JUBILAMSLAGER DES ÖSTERR PFADFINDERKORPS
"ST.GEORG" LAXENBOURG
- b. 17 NOV. 1937 INTERNAT. PFADFINDER-AUSTELLUNG WIEN-
HAGENBUND
- c. 11 JULY 1948 FURSTENFELD 20 JAHRE PFADFINDER GRUPPE
FURSTENFELD

- d. 1951 WORLD JAMBOREE, BAD ISCHL (Maultrommel design)
- e. 18-19 FEB 1956 INTERNATIONALER PFADFINDER SKIWETTBEWERB, MURAU
- f. 22-26 APRIL 1956 45 JAHRE PFADFINDER IN ÖSTERREICH WIEN 101
- g. 23 JUNE 1957 50 JAHRE WELTPFINDER BEVEGUNG WIEN 101, 1907-1912-1957
- h. 30 NOV-2 DEC 1957 TAG DER BRIEFMARKE MIT SONDER SCHAU DER PFADFINDER
- j. 15-16 FEB 1958 2 INTERNAT. SKIWETTBEWERB, INNSBRUCK 1

((g) and (j) have already been illustrated in previous Journals. I hope to illustrate others later. Editor).

I make no comment about the first four, except that, like almost all the earlier Scout postmarks, they are now difficult to find. The remaining five are all easy to acquire, but care should be taken, for, unlike their predecessors, they are numbered i. e.

- e. at top right, numbered 1, 2 and 3. Cancellations in black and in dark blue.
- f. at bottom right, numbered 1 to 6. Cancellations in black and in mauve.
- g. at centre right, numbered 1, 2 and 3. Cancellations in black.
- h. at top right, numbered 1 to 9. Cancellations in black.
- j. at top left, numbered 1, 2 and 3.

(I have an example of (h) numbered 12, so it is quite possible that cancellations with 10 and 11 also exist. Editor)

All five may be found on cards and covers with a wide assortment of labels, seals, rubber stamp and printed cachet. It is indeed regrettable that an interesting range of postmarks is spoilt by what amounts to nothing more than an insidious commercial racket. Fortunately, there is a plentiful supply available, thus keeping prices low. However, there are those who would endeavour to obtain high prices for these items from the unwary and uninformed. At present, not more than half-a-crown should be paid for any of these unless there is something extra special about it.

(Many thanks, Roy, for this information. If any one can add to this list, please let me know. Editor)

The quantity sold of the New Zealand 3d. Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree stamp has officially been given as 8,991,166. It has also been tipped in one of the national philatelic magazines as a stamp with a future.

Postmark enthusiasts may be interested to know that a further type which I have called Type 3, of the first day cancellation, has been noted. It is similar to Types 1 and 2 illustrated in our November Journal except that the space between the two arcs is again different: To enable you to differentiate between them, here are the widths of the space between these arcs: Type 1 - $\frac{3}{4}$ mms, Type 2 - 12 mm and Type 3 - 1 mm. Perhaps one of our New Zealand members may be able to find out where each of these different handstamps were used. I understand that one was used at the Auckland G.P.O. and another at the Jamboree P.O. If this is so, which type was used where and at which office was the other type used? Such information may be available from official sources and I am sure some of our members would appreciate knowing it.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE HON. SEC.'S DIARY

- Dec. 25th. (Christmas Day!) Despatched article for "Stamp" page of "The Scout".
- Dec. 26th. From a well-known Midlands cover dealer purchased a registered cover from the 1929 Arrowe Park Jamboree. Details of the special Scout cancel used at Gothenburg, Sweden on Nov. 15th. 1959, to celebrate the jubilee of Scouting in Sweden. Altogether 5600 covers had the cancel applied.
- Dec. 28th. Pleased to welcome 2 more new members, including another from Switzerland. We are now up to 243. It's a far cry from our modest target of 60 which we were striving for about 2½ years ago.
- Dec. 31st. News of Guide stamps from Canada and Australia.
- Jan. 2nd. a.m. Design of the coming U.S Scout stamp enlarged on the cover of this month's issue of the "Stamp Magazine" - good publicity.
- p.m. Meeting at Roland House of the Club. About 15 present including a healthy contingent from the young branch at Berkhamsted. Display of Swiss Scout material by Roy Rhodes and of some scarce items by Len Bowen. Agreed that in future Len and Roy shall operate the Auction Sales, on the basis of one per year. Thereafter the inevitable trading.
- Going home in the train saw the article in the "Philatelic Magazine" on Jamboree stamps. The editor wouldn't print it unless he knew people were interested, and that means more support for our specialised sphere.

- Jan. 3rd. Pleased to welcome as a new member Mr. M.A. BAJANAWICZ-BOYLE. Amongst his many philatelic connections can be counted the fact that he is Commissioner for the United Kingdom in respect of the International Congress of Philately to be held in Barcelona, Spain, from March 26th. to April 6th.
- Jan. 9th. Another important new member - Mr. P.W. PARKES, who is the Hon. European Stamp Secretary of the Boy Scouts International Bureau. That makes. the total 245.
Pleased to see a nice bit of publicity for the Club in the magazine of the Badgers Club. Unsolicited too.
- Jan. 13th. Member No. 246, a Scoutmaster, Mr. POOLE. When member No. 250 has been registered we will issue a revised and up-to-date List of Members.
- Jan. 15th. Advert. in the current issue of "Stamp Collecting" of Mafeking material. To make your mouth water, how about "8 copies of B.P. head on cover dated MY 4, 1900" - Price? £120.
- Jan. 20th. A new member from Canada, Mr. LUNDY, who is also a member of the Lunday Island Specialist Society. The supply of the priced check list is now finished. Shall we reprint the present list or wait until the revised one is issued (which should be at the beginning of 1961)?
- Jan. 23rd. Delightful. New members thick and fast. No. 248 a Girl Guide from Belgium and No. 249 Mr. Norman ROWE from I.H.Q., at one-time "Badger" in "The Scout" magazine. How soon will we record our 250th - and then the Members List can be produced.
A note from our printer. The cost of paper, etc. has gone up, hence the bill is higher. Just as well we are not down to our last few coppers.
- Jan. 30th. We've made it. Member No. 250 recorded today. How we have grown from the modest Society envisaged in the Spring of 1957. We thought that if we ever made No. 60 we should have really leapt to fame. And here we are, one quarter of the way to a thousand.
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Members who collect cacheted covers may be interested in one recently issued by the Ukrainian Boy and Girl Plasts, i.e. Scouts. It commemorates the 250th. Anniversary of Ivan Mazeppa's death. Known as the "great Hetman of Ukraine", General Mazeppa inspired such writers as Lord Byron, Victor Hugo, Alexander Puskin and composers as Liszt and Tchaikovsky by his courage and heroism. The cachet shows the beautiful five-domed cathedral of St. Nicholas

at Kiev which, among others, Mazeppa had built in the Ukraine. The cover also bears a label which depicts the General's family crest and a replica of a rubber stamp showing his paper-mill watermark. These labels are printed in sheets of ten.

I am indebted to Mr. Stepan Gela of 16 Bracondale Hill, Toronto, Ontario, Canada for kindly sending me a F.D. cover and a sheet of labels.

Alfred Cettie (Member No.69) had the misfortune to have some of his collection exhibited in the Collector's Club at Seattle, stolen last December. Among the items missing are the Mafeking 1d. and 3d. (S.G.s 178 & 179) on piece, mint copies of Czechoslovakia 1918, SG 1 & 2, and a signed cover bearing specimen of SG 2, fourteen colour proofs of S.G.2, and another cover franked with two different shades of S.G.1. Anyone being offered examples of these stamps which bear resemblance to the above descriptions are asked to contact Mr. Cettie immediately.

FROM THE HON. SEC.

Goodness - the biggest issue of the Journal to start 1960 (even if it wasn't dated!) And now with this edition I have had to ask Mr. Nodder to "hold back a little" so that we can also issue the new Members' List and remain solvent. Nevertheless, it is an excellent indication of our status that we can publish a 20 page Journal without collapsing. In fact, this is almost as much good news as the announcement that we have more than 200 active members.

For some time I have had in mind a project which the Club might undertake - a handbook listing the details of all known British Scout stamps, postmarks, meter franks and labels - everything except just cachets. Would anyone like to volunteer to act as editor or co-ordinator of this task? In addition would every member of the Club see if he has anything in his collection which ought to be recorded, and if so, make a note of it.

For this issue I have not written my Investment Review, nor have I compiled any notes on Research Topics. That doesn't mean we have finished with such tasks - only that this issue has to be kept down in size somehow.

(I've done my best too, and have had to hold over several articles until the May issue. Never mind, it will be something to look forward to. Editor)

Mr. P.Horton (Member No.209) has very kindly sent me a list of stamps which he considers are not associated with Scouting and Guiding and also a few comments which he makes in response to my request for information on "frauds" in the last issue of the

Journal.

Here is his list with the S.G. simplified catalogue numbers:-

Bulgaria	1951	S. G. 771	1	stamp
Czechoslovakia	1952	S. G's 630-632	3	stamps
"	1955	S. G. 809	1	stamp
"	1957	S. G. 911	1	"
France	1937	S. G. 336	1	"
Germany	1935	S. G's 512-513	2	stamps
"	1952	S. G's 1001-1002.....	2	"
Greece	1941	S. G's 412-421	10	"
Hungary	1950	S. G's 953-956	4	"
"	1951	S. G's 1009-1013	4	"
"	1954	S. G's 1199-1200	2	"
New Zealand	1937	S. G. 176	1	stamp
" "	1946	S. G. 222	1	"
" "	1954	S. G. 271	1	"
Poland	1951	S. G's 568-569	2	stamps
Roumania	1950	S. G's 1097-1099	2	"
"	1951	S. G's 1125-1127	2	"
"	1952	S. G's 1231-1233	2	"
"	1953	S. G's 1295-1297	2	"
"	1954	S. G. 1340	1	stamp
Russia	1936	S. G's 463-468	6	stamps
"	1938	S. G's 535-539	5	"
"	1948	S. G's 1166-1170	5	"
"	1948	S. G's 1171-1175	5	"
Saar	1949	S. G's 260-261	2	"

He accepts the Bulgarian 1942 set of two and the Hungarian issues up to and including 1940. He considers the figure depicted on the Polish 1938 stamp S.G. 305 is a Scout, and that the Russian 1924 pair of stamps are worthy of a place in a Scout stamp collection since he understands that the engraver used a photograph of a Scout for his subject. He also thinks the two Jean Charcot stamps of France deserve including. He does raise a query, however; should Croatia S.G. 62, 1942, be considered a Scout issue?

(Thanks a lot, Mr. Horton, for your contribution. I shall be pleased to receive comments from other members. Editor)

Acton Scouts will be celebrating 50 years of Scouting on May 14th. this year. A special cacheted cover will be issued for the occasion - depicting the crest of Acton and the words "ACTON JUBILEE 1960" in black and blue - Any member who wishes to add one of these covers to his or her collection should apply to Mr. Ladyman, 14 Cumberland Road, Acton, W. 3, and enclose 2/6d. (plus postage). Labels, 3¾" x 1¾", to publicise the event have also been prepared and are available at 3d. each (plus postage).

Björn Hermond (Member No. 213) has very kindly sent me some covers

and a badge from the EBBE LIEBERATH Jubilee Meeting held at Gothenburg last November. I hope to illustrate the special cancellation used for the occasion in a subsequent Journal. He also mentioned in his letter that with the assistance of a fellow philatelist, he was able to arrange an exhibition of Scout stamps, labels, covers, etc. - some 360 sheets. Rare old Scout material and documents, photos and badges which he had rescued from the District Scout H.Q.'s, were also shown. He has since been appointed Keeper of the Scout Archives at Gothenburg. Well done, Björn, you have done a great work for Scouting and our hobby.

I am sure those of you who have purchased a copy of the British Postmark Society's publication, Monograph No.1, of the postal arrangements of the World Scout Jubilee Jamboree will wish to join in congratulating the authors on their excellent and comprehensive work. I have noticed that there are a few omissions with regard to the list of offices using the pre-Jamboree slogan cancellation: such differences can be noted if reference is made to the lists published in Volumes 1, Nos. 3 & 4, and Volume 2, No.1, of our Journal. These omissions do not, however, detract from the value of this well illustrated and useful publication which is a must for those who collect Scout cancellations.

A WORD IN CONFIDENCE: WANTED
by the Hon. Sec.

There is a vacancy for a Very Important Person - and it could be YOU. For some time we have been 'hiding our light' rather a lot, and it is felt that with our excellent Journal and the other first-rate services we can justly be proud. But up until now we have not really bothered very much about advertising our Club, and since the greater the membership the more we shall all benefit, we should like to do something about this.

There are lots of ways in which publicity could be secured, "Newsy" paragraphs in the philatelic press and in Scouting publications are good examples, but it might also pay us to insert proper adverts. in magazines in many places - Australasia, the U.S.A., Canada and even Europe.

Interesting? Certainly. There's lots of scope for the right man, who would be sure of the full backing of the Committee. Like all our jobs, I'm afraid it's a labour of love (but isn't it often true that we get most pleasure out of serving others?) There's just one point: we need the right man - or woman. Could it be you? Or, at least, would you be willing to 'have a go'? If so, just write to me at Seaford - hope to hear from YOU.

SALES BUREAU - by the Hon. Sec.

Permanent List. I am delighted to be able to inform you that it will now be possible for members to have their names put on the Permanent List. This means that all such members will be sent automatically all material available via the Bureau, e.g. covers with Scout stamps or postmarks, but excluding purely "cached" covers (and I think you all know what I mean by that). There are, of course, a few rules which you will assume to have accepted in applying to be put on the List:-

- 1) Members will accept all items sent to them at the prices quoted, even if such items are already in their possession.
- 2) Within 7 days of receipt of such items, the cost indicated will be remitted to the Hon. Sec.
- 3) Members will pay a deposit of 10/- or \$2, which will be repaid on withdrawal from the List.
- 4) A member must have paid his subscription to the Club in order to qualify for membership.

The rules, really, are simple. When you apply to me in writing to join you send your deposit, and whenever items are available they will be sent at the most reasonable prices possible. Of course we have to stipulate that everything is accepted, otherwise an unwanted residue might be left.

There are so many obvious advantages to members and to the Club in a scheme such as this that I am sure you will give it a fine welcome. There's only one snag - it means more work for the Hon. Sec. - oh well! From the moment you join you will qualify.

A few items in excess of the Permanent List will still be ordered and will be offered in the Journal, as will also be the case when the supply is insufficient for everyone on the List. The items offered in this Journal will NOT be included in the distributions.

1957 Jamboree Booklet. About 4 copies are left. Write to me enclosing 2/6d. plus post for one at once if not yet in your possession.

Publications. You will also be pleased to know that Vol 1, No.2 and Vol.1, No.3 have been reprinted. Details of issues available are:-

Vol.1, No.1	6d. (or the three for 2/-,
Vol.1, No.2	9d. including post.)
Vol.1, No.3	1/-

Note the revised price for Vol.1, No.1 - previous offers were made below cost of production.

Vol.3, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 (the issues of 1959)
Any single issue 6d. or the 6 issues for 2/6d., including post.

Offer 1: U.K. Scout Headquarters official slogan meter franks on covers. Set of 6 covers, viz:-

- 1951 Visit the DISCOVERY Exhibition.
- 1951 Ralph Reader's Gang Show.
- 1952 1st. World Scouters Indaba.
- 1953 "Boy Scout".
- 1954 Bob-a-Job Week.
- 1955 The Scout Shop.

There's a small supply. The cost for all 6 covers is 5/- the lot, plus post or - say - \$1 including post. Now there's an unusual offer for you.

Offer 2: 1959 II Nippon Jamboree. F.D. cover from Japan with Scout postmark. 3/- post free. Very small supply.

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I very much regret not replying to the many letters received from members, but a recent bereavement following a long illness in my family has caused correspondence to be neglected. I'll do my best to answer letters as soon as possible.

Yours in Scouting,

WILF NODDER.

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ADVERTS.

1. Wanted - Girl Guide Pin badges (official) all countries. Girl Guide magazines, all countries (one copy per country will do). All covers and postmarks from Boy Scout and Girl Guide events. Exchange or cash, if required - MISS RIA SUY, 92 Van Vaerenbergh Street 92, Berchem - Antwerp, Belgium.

2. 10th. World Jamboree Material - get your set of the following items -

- 1) Neckerchief slide with colourful mondial 75c
- 2) Bolt buckle with colour mondial on it 1\$
- 3) Metal mondial (in colour) badge 50c

Prices are for separate items; if set required, only 2\$ (plus postage).

Have also a supply of Formosa material for sale:-

- 4) 9 different colourful patches 30c each
- 5) 10th. World Jamboree Formosa patch, in colour 40c "
- 6) 2 different pennants (one from Jamboree) ... (40c " and other from 1958 Summer Camporee (or 75c pair

Postage on all orders below 3\$. Items will be mailed in manner purchaser desires since he is paying postage - JOHN W. OWEN, P.O. BOX No.417, Fort Payne, Alabama.

STOP PRESS (1)

The next London meeting of the S.S.C.C. will be held at Roland House Scout Settlement, Stepney Green, on Saturday, 16th. April at 2.30 p.m. Those members residing in the London area who have not yet attended one of these meetings will be very welcomed as will those living further afield who can spare the time. Remember the date and time - 16th. APRIL, 2.30 p.m. - and make a note in your diary.

STOP PRESS (2)

Just arrived from America. Cacheted F.D. covers of the U.S. 50th. Anniversary of Boy Scouts of America 4d. stamp. "Scout" postmark. Cachet prepared by Liberty Bell Chapter of S.O.S.S. Price 2/- each, including post. Only one cover per member.