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EDITORIAL

I understand that it is the intention of the Camp Chief at Gilwell Park to form as complete a collection as possible of Scout stamps, covers, cancellations etc., and have them mounted in albums. This job of forming, mounting and annotating this collection is being undertaken by our new member, Raife Wellsted and he has written to me, asking if we, as a Club, could help. As there is no fund from which he can draw to purchase any material he would greatly appreciate receiving any duplicates of your "Scouting on Stamps" collection for inclusion in this Gilwell album. I fully realise that this call follows closely on our B.P. House Appeal to which you responded so nobly, but I do hope you will find it possible to spare the time to go through your duplicates and send him some of them; I know he would be very grateful.

JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

We are very pleased to be able to congratulate our Junior Member, Susan Emery (120) on being awarded a certificate in Class B (12 - 15 years) of the Melville Memorial Competition, 1960. This followed her success in gaining a "first" in last year's competition, Class C.

Congratulations also to Rodney Goodman (Junior Member No. 238) on his award of a certificate in Class C (under 12).

A fortnight ago I gave a talk and display of "Scouting on stamps" to members of a stamp club of a local boys' school, and although some were Scouts, all were interested in what I had to say and show, so much so that I was asked to come back again in the autumn and show some more items. If you have a club at your school I am sure if you were to approach your local philatelic society there would be someone willing to come along and give your club a display. It is one means of seeing a first rate collection and, above all, of learning something about stamps from experts. Why not try it, for I'm certain you won't be disappointed.

We are going to resurrect the competition which we ran a couple of years ago. These are the rules:- Closing date, August 20th. 1960. First correct entry opened on that day will receive a set of the 1957 Cuban Scout stamps in blocks of 4; next correct entry opened, a set in singles. Our thanks to Mr. H.Fears for these prizes. Please mark your envelope "Competition" in top left hand corner and send to me.

1. Several countries have issued stamps depicting Lord Baden Powell. Name them in the date order the stamps were issued.

2. Which country issued the first Guide stamp and when?
3. Which of the following European countries have not issued a stamp to commemorate Scouting: Great Britain, Finland, Italy, Portugal, Luxembourg, Belgium, Sweden and Netherlands?

Do have a go at this competition, Juniors, and good luck to you.

B.P. HOUSE MAIL AUCTION SALE

by the Hon. Sec.

All members will be delighted to know that I was able to send the B.P. House Funds £19. 11. 10, for which I have received a letter of grateful thanks. The response from members was excellent; 72 Auction Lots and more than 380 individual bids. Item 10, the 1933 G.B. I.H.Q. cover received the most interest - 16 bids and it realised 29/9d. Item 25, Singapore 1954 cover actually had more bids (18), but realised less at 21/-. The Dutch Ommen covers were also well sought after. But it was still possible to obtain bargains - one item went for one penny.

All in all, a magnificent effort. Thanks to every member who made any active contributions - and don't forget we have been able to make a donation of almost £20 towards the building of a centre to help perpetuate the memory of B.P.

(Our thanks are mainly due to Mr. Fears for this splendid effort: without his organising ability and enthusiasm I am certain such an amount would not have been raised. Editor)

RESEARCH TOPIC: PORTUGAL - 10th. NATIONAL JAMBOREE

by the Hon. Sec.

Following up the previous Research Topics I feel that lots of members may be interested to know about the 10th. National Jamboree of the Scouts of Portugal, held from 17th. to 27th. August 1956. My own notes will be limited, and I hope that other members can add to these brief details.

In the first place a special cancel was used, in blue, reading in circular form "X ACAMPAMENTO NACIONAL DO CNE, AVINTES . PORTUGAL". The Scout badge forms the centre of the design, including the word "Alerta" (Be Prepared?) and below it, in box form, the date, and beneath that the letters "C.T.T".

Postal stationery was also available of postcard size, bearing on the left a reproduction of the Scout badge, and incorporating the words "CNE 1956 . X NACIONAL", and indicating that the camp was at "Avintes - Porto". I have specimens of this printed design in blue and also in green, but it is probable that a brown one existed. Stickers were also issued, perforated, and identical in design to the postcard except, of course, that

they were smaller. I have examples of these in the 3 colours, blue, green and brown.

A special cancel, special stationery and Scout stickers. Not much to go on, but it's all I can reasonably conclude from the material in my possession. Who was there and other similar details I cannot give; I cannot even really confirm that it was the tenth Jamboree. I have seen one of the postcards addressed to General Spry, Director of the International Bureau, with the message "With best and most cordial Scout greetings to the Director and staff of the International Bureau from the II National Jamboree of Portugal". I repeat - it says "II National Jamboree". although the design is clearly "X NACIONAL". Another little query to solve: any suggestions?

IT OCCURS TO ME

by the President, Chairman (or wotever I am)

From time to time during extensive correspondence with you lot, the old chestnut keeps popping up with unfailing regularity. You all must have heard, read or written at least one variation of it, i. e. "Things are a bit quiet lately" or "Haven't bought anything worth shouting about for quite a while" or "If things don't buck up I'll start collecting lamp posts or fire-engines as a sideline". Or, to make a long story longer, there are times when we drop into the doldrums - no new acquisitions - the dealers trot out their stock phrase "We regret we are unable to supply your requirements at present"

At but wait! Have you not thought about collecting material connected with Scouting? Take, for instance, the Falkland Dependencies item featuring the Discovery - I still have yet to hear anyone dispute the validity of this stamp, and yet how many, I wonder, have tied up the 2/- value of the same set (Pouquoi-pas) with the Jean Charcot stamps?

Also what about the U. S. A. stamp commemorating the four parsons who went down in a troop ship - two of them were Scouts! Then again, one of the issues of the "Scout" of 1932 mentioned that the inverted flag variety (which is not difficult to obtain) on the 2½d. value of the K. G. V pictorial set of Jamaica was discovered by a Scout.

How about amusing yourself with Zoological stamps, tying them up with Patrol Names? And the same lark perhaps for Patrol activities, and Proficiency Badges.

Talking of badges, have you heard the sad tale of the chap who went berserk trying to get examples of County Scout Association printed envelopes, duly posted in the relevant places, and mounted with the appropriate County badges?

They tell me that wonderful things can be done with large quantities of inexpensive Scout stamps - I believe it is still possible to buy Australian used in bundles of 100 for 2/6 or so - endless hours of amusement decorating lamp shades to be had - all sorts of possibilities present themselves.

The large map of the world plastered with Scout stamps (in the correct places of course) always attracts a good deal of

attention at the Annual Open Night, or even the Area Scouters Pow-wow or A.G.M.

Who ever heard of Scout stamps on the Troop notice board, in the Patrol log-book and - well, other unlikely places?

In conclusion, I would just like to point out that the only people who cannot indulge in these pleasantries are the harassed and grossly overworked officers of this Society who, when not working on their Groups or mounting their specimens (stamps, not Scouts) are writing masses of manuscript for this magazine or answering heap after heap of letters!

Oh, well, back to the asylum!

(We hope our President won't remain shut up too long and that we can read a little more from his pen in the near future!
Editor)

STREAMLINING: AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As our Club has developed we have, of course, encountered problems, and it is to our credit that with every fresh problem we have devised a satisfactory solution. We have some important plans for the future, and to allow Mr. FEARS more time to deal directly with these, a reorganisation of the system for dealing with new applications and membership renewals has been worked out. From this issue of the Journal Mr. BLUNT (of 20 George St., Berkhamsted, Herts.) will be known as the Club Secretary, and will be responsible for new members and all membership matters, including renewal subscriptions. Mr. FEARS (11 Salisbury Rd., Seaford, Sussex) will assume the title of General Secretary, and in addition to the control of finance will be responsible for the general running of the Club. He will deal with advertising, expansion plans, co-ordination, and the many matters which must arise in dealing with a progressive society of more than 200 members throughout the world, Mr. FEARS will also continue the operation of the Sales Bureau and the Permanent List.

You may like to be reminded that the editorship of the Journal will continue in the hands of Mr. NODDER, who is also responsible for your own advertisements. Mr. RHODES is in charge of the Mail Auction arrangements.

5th, WORLD JAMBOREE AT VOGELENZANG, HOLLAND

compiled by Wim Six, Member No. 94

The 5th. World Jamboree was held at Vogelenzang near Haarlem, in the Netherlands from July 31 till August 6th. 1937.

Holland was the second country in the history of Scouting to issue a set of three commemorative Scout stamps on 1st. April 1937 for propaganda in connection with this Jamboree. The designer was Mr. Pijke Koch and the printing was:-

1½ cent 14.544.360
6 cent 14.796.490
12½ cent 3.870.170

and the designs:-

- 1½ cent The International Scout Badge
- 6 cent Drummers
- 12½ cent the Godhead "Hermes", who points
out the good way.

No special First Day Covers were used in those days, so that real first day covers with the ordinary postmark from 1st. April 1937 are very scarce nowadays.

More common are covers, postcards, etc. on which the special Jamboree postmark appears.

The official opening of the Jamboree post office was on July 19th. and this office was in use until August 17th. Also, during the Sundays of 1st. and 8th. August the post office was open the whole day.

The earliest known Jamboree cancellation, however, is from July 6th. and the latest known is for August 17th. Both items are in my collection. Cancellations between July 6 and July 19th. have not so far been reported. The official monthly of the Post Management in the Netherlands at The Hague stated, however, that the Jamboree Post Office was open on July 19th. and was closed down on August 14th!!

There were 4 different Jamboree cancels used at the Jamboree Post Office, each bearing its own number, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Numbers 1 and 2 are the scarcest and were mainly used for Registered and for Express delivery Mail, though I also have No.4 on a Registered cover. All such Registered letters received a specially printed Jamboree Registered label.

Very scarce and interesting Jamboree items are those letters charged for postage under aid. I have two letters in my collection sent from England to the Scouts in the Camp which only bear 1½d. postage. The English post office put the official black "T" cancel on these letters while the Jamboree post office affixed a 10 cents Dutch tax stamp on those letters. All these Tax-stamps were cancelled with the official Jamboree cancellation. No's 1, 2 and 3 are known on these tax-stamps. The Scouts in camp had to pay 10 cents tax for these letters before being allowed to collect them. (If any of the English Scouts have got such covers with tax stamps from those days and cancelled with the Jamboree postmark I am always willing to pay extra for these items ...)

Interesting and also very scarce items are those letters which were returned to senders after the official close of the camp. I have a letter on which was affixed the following slip which reads:

"ONBESTELBAAR geadress. vertrokken.
Retour aan den afzender.
Adm. Kamp Woestduin".

UNDELIVERABLE. addressee left
Return to Sender.

Administration Camp Woestduin.

The camp Woestduin was the auxiliary camp just opposite the Jamboree grounds.

Also the following slips have been used for those letters which are insufficiently addressed:

"ONBESTELBAAR ONVOLLEDIG ADRES.
Retour aan den afzender.
Admin. Kamp Woestduin".

UNDELIVERABLE INCOMPLETELY ADDRESSED
Return to sender.
Admin. Camp Woestduin.

Of both the above covers only one of each is known until now. Both items also got the official Jamboree cancellation alongside the stamps, of course.

The Nat. H.Q.'s in The Hague used a special red machine cancellation for about 1½ years for propaganda for the coming World Jamboree and the Scout Shop sold special receipt stamps for the Jamboree.

(Many thanks for these interesting notes on this Jamboree.
Any comments? Editor)

SALES BUREAU

by the Hon. Sec.

The rapid growth of the Permanent List has absorbed nearly all my incoming supplies, and in one or two instances has sent me scouring all over the place to get stocks enough to fill commitments. The success of the List means that it will remain a regular feature of the Club, so if you're the man - or woman - for bargains, JOIN NOW.

Current Offers:

1. Cuba 1957. Scout pair 4c and 12c mint. 2/3d. the pair or block of 4 at 8/6d.
2. Gilwell cacheted cover (1958). Six only at 6d. each.
3. Canal Zone 1960. Scout stamp on cacheted cover (first day). 2/9d. each. (4 only).

All offers are post extra.

Publications:

Vol. I, No. 1, 2 and 3 (reprints) 2/- the three, post free.
Vol. III, all six issues (1959) 2/6d. including post.

QUERIES

Does anyone know whether any meter marks associated with the Jamboree were in use at the time of the 1960 Pan Pacific Jamboree in New Zealand? If you have an example, kindly contact E. Emmerling (Member No. 147), 2823 North 77th. Avenue, Elmwood Park 35, Ill., U.S.A., who would appreciate the information for the new book on meter marks on Scouting of the World, shortly to be issued.

FROM THE SECRETARY'S NOTEBOOK

The volume of information passed to me by members in the course of their letters is really quite remarkable, and I fear that unless I make a note at the time, much of this useful material is soon lost in the thick files labelled "Members' Correspondence".

First of all, from Denmark I have news of a Scout camp by the KFUM-Spejdere (YMCA-Scouts) at HOJBJERG from July 12th. to 20th. 1960, at which a special Scout cancel will be used. The Girl Scouts of Denmark expect to have 10,000 of their members camping at their own camp on the island of FYN, but unfortunately they will have no special postal arrangements.

Also from Denmark comes news of a special stamp issue in commemoration of Queen Ingrid having been a Girl Scout for 25 years. The stamp value is expected to be 30 + 5 ore or 30 + 10.

My Danish correspondent also tells me that the Boy Scouts of Norway will be holding a camp near Oslo in the midsummer period, and a special cancel is expected.

From the immediate present to the more distant past. I have been trying to obtain details of the Registered Covers issued at the VOGELNANG Jamboree in Holland in 1937. Member Wim Six tells me that such covers are rare (he couldn't even find one for me); the lowest registration number is 78 and the highest 329. He doubts whether more than 500 were used during the entire Jamboree. In due course we are promised a detailed article from Wim about all aspects of the postal arrangements at the 1937 Jamboree. We are looking forward to that, and I am sure that its publication will provide more proof of the value of the Club.

My faithful correspondent from Sweden, BJORN HERMOND, brings me up-to-date about events in that country. Full details of the major camps are not yet known, but the NTO Scout Association are expected to have a camp, and there will also be a camp for Estonian Scouts in Sweden. Whether special cancels will be used is not definite. During 1960 the Swedish Scout Association and the Swedish Girl Scout Association will join together to form one Association (in case you are astonished, I am told that similar Associations already exist in Israel and India). It is possible that some philatelic souvenir may result.

Writing in the first issue of the Journal for 1960, LEN BOWEN asked for a translation of the Swedish inscription "SALJES TILLFÖRM FÖR LIONS CLUB JONKÖPING OCH SCOUTRÖRELSEN". I am informed that the literal meaning is "To be sold for the benefit of Lions Club, Jönköping, and the Scout movement"

Another message from Wim Six, this time an urgent one. During August the World Indaba will be held in Holland, and a special Scout cancel will be used. All mail will be handled in a Mobile Post Office, and special printed cacheted covers will be available. A special label has already been issued by the Netherlands Association to commemorate the 50th. Anniversary of the Scout Movement in Holland, and it is suggested that the special covers will thus comprise the printed cachet, Anniversary label and Scout cancel. All members on the Permanent List will be supplied automatically, and a small spare stock will also be purchased. However, if you want additional supplies, or extra stock to use for trading, please write to me AT ONCE. The estimated maximum cost per cover is unlikely to exceed 4/-.

THE HIDDEN STORY - I

by the Hon. Sec.

You may have a collection which can be housed comfortably in a modest album, or it may overflow twenty of the largest variety. But sooner or later you will obtain items which contain a story; I don't mean that they are interesting because the event involved was in Hungary in 1925 or in Czechoslovakia in 1946, but interesting in the way in which the stamp or badge or cover or label came into your possession. Often enough the story is one which is almost personal to you, and in the account which follows I am giving one such story of an actual item in my collection, not because it looks very grand or is worth very much, but chiefly in the hope that you will be persuaded to tell the "hidden story" behind one (or more) of your items. I have calculated that if every member did so - and why not? - we would still be running this series in the issue of the Journal appearing in 30 year's time; but just think of the interesting stories we would have read about.

I think I must first have collected Scout stamps in the beginning of 1951, but it was very much a side-line to my now neglected Colonial collection. Purchases of material were strictly rationed, and I still had numerous gaps in the basic list of Scout stamps. Thus, when I was asked in my capacity as the S.M. of a local Troop to assist in seeing the British contingent to the World Jamboree in Austria through the port of Newhaven, I did not even consider the philatelic opportunities involved. I remember that parties of Scouts arrived at quite impossible times, and had to be "dossed down" in a local school. The Scouters of the District who were there to serve late suppers or early breakfasts nobly retired to the kitchen for their sleep - but have you ever tried sleeping on a concrete floor? Needless to say we were almost glad to get up at about 4 a.m. to serve breakfast, and my chief memory is of being in charge of mountains of cornflakes.

What has all this got to do with an item now in my collection? Well, in a nearby Scout H.Q. were a number of University Rovers who not only helped at the port, but were also going on to Austria at the end of the procession on to the boats. Naturally if you want an introduction to anyone, there can be no better way than to be up at 4 a.m. with him helping to serve cornflakes. We took it in turns with the 'flakes, the milk and the sugar, and in the course of a few hours we had really got to know each other.

By mid-morning he was making his way to the boat, and as he hung over the rail at the side of the ship he called out "Can I send you anything from the Jamboree?" I suppose I could have asked for all sorts of things, but seeing that the gang-plank was just then being moved, I yelled back "Oh, send me a letter", and called out my address. I wasn't even sure that he had it correctly until some days later when I received a letter from the Jamboree, with the Scout stamp and cancel. I idly tore open the envelope and read the message inside; it was some time later that I thought that the item warranted a place in my collection. Now here is the rub: because the edges of the envelope were a little creased and

I had torn it open by hand, I trimmed it up with a pair of scissors! My private catalogue description of the item now reads quite simply: "Jamboree stamp tied to piece by camp cancel."

But you see what I mean when I say there's a story behind it - and why none of this description appears on the album page.

(Have you such a story? How about sending it in? Editor)

PRESIDENT'S NOTE-BOOK

1. Imprint blocks occur in all four corners of the new Canadian Girl Guide issue - similar to 1955 Jamboree stamp - Plate I of both colours only (apparently).
2. WARNING! Material is on the market in connection with some local posts and balloon flights in the RAWICZ area of POLAND during 1958 and 1959. Despite the presence in the designs of "Fleur de Lys" and other Scout "trademarks", these particular "Scouts" are apparently of the Karl Marxian variety.
3. Finland. Note square cancellation re Finnish Scout Jubilee from Helsinki dated 29.5.60 and including Scout and Guide badges.
4. Greece. 9-20 May 1960. Special double line strike for the 17th. International Guide Conference.
5. It is observed with interest that I.H.Q. are now using a new meter machine. Does anyone know the first day?
6. Australia is to produce Girl Guide stamp later in the year, and no doubt the Pan Pacific Jamboree in December will be in some way productive.
7. Vietnam Scout issue is in very short supply - advisable to obtain same as soon as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members whom we hope will find much to interest them in our Club. * denotes Junior member.

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Please delete the following from Membership List:
Nos. 22, 126, 128, 130, 218.

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If you can find the time whilst on your holidays this year, see if you can pick up any bargains in Scout stamp material, and do let me know about it.

Yours,

WILF NODDER

ADVERTS.

1. Alfredo De Los Reyes (Member 229), member of Scout Executive, Manila Council B.S. of the Philippines is collector of badges and insignia. Is prepared to pay postage to anyone willing to swop or interested in Philippine stamps. Write to 181 Concepcion, Manila, Philippines.
2. D.Edgecombe, Rover Scout (Member 253), 7 Ingleside Flats, Amanzimtoti, Natal, South Africa. Interested in collecting stamps of world and books on Scouting.
3. Will exchange SUCHARD'S Scout labels for charity seals and match box labels. Please write to Claude P.Marchal (Member No. 140) 10 Rue De Dantzig, Paris 15e.
4. Advertising Posters for the Jubilee Jamboree 1957 First Day

covers size 8" x 6" exchanged for any Guide or Scout covers
- Write to P.J.Duck (Member No. 212), 84 Chiswick Lane,
London, W.4.

5. Scout Uniform Belts wanted, especially American, Greek,
Dutch and Austrian. Material exchanged or bought for
cash - D.C.Start, 34 Woodriffe Road, London, E.11. (Member
No. 52)
