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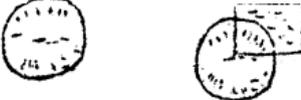
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EDITORIAL

Seems that this number is going to be packed full of information for everyone: the ink from our energetic General Secretary's pen has been flowing freely during his recent trip to the World Indaba in Holland, we resume publication of a page from Len Bowen's "chit-chat diary" and include notes from our President. We are also pleased to print an account to Tom Holton of the postal arrangements of the Indaba and, of course, the usual society items of interest. It is, however, still the "regular few" who in the main, contribute material and I would appreciate notes and articles from other members. After all, it is YOUR journal, so let's have a bit more of YOU. Send in something, won't you?

JUNIOR SECTION

Dear Juniors,

I've a feeling that we chose the wrong time of the year for re-introducing our competition for Juniors and I expect many of you have been away on holiday or to camp and thus haven't had the time to have a shot at answering the questions I set in July. Y'see, I haven't had one entry!!! I am therefore extending the closing date to November 20th, in the hope that some of you will "have a go". The rules remain the same as was printed in the July Journal. See what you can do, won't you?

I hope most of you take the "Scout" each week - and read it. You should find the articles on stamps which Mr. Fears writes interesting to you: they will help you with your collecting and will be useful to you by increasing your knowledge of the interesting stamps which have recently been issued.

One of our members has promised to write an article for you and I hope to be able to publish it in your section in the near future.

Well, don't forget the competition and send in your entry, won't you?

EXTRACT FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN" ISSUED AT THE THIRD WORLD SCOUTERS INDABA, HELD AT ADA'S HOEVE, OMMEN, HOLLAND 3rd - 11th AUGUST 1960

"Collecting Scout Stamps and Postmarks"
by Howard L. Fears

The honouring of the third World Indaba here at Ommen with a special cancellation brings to mind the hobby which is fast growing, of tracing the development of International Scouting by means of the many Scout stamps and postmarks issued since

Scouting began. Such a collection would really start with the now very rare stamps used during the siege of Mafeking, one of which even shows Lord Baden-Powell himself. The first Jamboree did not have special stamps, although labels are known to exist; it was not until 1929 that the first World Jamboree was held, at which a special cancel was used. But since that time all the World Jamborees - Hungary in 1933, Holland 1937, France in 1949, Austria in 1951, Canada in 1955, Great Britain in 1957 and lastly the Philippines, have had not only special cancellations but also special Jamboree stamps.

From such a framework it is possible to extend a collection of Scouting material in many directions. You will recall the special "scouts" used for the delivery service in Mafeking; they have had their counterparts in more modern times by postal services operated by Scouts via the sewers of Prague in 1918, or in the siege of Warsaw in 1944. Just before and after the liberation of the Netherlands there is evidence that the Scouts took a hand in helping the postal authorities, and in Eastern Europe the postal arrangements in many Displaced Persons Camps were in the hands of the Scouts, who even issued their own stamps.

Much of the collecting is, of course, much less dramatic, although in every year there are not only Scout - and Guide - issues, but also many major Scouting events which are commemorated by postmarks. Some of these are not too difficult to obtain, whilst others take a lot of finding (especially when you first hear of the use of a special postmark six months after the event is over....!)

In 1960, for instance, there have been, or are forecast to be, Scout or Guide stamps for Australia, Brazil, Canada, Canal Zone (Panama), Denmark, Greece, Pakistan and U.S.A.

It is to aid the growing army of collectors of these special issues that two specialist Societies have come into being and Societies have arranged for a representative to be present at this Indaba.

SHORT REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

At the beginning of July I invited 28 members of the society who reside within reasonable striking distance of London to attend a special meeting at Roland House Scout Settlement on Saturday 23rd. July. Of these, 8 attended, 5 apologised for absence and 2 said maybe. The occasion was brought about by the visit of Mr. Wim Six from Haarlem, Holland.

The meeting began shortly after 2 p.m. with an extremely interesting talk and display of a unique collection of covers in connection with the emergency postal service organised by the Dutch Scouts immediately after their liberation. These items are now major rarities, as, most of them have long since been destroyed.

After a short break, he then showed his very fine collection of Dutch Scout postal history, notably the World Jamboree at Vogelenzang in 1937. Of special interest also, was a very remark-

able cover from a camp in 1913.

This was followed by a lively "trading session" interspersed with some equally lively discussion on certain topics. The proceedings finally wound up at approximately 7 p.m.

Although the attendance was disappointing, everyone enjoyed themselves.

Please note in your diary RIGHT NOW the date of the next meeting - same time - same place, on Saturday October 15th.

TRIBUTES GALORE - by the General Secretary

A couple of issues ago I wrote a little sorely under the heading "Flog a Willing Horse", but I had not expected such a large and immediate response from members - so large as almost to prove an embarrassment. From America (North, South and Central), South Africa, Australia, Greece, Holland, Sweden and all parts of the U.K. (at least, these are the ones I recall) came sentiments like "Ignore the moaners, we are all grateful, carry on the good work."

It had not been my intention to canvass such compliments on behalf of the Committee; suffice it to say that we are all very grateful for such warm-hearted and generous remarks. We know now that any temporary lapses on our part are forgiven in the spirit of the Scouting Brotherhood. And if in the months, nay, years, that lie ahead, we can continue our service for the greater good of the cause, we shall rest content.

Whilst writing, perhaps I could mention a subject dear to my own heart and one on which I should welcome comment. As originally envisaged, the Club membership was to be in the region of 60, with that number we felt we could issue a Journal 4 times a year, and just be financially self-supporting. As our numbers have grown beyond that point we have extended the services of the Club until now, as you know, we have 6 issues a year of the Journal, plus the Catalogue, and the Sales Bureau, with its invaluable adjunct, the Permanent List. Whilst membership naturally fluctuates, we have kept within a dozen or so of 200 for quite some time, and allowing for the inevitable losses-of Junior members and changes of circumstance, it seems probable that this figure, plus roughly the same facilities as at present, could be maintained into the immediate foreseeable future.

But by the same token that our increase from 60 to 200 enable a great extension of the Club's benefits, I think it logical to assume that a further advance in numbers should enable other assets to be realised. The problem, therefore, on which I would invite your comments, is how best we can attract additional interest and support. As far as stamp magazines in the U.K. are concerned, we hope to insert occasional adverts. For Scouts themselves, we may again attempt to enlist support via their own magazine "The Scout". Other suggestions which have been made include the following:-

- advertising in stamp/Scout magazines in other English-speaking countries, e.g. U.S.A., Canada and Australia.

- preparing a translation of our Journals in, say, French, in order to promote membership in France and french-speaking countries.
- appointing Club representatives in many places in order to sponsor local interest, supply details of the Club, and, if applicable, enrol members.

It seems to me that there is one common factor in all these ideas, and that is the active participation of our existing membership. My appeal, therefore, is twofold:-

1. What are your own views on the best methods (not involving great financial outlay) of extending the Club?
2. - especially for those outside the U.K., or if in the U.K. having outside contacts - would you be willing to assist the furtherance of the work of the Club by becoming a representative responsible for a particular area or task?

Please let me know your views, and I would add that all constructive suggestions will be considered most carefully.

H. L. F.

THE HIDDEN STORY

by the President

Like Mr. Fears, I have a highly-prized item in my collection that has a story behind it. Once again proving the old adage about "great minds thinking alike". Curiously enough I also have a sting in my tale. I started my Scout collecting in 1951, when a copy of an obscure catalogue came into my hands, covering "Scouts on stamps" and "Stamps on stamps" by one, Raymond Thill of Luxembourg.

This item came into my possession in 1949 whilst I was a Rover Scout in the army. I was hiking with another Rover along the autobahn a short distance from Minden in search of a suitable campsite for the Crew, when, much to our astonishment about 20 Italian Rovers appeared on as many bright red motor-cycles. We saluted them in the time-honoured fashion, and one of them stopped, pushed a postcard each into our hands and was immediately off again. Having watched them recede into the distance, we read the postcards, which informed us that these Rovers were the Italian contingent of the Rover Moot in Skjak in Norway!

The card found its way into my army souvenirs, which did not come to light again until some time in 1952! And this is the "rub"; two of the Crew I was in (the 1st. Bad Oeynhausen), went to Skjak, and I did not ask them to send me a card or anything! And what is more, during my 11 months service in B. A. O. R. I visited several Displaced Persons Camps, which included Estonians, Latvians, Lithuanians and other nationalities, but never bothered to go into the matter of their postal arrangements! Heaven knows what opportunities I've missed!

TREK TO A POSTMARK'S SOURCE

by Tom Holton, Member 205

It was way back in 1959 that I applied for a place in the U.K. contingent to the 3rd. World Indaba in the Netherlands, and after months of anxious waiting received the good news in Feb. that I would be one of the lucky 174. I then wrote to the "Netherlands Philatelic Services" for information regarding postal arrangements for this camp. The first reply was negative, but on 25th. March I received another letter stating that a temporary sub P.O. would be set up for the duration of the Indaba 2-11 Aug., and a special handstamp would be in use, but no special Stamp issued.

Then came the great day, Monday August 1st., when the U.K. contingent met for the first time at 8.30 a.m. on Liverpool St. station. We had previously been divided into patrols of eight and had made our own cooking and kit arrangements within our patrols. The journey via Harwich and the Hook of Holland was uneventful but rather tiring for all concerned; we arrived at Ommen station 11.30 p.m. to be met by some smiling and very helpful Dutch Scouters who promptly loaded our kit on lorries and showed us the path to "Ada's Hoeve". I must say a 2 mile walk did a lot to refresh us. On arrival I had my first glimpse of the sub P.O. - standing beneath the trees it gave one the impression of a broken down LONDON coach. (In the daylight it was really bright and shining red). The P.O. was part of a clearing known as the Market Square, which consisted of various services such as Scout Shop, Restaurant marquee, Administration, Press, Excursions, etc; but at this late hour all we wanted was to get to our sub-camp, erect our tents and get some sleep! At this **time** I had every intention of being back at the P.O. to see it open and if possible get Reg. No.1, but the forces of nature prevailed and I was still dreaming about it when the P.O. opened at 8.30 a.m. on the 2nd. When I returned from the land of nod it was somewhere in the region of 9.30. I legged it up to the Market Square and the P.O. was already doing good business. I managed to capture Reg. No.33 and got a pleasant surprise to see it was a special Reg. label. I learned later that a dealer had obtained those early Reg. Nos. I guess he spent a more comfortable night than the U.K. contingent.

However the 2nd. had arrived and a few F.D.C.s were the order of the day. I was noted that the Postmaster was working entirely alone for the best part of that day and I think at this stage a tribute is due to this remarkable Dutchman who kept a smiling face and conducted post of his business in a foreign tongue (English). He had in use the special handstamp, and the Auto-Post handstamps No.2 and No.3. I should say No.2 is the rarer of the two for No.3 seemed to be in use most.

The P.O. provided all other services one would expect from a normal P.O. - Telegrams, Express letters, etc., but no Public Telephones.

All normal issues of Dutch stamps were on sale plus the two new "World Mental Health Stamps" first issued on 18th. July. The P.O. was open 0830 to 1230 and from 1400 to 1800 hours week days and 1400 to 1500 Sundays. These times were displayed in

front of the P.O. each day.

Mail delivered into the Camp was brought to the Camp sub-P.O. from OMMEN. Sonic had the indaba handstamp on back, also a few had AMSTERDAM. The sub-postmaster handed over to Admin. Tent and deliveries to sub camps were carried out by the Working Party. The official opening ceremony was on 3rd. August and it was at this event I first spotted our hard-working Secretary and Mr. Wim Six of Holland, and believe it or not, the next time I saw them was in the P.O. giving the overworked Postmaster a helping hand. Well done, Howard and Wim, I'm sure it was greatly appreciated.

On Saturday the 6th. we all had a pleasant surprise for our Hon. Sec. had claimed the whole front page of "KRANT", the camp newspaper, with a typical H.F. article on "Scout Stamps and Postmarks", which gave a good lead into the S.S.C.C. and S.O.S.S. joint meeting on Sunday at 1730, and as so many of us present were also "Badgers" it was followed by a "Badger Club" meeting, which incidentally got delightfully mixed up with Stamp Collection to the mutual benefit of both departments. (The extract from "Krant" is given elsewhere in this Journal. Editor.)

Mr. Wim Six had a wonderful display of Mafekings and Dutch Scout postmarks issued in 1944-45.

These events, together with all the others such as the "WORLD THEATRE", TOURS, CAMPFIRE, SPECIAL FILMS OF EARLIER JAMBOREES ETC. made this 3rd. World Indaba a really memorable 10 days.

Although I was missing for the opening of the PLO. I stood in pouring rain to see it closed at 1800 hours on 11th. August, and I can assure you the last Reg. to leave was No.181.

On the 12th. the U.K. contingent left OMMEN station at 0700 hours and returned by the same route as the outward journey, but the sea had decided to liven up a bit for us this time. I shall never forget the cheers at the first big roller, and the groans to follow. Ah! Well, the source of the postmark had been found and lots of new friends made amongst a people who had the nerve to run an Indaba in a foreign tongue, and succeed. (Yes! English was the Indaba language) "BRAVO THE DUTCH!"

P.S. From the Hon. Secretary - A personal request to the Postmaster meant that he sent me No.182 registered label - positively the last! H.F.

P.P.S. From Tom Holton - I have now had late mail returned to me and there is no special return mark, not even a Dutch postmark on the back! I believe the Scout authorities at Ommen parcelled it all up and sent it to I.H.Q., London, who re-addressed all items. I have developed my negatives of the Indaba and amongst them is a fairly good one of the Mobile P.O., one of the writing desks at the back and two different shots of the S.S.C.C. Meeting. Members who would like prints of any of these can obtain them as follows:- ¼ plate, 8d. each; ½ plate 1/3d. each, plus postage. W.T.H.

(Many thanks, Tom, for this account of the Indaba and for offering members photographs at such reasonable figures. Editor)

SALES BUREAU & PERMANENT LIST

by Howard L. Fears

The Permanent List is growing so successfully that, as one member wrote recently, 'it alone justifies the cost of the Club subscriptions'. The trouble is that although I keep increasing the Club orders for material in order to have some over for casual sales, the continuous growth absorbs just about everything. But make no mistake - I welcome more members to the Permanent List and must ask very plainly - if you haven't joined the List, why not?

I am writing this on August 12th.; yesterday I despatched the 4th. selection, 5 covers totalling 9/6d. So far a total of 10 covers-have been sent, plus some optional items, ranging from Viet-Nam, Canada and Greece, to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland. By comparison with the price list of a well-known London dealer, already this year members have been saved over twenty shillings! How do you join? Send me a deposit of 10/- or \$2, and qualify at once.

Small supplies are available of the following covers:-

- Cacheted First Day Cover of the U.S. National Jamboree at Valley Forge in 1957, including the special "National Jamboree" postmark 3/6 each.
- Cacheted F.D.C, of Danish Scout Jubilee Camp "HOJBJERG" (already sent via Permanent List) 2/- each.
- Cacheted F.D.C. of Norwegian Guide Camp "RINGSAKERLEIREN" (Sent in Permanent List Distribution No.3, but wrongly described as a Scout camp) 2/- each.

Now one item only, quite out of the ordinary. A cover from Switzerland in 1938, with the scarce mobile P.O. cancel and the hand-stamp "ZÜRICH 3, Schweiz. Pfadfinder-Bundeslager 1938." Please don't ask if this is a good item - it is very good, and those of you who have tried to secure pre-war material will at once know that such items are always good, and from year to year grow in price. The cost is 30/- - and again it must be 'first cheque (or P.O.) secures!'

A final word before closing. One member asked whether he could purchase extra material through the Permanent List for "swopping". The position, quite simply, is that you may join for one copy of each item, or two, or whatever number you choose. The deposit is still only 10/-, but you have to agree to accept all items sent - no picking and choosing. So if you want to take advantage of this real opportunity, just write and say so.

H. L. F.

PERMANENT LIST

by the Secretary General

The List started as an experiment, but the response from members has been so encouraging that the List has now become quite a definite feature of the Club's services. As I write, members are replying to the third distribution - "Thank you for sending these two covers. I was very pleased with them", and "I think we are very lucky to have such a regular supply of such interesting items."

We have well over 30 members, and the list is still growing. The question is - are YOU a member? We have members as far apart as New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Sweden, Belgium, Holland, South Africa and Mexico - but not one in U.S.A.

It's not too late to join. Send your deposit of 10/- or \$2.00 to Mr. FEARS now, and you will not be too late for some of the 1960 items.

Permanent List - Later Notes.

I have been asked by some members whether, in addition to the present types of covers, it would also be possible to secure them Registered. I think this will be possible, and in consequence we can now offer three types of service, viz:-

- a. ordinary covers only.
- b. registered covers if possible plus ordinary covers when the registered ones cannot be obtained.
- c. ordinary covers for all events plus registered covers when obtainable (i.e. for a given event you would then receive an ordinary cover and a registered cover, if possible).

I realise this will make the Permanent List task more complicated for me, but I will do my best with the job. Existing members will be presumed to be in category (a), but if you wish to change, just let me know. Of course the cost of Registered covers will be higher than ordinary ones.

For your information, future despatches of material will be made on or about the 10th. of each month.

PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

1. New Postmarks:-
 - DENMARK 15.7.60 ALBORG NORDISK LEJR
 - 12.7.60 HOJBJERG K. U. F. M. SPEJDERNES JUBILAEUMS-KORPSLEJR
 - SWEDEN 27.7.60 ANHAMMARLAGRET (G. Guides)
 - 19.7.60 DELLENLAGRET " "
 - 16.7.60 SANDHOG OLOFSBORG-OLEVILINN (S. & G.)
 - FINLAND 29.5.60 HELSINKI (50 Years pmk.)
 - HOLLAND 2-11.8.60 NEDERLAND INDABA, OMMEN (N.B. Two Auto-Postkantoor at this event - Mobile P.O. to you - Nos. 2 and 3)

GERMANY 9.5.60 ALTENBURG/UBER BERGISCH GLADBACH, KONFERENZ
DER EUROPAISCHEN PFADFINDERBUNDE.
PHILIPPINES 16.5.60 MANILA. 20th. YEAR OF GIRL SCOUTING
(Slogan).

2. Horrified to note recent acquisition of Len Bowen. Girl Guide slogan postmark of 1958 - SUVA, FIJI!
3. Australian Girl Guide stamp announced.
4. Next S.S.C.C. meeting at Roland House Scout Settlement will be on Saturday 15th. October at 2.30 p.m.

ROBEY SEALS AND SWEDISH LABELS

by the Hon. Sec.

Following the articles in the May Journal, I am indebted to member SHELDON LEVY for some helpful information. Regarding the George Robey labels, at one time he had an entire sheet, which consisted of 4 complete sets of 12, arranged:-

1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6
7	8	9	7	8	9
10	11	12	10	11	12
1	2	3	1	2	3
4	5	6	4	5	6
7	8	9	7	8	9
10	11	12	10	11	12

A plain white border surrounded the sheet, but there was no division other than the ordinary perforation between the 4 sets. Mr. Levy has been told that the date of issue was 1925; when he broke up his sheet some years ago they realised \$3.00 per set but he feels the current price per set of 12 should be in the region of \$5.00 to \$6.00.

The Swedish labels: 4 different colour St. George and the Dragon seals were used in alternate years from 1933 until 1948 (but not 1945/49). Three different sketches of the Count were used, one each in 1949-1950 and 1951. Thanks Mr. Levy.

REVEILLE!

by Len Bowen

Yes, it does mean "Wake up!" - particularly is it applicable to those of our members who live outside the shores of Great Britain.

Because our collections cover the whole world, we members are inter-dependent on each other for "advance information" so that we can obtain the various items when they are about, and also, where possible, at no great expense.

Unfortunately I have to report that we have been rather badly let-down through some members not having their eyes open. In the few months that have passed by this year, three nice additions to my collection have come my way from non-Scout philatelic sources, of which, to date, no mention has been in our Journal.

Owing to these items being already obsolete when I acquired them, I was not in a position to advise our Sales Bureau Secretary (as I usually do) so that he could hurry off a bulk order for the benefit of S.S.C.C. members. Nevertheless, I am listing these items below, with some appropriate comments, in order that members may know of them being in existence, and may perhaps have a chance of getting hot on their trail from "private correspondence" sources.

- a. A slogan cancellation on Cover from FIJI. The slogan, which is boxed in an oblong frame, reads "GIRL GUIDES WORLD REGIONAL GATHERING .SUVA. (?) TO 10th SEPT."
1st?

The single circle postmark reads "SUVA.FIJI. 8th. Sept 1959." There is nothing specially philatelic about my cover, just ordinary commercial correspondence mail, and therefore it would seem that had the Society been aware of its use the Secretary could have sent off an Aerogramme quickly to Girl Guide H.Q. asking for a quantity of slogan envelopes to be collected in exchange for a donation to G.G. Funds. Members would then have been able to obtain them from the S.S.C.C. at a nominal price.

- b. Another slogan cancellation on cover - this one from CANADA. This also is framed in an oblong box, with extending parallel lines after the wording so as to give a long cancelling effect. The slogan wording is "SCOUTING PROMOTES CITIZENSHIP" and my cover bears a single circle postmark reading "Ottawa Ontario 4th, Feb. 1960". This slogan was also used on ordinary commercial and personal mail, and as before, an air mail request to our worthy Vice President in the International Scout H.Q. at Ottawa would no doubt have produced a sufficient quantity to have enabled a free distribution to members with the monthly Journal.

3. The third item is a real tragedy for S.S.C.C. members - it is a First Day of Issue Cover from the U.S.A. of a "Local Post" Scout Stamp issued on the 8th. February 1960 (same day as the American G.P.O. Scout Stamp), b. the "Cadillac Local Post", an officially licensed and authorised local postal collection and delivery service operating on the East Coast of America.

The moral therefore, is help the S.S.C.C. to help you!

THIRD WORLD SCOUTERS' INDABA & INTERNATIONAL JAMBORETTE
IN HOLLAND

by Howard L. Fears

When planning my short holiday in Holland I had little expected to find myself so intimately involved in the postal arrangements for the World Indaba held at Ommen from August 2nd. to 11th. I was not able to visit the camp at Holland's Gilwell until the Opening Day (August 3rd.) although the postal authorities commenced operations on August 2nd. Already I knew that there would be a special cancel, but what I didn't know until I got to Ommen was that a special registration label was also being used.

The actual postal facilities took the form of a mobile P.O. in a trailer-coach, and in company with Dutch member WIM SIX we found one postal official very busily engaged in selling stamps, and he was therefore a little dismayed when he saw that we had 1,000 covers to despatch. The answer was too simple; we volunteered to cancel the covers ourselves, which the official readily accepted. Each cover had at least 2 cancels - the stamps being cancelled with the Indaba hand-stamp, and each cover having the mobile P.O. date-stamp applied. Thus we tackled the task of cancelling one thousand covers, and went on to help for several hours more with more ordinary post from regular patrons of the office. (Next day my arm felt like a lump of lead - but all in the cause.)

Wim and I were able to spare time to see the Opening Ceremony, including the speech of welcome by the Chairman of the Dutch National Scout Council, Mr. VOLKMAARS. In passing I might mention that two of my own covers were signed by him and by the Chief of the Dutch Catholic Scouts' Association.

Although I had arranged with club member TOM HOLTON, also present at the Indaba, to secure first day registration covers on August 2nd., I had not anticipated that someone would wait for the opening of the Post Office and immediately send 20 or so registered letters - hence my earliest number is 42. The Registration Label, incidentally, bears the inscription "OMMEN. Indaba 2 t.e.m. 11 aug. 1960. Omn." and the number. I cannot say how many registered letters were sent each day, but as far as my own records show, from August 2nd. I have numbers 42 and 43: from Aug. 3rd. numbers 49, 53, 57, 58, 74, 88 and 90 (the last was sent very near the end of the Opening Day); I visited the Indaba again on Sunday Aug. 7th. and although the Post Office was open for an hour, all letters were despatched on Aug. 8th. - hence I have two further labels from Aug. 8th. numbered 131 and 132. Later the exact number despatched each day may be known, but at present I am not in possession of such information and at this stage can only say that I doubt whether the total for the whole camp will exceed 200 - making the item a very good one for collectors.

I have already mentioned a visit during the weekend; this actually extended from the night of Aug. 6th. until the following evening, and I was lucky enough to be conveyed by Mr. VOLKMAARS

in his car from Haarlem - a distance of rather more than 100 miles. On the Sunday the post office opened for the convenience of visitors (it was official Visitors' Day) for an hour, and again Wim Six and I assisted with the cancelling stamps. A daily Indaba paper was issued, and following a request to the editor, an article which I hurriedly penned on Scout stamp collecting was accepted for publication, and eventually appeared on the front page of, I think, the issue for Aug. 5th. On Sunday Aug. 7th. a meeting was held at the Indaba for Scout stamp collectors, and was well patronised. Wim Six contributed a display of Mafeking material, Dutch Scouts' Liberation post and Scout issues of 1960. Club members attending included Claude Marchal from France, Miss Livermore and Tom Holton from England, Wim Six from Holland and myself. In addition at least 5 others asked to be sent full details of the Club's activities, and the hastily compiled Visitors' Book shows 14 names.

One final word on the subject of the Indaba covers (although I hope Wim Six will provide more technical details when these are available). As far as I know there were only three varieties of cachets. The official cover has the Indaba design in green and red on yellow and is similar to the cancel. I purchased from a dealer in Amsterdam an unofficially cacheted cover bearing in blue the portrait of, I believe, the Dutch Chief Guide, and an inscription in Dutch. However the scarcest type of cachet is undoubtedly that issued by the Polish delegation - it is, in fact, their official cachet and in gold has the wording "1910-1960. Indaba 1960. HOLLANDIA" and the Polish Scout badge. I am assured that only 100 copies of this cachet were issued.

In the heading to this article I mentioned the International Jamborette at AMERSFOORT, also in Holland. Of course I knew of its existence but hardly expected to have a chance to visit it. However, when Mr. VOLKMAARS was conveying me by car to the Indaba I learned that he was to make an official visit to the Jamborette, and, naturally, was delighted. As far as I could ascertain, some 315 Scouts from 8 countries were camping happily together, and to my delight I also discovered that the camp administration were applying a hand-stamp to post despatched from the camp. With such a possibility in mind 3 covers had been prepared, showing also the date of the Jamborette - August 3rd. to 10th, but I realised that emergency measures would have to be adopted to secure a few more examples, and hastily purchased 20 post-cards showing local views and whilst drinking a cup of coffee addressed them to Wim Six (who was also with me). However, whilst I waited they were given a "bang" with the hand-stamp cachet, and returned to me. As they had not been through the post there was thus no objection to my conveying them on to Ommen, and they subsequently received the Indaba cancel as well. But please don't ask me for samples!

So far, I think I must leave the report as it stands. Others may amend or add, and I will try and answer any questions.

A Query??? Member J.H. Bergquist, (96) asks:- "Why are the Jubilee Year stamps of Nicaragua printed with the incorrect years 1856-1957?" Can any one offer a solution?

CLUB AUCTION SALE

All bids to be filed by the end of October please. Send your bids direct to the President. - NOT to our already overworked Secretaries please!

Please note that Lots 39 to 43 inclusive are NOT Scout material.

In order to simplify matters for our overseas members, bids may be filed in the currency of their own country. In the event of two or more members recording the same bid on any lot, the first received will be the winner.

Finally, on behalf of the Society, may I personally thank all those members who so generously contributed their spare material.

R. E. RHODES

The address is:- 38 RICHMOND AVENUE,
HIGHAMS PARK,
LONDON, E. 4,
ENGLAND.

LOTS

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| 1 | SWEDEN | Part sheet 25 S.S.U. Annual. Seal for 1954 (Deer and tree stump). |
| 2 | " | Ditto for 1955 (Scout cooking). |
| 3 | " | Ditto for 1956 (weird motif and fleur de lys). |
| 4 | " | Ditto for 1957 (globe and fleur de lys). |
| 5 | " | Ditto for 1958 (boy's head and fleur de lys). |
| 6 | " | Ditto for 1959 (Scout leading other boy). |
| 7 | " | Ditto for 1960 (boy and bird with nest). |
| 8 | " | Set of singles of Lot 1-7 plus 1951 single (Count Bernadotte). |
| 9 | FRENCH MOROCCO | Brown label showing group of Scouts in front of a building; probably pre-war. |
| 10 | DENMARK | 1959. Green and brown label (50 years), showing tree and acorn. |
| 11 | DISPLACED PERSONS | Three peculiar min. sheets (1 perf., 1 imperf., and 1 autographed) re Polish Scouts in Chicago. |
| 12 | G. B. | 1957. J.I.M. picture card (2½d. val. only) posted on 11th. August. |
| 13 | ITALY | 14/8/59 cacheted cover of 2nd. Nat. Rover Camp, Bracciano. |
| 14 | FINLAND | 1957 F.D. cacheted cover. |
| 15 | BRAZIL | 1957 F.D. cacheted cover, bearing 4 other stamps (somewhat messy, but desirable). |
| 16 | JAPAN. | 1959 2nd. Nippon Jamboree. Handsome cover with special strike. |
| 17 | AUSTRIA | 1957. Card bearing orange Scout seal and "45 JAHRE" Postmark. |
| 18 | CUBA | 1954 4¢ green F.D. cacheted cover. |
| 19 | G. B. | 1958. Central Yorkshire Senior Scout Expedition to Norway. Two cacheted covers - 1 posted in Leeds on F.D.; the other posted in Stavanger on 3rd. day. |
| 20 | G. B. | Ditto. Stavanger cover only. |

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- 21 U. S. A. 1960. 3 different F.D. cacheted covers bearing new 4¢ stamp.
22 " Ditto but different cachets.
23 " Ditto but different cachets again.
24 " Ditto - and yet again.
25 CANAL ZONE 1960 F.D. cacheted cover.
26 U. S. A. "SCOUTINGS GOLDEN JUBILEE" meter franking (Philadelphia) on piece.
27 " Ditto
28 " Ditto
29 " Ditto
30 " Ditto
31 " Ditto
32 " Ditto (New Brunswick)
33 " Mint plate block of 4 of 1960 stamp (No. 26531).
34 NEW ZEALAND 1959 Pan-Pacific F.D. cacheted cover.
35 G B. 1957 Commercially used block of 4 of the 4d. value.
36 U. S. A. 1958/9 Two cacheted "event" covers.
37 " 1958/60 Ditto - only different.
38 Extraordinary mix-up of stamps, seals and covers which defies uncensored description - who'll take a gamble? Guaranteed genuine junk!!! Utter rubbish!
39 KOREA U. P. U. cacheted F. D. C.
40 SINGAPORE 3/6/60 National Day 4¢ and 10¢ F. D. cacheted cover.
41 U. S. A. Approximately 100 mixed used stamps, mostly recent - some duplication.
42 " Similar lot.
43 CANADA Similar lot.
44 JAMAICA 1952 unmounted mint pair.
45 DUTCH E. INDIES 1937. Nice used Jamboree pair.
46 INDONESIA 1959 Set of 6 mint.
47 JAPAN 1957 Min. sheet of 6 labels.
48 " Ditto
49 FINLAND 1960. 50 years of the Movement. Spec. pmk. on cacheted F. D. C.
50 HOLLAND 3rd. World Scouters' Indaba, Ommen. Cacheted cover posted on official opening day. Spec. postmark.

PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE EIGHT

by Len Bowen

Hello folks! The Jack-in-the-box has popped up again! Sorry I've had to "lie low" for some time - due to lengthy illnesses of my wife's elderly parents - the sad death of her father and a "near miss" of her mother caused the normal routine of family life to go topsy-turvy for the last six months or so - and thus stamp collecting activities had to be temporarily suspended - such are the vagaries of life!

As I am writing this, the European Scout Indaba is being held at OMMEN in Holland - I hope all you wise people are on to it, philatelically speaking of course! - so far a special

cancellation, special registration label, and souvenir postcards (but NO special stamps) have reached me from kind and thoughtful friends. If you have been similarly successful by reason of friendly arrangements in advance, I would sincerely point out that "one good turn deserves another" - onesidedness has caused a number of members to be "missed out" at crucial times and difficult items thus lost to one's collection.

Oh! - and whilst on the subject of Scout Events, just scribble in that little note book of yours:-

1. Australian Girl Guide stamp, August 18th.
2. Pan-Pacific Jamboree; Australia, December 1960.
3. Iran Scout Jamboree set of Scout stamps late 1960.
4. 3rd. Pakistan National Jamboree at Lahore, December 1960, 2 annas Scout stamp to be issued.

I paid a couple of visits to the International Philatelic Exhibition in London last July - a goodly number of dealers had stands there - there was a fair amount of Scout material about, including a large proportion of "manufactured" material with all sorts of rubber stamp markings - be hereby warned; the pendulum is swinging against this sort of material - so if you regard your collection as a financial investment, tighten your purse strings when acquiring this type of material. I'm not condemning it entirely out of hand; no doubt Scout funds in some countries of the world benefit from its initial sale, but looked at from the philatelist's "true-blue" angle, it just isn't worth much - and of course there are "good" stamp dealers and bad stamp dealers!

Well, I'll have to be getting on my way now; one last thing though - it's obvious that there is still material about not yet listed in our "archives" - or known to us all generally. I've recently been shown a cancellation of the 3rd. National Scout Jamboree in CEYLON 1954 - it was certainly "one out of the blue" as far as I'm concerned! Keep plodding on! Good hunting, and Best wishes!

A very warm welcome to the following new members:-

255 Colin McArthur, Weemala, 259 Morrison Road, Ryde, N. S. W.,
Australia.

(I regret the above was omitted from the May Journal -
my apologies:)

270 Georges Hedo, Vaals (Limburg) Bloemendalstraat 7, Holland.

271 Ng Ah Lak, c/o Ng Kai Hong, Stall No.141, Telok Ayer Market,
Singapore 1.

272 G. R. Barker, 44 Hawthorn Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23.

273 Emile R. Pleau, 10411 Rue D'Iberville, Apt.2, Montreal 12,
P. Q., Canada.

274 Peter Bowen, 27 Lambourne Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex. (Junior
member)

275 B. W. Mykolyn, 41 Wentworth Street South, Hamilton, Ontario,
Canada.

276 Jan H. van der Steen, Maredijk, 13A, Leiden, Holland.
277 Peter Nickl, 328 Norton Street, Leichhardt, N.S.W., Australia.

Change of Address:-

9 C.F.Benningsen, Chevening, 2 The Chase, Reigate, Surrey.
60 Flight Lieut. D.C.Potter, Officers Mess, R.A.F., Hemswell,
Gainsborough, Lines.
134 R.Ingram, 109 George Street, Berkhamsted, Herts.
146 H.Hansell Ritter, 3115 Plymouth Rock Road, RD4, Norristown,
Pa., U.S.A.
168 M.Yeroulance, 10 Odos Lykiou, Athens, Greece.
209 P.Horton, 54 Princes Avenue, Walsall, Staff.
211 J.Owen, 655 Carolina Avenue, Orangeburg, Sc., U.S.A.
222 Leong Chee Keng, 1 Siglap Valley, Singapore 15, Malaya.
253 D.A.Edgecombe, 7 Strapp Lane, Amanzimtoti, S.Africa.
265 W.R.Wellsted, Colesgrove Manor, Goffs Oak, Waltham Cross, Herts.

Please delete the following from your membership list:-
Nos. 104, 214, 220, 221.

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Member E.Emmerling (147) reports that he has been fortunate in acquiring from a stamp shop whilst on holiday the following items:-

- (a) Cover from Imperial Jamboree, Wembley Park 1924.
- (b) Cover from the Arrowe Park Jamboree.
- (c) F.D. cover bearing set of 1955 Indonesian Scout stamps and remailed with 1959 set Scout stamps.

(Some folks can manage to pick up some useful material when on holiday. Editor)

Our member also reports that there will be an issue of a 2a. stamp by Pakistan during the last week of December 1960. Printed in Scout colours and motif will be Kim's gun, the Scout tenderfoot appearing below the mouth of the gun. Many thanks for this advance information.

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Well, this is certainly a bumper number and we hope you have enjoyed reading it.

I have had to hold over an interesting article on some of the gems which are in Wim Six's collection and which our Hon. Sec. was able to see, and a couple of items from two other members. These will appear in our next issue. Until then,

Yours in Scouting,

Wilf Nodder.

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1. As well as collecting Scout and Guide stamps, miniature sheets, F.D, and cacheted covers, cancellations, seals and maximum cards, am also interested in Scout badges, patches, publications, magazines and old books. Please write to Member 275, B.W.Mykolyn, 41 Wentworth Street South, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
2. If you are interested in philatelic material from Luxembourg, Netherlands and Germany, member 270 will be pleased to exchange same for any other Scout material - Please write to Hedo Georges, Vaals (Limburg) Bloemendalstraat 7, Netherlands.
3. Scout postmarks, covers etc. wanted - all world - D.C.D. Potter, Officers Mess, R.A.F. Hemswell, Gainsborough, Lincs.
4. Wanted. Envelopes with postal cancellation slogans (not necessarily first day) G.B. only, any year but particularly prior to 1958 and those in the future. All letters answered and postage refunded. Payment made or donation to senders - N.Goy, 68 Summer Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.
5. Singapore 50th. Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) Patrol Camp: For sale - Singapore Golden Jubilee Patrol Camp badge at 50c (US) or 3/6d. postpaid (large and colourful). Pennants One for 1\$ U.S. or 7/- postpaid, small quantity. Write now - Leong Chee Keng, 1 Siglap Valley, Singapore 15, Malaya.

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Editor.