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EDITORIAL

I am writing this on the afternoon of January 8th, the day when, twenty years ago, there passed from our midst a great man to whom the youth of the world owe a great deal.

Much has been written about the Founder of the Scout Movement -- his adventures, his personality and his deep understanding of "THE BOY"; his face, familiar to every member of the Scout and Guide Movements, has appeared on several stamp issues of a number of countries.

Fifty years hence there will be very few people alive who actually knew or even saw him. Will Scouting and philately still be flourishing then? Will the youth of 2000 A.D. have the time and inclination to enjoy the open air life as did their forefathers and to follow their own hobbies? Or will they be engulfed by the ramifications of a new age when space travel is an everyday occurrence and automation is so efficient that few people have to work?

Although it would be foolish to prophesy, I am sure that whilst there exists even some who have like interests and who are prepared to share them with others, then such pursuits are not likely to die easily.

Let me conclude in a much lighter vein. Maybe at the beginning of the next century, members of the S.S.C.C. will be receiving, by guided rocket post, their weekly copy of the Journal on a sound-cum-colour microfilm, for use on their portable 2 inch telescreen; maybe Member 12345 will merely take from the pocket of his space suit his miniature televisor and switch on to Member 67890 and discuss with her the varieties on the stamp issue of the 25th World Jamboree which had just taken place on Mars; maybe this is just fantasy! Who worries? I, for one, won't!

JUNIOR PAGE

by the Editor

Dear Juniors,

In these notes, I have sometimes suggested ideas which were thought might be useful to you; one I have mentioned is the collecting of slogan cancellations as an addition to your general or Scout stamp collection. This type of collection is known as a 'sideline', but it can be both interesting and instructive, so let's look at the idea in more detail.

Getting together a collection of slogan cancellations is quite popular nowadays, probably because it need not cost very much. In many countries, cancelling machines are being used in increasing numbers, simply because, not only do they ultimately save money, but they also cut down on time, being much more efficient and quicker than employing people to handstamp letters one at a time. Many big firms use meter franking machines in their offices, to frank the very large number of letters and circulars mailed to their customers. These meter machines are very similar to the machines used by the post office authorities, the chief difference being that, in addition, they record the amount of postage paid on each letter or package franked. Both the postal authorities and the big firms have also realised that these machines are useful in drawing the public's attention to some important national event or for advertising -- hence the use of slogans.

There are in existence specialist societies which cater for collectors interested in both these kinds of cancellations, just as the S.S.C.C. does for those interested in Scout and Guide philatelic material. If you have a few slogan cancellations in your general collection, why not start a 'sideline' collection with them? Why not keep your eyes open for the different types which are used on letters the postman brings to your house and save them? Perhaps friends of your parents would also do the same for you. There is no need to keep the whole envelope. I suggest you carefully cut the whole of the slogan cancellation including the c.d.s. portion-- that is the 'circular date stamp' portion which shows the town name and the date -- from the envelope, leaving a margin all round so that you

have a piece about 2" wide by 4½" long, a convenient size for mounting on album sheets. With meter marks you will have to cut out a slightly longer piece as there is, in addition, to the c.d.s. and slogan, the meter machine numbered portion on the right.

In the next issue of the Journal, I shall tell you more about some of the cancellations: in the meantime, why not see how many different ones you can collect?

I notice in the philatelic press that Michael Trory (Junior Member 226) recently won the Junior Competition of the Brighton and Hove Philatelic Society with his collection of "Scouts on stamps". Congratulations, Michael, and may your success continue.

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THANKS

(from the Secretary General)

I am writing this short note on behalf of STANLEY BLUNT. We have been overwhelmed and delighted with the volume of seasonal good wishes during Christmas 1960, and if we had looked in the crystal globe, perhaps we could have replied in time appropriately. Sometimes we both say 'darn' when the postman sheds his usual batch of letters through the door, but when we learn how happily members react to our efforts, we can say one thing only - 'THANKS A LOT'.

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APPROVALS

Club Member DAVID START of 34 Woodriffe Road, London, E.11, has very kindly agreed to undertake the despatch of Approval Selections in future. Applications to join the List should however, still continue to be sent to MR. Fears.

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SCOUTING PERSONALITIES ON STAMPS

(From the pen of Stanley K. Hunter, Member 51)

Scouting has always been fortunate in receiving great encouragement from the many public figures throughout the world who have accepted positions in the Movement. A Scout Stamp collection should contain a selection of stamps depicting these members of the Movement. Several have actually been shown on stamps wearing Scout or Guide uniform and specimens are probably already in your collection.

The following should be included in this section:- Queen Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, Queen Ingrid of Denmark, Shah Rizah Pahlavi (President of the Iranian Scout Council), Crown Prince Constantine (Chief Scout of Greece), King Charles II (Founder and first Chief Scout of Roumania), Prince Nicholas (his successor as Chief Scout), and Prince Michael, who joined the Troop that his father founded and became a Patrol Leader, before becoming King.

This collection can be supplemented by the addition of some non-Scout stamps depicting the various honorary members and I give a few suggestions of personalities, all of whom are depicted on postage stamps.

In most countries of the Free World, the Head of State holds some honorary rank in Scouting. This has been true in the United Kingdom since 1910. Whilst King Edward VII did not hold any position, he certainly was a close friend of the Movement and it was at his suggestion and with his approval that B-P resigned from the Army in order to work full-time with Scouting. Even on the day he died, the King was arranging for B-P to organise a Scout Rally at Windsor.

King George V was our first Patron and granted the Royal Charter to the Scout movement in 1912. The Duke of Windsor was Chief Scout of Wales and King George VI was President of London and Yorkshire until 1936. The Queen, our present Patron, has been depicted in the uniform of a Ranger, while Princess Margaret, now Chief Ranger of the Commonwealth, was shown as a Guide. Princess Anne is, of course, an active Brownie.

Prince Arthur of Connaught was always a keen supporter of Scouting: in 1911 he became Chief Scout of Canada and

on his return to Britain in 1913, he was appointed our first President. On his death in 1938, the Duke of Gloucester, the President of Gloucester and Norfolk, became President of the Boy Scouts Association. The President of the Girl Guides is Princess Mary, the Princess Royal. Prince George of Kent, who was killed in 1942, was Commodore for Sea Scouts.

In 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt was a member of the American National Scout Council and every President since Taft has been Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of America and an Honorary Vice-President on retirement. Wilson is remembered for instituting "Boy Scout Week" in 1919. At the time of writing, Presidents Hoover and Kennedy have not been portrayed on stamps.

As in the U.S.A., the President of Nicaragua is an Honorary President of the national organisation. President Somoza is seen on one of the "1956" Scout stamps, being presented with a Scout award at the 1st Central-American Camporee.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands is President of the Dutch National Scout Council and was a frequent visitor to the 1937 World Jamboree which was opened by Queen Wilhelmina. Queen Frederica of the Hellenes and Queen Farah of Iran are both actively connected with Guiding, whilst King Baudouin of the Belgians was a Boy Scout in the first inter-federal Scout Troop in Belgium.

Ex-King Farouk was appointed Chief Scout of Egypt while Crown Prince after being a Wolf Cub and a Scout.

King Rama VI of Siam was an extremely keen Scouter and founded the Movement in Thailand. It is this king that we have to thank(?) for the famous "Wild Tiger" Scout overprints of 1920. In Gibbon's catalogue he is referred to as King Vijiravudh. Readers will remember the novel and the Musical - "Anna and the King of Siam": King Rama's father was the Crown Prince tutored by Anna, while his grandfather was THE king of Siam.

Czar Nicholas II of Russia was interested in Scouting and was the first (and last) Patron. It was reported in the Journal that the 1929 'Pioneer' set of Russia was actually based on a photograph of a Russian Boy Scout.

The President of the "Eclaireurs de France", 1911-1921,

Jean Baptiste Charcot, the noted Antarctic explorer is depicted on stamps as are also two of the vessels with which he was closely connected -- the "Francais" and the "Pourquoi-Pas" in which he was drowned.

To my mind, however, one of the most interesting sets of non-Scout 'Scout stamps' is the 1953 Royal Wedding stamps of Luxembourg. The stamps portray Princess Josephine Charlotte, the Chief Guide of Belgium and Prince Jean, the Chief Scout of Luxembourg.

This does not pretend to be the complete list of Scouting personalities and in fact I would be most grateful if readers would advise me of some of the many others that I have omitted.

(My grateful thanks, Stanley, for sending me the above article. Do send him any information you may have, won't you? Editor)

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ONE VOLUNTEER IS WORTH ---

Could YOU spare a couple of hours a week in the service of the Club? At the moment, Mr Fears has a list of several jobs in which assistance from members would greatly ease the mounting load on the Committee. Could YOU help out? Frankly, it may mean a hold-up to further expansion without extra help - so please do not let this appeal be made in vain - All offers to MR FEARS.

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SALES BUREAU

By the Secretary-General

Very little this time, but nevertheless useful for your collection:-

Pakistan Scout F.D. cover with Jamboree Camp cancellation	..... 1s. 3d.
Pakistan Scout stamp, mint	..... 3d.

IT'S HECTIC, BUT IT'S FUN

(Contributed by Howard L. Fears)

Have you ever thought what being the Honorary Secretary of the S.S.C.C. might involve? It's really rather fascinating. Can I give you a strictly truthful account of the Club's business of just two days - January 24th and 25th? For instance, there have been five enquiries requesting fuller details of Club membership and the letters in reply have gone to Scotland (1), Isle of Man (1), England (2) and Italy (1). A new member has been enrolled from Kenya - the Colony Secretary - following the provision of an article for publication in the Kenya Scout Magazine.

From Israel, a long letter ranging over many matters from the possibility of setting up a branch of the Club to a suggestion for providing for the sale of covers from Scout events. Consequences range from ascertaining whether we may accept Israeli currency for membership - and, if so, the rate of exchange - to making available special facilities for reselling material to Junior members. A copy of 'The Scout' arrives, enclosing the latest monthly article I submitted and the draft of the next one is sent off.

Really, all of these items, however, do not broach some of the major happenings which are, of course, all covered by correspondence. Careful plans had been built up for the despatch of the Journal for January, plus the Priced Check List, noting new addresses, those wanting copies sent by air mail and a special draft letter duplicated for sending out to members whose subs. are overdue. 50 copies of the Journal were to be sent to France; then in comes the news -- the Check Lists have been held awaiting despatch by the Assistant Secretary, and now we find that the Journals have been sent out independently under the usual arrangements. This means that all our careful plans have gone astray and rapid arrangements must be made, otherwise masses of members will be writing in asking what is happening.

Some weeks previously I had written to the Editors of a number of Scout magazines from the publicity viewpoint and replies are received from Australia and India. This means the rapid drafting of an article and its despatch, by air-mail, to the respective editors, with accompanying letters; then from Australia come details of all the covers which are being

sent from the recent Jamboree for use in the Permanent List service. To calculate the debit I have to consider the difference in currency values and deal with a member's request for gramophone records of Scout interest and county badges in return.

Admittedly, there are a few other letters, such as the payment of the cost of the latest Permanent List distribution by a South African member. Then from Belgium comes a query - in French - which requires a detailed reply, to be despatched right away. The agenda for the next Committee meeting of the S.S.C.C. has to be sent to all those involved which, in itself, means five postcards being written.

Bearing in mind that all of these events genuinely occur in two days, you might have imagined I was nearing the end. That would overlook, however, the despatch of four further articles about Scout stamps already agreed, as part of a series, to the editors of Scout magazines in Canada, Ceylon, India and Pakistan. Detailed Club records have to be kept in order and certain financial matters adjusted (including the drawing of a cheque for the latest printing cost). At the same time I have a living to earn and I also enjoy doing other things in my spare time. Now, late in the evening of January 25th, I have just written this account to show the range of activities involved in being the strictly unpaid and Honorary Secretary. Altogether 31 letters have been received and despatched, involving twelve different countries. Yet, believe me, I still try to reply within 24 hours. -- AND IT'S FUN.

(I don't think I need make any comment, need I? Editor)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TRAY

The design of the Trinidad Caribbean Jamboree Stamp - A preview

One stamp with a face value of 20 cents will be on sale at the Jamboree on April 4th 1961, the opening day; it will be valid for postage at all offices throughout the territory for three months, the whole proceeds going to the Boy Scout's Association who will be the hosts to more than forty participating countries. Of large format, it will have a border design of a bamboo arch with the central portion depicting three Scouts, representing the racial groups of the country - standing in front of a Scout headquarters. At the top left hand corner, a portrait of the Queen; at top right, the Scout fleur-de-lys, with the Jamboree motif - UNITY - at top centre. The stamp has been designed by a special sub-committee of the Main Jamboree Committee. I wonder how near this advance description will agree with the actual stamp? We shall see.

"A rose by any other name smells....."

The conviction last December of Cecil Rose, a stamp dealer, to a prison sentence of six years for fraudulent trading and other offences under the Bankruptcy Act, recalls to my mind the 1957 World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield.

He it was who formed the Mayflower Stamp Co. Ltd. to exploit the sale throughout the world of the special G.B. stamp issue for the Jamboree; he it was who promised the Boy Scout's Association the sum of £50,000 for the privilege of being the sole agent for servicing 'official' first day covers.

In his summing up and passing sentence, the judge said, inter alia-- ".... you did not hesitate to use the fair name of the Boy Scout's Association to further your frauds".

It is common knowledge that I.H.Q. finished up very much 'in the red' over this Jamboree; had this person kept his promise, this deficit would have been greatly reduced, for at the trial it was stated that the B.S.A. had received only £700! For once, comment fails me!

New Issues

Some members have written asking if this feature could be resurrected. It has been our intention to do this when the new edition of the 'Scout and Guide Stamps' Catalogue was published so that you would be able to keep your copy up-to-date. Details of all new issues will therefore appear in the Journal in future.

A Query

Why are the 1949 pair of Nicaraguan Scout stamps inscribed "Boy Scout de Nicaragua"? According to our member, Stanley Hunter (No. 51), the correct title of the association is "Boy Scouts de Nicaragua". Any comments please?

Congratulations

Junior member, Rodney Goodman (No. 238), was again awarded a Trophy and first place in the 'C' Section of the Middlesex Federation Junior Stamp Day last November for his Scout Stamps collection. Seems there is no stopping this lad! He says he finds the Journal very helpful: well, we hope he will continue to do so.

An Omission

My attention has been drawn to an omission in the last Journal - the pages were unnumbered! Would you please number your copy page 1 to 24, so that reference to contents can be made when an index to the present volume is compiled. Thank you.

Members letters

Miss Mary Thornton (Member 90) writes:- "I have a complete sheet of the Scout's Canal Zone stamp on a huge cover with first day cancellation, sent Registered Air Mail. I wonder if this may be a unique piece?" (I should imagine it was - and I bet the postmaster did a spot of cussing when he had to cancel it, too! Editor)

Mr J. X. Coutts (Member 75) in a letter to our Assistant Secretary, writes about the recent Australian Jamboree:- "The Lansdowne-Sydney Jamboree itself was very successful, some 15,000 Scouts were there including Peter Nickl (Member 277) and myself. During the camp we also met eight members of the Badgers Club all in one day."

"I asked Peter Nickl to post all my registered Scout covers for me; the very first morning he got into line outside the Camp P.O., but when he reached the counter his registered number for the covers he posted began at 60; some dealer had got there first! Registered items from this Camp will be the scarcest of all Australian Jamborees. On the last day Peter again posted some registered covers at 2.30 p.m., only 2½ hours before the Jamboree closed for good, and the number was 260, which means that perhaps less than 300 registered covers were posted throughout the camp. At all other Jamborees in Australia registered items ran into thousands!"

A personal note from Stanley Blunt - "The cover I received from our correspondent was labelled R.No. 0068 from roll R.6 -- Australian Jamboree Sydney N.S.W. Cover printed in red (I have also had some via sea route printed in green) commemorative cover, Jamboree badge, December 29th, 1960. January 9th 1961. Australian Jamboree. Postmark -- DE 60, on new 2s. 5d. stamp".

(Many thanks for this interesting account. Members who subscribe to the Permanent List for registered covers should feel happy. Editor)

Numbers Printed

Official information concerning the numbers printed of the Australian Girl Guide Stamp has been given to the philatelic press - 66,769,040 of 'em, so there should be enough for everyone!

Auction

The 1960 Auction, in aid of Club funds realised the sum of £8.6.3. the highest successful bid was 13s. and the lowest 1s. Our thanks are due to our President for his work in organising it and also to the many members who donated as well as purchased items.

Club Meeting

The next "open" meeting of the Club will be held at Roland House on April 15th at 2.30 p.m. when all members who can make it will be welcome.

Pakistan Jamboree Stamp

Mr. Anderson (Member 288) writes that the Pakistan Scout stamp issued on December 24th last is now invalid for internal postage in that country. I should think the quantity printed was quite large, so there should not be a shortage of copies, even used ones.

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A Brief Report of Committee Meeting held at Roland House
on February 11th 1961

Among the matters discussed at this meeting attended by nearly a full Committee were:-

- a. Appointment of Regional Representative for Scotland - MR S. K. HUNTER (Member 51).
- b. Appointment of Publicity Secretary - MR J. HOBBS (Member 38).
- c. Assistance for MR LADYMAN (Member 36), who has done sterling work in distributing all issues of the Journal, a most thankless task. Offers of help from MR GORDON PALMER (Member 298) gratefully accepted.
- d. Renewal of subscriptions. A matter of some concern since more than one reminder has often to be sent; time and money are thus wasted. If you happen to be one of the culprits, please rectify the omission and send your renewal subscription to MR BLUNT right away.
- e. Agreement that endeavours should be made to hold a 'get-together' of Club members at the next Gilwell Reunion in September. More information about it will be given nearer the time.

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RECRUITING CAMPAIGN - AND HOW!
(Contributed by Howard L. Fears)

Boxing Day, December 26th

Looking back through old copies of the Journal, I notice that at about this time in 1959 I was checking over the membership details which then stood at 241. We reached our target of 250 by the end of January 1960, and by the end of the year achieved our revised aim of 300.

Now looking on to 1961 we are placing a new target - 360 - and that means a monthly average of five, which is more than one a week. What is there wonderful about the number 360? In itself nothing, but the achievement of such a target will mark a signpost. Older readers - in terms of membership and not years - will know that, as our numbers have increased; so have more benefits become available. In February 1957, at the beginning of our existence, we hoped to produce a Journal 'now and again'; members living near London could meet for a chat; compare that with the present facilities and I know you will agree that we are building up a Club just as fast as our limited finances will permit. And so the target of 360.

It will mean that every member must try and recruit another and you can be assured we shall waste no opportunities for publicity. We have optimistic plans covering membership "drives" in such varied places as Canada, Scotland, Malaya, France, Holland and the Gilwell Reunion. Suggestions for similar "drives" in Sweden and Israel have been mooted; our real aim is to encourage universal membership. May I, therefore, ask every member to help in a special, and practical way?

During the next few weeks would you mention the Club to at least one friend or acquaintance, at home or overseas, to whom the subject may be a fresh one? To your surprise, you may find you have a potential recruit on your hands: if so, dash off a line to either MR BLUNT or myself - we will follow it up at once.

(I heartily endorse what our Secretary-General has written. In an International Club such as the S. S. C. C. there is bound to be a fairly steady number of resignations over the years; these must obviously be offset by the influx of new blood if the Club is to maintain and also expand the service which it has built up. Thus, by introducing a new member, you are indirectly helping yourself. Let's D. O. B. in 1961, shall we? Editor)

February 6th 1961

A glance at the 'membership News' which appears later in this issue rather shakes one. Twenty six new members in just over six weeks is phenomenal and is over four times the number envisaged by MR FEARS. If this increase should continue at anywhere near this rate, we shall reach the target of 360 by the end of March!!!! Although my comments still hold good, I do agree with the view held by some members, that there may come a time when we shall have to limit our membership, otherwise the organisation of the Club will become so unwieldy as to become unmanageable.
Editor.

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As our last pen-portrait did not cause a drop in membership here is one of another Club Official:-

The Secretary General:

How does one write a pen-portrait of oneself? I'll try, but forgive me if I sound (a) conceited or (b) nebulous.

Age ... 31. Status ... Single. Occupation... Claims handling for an Insurance Company. Scouting background... In 1946 joined a Senior Scout Troop at High School -- for a lark! (Heaven bless the lark. Editor); helped out with the 1st Seaford as A.S.M. in 1948 and at the same time was a member of the 19th Winchester Rover Crew. In 1950 became S.M. of 1st Seaford Troop whose strength rose from six to sixty (sheer conceit!) Became A.D.C. (Seniors) in 1958 and ran District Seniors; now about to embark on job of A.D.C. (Rovers). Gained Wood Badge at Gilwell. Works and lives during the week at Horsham and spends week-ends at Seaford.

Hobbles... Scouting, philately, amateur operatics, reading, conversation, medium-brow music, hiking, correspondence and organising. Likes... Travel; meeting people and an occasional quiet evening by a large log fire with a good book and a pint pot. Dislikes... People who don't answer letters, tune in the eye for me! Editor); television and unnecessary noise. Hopes... As far as the S.S.C.C. is concerned - a well-run organisation on a friendly basis, known throughout the Scout Movement. Regional branches

functioning happily and having members throughout the world.

(I'm sure you will agree, there is nothing conceited or nebulous about it. How he copes with the S. S. C. C. correspondence beats me. Editor.)

TIPS ON THE 1955 INDONESIAN NATIONAL JAMBOREE ISSUE
(Contributed by Leong Chee Keng, Member 222)

It is now five years ago that the Indonesian Postal Authorities issued a set of Scout stamps to commemorate the National Jamboree. At that time I should be surprised if you were able to purchase this set for 2s. 6d. or 35 cents, but now things have changed. The Indonesian currency has been greatly devalued, but are you aware of it? You may not see eye to eye with me over this question for you may think what I am saying is entirely wrong and that the price is increasing steadily.

Did you know that the currency devaluation is so bad that any foreign currency sent into the country is charged 20% import tax? On airmail letters, 5% is charged! So it is unlikely that you will be able to purchase this set at $1/3$ its present price. But why does the catalogue quotation and the dealer's price remain so high? Is it because they are not aware of the state of affairs or that the dealer has old stock and naturally does not wish to lose on it?

From my correspondents in Indonesia I found out that the Government has imposed a restriction of a maximum of ten sets per person for this issue, so this is the reason why the catalogue value remains firm.

A first day cover of this issue is indeed scarce, particularly in Indonesia: as a matter of fact, it is unobtainable there from stamp dealers. I guess it is worth buying at 15s. or even a little more. First day covers of the 1959 World Jamboree issue are not scarce and can be readily bought for about 4s. from dealers in Indonesia.

If you are interested in acquiring Indonesian material, I shall be pleased to help, although I cannot guarantee to obtain everything you need.

(Thanks, Chee Keng, for these notes: members who lack any of this material may like to get in touch with him. Editor)

THE £. s. d. OF STAMP COLLECTING
(Contributed by 'Bob Tanner'.)

There are probably quite a few members, particularly among the Junior Section, who may wonder why reference to the monetary side of our hobby frequently appears in the pages of this Journal.

Just over a century ago, when only a mere handful of people compared with the millions of today indulged in the then new-fangled craze of collecting small pieces of paper which had been stuck on letters as a visual means of showing that postage had been prepaid, little attention was given to the value of these 'stamps'. Many people considered these collectors cranks -- fancy having such a childish hobby; what a mentality.

Even by then the craze had acquired a language peculiar to itself among its followers -- the first stamp ever issued, that of Great Britain, was known as a 'Penny Black', that of Brazil as 'Bullseyes'; 'Woodblocks' came from the Cape, 'Missionaries' from Hawaii, 'Cotton Reels' from British Guiana, 'Sydney Views' from New South Wales, to quote but a few.

The usual methods of building up one's collection were by badgering one's friends for stamps from their letters, by asking relations going abroad to send home specimens of stamps from countries they visited: probably the most common way was by exchange -- "two penny blacks' for a 'bullseye'" -- no wonder some folks said "Humbug". (The simile here is quite unintentional, so I am told. Editor)

In those early days, a stamp had no definite monetary value and it was not until the first catalogue, listing the then known stamps of the world and including a value against some of them - a price which was really arbitrary since it was merely a comparative value between the more common and the scarcer stamps known to the publisher - that the critics began to sit no and take notice. Soon there followed bound illustrated albums into which stamps could be stuck down, more priced catalogues, albums more elaborately illustrated, more catalogues; and so on, ad infinitum; as stamp issues from more and more countries were printed, so did the early common stamps become scarce, the scarcer stamps became rare; some people

thought that money could be made by buying and selling these pieces of paper and dealers sprang up in many countries; some of them burnt their fingers, others prospered and became renowned throughout the world.

Many collectors who had accumulated stamps began to study them, to compare similar stamps of the same value and issue with one another and thus the specialist and expert emerged.

Magazines, some entirely devoted to stamps were published; some lasted only a short while to be merged with the more fortunate, many of which have served the hobby for years by publishing information about new issues and general and specialised articles on every conceivable aspect of the hobby: books, monographs, pamphlets about stamps came from the printers; societies were formed in towns and villages and in more recent years specialised study groups serving collectors of like interest, came into being. Kings, clergy, poor men and rich men, grown ups and children, all and sundry took up the hobby.

With this rapid increase in devotees, stamp collecting became a firmly established hobby throughout the world: Governments realised its potentialities as a means of increasing their countries' revenues and issues flowed from their printers in ever increasing numbers.

Now let us look back once again to those early days. Tribute must be paid to the men and women - those 'eccentrics' who ignored the ridicule of their fellows in the mid 1800's; had they not been "bitten by the bug", many of the present day stamp rarities would have been lost; had some of them not studied their stamps and written about them, a great deal of knowledge would never have been published and thus have been available today.

The older the hobby of stamp collecting grows, the greater the number of adherents and the more difficult it is for the supply of the earlier issues to meet the demand; bartering and exchanging of stamps may have been a convenient form of improving one's collection in those early days, when the total number of different stamps that had been issued was a few hundred, but it would be of little use to rely solely on such ways nowadays. Collectors, therefore, have to resort to buying either from dealers, from the auction rooms or from fellow collectors; they have to rely to some extent on a catalogue for values, partly on their own knowledge gained by experience and, if a member of a specialist society, on the information published by that society. This is the reason

why the S.S.C.C. produces its own priced catalogue of Scout and Guide stamps, why it frequently gives the varying trend of the stamp market in its Journal, why it publishes information on new issues; why specialised articles are included. One thing it is always emphasising - 'buy your Scout and Guide stamps whilst they are current; the common stamp of today may well become the rarity of tomorrow'.

(My thanks to our contributor, even if he has written under a pseudonym. But what can one expect from a mere 'one and a kick!!!' Editor)

Some further prices for Mafeking Stamps. (By the Editor)

This follows as a natural sequence to the above article: it has been taken from a dealer's advertisement in a well-known magazine and shows how the demand for these stamps can send the catalogue quotations all haywire.

1d S.G.17-18...	36 used copies, 3 reconstructed plates	..... £300
3d S.G.19	..... used copy; cancel, first day of issue	..... £28
	..... block of 9, used	£240
	..... block of 6, used	£150
3d S.G.20	..... block of 10, used	£300
	..... pair on cover	£75
3d S.G.21-22 ..	single, used, with watermark ...	£27.10s
	..... mint copy	£40
	..... used copy	£17.10s
	..... Block of 6, used, rows 1,2, & 3, 2 stamps, cracked plate variety	£195
	..... single, used, cracked plate variety	..... £34
	..... pair, used, cracked plate variety	£75
1d S.G.17-18 ..	complete reconstruction of watermark 'OCEANA FINE' on 8 stamps	£240
	..... detailed study of paper and watermark on 23 stamps	£390

The current catalogue quotations for these stamps - taken from the "Simplified" Gibbons - are:-

1d bicycle stamp £12 mint; £10 used

3d B-P stamp £15 mint; £12 used

Note:- No differentiation is made in this catalogue between the small and large 3d stamp; even so, it looks as if anyone requiring those items will have to pay more than full catalogue price for them - when they can find them!!

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"CATALOGUE OF SCOUT STAMPS AND SEALS" - Author, Harry D. Thorsen
Reviewed by Howard L. Fears

Club member Mr Thorsen of America, has sent me a copy of his specialised catalogue just published. The first part of this 47 page booklet is devoted to a reprint of articles originally printed in "World Scouting". You can get some idea of the nature of the contents from the titles of six articles - "Jamborees on stamps", "Baden-Powell on stamps of the World", "Scout Mail Adventure" (The Scout posts in Czechoslovakia of 1918), "Early Scout stamp issues -1920 to 1939", "Scout stamps, 1940 to 1957" and "Jubilee Year in Scout Stamps".

The handbook is profusely illustrated in black and white - although a few of the stamps reproductions have not come out well. After the articles comes illustrations of Scout cancellations and the second half of the book is devoted to Scout seals (or labels) arranged alphabetically. Much of this section provides a useful listing of such seals which are often difficult to identify. I notice a few interlopers - No. 34 of Denmark is obviously Swedish and I think the labels for Estonia, Russia and Ukraine should be qualified by pointing out that they are issued by Scouts in exile. Also I think my Scandanavian friends will dispute No. 5 of Norway - my memory recalls that this was issued by a Swedish political youth organisation. At the very end of the book are some postage meter stamps.

Mr Thorsen is apparently prepared to provide many of the stamps and labels at the prices shown and it is most useful even to have a tentative listing of values for labels.

This is a most useful catalogue and guide book, so up-to-date that it even illustrates the Tunisian Scout set of last August and the Danish Guide stamp of October 1960. It will prove a most helpful addition to any library of Scout stamp material. The cost is \$2.00 (14s.) per copy, and I shall be pleased to secure copies for any club member who would like to place a firm order accompanied by the appropriate remittance.

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CANADIAN SCOUT ITEMS

(By our Canadian Committee Member, E. Edmondson, Member 161)

Canada is very conservative in the issuing of commemorative stamps and in the use of special slogan cancellations; last year - 1960 - half-a-dozen such new stamps were issued and those included the Girl Guide Jubilee stamp. It is therefore, not surprising that Canadian Scout philatelic material is scarce.

In an endeavour to put on record all the items concerning Scouting which have been issued, I would like to hear from other members who have Canadian covers and cancellations etc., (excluding those from the Canadian world Jamboree and those associated with the recent Girl Guide issue) in their collections. Here is a list of the items which I have obtained so far:-

- July 18th 1953 2nd Canadian Jamboree, Ottawa (cacheted cover, line block print); no special stamp or slogan cancellation.
- November 19th 1953 Queen's Scout Recognition Ceremony, Ottawa; no special stamp or slogan cancellation.
- April 15th 1954 Eastern Area Regional Conference, Cornwall, Ontario (typed on); no special stamp or cancellation.
- August 29th 1956 2nd Canadian Rover Moot, Sussex, N.B. (cacheted cover, printed in red) Jamboree stamp.
- July 5th-12th 1958 New Brunswick Jamboree, St. John, N.B.; Meter slogan cancellation in red - BOY SCOUTS MERIT YOUR SUPPORT. (This was illustrated in Vol.2, No.3 of the Journal. Editor)

May 16th-18th 1959 6th Quebec Rover/Ranger Conference, Rigaud, Quebec. (Printed design cachet) No special stamp or cancellation.

There must be more and when all the information is recorded a complete list will be published in the Journal. Please send information to me, E. Edmondson, 34 Glenwood Crescent, Toronto, 16, Ontario, Canada.

(My thanks to our Committee member for starting the ball rolling; do help by sending him information about any additional item, won't you? Editor)

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OPERATING THE PERMANENT LIST

(By Howard L. Fears)

This special service has now been in operation for close on a year and already fifty Club members belong. In the year, quite a number of covers have been despatched and I pride myself on having offered some real 'snips'. How are the covers obtained? First of all, one has to build up a chain of contacts throughout the world who send in details as soon as available of expected stamps or cancels. In addition, one has to keep an eye open in the Scout Press for details of possible camps and rallies.

Even then, of course, the problem only begins: for quite a straightforward event one has to find the best source of supply, whether cacheted covers are available and whether special registration facilities will exist. If it is not too easy to get a source of supply the problem becomes really great - for covers from the Arab Jamboree in Tunisia, I have tried Scout friends, contacts and dealers in France, Greece, the Mediterranean and Africa, but without securing a single cover - not even for myself! What happens to the cost of such wasted effort? It has to be added to the cost of the items which are obtained, but even so, most sales represent a good deal.

Usually only covers bearing a Scout or Guide stamp or cancel are included, but I have just made an exception to the rule, and hope to provide some rather special covers from Mexico. They are being issued by the 'Scouts de Mexico' to honour the celebration of their IVth Rover Moot and also the 1st Rover Moot of Central America and the Caribbean. The participants are going to camp in

a different place every day, travelling on foot and visiting several MAYA ruins on their way, including UXMAL, KABAH, SAYIL, LABNÁ and the HACIENDA of TAVI. It will last from December 27th to the 31st. The covers will have printed on them the emblem of the Rover Moot in four colours, showing the famous arch of the ruins of LABNÁ and the white Maya road whose name is the name of the camp - "SACBÉ", that is, the white road of the Mayans (I have reproduced this emblem - fig. 21. Editor). The covers will be sent from UXMAL, the first ruin to be visited, and will be cancelled there.

I am indebted to Club Member Francisco Veladez of Mexico for this information.

Are you a member yet? I don't think you can afford to miss the bargains. To join, send me your remittance for the deposit of 10s. or \$2.00 to say whether you want ordinary covers only, or registered ones when available (if not, ordinary covers), or whether you would like both registered and ordinary covers.

(Well, it's up to you; don't blame anyone but yourself if you miss a snip! Editor)

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ILLUSTRATIONS

A selection of cancellations used during the past year is included in this issue and appear in alphabetical order; unfortunately, in some cases, the lettering on the actual cancellations from which the reproductions were copied is faint, but has been reproduced as accurately as possible.

- Figs. 1, 5 and 19 - Used by Brazil, Greece and U.S.A. respectively, to commemorate 50 years of Scouting in those countries.
- Figs. 2, 3, 10, 11, 14 and 15 - Used at various Guide camps in Denmark (2), Norway (2) and Sweden (2).
- Fig. 4 - Used to commemorate 50 years of Scouting and Guiding in Finland.
- Fig. 6 - Used at the 17th World Congress of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held in Greece.



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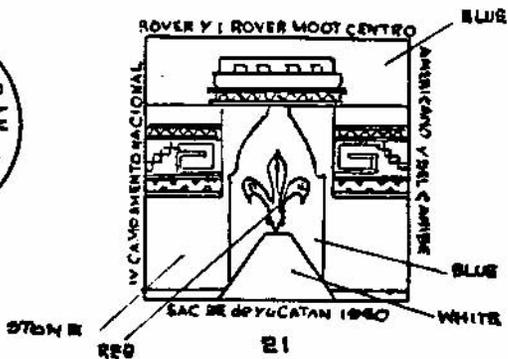
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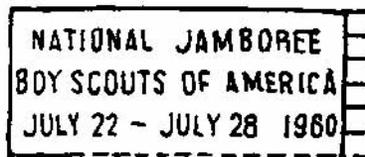
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- Fig. 7 - handstruck mark used at the 3rd World Indaba held at Ada's Hoeve, Ommen, Holland.
- Fig. 8 - handstruck mark used at Amersfoort Jamborette, Holland (in green).
- Fig. 9 - Used to commemorate the 3rd Iranian National Jamboree. (in violet) rubber handstamp.
- Fig. 12 - Slogan machine mark to commemorate Philippine Girl Scouting.
- Fig. 13 - Used at Scout and Guide camp, Sweden.
- Fig. 16 - Used at the Scout and Guide Conference, Stockholm.
- Figs. 17 and 18 - Used at National Scout camp, South Viet Nam.
- Fig. 20 - Used at Golden Jubilee Jamboree, Colorado Springs, U.S.A.
- Fig. 21- Cachet used on covers issued by the 'Scouts de Mexico' to commemorate their IVth Rover Moot. See under 'operating the Permanent List'. Coloured as indicated.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

A very warm welcome is extended to the following new members; we wish them "happy hunting" with us. * indicates Junior member.

- 301 Brigadier E.D. DANBY, D.S.O., O.B.E., C.D. Headquarters 3,
Canadian Brigade Group, Camp Gagetown, Oromocto, N.B., Canada.
- 302 HARRY D. THORSEN, 387 Sunset Road, Winnetka, Illinois, U.S.A.
- 303* JAMES TANG SIANG YONG, 26 Chapel Road, Singapore, 15 Malaya.
- 304 J.M. McCABE, Box 694, Kitimat, B.C. Canada.
- 305 HIRAM H. COHN, P. O. B. 4074, Tel-Aviv, Israel.
- 306 JOHN COOPER WISHART, 9 Widgeon Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.
- 307 HANS GERLACH, Drottningatan 22, Karlskrona, Sweden.
- 308 WILBERT R. DANNER, Assist. Prof. Geology, University of British Columbia, Vancouver 8, Canada.
- 309 ROBERT GEIER, 7007 Dartmouth Avenue, College Park, Maryland, U.S.A.

- 310 RALPH H. SHUMM, Route 1, Box 229A Forest Grove,
Oregon, U. S. A.
- 311* P. HASSAN, Ketersh National School, Kota Bharu,
Kelantan, Malaya.
- 312 PAUL I. BROWN, 35 Buswell Street, Lawrence, Mass., U. S. A.
- 313 L. S. COLCHESTER, P. O. Box 1422, Nairobi, Kenya Colony.
- 314 Mrs B. J. MacDONALD, Trevoise, Dornoon, Sutherland, Scotland.
- 315 R. C. BOOKER, 2 Bonamour Court, Bonamour Avenue, Durban,
Natal, South Africa.
- 316 CHARLES S. TAYLOR, 12 Bridge Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight.
- 317 ALBERT V. HARRISON, 22 Bournemouth Drive, Horne Bay, Kent.
- 318 MALCOLM A. McINNES, Culebra, Stewart Street, Kirn, Dunoon,
Scotland.
- 319* Miss LO WYE CHOO, 484 Batu ; Road, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
- 320 R. D. ALLEN, Snr., 82c Hackford Road, London, S. W. 9.
- 321 JOHN L. BRISLEY, 112 Boundary Road, Chatham, Kent.
- 322 JOSEPH CUR AN, 138 New City Road, Glasgow, C. 4.
- 323 DAVID A. THOMPSON SON, 83 Church Lane, Harpurhey, Manchester 9.
- 324 Rev. WALTER H. ORMSBY, 9 Park Vale Road, Liverpool 9.
- 325 MALCOLM DONALDSON, P. O. Box 22, Kengray, Transvaal,
South Africa.
- 326 JOHN H. WILSON, 15 Paget Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.

Please note the following:-

Correction:

Member 298 should read - F. GORDON PALMER.

Change of address:-

- 15 C. OHRT, Carlanderska Sjukhemmet, Carlanderplatsen,
Gothenburg.
- 96 J. H. BERGQVIST should read - Banargaten 29 IV, Stockholm
No. Sweden.
- 106 Rev. THOMAS E. DOBSON, now at - Rt. 4, Box 168, Olympia,
Washington, U. S. A.
- 140 CLAUDE P. MARCHAL, now at - La Tosca, Avenue de l'Etang
La Jonchere (S-&-O), Paris, France.

As you are aware, owing to a series of mishaps which could not be attributed to anyone person in particular, we were unable to produce the January Journal on time - and after all I had promised, too!!! I can only offer my apologies and hope that I am forgiven; I think I have been, for I have received letters and postcards from many members, every-one of whom has said that the 'New Look' Journal is a big improvement. After all this, I think I know the reason why so many editors are either bald or grey-haired!

Sincerely Yours,

WILF NODDER.

LATE NEWS:-

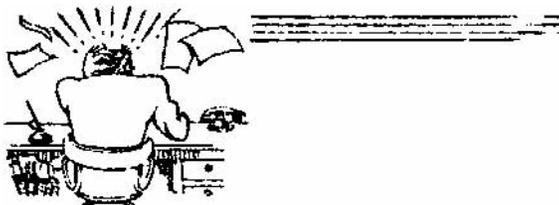
2.2.61 - Extract from letter - Secretary General to Editor - "Can March Journal be released a few days before end of February, please?"

4.2.61 - Postcard from E. to S-G answered whilst typing parts of draft Journal - "*/=+)"

Collapse of S.G.

Well, I did my best and hope that it really does reach you earlier this time.

W. N.



ADVERTISEMENTS

Special Items: -

1960 U.S. Scout F.D. Cover, signed by designer of stamp
 (25 covers exist) \$2.50

1960 Indaba, Official cover, signed by Head Scout of Holland
 \$1.50

1960 Pakistan F.D. cover, signed \$1.50

I GUARANTEE to supply ALL 1961 issues, mint and used and F.D. covers: join my New Issue Service. Always wanted -- Scout items to buy or trade; send your offers at once -- any currency notes, at free rate of exchange for above are accepted.

WILLIAM ANDERSON, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo, 12, Ohio, U.S.A.
 (Member 288)

FOR SALE - Cards posted from the 2nd WHITTON TROOP SUMMER CAMP, Thalwil, Switzerland, August 1960. Price 1s. 3d. Also a few cards posted from Kandersteg; price ... 1s. 9d. Please add 3d for postage on orders under 3s. ... J.E.O.HOBBS, 16 Blandford Avenue, Whitton, Middlesex (Member 38).

NEW SCOUT MATERIAL: -

Australia, Jamboree cancel; 29.12.60 50c.

Argentina, F.D. cover, 17.1.61 35c.

Portugal, X National Camp cancel (100 exist) \$1.35

Portugal, various cancels, each 65c.

Philippine Scout cancel, 31.10.60, each 40c.

Pakistan F.D. Cover, 24.12.60 25c.

Mexico, First Scout cancel, 27.12.60 orders taken.

I always want Scout stamps and F.D. covers; what can you offer? Especially required - Cape of Good Hope (Mafeking) used and on cover. Join my new issue service - several items due by June. I ship world wide, including cancels. Any bills accepted at free rate of exchange... WILLIAM ANDERSON, 3803 Almeda Drive, Toledo, 12, Ohio, U.S.A. (Member 288)