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EDITORIAL

January is the month of Sales in the big fashion houses; if you were 'sales-minded', along you would go and see if you could pick up any bargains; you might even go just to criticise the styles! This issue is something like one of these sales - we think you will find some bargains among the advertisements and the Sales Bureau; you may wish to comment or enlarge upon something someone has written - and why not, if you can add to what has been said? You may like - or even dislike - the 'New Look' of the Journal; if you do, drop me a line. Personally, we think it is an improvement and because it is more compact, will appeal to the majority of members and should be a great deal easier to handle and file.

This issue is a special one - we have called it a French one, the reason being fairly obvious - which will no doubt be welcomed by those members in France, Canada, and on the Continent, it is our intention to make our July number a Dutch one and I have already been promised some hitherto unpublished articles on Dutch material, which I am certain will be of interest to many members, so you can be assured of a treat in store.

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Décembre 1960

Chers amis,

Grâce à l'ambilité de la S.S.C.C., j'ai le plaisir de vous adresser ces quelques lignes et de vous souhaiter une bonne année scoute et philatélique .

J'espère que nous aurons un timbre officiel pour le 50^e anniversaire des ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE.

Pour les JOURNEES NATIONALES des SCOUTS DE FRANCE, qui se tiendront à JAMBVILLE (Seto) pendant la Pentecôte, nous aurons certainement une flamme scoute de propagande. A cette occasion une réunion et une exposition philatélique seront organisées. Seuls pourront exposer de garçons d'âge éclaireur possesseurs de la badge de Philatéliste; il convient donc de s'inscrire dès à présent, en donnant le thème de sa présentation et la nombre approximatif de feuilles. De récompenses seront attribuées aux meilleurs.

Je vous rapelle que je puis fournir des timbre-poste contre toutes vignettes de boîte d'allumettes, mêmes en grandes quantités.

Bien sincèrement votre,

CLAUDE P. MARCHAL

10 Rue de Dantzig,
PARIS XV.

(For our non-speaking-French members, the following translation has been given. My grateful thanks to Claude for doing this for us and for the article which follows. Ed.)

Dear friends,

Many thanks to the S.S.C.C. for letting me have the pleasure of sending you my best wishes for a new Scout and philatetical year.

I hope that we will have an official stamp for the 50th anniversary of the ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE.

For the JOURNEES NATIONALES des SCOUTS DE FRANCE - a kind of national INDABA - which will be held at JAMBVILLE near PARIS at Whitsun, we will certainly have an official propaganda postal cancellation. During this INDABA, a philatelic meeting and exposition will be held; only boys of Scout age (of any nationality) will be allowed to take part in the exposition: I suggest that you let me know right now, giving me the theme of the presentation and roughly the number of pages. Awards will be given to the best.

Hoping to hear from you all soon,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

CLAUDE MARCHAL

(Any junior member of the S.S.C.C. who is interested in entering for this exhibition should write to Claude Marchal. I hope a number will do so. Ed.)

TIMBRES, OBLITERATIONS ET VIGNETTES
SCOUTS DE FRANCE

Contributed by Claude Marchal

- 1911? Série de 10 vignettes "Les Eclaireurs de France-Boy Scouts français-siège social 146 Rue Montmartre PARIS". 34x44. 1) Brun et bleu-violet. 2) Brun et jaune. 3) Brun et olive, a) Scout rampant; b) Scout aidant on vieillard; c) S. dans un arbre; d) S. sauvant un enfant du feu; e) S. soignant un chien; f) S. et drapeau; g) S. allumant un feu; h) S. suivant une piste; i) S. et cheval emballé; j) S. et noyée (cette dernière vignette est conne Non Dentelée en brun clair violet).
- 1911? Cette série doit exister avec comma légende "Les Eclaireurs de France-Boy Scout Français- Siège Social 10 Rue Laffitte PARIS". Souls sont connues pour l'instant les nos b, c, d, e, h.
- 1914? Vignette "Boy Scouts au service du gouvernement militaire de Paris". 30x48 Kaki-bleu-rouge-jaune-noir.
- 1914? Vignette Scout saluant. "Eclaireurs de France au service de l'Armee et des administrations". 30x44. Multicolore.
- 1916 Serie des 10 premieres vignettes surchargées en rouge de la date 1916.
- 1924? 2 Vignettes "Groupement des Eclaireurs de Cherbourg". Scout et Louveteau. Noir et Beige. Imprimeur: International Express Cherbourg.
- 1925? I vignette "Viva la 4°-Domrémy- Ste Odile". 4 Guides saluant. Bleue.
- 1929 Vignette "Rallye des Scouts de France- Orléans 8-9 mai 1929". 40x62, Bleue-rouge.
- 1929 Vignette "Jamboree mondial-Birkenhead 31 Juil-13 Aout 1929". 40x62. Bleue-rouge. Emise en carnet avec la précédents.

- 1930 Séries de 10 vignettes "l'Avenir de Gentilly" dont 3 Scoutes. 1) Rouge-violet; 2) Violet-rouge.
- 1931 Carnet de 12 vignettes émises par le Scoutisme Français pour l'Exposition Coloniale, 33x54. Beige. "Scoutisme" en haut et en bas; a) Maréchal Lyautey; b) Feude camp; c) Congo belge; d) observatoire; e) stand interfédéral; f) Cambodge; g) Madagascar; h) Tunisie; i) Angkor; j) Italie; k) Maroc; l) Angkor.
- 1931 Carnets de 12 vignettes "Scouts de France". 50 x30 ou 30x50. 1) Vert 2) Bleu 3) Beige. a) Mal Lyautey; b) Signalisation; c) B.P.; d) à table; e) Pont en V; f) Topographie; g) jeu; h) Salut aux couleurs; i) inspection; j) Algérie; k) Louveteaux; l) Feu de camp.
- 1932 2 èmes Carnets de 12 vignettes "Scouts de France". Mêmes format et couleurs. a) Chanoine Cornette; b) Insigne; c) GalGuyot de Salins; d) Observatoire; e) C.P.; f) Rally; g) Patrouille; h) Quartier Général; i) bon apétit; k) Camp école; l) au camp.
- 1932 Série de 11 vignettes "Majorité des Eclaireurs de France 1911 1932". 25x45. Bleu-brun. a) Jeanne d'Arc; b) Chevalier; c) Loop; d) Local de Meure; e) Louveteaux jouant; f) Louveteau et chien; g) Scout et animal rampant; h) Serment "Toujours prêt à servir"; i) Scout souriant; j) S. aidant une vieille; k) Tete d' indien.
- 1935? Série de 12 vignettes NESTLE numérotées 1 à 12. Multicolore.
- 1936 Série de 10 vignettes "Eclaireurs de France" (25° anniversaire). 45x65. Vert. a) Eclaireur et âne; b) E. saluant du chapeau; c) E. montant la tente; d) E. et lapin; e) E. jouant de la flûte; f) E. sifflant; g) E. faisant une piste; h) E. dans la tente; i) E. se lavant; j) Chapeau scout.
- 1937 Timbre-Poste vert CHARCOT Président des Eclaireurs de France.
- 1937 Epreuves de luxe et d'artiste de ce timbre-Poste.

- 6 1938 Série de 5 vignettes "Plein Jeu Eclaireurs de France Paris 1938 26 Juin". 27x40. Dentelées et Non Dentelées. a) 50c bleu; b) 1Fr rouge; c) 1.50Fr vert; d) 2Fr violet; e) 5Fr brun.
- 1938 Carte "Souvenir Philatélique officiel de PLEIN JEU Fête organisée à Paris le 26 Juin 1938 par la Fédération des Eclaireurs de France-- Jean Charcot Président des Eci. de France de 1911 à 1921". 105x135. Oblitération spéciaux officielle (Ø27) PLEIN JEU ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE. PARIS) 13 x 26-6 38. Oblitération violette (Ø27) non postale PLEIN JEU FETE DE LA JEUNESSE ET DES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE 26 JUIN 1938--ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE--TOUT DROIT Ces cartes ont à gauche le timbre Charcot et à droite une des vignettes ci-dessus décrites - Imprimées en vert ou dorées, (alors sont numérotées)a
- 1938 Une carte 100x115 avec le Portrait de Charcot de 75x103 "Jean Charcot Président des Eclaireurs de France de 1911 à 1921 PLEIN JEU 26 Juin 1938", existe avec les oblitérations ci-dessus décrites.
- 1939 Entier postal officiel avec au verso timbre "Tout Droit Les Eclaireurs de France RF Postes 40c+60c" bleu 23x38. Au recto Eel. se tenant sur doux rochers 105x145.
- 1939 Epreuves d'artiste sur quatre feuillets 188x252 du timbre de l'entier. Postal.
- 1939 Essais sur carton du timbre de l'entier. Postal.
- 1939 Les vignettes de l'année précédentes ont été surchargees "I F. FEU DE CAMP ARENES DE LUTECE I JUILLET 1939" a) 1Fr sur 50c; b) 1Fr sur 1Fr; c) 1Fr sur 1.50; d) 1Fr sur 2Fr; e) 1Fr sur 5Fr. B) . dito N.D. C) dito N.D. cI) dito surcharge renversée; eI) dito surcharge renversée.
- 1939 Oblitération violette (Ø29) non postale "FEU DE CAMP PARIS I JUILLET 1939 ARENES DE LUTECE"

- 1939 Timbre de Jean Charcot lila 90c.+35c.
- 1939 Epreuves de luxe et d'artiste de ce timbre
- 1039-1950 Série de 200 vignettes SUCHARD la vie fière et joyeuse des Scouts.
- 1940? Vignette bleue "SERVIR" représentant un routier. 30x40.
- 1945 Vignette "25° anniversaire des Scouts de France". Beige-rouge 25x35.
- 1947 Vignette - "JAMBOREE FRANCE 1947" Multicolore 24x34. Carnet de 10 vign.
- 1947 Vignette identique à la précédente mais 95x14 pour voitures.
- 1947 Timbre poste du JAMBOREE 5Fr. Feuillet de luxe 145x126.
- 1947 Epreuves d'artiste 3.50Fr. noir 112x141---brun 145x145 --- 5Fr. brun-roux rose, noir, vert, bleu, blanc 140x106.
- 1947 Oblitération officielle (Ø24) "JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX" heure, date et noeud de carrick, combinée au slogan "AMITIE DES JEUNES PAIX DES HOMMES" dans un rectangle 44x26.
- 1947 Oblitération officielle (Ø28) "JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX x 2-8 47 et noeud de carrick". 1er Jour 2-8, ouverture du Jamboree 9-8.
Variantes signe x à moitié ou totalement effacé; ou remplacé par goupe horaire.
- 1947 Vignette postale Recommandée "JAMBOREE DE LA PAIX".
- 1947 Oblitérations non postales violette et blanche en relief "ASSOCIATION DU JAMBOREE" 27x36.
- 1949 Oblitération spéciale postale (Ø27) "CONGRES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE x4 -6 1949 VANVES".
- 1954 Machine à affranchir "ECLAIREURS UNIONISTES DE FRANCE".
- 1955 Machine à affranchir "PENTECOTE 1955 JOURNEES NATIONALES DES SCOUTS DE FRANCE A JAMBVILLE".
- 1955 Oblitération spéciale postale (Ø27) "CONGRES ECLAIREURS DE FRANCE 28-5 1955 VANVES". Il existe 3 Cartes spéciales: jaune, vert et rouge.
- 1958 Machine à affranchir "JOURNEES NATIONALES SDF JAMBVILLE".
- 1958 Oblitération de propaganda "MEULAN JOURNEES NATIONALES SDF JAMBVILLE".

- 1958 Oblitérations scoutes "JAMBVILLE-MEULAN et MEULAN-JAMBVILLE POSTE SCOUTE".
 1958 Vignette des "JOURNEES NATIONALES SDF".

La FFE (Fédération Française des Eclaireuses) a émis une série de 19 vignettes beiges 49x35:
 a) Petitee ailes; b) le camp; c) on travaille;
 d) i'infirmierie; e) la section; f) la méditation;
 g) le ballon; h) on s'installe; i) les marmitones;
 j) la cuisine; k) après le repas; l) salut au drapeau;
 m) notre chalet; o) la montagne; p) notre chalet: la bibliothèque;
 q) jeu de relai; r) le local; s) notre chalet: la galerie;
 t) dans la neige.

La FFE a également émis une série de x vignettes gris-vert 49x35: a) tente à bagages;
 b) on cosntruit.....

Une vignette SOIS PRETE gris clair-rouge
 24x45

Une vignette "SOIS PRETE" rouge-brique
 24x37

JUNIOR PAGE

by the Editor

Dear Juniors,

I promised in the November Journal to continue discussing the items which I think are essential when starting a stamp collection. The next important items are stamp hinges -- and please buy good ones; personally, I have used the folded ones ever since they came on the market; a lot of time is saved and the small portion which is folded is just about sufficient for attaching to the stamp. A word of warning is necessary here - only the lightest of 'licks' is needed; too much will spoil the gum of a mint stamp. I said 'good' hinges, because the cheaper kinds have inferior gum and many a stamp has been ruined by using a cheap mount. Also see that your stamps are mounted neatly on each page and spaced nicely - never crowd them as I have seen done in so many collections belonging to juniors. I like to see the stamps arranged differently on each page, and not following the same pattern, but of course, you may arrange them as you wish to suit your own taste - the main thing is to use your individuality in laying out your collection.

The next item on my list is a magnifying glass. There are many different kinds which you can buy, but I do suggest that you get a glass and not one made of plastic. Some people favour a watch-makers glass which must fit your eye, others, a hand glass, whilst there are some who prefer one which illuminates the stamp as well. There is also another type - the 'block' magnifying glass - which is made from very thick glass. This is placed on the stamp and has the advantage of keeping the stamp, flat whilst you examine it.

The final item on my list is patience - patience to wait for the best stamps you can obtain to mount in your collection; patience to mount your stamps in the best possible manner - please don't rush this as a page of stamps is easily spoiled

through rushing to complete it.

Well, I hope these notes will be of use to some of you. If you have any queries about any stamp or any philatelic problem, don't forget that there are members of the S.S.C.C. who are always willing to help you.

I had a late entry for the last Junior Competition from Ng Ah Lak, a new member in Hong Kong, and as his entry was correct and no one else sent me a solution, I have sent him the set of Cuban Scout stamps as Second Prize. Good luck to you, Ng Ah Lak.

I hope that you have read Mr Claude Marchal's letter about the exhibition which will be held in France. If you are wanting to know more about it, do write to him. I expect Guide junior members would also be permitted to enter. Anyway, if you do go in for it, here's wishing you the best of luck.

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QUERIES

Member J. Bergqvist (No. 96) asks whether anyone knows where the funny picture of B-P on the 1957 Liechtenstein stamp comes from? To me it appears to be a caricature of our Founder, for I never saw him wearing a Scout hat with a floppy brim! Non Scout persons have also asked me this question so I am sure if there is a solution, then quite a number of people would like to know.

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Stanley Hunter (Member 51) offers a solution to Member J. Bergqvist's query on page 12, Vol. 4, No. 5 regarding the Nicaraguan error of date --1856.... 1956-- on S.G.s 986 to 1000. It arose when the order for printing was placed with the Staatsdruckerei Wein (State Printers, Vienna) in 1956 and since there was no supervision by a Scout official, the error was overlooked. He goes on to say that members may be interested in the 40c value of the set, S.G. 997; as well as honouring B.P.'s Centenary, it also marks the 1st Central American Camporee held from Nov. 29th to Dec. 4th (approx) 1952, 12 miles from Managua, the Nicaraguan capital city. (Does anyone know whether any special cancellation was used at this Camporee? Ed.) It depicts the presentation of the 'Silver Puma' to President Somoza; Hon. President of the 'Boy Scouts de Nicaragua', Jorge Monterrojas, then Nicaraguan Chief Scout, is seen placing the decoration round the President's neck. This is the Association's highest award and the only other person to be so recognised was Lady B-P, who visited Nicaragua last year. Approval has been given to award the 'Silver Puma' to two other persons but no presentations have as yet been made. Sr. Monterrojas is now a member of the National Court of Honour. Also shown on this stamp are Salvador Fernandez who is the Executive Secretary for Latin America, Habana (Cuba) and Julio Pinell, who was head of the Nicaraguan contingent to the 1st Central American Camporee.

The 2nd Camporee was held in Guatemala, Dec. 1955 and the 3rd in El Salvador, Dec. 1957 and the 4th in Costa Rica in 1959. The next Camporee is scheduled to take place next year in Honduras. (Any cancellations from these? Ed.)

He also sent in details of a German Scout meter cancellation which he has come across. It is used on mail from the 'D.P.G' H/Q's in Dusseldorf. His cover bears the normal 'stamp' and date stamp of German meters. The slogan depicts the D.P.G. badge and is inscribed - 'GEORG VERLAG/Der Deut-

schen Pfadfinderschaft/Sankt Georg Dusseldorf 10 Postfach 10050'. (We are very grateful to Stanley for these notes which I am sure will be useful in annotating your collection. Ed.)

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Thanks to Mr C. King (Member No.118) who has been associated with the Scouts Esperanto League for many years, we can give the translation of the cancellation in Wim Six's collection and described by Howard Fears in our last issue (see (f)page 11).

XII TUTMONDA TENDARO DESKOLTA ESPERANTISTA LIGO becomes 12th WHOLE WORLD CAMP OF SCOUT'S ESPERANTO LEAGUE.

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Here are some notes, sent in by Stanley Blunt (Member 41), about recent and forthcoming events for which there is a possibility of either Scout stamps and/or cancellations. (As Len Bowen is always reminding us - "You have been warned." Ed.)

- a) Hong Kong Jamborette. - 27th Dec. 1960 to 2nd Jan. 1961 to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.
- b) 3rd All-India Jamboree. - 27th to 31st Dec. 1960 at Bangalore. A badge for this event is illustrated in the Commonwealth News Bulletin, issued by I. H. Q.
- c) Australian Jamboree. - 29th Dec. 1960 to unspecified date, 16 miles from Sydney. A badge for this is also illustrated in the above mentioned bulletin.
- d) 2nd Caribbean Jamboree. - 4th to the 14th April 1961 in Trinidad.

(Many thanks, Stanley, for these notes. Ed.)

SALES BUREAU

(Orders, please, direct to Mr Fears-----)

COVERS

1960, November. Swedish Scout and Guide Conference. Special Postmark. These covers were prepared for sending by registered post but no special facilities existed; thus the covers have sufficient postage to cover registration, but were sent by ordinary mail... Price 2s. each.

1960, October. Denmark. Queen INGRID Guide Stamp. Cacheted First Day covers sent by registered post, including block of four of the stamp.... Excellent value at 4s. a cover.

1960. U. S. A. Jamboree at Colorado Springs; First Day Cover at 1s. 9d.

1960. Australia Guide Stamp. Official cacheted First Day Cover at 1s. 6d.

STAMPS

1960. Denmark Guide Stamp; mint at 8d each; blocks pro-rata.

PUBLICATIONS

1957-Jamboree Booklet. Price 2s. 6d. per copy, plus postage. Only a couple of copies, and when they are gone, that's the lot!

Back Numbers of the Journal.

Vol. 1, No. 1 (Reprint) 6d.) or the three for
 Vol. 1, No. 2 " 9d.) 2s. including
 Vol. 1, No. 3 " 1s.) postage.

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 each issue 9d. including postage. There are no
 copies of No. 1 available.

Originally accompanied Vol. 3, No.6 - Nov. 1959
Ideal for illustrations 6d. Including postage.

One of our members has written asking, whether we would include pen-portraits of the Club officials! Umph! We don't mind providing it isn't going to cause a slump in new membership and result in a lot of present members resigning!!!

Well, here goes - it was written by someone who knows me - or says he does!

The Editor:

Physically, one of Pharaoh's lean kind - in fact, invisible if turned sideways: thatching on top getting rather thin, due, possibly to the worry of trying to get enough material for the Journal; mentally, as normal - or as mad - as any other Scouter can be! Has dabbled in stamps for many years: from 1945 to 1956 was keenly interested in Rhodesian and B.C.A. Postal History; co-author with C.D. Twynham of 'The Postal History of the BCA.' His collection of Scout and Guide stamps and post-marks lack a number of the rarer items. Joined Scout movement in 1916 in South Africa; ex Kings Scout, has held warrants as A.S.M., S.M., and A.R.S.L. in Kent; is present S.M.(S) and D.S.M. (Bath). Is member of the Somerset Wood Badge Training Team. Holder of the Cub, Scout, Senior Scout and Rover Wood badges. Is not a good correspondent - as many of you have found out! but he does his best! Married, with three children, all of whom are associated with either the Scout or Guide movements. Dislikes - the person who, when asked to help, is always too busy --doing nothing, or the person to whom you show an unusual stamp, says, 'Rather a poor specimen; you should see my copies' - and never produces them. Likes - people who can put up with his funny ways - more than once!

(Well, there it is; - we shall include another one in our next issue - providing there are enough members left to whom we can send the Journal! Ed.)

A Happy New Year to you all - 1961 - whither now? I expect most of you folks are, like myself, hoping that it will be a "quiet" year as far as new issues of Scout stamps and postmarks are concerned, so as to give us a chance to mount and write-up the material that has accumulated!

Did any of you spot the auction realisation price of the B.P. 3d. Mafeking stamp used on piece - presumably a 'small head' - at the North Western Provincial Auctions on 8th. November last? It realised £8 - 10 - 0! Prices realised at auctions are nearer market values than catalogues!

I wonder also, if you read the Report in a philatelic magazine of the Royal Air Force Philatelic Society whose membership has grown to 220 in four years - they are closing the membership list at the 250 mark to allow for a period of consolidation of the club's activities. I rather think we have need of a similar policy - the S.S.C.C. has long ago outgrown the "happy little band of Stamp Collectors" atmosphere and rapidly swollen to, an 'organisation' - a set of rules, periodic committee meetings in person with democratic control of the Club's affairs, a constitution, auditors, fixed A.G.M's, are among the things required - but how, when and where? We don't all live in the same town or even country!

Switching to another subject, it is gratifying to read in the November 1960 issue of the S.O.S.S.I. Journal of America the public acknowledgement, at last, that there is in existence in the world such a society as the S.S.C.C., due, no doubt, to the "big-heartedness" of its new Editor. After all, aren't we all Scout philatelists? A little more of the "international friendship" type of co-operation would surely be to the benefit of the members of both organisations and a little more healthy competition from the "other side of the Atlantic" would ensure the best efforts of both societies!

Well, folks, I must say it is very pleasant this bitterly cold weather to pop into a nice warm cafe and indulge in a 'tea-and-toast' and a Scout stamps 'chit-chat'. My thoughts have been wandering on the subject of forgeries lately - do you know, I would like to see our Club gradually form a Forgery Reference Collection, built up slowly by purchases and items donated by members, so that if any of us were thinking of buying expensive stamps, we could have them on approval first and make comparison with the official Reference Collection before parting with our money.

I'll have to be buzzing off now - I hope you have all made a New Year Resolution to write a story for that "Hidden Story" series. Have you?

Until next time, Best Wishes. Keep patiently searching - the items you want will come along when you least expect them to!

(My grateful thanks to Len for his usual contribution. Whilst on the subject of B.P. Mafeking stamps, you may be interested in the following prices for these items which were advertised in the current issue of a philatelic magazine:-

SG 19,	3d	B.P. used,	block of 9	...	£240
SG 19,	3d	"	"	"	" 10 ... £300
SG 23,	3d	"	"(design reversed).		£375

Rather shakes one, doesn't it? One would have to be a millionaire to be able to form a collection of these stamps: however, have a think over the points he has raised in this article, and if you feel like commentating on any of them, drop me a line. Editor.)

INVESTMENT GUIDE
(By Howard L. Fears)

It isn't always the obvious items which go up in price and in compiling my recommendations this time, I am thinking of those collectors whose basic collection is not yet complete - if any of the following is still missing, my advice is the usual one - GET 'EM NOW.

U.S.A. 1948 Guide and 1950 Scout, mint copies.

Jamaica ... 1952. The mint set now often reaches 2s. 6d. or even 3s., and the used set goes higher still.

Indonesia . 1955. This set is constantly rising and may now cost 4s. 6d. mint.

Hungary ... 1933 Scout and 1939 Guide. I have seen the latter set offered mint at 4s. which is an increase of almost 200% on the price a couple of years ago!

Dutch Antilles 1957. I have always thought highly of this set of three.

Dutch East India 1937. Mint set might now cost you 10s.

Cuba 1957. A surprising set, but if it is not in your collection you have been warned before!

What about the sets of 1960? I am having trouble myself with the Tunisian set, but apart from the stamps, don't forget the cancellations.

NEW MEMBERS

A very hearty welcome to the following who have joined us since November: we hope they will find much to interest them in their association with the Club.

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- 292 BRUCE R. HARGOTT, 177 York Mills Road, Willow-
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- 293 FREDY SCHERB, Neubrukstr, 74 Bern, - Switzer-
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- 295 ALAN RAMAGE, P. O. Box, 35, Pointe aux
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- 298 F. GORDON PARKER, Curlews, Stubbington Lane,
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Hants.
- 299 EDWARD A. ILLSCHE, P. O. Box 1843, Fort Myers,
Florida, U. S. A.
- 300 S. C. SHERRIN, P. O. Box 743, Petrolia,
Ontario, Canada.

Correction to address: -

Member 171 J. Crosby should read: 35 Central Street,
Auburndale, 66, Mass., U. S. A.

CLUB NOTES

by Howard L. Fears

Membership Drive in Canada

Our new Committee Member, Ed. EDMONDSON, is doing champion work and we have seen a lot of new members in consequence.

Membership Drive in Scotland

Member HUNTER is 'whipping 'em on', but we feel sure there are potential members lurking in the Highlands. Any help you can give will be appreciated; if you would like details sent on, just tell Mr. HUNTER or Mr. BLUNT.

Approvals

I am not anxious to press this topic because it means more work, but if you fancy an occasional bargain, drop me a line and I will add your name to the Approval Selections. (See further remarks under this heading.)

Competitions

We need more volunteers if we are to form a sub-committee to deal with this subject. Names, please to the Secretary-General.

Elections

There have been many replies to the remarks in the November Journal; almost every member who did, said, "just leave everything as it is". However, it seems that many of you, especially from the U.K., would like the idea of an annual meeting, say at the same time as the Gilwell Reunion. At this stage, all I can say is that the subject is under discussion!

Permanent List

At present I am distributing a First Day Cover of the Brazil Scout stamp and covers showing the special cancellation used at the Scout and Guide Conference in Stockholm in November. The next distribution may not be for a month; items on order include covers from the Pakistan Jamboree (including mint copies of the Scout stamp) and covers from the Jamboree in Australia. Looking ahead, we are already covering the Jamboree in Trinidad next April. However, apart from the Pakistan stamp, we shall not in future include any thing except covers. If by any chance you haven't yet joined this service, you can soon remedy the situation - send me 10s. for your deposit and your name will be added to the list.

Approvals

The despatch of approval selections must be governed by the material available. At present I hope to make despatch to each member interested about once every three months, but if you don't hear for some time, it means we are short of supplies. However, if you have covers at reasonable prices which you would like to offer me for sale via the Approval Service, please send details: if you wish to join this service, also write and tell me.

Committee Members

TOM HOLTON has kindly agreed to assist with the Permanent List distributions in future. I shall still be responsible for obtaining the material and request to join the List should come to me, but the actual despatch will be handled by Tom and remittances for settlement should go to him. Thanks, Tom. (Would anyone else like to help on a similar basis with the Approval Service?)

(I would like to support our Sec-Gen.'s plea for assistance - it is no good piling more and more work on his already over-worked shoulders and expecting him to continue his voluntary service to the Club in the same proficient manner - we are asking too much. Do do rally round him with your offers of help. Editor)

Three Hundred Up!

As I write this, we have only reached Member No.299, but I shall be surprised -and disappointed - if No.300 has "not signed on" by the time this Journal appears. For the record, member No.1 was registered on 20.2.57, No.50 on 15.8.57, No.100 on 18.1.58, .No.200 on 29.12.58 and No.250 on 30.1.60. This is a very creditable growth rate.

Auctions

In response to overseas requests, we will try and make sure that the auction for 1961 is announced in sufficient time for everyone to participate. But whilst we are on the subject, don't forget that you can have your Journal sent by Airmail for a small extra charge - please ask Mr BLUNT.

For some time past, it has been impossible for me to prepare illustrations and get them printed for issuing with the Journal. The position with regard to the latter is now easier and I hope to be able to include some illustrations with the March issue. Perhaps those of you who have any unusual philatelic items of Scout interest would either lend me the items or send me a tracing of it so that I can reproduce it for others to see.

Don't forget, a few articles would help me to keep my hair on!

Sincerely yours,

WILF NODDER

ADVERTISEMENTS

- WANTED - Old Scout stamps, mint in blocks and singles used, especially HUNGARY 1933 (m. set), LIECHTENSTEIN 1932 (m. or u. set), IRAN 1950 (m. and u. Scout value), TURKEY 1938 (m. and u. Scout value), 1946 (m. and u. Scout value), CANADA 1960 (m. blocks) -
- FOR SALE - FRANCE 1947, m 1s..(blocks 4s.), GREECE 1960, m set 7s. DENMARK 1960, .m 7d. (blocks 2s. 4d.) - J.H. BERGQVIST, Banergatan 29IV, Stockholm, Sweden.
- WANTED - Belt buckles of the World, particularly Austrian, Spain, Portugal: Metal Woggles (ex British): Scout Flags, size 2ft. by 3ft: Gilwell Patches and Pennants prior to 1957 - J.CROSBY, 35 Central Street, Auburndale 66, Mass., U. S. A.

Dear Member,

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This is the first time I have really gone to town and written a full length letter in our Journal and even this has no reference to Scout and Guide stamps, but I hope it will be of some interest to most of you.

First of all I would like to make some reference to my job as Club Secretary in which I know you can and will make it much easier for me.

CORRESPONDENCE:

I welcome every letter that comes along whatever the contents may be - enquiries, criticisms, comments (pleasant or otherwise) but do please quote your Membership number as it saves many precious minutes at busy periods looking you up.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Do please try and pay them as promptly as you can - this avoids sending out further reminders. All members should have by now received their Membership cards (unless you are in arrears with your subs.) which gives the date of renewal so that it should not really be necessary to send out any reminders. If by chance you have not received one of these cards will you please let me know right away as I am only human and it is possible that in sending out over 200 in the course of a few weeks at intervals I may have missed you out.

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

Our President has suggested that Regional representatives might wish to arrange local meetings in addition to those he has at Roland House. I am pleased to invite ANY members who can get along to Berkhamsted on Sunday afternoon Jan. 29th from 2 p.m. I hope every HERTS. member will make an effort to come and meet his fellow members. Just drop me a postcard and I will gladly send you details as to where the meeting will be held.

OUR CLUB BADGE:

Many of you have written to ask me if I can supply a rubber stamp of this. This I can do at 6/6 post free if sufficient members are interested as I must order at least a dozen from the makers at one time to be able to supply them at this price. Reply quickly, cash with order.

Yours sincerely,
F. S. Blunt, Club Secretary.

DO YOU LIKE --

Having a Pen-pal?
 Exchanging notes and news?
 Swapping stamps, covers, badges etc?

Here is a selection from our list of recent new members who would like to hear from you.

- No. 287 Miss D. Ellis, Oberon, Durrant Lane, Bideford, Devon tells us that although she has been Cubbing for 25 years she is a novice at collecting Scout and Guide stamps, and is also interested in collecting foreign badges.
- No. 288 William Andersen, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo 21, Ohio, U.S.A. is a Dealer-Collector of Scout stamps so if you have any wants or spare contact him.
- No. 289 John S. Wilson, 5 Uplands, Sundon Park, Luton, Beds. is a Queen's Scout and holder of the Duke of Edinburgh Award so if you want any tips on the latter no doubt he would be pleased to help you.
- No. 290 Rudolfs Zalamans, 60 Wakelin Terrace, St. Katherines, Ontario, Canada has been a Rover Scout for 25 years so would know all the answers to any Rover correspondent.
- No. 293 Fredy Scherb, Neubruckstr 74, Bern, Switzerland has made his career Mountaineering and is most interested in Scout F.D.C.s of all types.
- No. 295 Alan Ramage, P.O. Box 35, Pointe aux Trembles, P.Q. Canada is a collector of Patches and Badges.
- No. 297 Andrew Chr. Rizopoulos, 5 Frinis Street, St. Paraskevi Attikis, Greece has similar interests as No. 295.

If you would like a further list to appear please send a postcard to the Club Secretary.