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It had been very heartening to receive a number of complimentary remarks about the March issue of the Journal.

Although we are getting nearer the kind of Journal which was envisaged some months back, I for one will not be satisfied until we produce what we set out to do - a Journal second to none in the thematic field.

You will find in this issue that articles from members in Greece, Portugal and Scotland, as well as those from our regular contributors, have been included. The more variety we can print, the better I shall be pleased, for it is this way that we can achieve one of our objectives - that of making the S. S. C. C. internationally renowned.

I am reminded of a sorry story of a young man who aspired to literary greatness: it can be told in six words - Rejection, dejection, injection, subjection, abjection, ejection -- Pitiful, isn't it? But please don't let it put you off sending me articles, will you? My 'in' tray is empty and I would like it filled, you know.

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THE WIND OF CHANGE?

from the pen of Howard L. Fears

I am at last being brought round to agree with the view expressed by a number of Club members that perhaps we ought to keep our size within certain limits. What has prompted this changed outlook? Briefly, it is the realisation that quite an army of helpers have now to be 'kept on their toes' to maintain the present services and with every increase in membership we have to occupy more of the spare time of these helpers to seek the assistance of fresh helpers - and I feel that a limit to this type of growth must one day come.

Do you realise that if all the voluntary unpaid activities were grouped together and performed by one person, it would more than occupy a full-time job? And, mark you, if you had to pay for such a full-time officer, the annual subscription would probably be five guineas, without any increase in the present services?

No, I think we are drawing near to the time at which we should restrict membership. An active figure of, say 250, plus Junior members, would perhaps be tolerable and would, I think, enable the present happy approach to be maintained.

However, the Committee of the Club exists to serve the members: what do YOU think? Any views and comments (preferably constructive ones) would be welcomed.

(Many of you will agree with these remarks, others may not. Do let us know what you think about it please?

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SPECIAL PORTUGUESE COVERS BEARING POSTAL CANCELLATIONSFOR BOY SCOUT EVENTS

(Contributed by Wolfgang Karl, Member 331)

In order that members may have a better appreciation of these covers, it is necessary to consider the Scout organisations that exist in Portugal. There are two, which are both internationally recognised: -

- (a) Associações dos Escoteiros de Portugal (A E P), the elder, founded in 1913 which is undenominational, and
- (b) Corpo Nacional dos Escutas (C N E), founded in 1923, which is Catholic.

There also exists the Girl Guide Movement and, about five years ago, the "B.P. Guild of former Scouts and Guides" associated with the A E P and also internationally registered, was founded. This organisation has its own Headquarters.

The first time the postal authorities issued a special postmark for a Scout event was in 1956 at AVINTES for the Xth National camp of the C N E: several different covers were produced for this occasion: these were:-

- (1) Postcard produced by the C N E showing camp emblem. These cards were printed in three colours (on each card) - brown, green and blue.
- (2) A privately produced cover, No. 25, by "Edições Ouro", issued in collaboration with C N E which shows the camp emblem with tent and fleur-de-lys on the top and wording of the Xth National camp and dates under.
- (3) A Spanish produced cover by "Alfil-Barcelona", printed in red showing B-P, fleur-de-lys and wording.
- (4) A privately produced cover, No. 21, by DITI, blue in colour, showing head of a Scout at top and wording of the event. Only 100 of these covers were printed and each were numbered.
- (5) A similarly produced cover, No.46, but white in colour, showing a Scout making salute with trees and bushes behind him.
- (6) The Clube Filatelico de Portugal (Portuguese Philatelic Club) produced a cover for members collecting special postmarks. These were printed in blue and red, showing a Senior Scout Cap emblem in red and wording in blue.

In 1960, the C N E held its XIth National camp at ESTORIL from 5th to 15th August and for this occasion a special postmark was used: the following different covers exist:-

- (1) Postcard as well as cover produced by C N B printed in brown, green and blue, showing camp emblem.
- (2) Cover No. 76, produced by Edições Ouro, with printing in black, green, grey and brown and showing a tent, trees, and Association emblem.

(3) Cover No.82, produced by the Clube Filatélico de Portugal, printed in black and blue, showing a tent and a tree.

(4) Privately produced cover, No.94 by M.W., printed in green and light brown, showing tents and a Scout saluting the silhouette of B-P.

On September 10th 1960, the A E P held its regional camp "INFANTE D.HENRIQUE" (The Navigator) at the Costa da Caparica thus honouring this great personality of Portuguese history; for the occasion another special postmark was used and the following covers exist:-

(1) Cover produced by A E P, printed in gold and blue showing the camp emblem. The choice of colours was deliberate in order to match the gold and blue of the multicoloured 1 Escudo Infante D. Henrique stamp which every cover bears. (This stamp is, to my mind, a really excellent example of the engraver's and printer's art. If the proposed set of Portuguese Scout stamps are as well produced they will be worthy acquisitions to a Scout stamp collection. Editor)

(2) Cover No.83, produced by Edições Ouro, printed in black, red, yellow and blue showing tents and the Association insignia with adequate wording for the occasion.

(3) Cover No.89, produced by the Clube Filatélico de Portugal having black and grey printing, tents, Association insignia and wording.

Covers produced by M.W., DITI and Colibri have not as yet been put on sale.

(We are very grateful to our new member for such a comprehensive article. He also mentions that there is to be an International Scout's conference in Portugal in September next and that the Postal Authorities will be issuing the first set of Scout stamps together with an official cover bearing a first day cancellation. I hope our member can be persuaded to write an article about these future stamps and covers for the Journal. I understand that first day covers of this event will be sent to those who subscribe to the Permanent List. I hope to reproduce the three different Scout cancellations mentioned in the above article at a later date. Editor)

PERMANENT LIST

(By Howard L. Fears)

How is the Permanent List account made up? First of all, each item is charged at a price which is within a copper or two of the cost to the Club: secondly, there is an addition for expenses. These expenses include the cost of stationery (i. e. envelopes), printing the List forms, charges for sending material in bulk to Tom Holton, who, as you know, does the actual distribution, and the surprisingly many small additional - including attempts at getting material which do not always succeed. In addition, we have to pay postage in sending out distribution to each member. It is essential that when paying the account, this cost is added, otherwise the List will be run at a loss. Most members do pay, of course, but there are just one or two who forget - but I'm sure that's not you! (Is it? If perchance it is, do see that you remember to add the postage when the next distribution's account is settled, won't you? Editor)

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THE JUNIOR PAGE

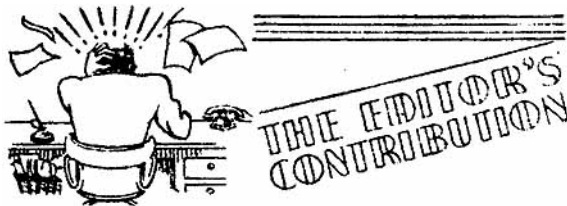
By the Editor

Dear Junior,

I wonder if any of you started up a collection of slogan machine cancellations and meter marks as I suggested in the last Journal?

Anyway, I said I would tell you more about them this month, so here goes.

Some recent examples of the former are quite scarce: these are usually those which were in use at either (a) a post office in a particular place for a limited period to advertise an important event or (b) at a number of main post offices throughout the country for a very short time or (c), as (b) but within a short period of use were found



to be unsatisfactory and were either withdrawn or had the slogan portion - or 'die' as it is called - altered. Let me give some examples: for (a) the one used last May at Bath to advertise the Bath Festival Arts; for (b) that used just prior to the World Jamboree held at Sutton Park in 1957, and (c) that used last year for World Refugee Year.

Some of you will no doubt have an example of (b) in your stamp collection; some of you may have seen an example of (c) which has rather an interesting history: here it is - The Slogan portion of this took the form of an open hand with the thumb pointing to the right, together with the words WORLD REFUGEE YEAR 1959-1960. Most of you will have noticed that nearly all the stamps of the present issue of G.B. show a side view of the Queen's face; thus in some cases when the envelopes bore a copy of one of these stamps and was passed through the machine, the imprint of the slogan portion was so placed on the envelope that the thumb of the hand coincided with the Queen's nose, making it appear that the Queen was "cocking a snook". It may seem amusing, but not very complimentary to the person receiving the letter or to the Queen! So within a very short period the slogan 'dies' were removed from all machines using them and altered by erasing the hand. Examples of both are certainly worth looking out for, but you will find the former difficult to obtain.

There is no need to confine yourself only to machine cancellations used in Great Britain; in fact, there are many which come from abroad that are real works of art, notably those from France and Switzerland. Some of you know that France has issued several stamps in honour of her beautiful cities and towns called the Tourist Publicity series, and very often the postal authorities have used a machine cancellation, similar in design to the stamp, at the actual place depicted on it. These are certainly worth including in your collection.

In our last Journal I illustrated a Guide machine cancellation from the Philippines and this is one of many issued by that country.

Meter marks may not be quite so interesting because they are used more for advertising by the firms using the machine, but those of you who collect Scout and Guide stamps should include some of the meter marks which come on letters and parcels from the Scout Shop and the Guide Shop.

Well, perhaps I have given you enough to make you wish to continue collecting these cancellations: if I have, do remember to cut them out neatly as I suggested in your last 'Page' and mount them in your albums carefully. They may never become very valuable, but at least they can be very interesting.

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THE JAPANESE JAMBOREE STAMP

(Contributed by Stanley K. Hunter, Member 51)

Scouting in Japan was founded in 1911 and received Imperial encouragement, and was in fact a Founder-member of the Boy Scouts International Bureau. In 1940 it was dissolved and it was nine years before it was revived.

A National Jamboree was held at Tokyo in 1949 and the Japanese Post Office, at the instigation of Mr Tamotsu Murayama, issued a 10 Yen light-br. wn commemorative stamp with a special first day cancellation on 22nd September 1949.

Mr Murayama is a member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of Japan and is a leading member of the 'Scouts on Stamps Society, International'.

The stamp was perforated 13 x 13½ and printed by photo-gravure on unwatermarked paper in panes of 50 stamps.

The Boy Scouts of Japan were not re-registered until the following year and this places the stamp in the same category as the 1942 'Scout' stamps of Bulgaria and the Roumanian sets after 1957.

The Secretary of the "S.O.S.S., I", Mr Willard H. Boyles, noticed that the design on the stamp was very similar to a photograph that had appeared, before the War, in the Boy Scouts of America "Field Book" and in "Boy's Life", the American Scout periodical. It was later confirmed that this was in fact correct, although the design had been altered slightly. The Scout shown was George P. Russell, then a member of Troop 1,

Mendham, New Jersey and the photo was taken by his Scoutmaster, William Hillcourt.

George Russell now lives in Florida and is a Public Relations Manager and is still connected with Scouting. While I was collecting material for the "Scottish Descriptive Stamp Catalogue", Mr Russell proudly informed me that his father was a native of Perth, Scotland.

A special leaflet was produced giving details about the history of the stamp and showing an enlargement of it, beside a photo of Mr Russell and a copy of the original photograph from which the stamp was based. The photo shows George Russell standing beside another Scout, Norman Day, who is kneeling at a map on the ground and pointing out the way: in the stamp, however, the background has been altered and all traces of the boy have been removed, leaving George Russell.

A few copies of this interesting leaflet have been made available to S.S.C.C. members. If you wish to obtain a free copy for mounting alongside the stamp, please contact the writer - and enclose 3d postage.

(Many thanks, Stanley, for this information which I am sure will prove of interest to many members. Please don't forget to enclose postage, will you? Editor).

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THE CLUB: ITS PROVISIONS AND ORGANISATION
By the Secretary General

For the benefit of our many new members and to remind other members who may have forgotten, I hope the following notes will be of value.

THE CLUB JOURNAL. Issued every two months and despatched automatically to all members. Editor WILF NODDER, who will always welcome articles and news items. (Please see the penultimate paragraph in this Journal about articles for the July Journal. Editor)

FREE ADVERTISING. Every member is entitled to one free Advertisement per year in the Journal. This should not exceed five lines, although additional space may be purchased at one shilling (or equivalent) per line. Extra advertisements dur-

ing the year may be accepted on the same basis. Apply direct to WILF NODDER.

PRICED CHECK LIST AND LIST OF MEMBERS. These are issued in alternate years and sent automatically to members on issue. In 1961, the Check list has been produced; thus the revised membership list will appear in 1962.

AIRMAIL DESPATCH. All publications will be sent by airmail to overseas members when requested. The extra cost for twelve months is 5/- in the Commonwealth and 1 Dollar for U.S.A. etc.; to avail yourself of this service, please write to F.S.BLUNT.

DESPATCH OF PUBLICATIONS. Undertaken by C. LADYMAN and F. GORDON PALMER.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND ENROLMENTS. These are dealt with by F.S.BLUNT who sends, on enrolling a member, his membership card, copy of current Journal, check list and membership list (as available) and a letter outlining Club Services. Invitation to renew are also arranged by F.S.BLUNT.

MEMBERSHIP CARD. Issued to all members, showing membership number and date when renewal subscription is due.

MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES AND PUBLICITY. Handled by J.HOBBS. On enquiry being received, a letter giving details plus an Application Form and specimen copy of Journal is sent.

ANNUAL AUCTION. Conducted by R.E.RHODES, to whom all material should be sent and, subsequently, bids. We rely on this extra income to finance any special ventures.

ENQUIRY BUREAU. Dealing with identification of Scout and Guide cancellations, etc.; enquiries initially to R.E.RHODES.

FINANCE. The responsibility of H.L.FEARS.

PERMANENT LIST. This is, in effect, a cover service providing members on the List automatically with covers bearing Scout stamps and/or cancellations, usually at most competitive prices. This is organised in three divisions, viz:-
 Category A ... Ordinary covers only.
 Category B ... Registered covers when available; if not, ordinary covers.
 Category C ... Ordinary covers plus registered ones, as available.

To join, there is a returnable deposit of 10 shillings or 2 dollars. Members undertake to accept all material sent to them and to pay within seven days. Application to join the List to H. L. FEARS. The actual despatch of covers is undertaken by W. T. HOLTON, to whom monies in payment of account should be sent.

SALES BUREAU. When possible, details are announced of Scout and/or Guide stamps and/or covers available for casual purchase in the Journal. In such cases, orders plus remittances should go to H. L. FEARS.

BACK COPIES OF THE JOURNAL. Spare copies are available of most back issues and can be obtained on application to J. H. WILSON. When the publications are handled through the Club (such as the British Postmark Society's handbook on the 1957 Jamboree), they can be obtained from the same source.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES. Apart from the Club representatives in England, representatives have been appointed in Canada, (E. EDMONDSON), Scotland (S. K. HUNTER), and for the Benelux countries, i. e. Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg (WIM SIX). Appointments are pending in a number of other cases, including the U. S. A. A regional representative is normally appointed when there are at least 10 members in the region.

APPROVAL SERVICE. Occasional selections of covers on Approval are sent to those members interested. These include spare copies of items normally distributed via the Permanent List, single items or material in too restricted supply to offer via the Sales Bureau. Selections are sent when justified by supplies by D. START. Application to join the list should go to H. L. FEARS.

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SPECIAL FLASH -- FIRST U. K. PRINTED COVER
FOR S. S. C. C.

(Wired in by H. L. FEARS)

At the time of writing I cannot give the price, but I think many members will be interested. We have printed special cacheted covers for the first day of the West German St. George (Scout) stamp, which will be serviced thanks to

the good efforts of Club member G. HEDO. Of course, copies will be available through the Permanent List, but you might like a few extra, especially since these are our own 'Special' covers. Order NOW to H. L. Fears, please.

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GREEK SCOUT CANCELLATIONS

(Contributed by Marinos Yeroulanos:
Member 168)

Scout Philatelic History in Greece starts only in 1950. That year a National Jamboree was held in Dionysos near Athens and letters leaving camp were cancelled at the Camp Post Office with a special cancel with an inscription reading:- Panellinion Proskopikon Jamboree, Dionysos, Athinai 1950 - the first two words meaning Panhellenic and Scout. It was a pity no one was interested in this country in Scout cancellations at the time and very few covers have found their way into collections. I, myself, only know of a couple and I think I have tried my luck with nearly everybody who might have been able to help me out.

The next cover came in 1956 when Soma Hellinon Proskopon, the Boy Scouts of Greece, invited Greek Scouts from all over the World to join in a "Homecoming Jamboree" at Aghios Andreas, also near Athens. As there are large Greek communities scattered in practically every corner of the earth we have Greek or Greek-minded Scout troops operating in many of these, as distant apart as Paris and Melbourne, the U.S.A. and Jerusalem, Egypt and S. Africa. There was a special cacheted cover, bearing the camp badge as a printed design, while on every article mailed from camp a special official cancel (besides the date mark) was stamped by the Camp Post Office Authorities; this postmark, too, bore the camp badge as its main design: an ancient Greek column of the Ionian order towards which fly swallows, symbolizing the overseas Scouts gathering in their homeland. The inscription reads:- Kataskinosis Proskopon Apodimou Ellinismou, Athinai 1956 - which means: Camp of Greek Scouts of Abroad, Athens, 1956.

Similar extra cancels were issued by the Postmaster General on the following four occasions in 1958 and 1960:

1. An International Girl Guide Camp held in Aghios Andreas near Athens from the 10th to the 22nd July 1958. The Camp was called "Greek land" and the design shows the head of Demeter (Ceres), goddess of agriculture and fertility. The inscription reads:- Megali Odigiki Kataskinosis, Elliniki Ghi, - plus dates. This is translated: Great Girl Guide Camp "Greek land".

2. The First Philia, an international Patrol Leaders' Camp, with participation from the countries of the Middle-East Region held at Amfiklia near Delphi (where the famous oracle of Apollo was situated) from 26th August to 4th September 1958. The camp badge on the special postmark shows Apollo's lyre, the chords of which are the two Patrol Leader stripes. The inscription reads:- Kataskinosis Proskopon M. Anatis-Mesoghiou Amfiklia 1958 "Filia" - i.e. Camp of Scouts of the Middle East and Mediterranean. (The second Philia was held in Tunisia this year but no special postmark was issued.)

3. The 17th World Conference of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts held at Kastri (Kifissia) on the outskirts of Athens from 9th to 20th May 1960. Analogous to our International Conference this is the most important international gathering of the top Girl Guide Scout officials of the World, who met to discuss present trends and to decide on future policy of their World Association. To honour this great event and to facilitate delegates, a special post office was installed in the lobby of the hotel. As a design, the cancel had the Greek and the World Girl Guide Badge with a circular inscription reading:- 17on Pangosmion Synedrion Odigon kai Koritsion Proskopon - i.e. 17th World Conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and the dates 9th - 20th May, 1960.

Of special interest in this special case are the registered letters: while on ordinary letters the date cancellation was the one of the adjoining township of Kifissia, the registration indication written by hand reads H Tax. Kastri - the R standing for Registered, Tax is the Greek abbreviation for Post Office, Kastri the name of the hotel.

4. The last special camp postmark was for the Jubilee Camp of Soma Hellinon Proskopon, again at Amfiklia near

Delphi, from 23rd to 31st August, 1960. About 2,000 Scouts rallied to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Greek Scouting, while foreign Scouts from 15 countries accepted our invitation to participate. Unlike all before, the cancellation for this camp was granted by the Postmaster General for use only on the first day of the camp, the 23rd August. It is interesting therefore to have in one's cancellation collection both the FDC and a later cover with the camp cachet to demonstrate this nearly unique case for a Scout camp. The design of this cancel is the Jubilee badge (a Scout badge with the number 50 superimposed) in the centre. The circular inscription reads:- Panhellenion Jamboree Iobilaëou, Amfikleia 23-7-60 - and means Panhellenic Jubilee Jamboree.

The most important Scout Philatelic event in Greece was, of course, the issue of the series of eight Scout stamps on April 23, 1960, well-known to all of you, in honour of the 50th Anniversary of Scouting in Greece. There is no need to dwell longer on this subject as the stamps have already seen wide publicity; for the sale of completeness, however, I must mention the special cancellation on the FDC again, with the Jubilee badge in the centre and an inscription reading:- Chrysoun Dobileon Ellinon Proskopon 1910-1960 and the date. This means Golden Jubilee of the Greek Scouts, 1910-1960. It must be mentioned that these covers were pre-cancelled in the government printing office which had prepared both the stamps and cacheted FDCs. As these were not released until a few days later to dealers none of them have seen regular mail use, at least to my knowledge. I should be grateful to any member who has in his collection FDCs that have really been mailed, if he could let me know about this.

There is another Greek Scout Philatelic item, of special attraction to collectors who have broader interests than just blank FDCs and who care about "covers with a history behind them". In 1950 it was granted by Royal Decree that Scout National Headquarters in Athens would have the right to send up to 100 inland letters per month free of postage. It is therefore only necessary to stamp these letters with the official seal of the Association (a violet seal with the state badge and the inscription Soma Hellinon Proskopon); the main Post Office in Athens

accepts them free, while P.O. Authorities throughout Greece are instructed not to charge such letters for unpaid postage. If more letters are sent in a month from National H.Q. they have to pay ordinary postage rates.

There is a misunderstanding connected with this, producing covers of even greater "background" interest. The misunderstanding lies in the fact that while the original circular of the Postmaster General about the Royal Decree of 1950 has been misplaced or lies forgotten in the files of most P.O. Stations, it is a general feeling both with Scout and P.O. officials that all Scout correspondence is exempt from paying postage, it being enough that they bear the seal of the Regional or District Commissioner. If in such cases there is someone who remembers the original circular, charges for unpaid postage are made, but mostly these letters go unnoticed, again indicating a certain benevolent attitude towards the Scout movement throughout Greece.

For more information or for spare covers of most of these events you may write to the author of this article: Marinos Yeroulanos, odos Lykiou 10, Athens, Greece.

(Very many thanks, Marinos, for this interesting article. I should like to compliment him, and also our member from Portugal, for their excellent command of the English language. It does make editing so very much easier. Editor)

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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

The committee of the S.S.C.C. has given much thought to the preparation of a Constitution and the draft has been made a supplement to this number. If any member wishes to make any comment or suggestion, will he (or she) please write to Mr A.H. NICHOLSON, 16, Munns Drive, Burgess Hill, Sussex, as soon as possible, in order that the draft may be finalised by the middle of August.

It will be appreciated that a Club with members in many parts of the world cannot be run in the same manner as a local club whose members are always in touch with each other.

The Constitution, therefore, has been framed to give the Officers fairly wide powers with adequate protection without the necessity of frequent amendments.

(Much of the work of preparing this draft Constitution has been done by our member, Mr. Nicholson, to whom the present Committee members are most grateful. May I emphasise what is said in the initial paragraph - send in any comments you may wish to make as soon as possible; it will help so much by doing so. Editor)

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FROM THE EDITOR'S TRAY

My thanks to Mr Woodhouse, Member 237, for showing me a cover - one of those with the head and shoulders of B-P, designed for the 1957 Sutton Coldfield Jamboree - posted in Moscow during the Youth Congress held there in 1957, by a friend of his who was a delegate from this country and who has by no means any communistic tendencies or outlook. At one session, he joined with other members from various British contingents in praising the Scout Movement and mentioned that the Soviet educational authorities were very interested. There are undoubtedly many people in the U. S. S. R. (and those in Soviet-dominated countries as well) who would gladly see Scouting revived, but until there is a change of heart by those in authority and they are prepared to honestly accept the main part of the Scout Promise -- that of 'Duty to God' -- then Scouting cannot and will not receive international recognition. Maybe the time will come when we shall be able to hold a World Jamboree in the U. S. S. R. I sincerely hope so; it would mean far more than "just another Jamboree".



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Wim Six, Member 94, has written about some recent acquisitions to his collection which I think are worth recording; they are:-

Roumania

- (a) Set of MAMAIA, 1934, stamps, mint, all overprints in pure BLACK instead of three in gold and three in black. (Proofs with overprints in RED are known to exist).
- (b) 1 Lei value, green of above set with overprint REVERSED.

Holland

- (a) Cover associated with the 1945 Scout Post Service. Sent from Rotterdam to Utrecht after the liberation of the Netherlands on May 5th. Bears two Scout cancellations in green, one from Rotterdam, the other from Utrecht, the former being used to cancel the stamp. This was contrary to regulations as it was strictly forbidden to use the Scout hand stamp to cancel the stamp.
- (b) Postcard of the same period bearing the special The Hague and Rotterdam Scout cancellations.

These two items are extremely rare; the former is probably unique.

(Thanks, Wim, for these notes which show that it is still possible to obtain very unusual items by diligent searching.)

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I notice that our member, Mr C.W.Hill, has had a short article on Scout stamps published in The Children's Newspaper on April 1st last. I also know that our Secretary General has had a number of similar articles published in magazines abroad. Now all this helps boost the S.S.C.C. and gives it a great deal of publicity and we appreciate the work done and the time and trouble taken by any of our members who do it. In the next issue of the Journal I hope there will be included a Scout Stamp Bibliography which our member, Mr S.K. Hunter, has written for us.

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You may like to make the following additions to the article by Stanley K. Hunter which appeared in our last issue:-

'Scouting personalities on stamps':

King Baudouin is now the Honorary President of the Boy Scouts of Belgium, whilst Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, is Patron of the B-P Guild. Thanks a lot, Stanley.

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I noticed in 'Stamp Collecting' that our Junior member, Rodney Goodman has again pulled off a first prize, this time in Class A of the Wilfrid Haworth Memorial Competition held recently. Needless to say his entry was "Scouting on stamps". Good work Rodney, I expect we shall be hearing more of you again in the future.

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Junior member, Leong Chee Keng in a letter to me, points out an error which inadvertently crept into the January Journal. On page 12 it was stated that the Hong Kong Jamborette will be held from 27th December 1960 to 2nd January 1961. This should of course read - 27th December 1961 to 2nd January 1962. He also mentioned that the Malayan Boy Scouts will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year, but does not know as yet whether a special commemorative stamp will be issued. Thanks, Chee Keng, for the correction and the information you sent.

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In the last Journal I gave details of the proposed Trinidad Jamboree 20 cent stamp to be issued on April 4th. This information, which I understand was official, was published late last February in the Philatelic press. Now it takes a little time to prepare the plates, print the stamps and despatch them abroad to be in time for issue to the public, even in these days of space travel -- No, the Russians didn't print them! Thus, it seems to me that someone must have blundered when giving the information, not only is the design of the issued stamps quite different, but the issue also consisted of two values, 8 cents and 25 cents!!! Well, well, it makes you think, doesn't it?

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PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY -
PAGE ELEVEN

(By permission of Len Bowen)

Yes, I'm here again, ready for another chit-chat! I feel I must say something about our new style Journal -- I like the cover design, the layout of the articles and similar material, I like the illustrations and I personally take my hat off to those non-regular contributors who have 'had a go' at writing an article - by and large, our Journal is approaching a "classic bi-monthly". In saying WELL DONE to all those whose voluntary efforts regularly make the issue of the Journal possible, I am mindful of the Foundation meeting that a 'News Sheet' might be issued at something like quarterly intervals so as to keep members in touch with each other, and that if funds ever reached the dizzy heights, we might even try publishing a magazine! Big oak trees from small acorns grow!

Whilst on the subject of magazines, it has occurred to me that our membership of approximately 300 is a mighty lot of people, of all types and from all walks of life, practically experienced in many varied fields and talented individually in divers directions; could not some of this untapped reservoir of talent be drawn out somehow, for our mutual benefit and enjoyment of our hobby? Surely, for instance, some of our members are artistically inclined - could we not have a page or two of 'unissued, unadopted, unasked for' artist's essays of Scout stamps, from those among us so talented? (The only draw back to this is the printing of 300-400 copies, a costly business. Editor.)

I seem to be handing out bouquets in this chit-chat' so no harm will be done in handing out one more! Someone, somewhere, is hiding his or her light under a bushel. Who designed our neat little badge which has now become the standard symbol of the S.S.C.C.? A committeeman, I say, "Let's have the history of it", and give whoever it was the credit! As far as I know, like Topsy, it just grewed!

Now something about stamps. The Trinidad set is being quoted by New Issue dealers at 1sh.7d. a pair. Further to come are Guide stamps from Tunisia and Scout stamps from

Togo - watch out for them. The Jamaica 1952 pair and the Dutch 1237 set are climbing steadily upwards, both in mint and used condition. As for cancellations, it is the case of nosing out the back ones yourself, the future ones will be yours if you join the Permanent List. Please note. I practice what I preach.

Well chums, I must be on my way; keep searching; items are still turning up unexpectedly. Au Revoir.

(Thanks, Len, for your usual breezy chat which I know many members appreciate. Editor).

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PLEASANTRIES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello, folks; once again we have enjoyed a successful meeting of the London members at Roland House: everyone was 'trading' like mad; the Junior members in particular, were kept busy and there was a lot of head-scratching in the competition. Mr Len Bowen displayed his stupendous collection of the 1933 Godollo Jamboree stamps and it was a pity that so few of our members in the London area do not avail themselves of the opportunity to get together. Wot abaht it?

Dare I suggest at this point that perhaps one or two of our more energetic provincial members might have a crack at running a meeting? Birmingham, Manchester, Haggisland, Nether Bogfield -- go on, try it. A glance through the membership list will show the potential - old Wilf will advertise it in this highly supersonic publication -- all it needs is a postcard to the 'possibles'.

The time has come round once again when I must go on the scrounge -- I can hear cries of anguish and the tearing of hair. Yes, it is Auction time, so please send direct to me any spare material: the cause is once again a worthy one-YOU. Our high-powered Secretary-General is planning a special booklet on Danish Scout philately: another one is in the embryo stage -- And you are the ones who are going to benefit; So see what you can do, please, for I would like to get the Auction list out in the September issue. All spare items by mid-August, just to please me. Thanks.

Another appeal - that's torn it! Seriously, though, this is of importance and in due course will be of great publicity benefit to the S.S.C.C. Mr John Thurman, Camp Chief of Gilwell Park, has suggested that a Reference Collection of Scout and Guide stamps, postmarks, etc., be formed and retained at the Training Centre, partly on permanent display there and partly to be used for display purposes throughout the country. It is not difficult to realise that in time this project could have far reaching results.

Member Raife Wellsted is in charge of this operation and has already made a substantial contribution in the shape of material and specially constructed display frames. If you feel kindly disposed towards this project and wish to give something, please write to me, or contact Mr Wellsted direct.

The last thing I should like to mention is an important event to Wood Badge holders, Raife Wellsted and I are hoping to organise a meeting of the Society at Gilwell as part of the official Annual Reunion Programme next September. We hope to combine this meeting with the 'Badgers'. This was in fact done at the Indaba in Holland last year and turned out to be quite a party. You will be hearing more of this later; meanwhile just bear it in mind, won't you?

(I think the President has given us all something to think about - and I hope, act upon, too. Editor).

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Another pen-portrait of a Club official by

A STAMP (and other things) WIDOW

I am not sure whether I first met my husband at a nearby Sunday School where we then both were young teachers or at the local Scout Headquarters where it was open house on Friday evenings for girl friends of the senior members to participate in a weekly tanner-hop (half-a-crown for the season). Value for money in those days!!!

My boy friend had no interest whatever in those days for stamps - he had no occasion even to buy one to write to me as I lived opposite to him.

But he was Scouting mad and I really saw little of him

unless I joined in some of his activities connected with the Group's programme or fund raising - Pantomimes, Whist Drives, Carol singing, Dances, etc.

I never used to look forward to the Camping season as I knew he would be away most week-ends at the least excuse for airing his tent; he even went on three different Wood Badge courses - Rover, Scout, and Cub - then after each course said he must take the respective boys to put into practice what he had learnt.

Even at our annual Scout Fete he would find me a job on some stall or other while he was dodging from one event to another like conducting the band of the boys' Circus or as a member of the gymnastic team.

Space will not permit me to tell you all of his forty years of active Scouting, both in our home town and other places we lived after we married, but he roped me in to practical Scouting as soon as we were, first as his A.C.M. when he was C.M. to a Pack he started in a village, and afterwards his C.M. when he became G.S.M. of the same Group.

This enjoyable experience lasted some ten years when I had to give it up owing to a long illness which I must emphasise was in no way connected with Scouting. When I was well enough we moved back to our home town and it was shortly after that when my husband caught the Stamp Bug Fever.

He started the complaint in a small way, just collecting anything and everything until his collection got too unwieldy. A specialist was called in who decided he must cut down on his diet (both food and stamps). Someone then recommended a course of Scout Stamp Philately. That was his (and mine) downfall.

He joined the S.S.C.C. as No. 41 and it wasn't long before someone roped him in as Asst. Secretary, promoted later to Club Secretary. Now I see too much of him but all I hear from him is the noise of his typewriter as he bangs out letter after letter. I often get jealous of him as nearly all our correspondence is for him, hardly anyone writes to me.

While he is busy working for the S.S.C.C. I have to sit quietly doing jig-saw puzzles which is my only hobby apart from knitting, so now a serious request from me - if any member has any of these puzzles they have no further use for kindly

send them on to me and when I have finished with them I will send them on to a children's hospital who can make further use of them.

It looks as if the space the Editor might allow me for this pen-portrait will be greatly strained so perhaps at some later date when he is short of paragraphs he will let me tell you more about my husband - his likes and dislikes, other hobbies and activities, hopes and dreams; colour of eyes and hair, age, etc. for the benefit of lady members or perhaps they might like to write to me for these.

Mrs K. W. B.

(Will bachelor members (male) please note how it is possible to be happily married and yet do Scouting and philately. Thank heaven for understanding wives, bless 'em. Editor).

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SALES BUREAU

Firstly, I am delighted to welcome Club member No. 326 Mr JOHN H. WILSON, c/o 15, Paget Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. who will be running the Bureau in future, and to whom all orders should be sent.

This time we have a mixed bag:-

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Journal. Back numbers.

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July, September, November '60 (1sh. each).

Please note revised prices, which include postage.

Don't forget - Order direct to member WILSON.

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REGIONAL NEWS

The following report has been received from W. T. HOLTON
(Member 205):-

A very successful Regional meeting was held on Saturday,
March 4th. at 5.45, this time being found most convenient
for members living some distance away. The meeting was held
in the LUTON S.E. District H.Q's. (with grateful thanks to
Brass).

Although only six members managed to make it, the enthusiasm
made up for lack of members. We were lucky enough to have
our President with us who brought along many pages from his
collection: this included the postal history of the 4th.
World Jamboree in great detail, with a wealth of examples
such as receipt and despatch marks, flight labels and can-
cellations and registration labels on covers. One member
aptly described it -- 'I just had no idea that the Jamboree
had such a well organised postal system.'

Besides these items, the President also showed other rare
pieces and Tom Holton concluded with some pages from his
collection, showing the 'Wild Tiger' Siam stamps, the early
Roumanian Scout stamps and the Austrian Jamboree.

The usual swop and barter session was included and proof
that the meeting was a success can be judged by the fact
that it continued half-an-hour over schedule!

(Good show, Beds. and North Herts. Editor)

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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S NOTEBOOK

3rd March. Have just seen report that TOGO is to issue a Scout set this year. How does one hope to obtain covers from Togo for the Permanent List? (Now you see how difficult the job of running the List is! Editor).

5th March. Starting work on Handbook No. 1 SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS, CANCELS AND LABELS OF DENMARK. Hope to produce this by the autumn. Efforts to obtain examples of all known material reveal many queries. Any members who have examples of pre-war cancels and/or labels would greatly help by sending me details.

7th March. Plans already in mind for Handbook No. 2 - same routine, but for Australia. Have you any material of interest?

9th March. Permanent List has now 60 members and for the first time in England we are planning the printing of our own covers for the First Day of the West German Scout stamp due on 23rd. April. Confirmed arrangements with Claude Marchal for a trip to France at Whitsun when I hope to visit two National Scout camps. Special cancels are anticipated - so Permanent List members should be O.K.!

10th March. Full page article on Scout stamps in 'Stamp Collecting' also giving a boost for S.S.C.C. Have been offered some Danish Scout covers and labels. After the Handbook has been prepared perhaps I can also compile a catalogue to accompany it, so that members may have a chance to purchase material.

16th March. Club member M. YEROULANOS from Greece tells me that material from the 1950 camp in his country is virtually unobtainable and that from the 1956 event is in very short supply.

18th March. Does any member require a copy of Mr THORSEN'S new book which I reviewed in the last Journal? If so, please send in your request to me now.

20th March. First Day covers from Trinidad Jamboree expected to cost 5sh.6d. wholesale! Hope no one writes complaining. Dealers cannot provide registered covers at all.

24th March. Offers of help flow in on every side. Member JOHN WILSON will be taking over the Sales Bureau from early April. From U.S.A. we have two offers to act as Committeemen, O. K. HUNTER and E. S. HOFFMEISTER.

25th March. The value of advertising: my post today includes three requests re membership, one (from Denmark) follows an article in the 1957 Jamboree Newspaper, the second (from Kenya) is the result of a recent article of mine in 'BATIAN', the Colony's Scout magazine; the third (from Ireland) follows from my 'Stamp Collecting' article.

26th March. Irish Girl Guides celebrate this year their Jubilee and are having an International Camp at Blarney, Co. Cork in July. There will not be a special camp cancel, but a camp cachet will be applied to Jubilee Year postcards and all mail through the Camp P.O. I shall be handling supplies and also of any special labels.

31st March. More publicity. Our good friend Mr C. HILL, has given the Club a useful mention in 'The Children's Newspaper' and I have managed to get a reference to the Club in 'The Philatelic Magazine'. Enquiries for membership at present in excess of one a day. An appeal to our lady members. Could one of them help us with the Guide side of the business? I have made several approaches to the 'Guilder' and similar sources, but we don't seem to be 'getting home'. Is there a lady who would have a go? Please let me know if there is.

So ends my 'Notebook' for a month. Many other things have happened, but I thought members would like to have a glimpse at some of the 'back-stage' activities of the activities of the Secretary-General.

H. L. F.

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NEW MEMBERS

Another huge membership list is included. We are pleased to welcome all of them and hope that they will find much to interest them in our Club.

*Indicates Junior member.

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334. ANTHONY BAXTER, 10 Avondale Mount, Shipley, Yorks.
335. W. F. DRAPER, 37 The Crescent, Friern Barnet, London, N.11.
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163. P. J. Schou, 24, Corn. van Perestraat, OOST SOUBURH
(Zeeland), Netherlands.

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As I have to go abroad on Her Majesty's Service for a short period at the end of June, I shall be vacating the editorial chair for the next issue of the Journal. The Secretary-General has very kindly offered to step into the breach and I am certain the chair could not be better occupied in my absence. Will those of you who intend sending in any contributions in the way of articles, etc., please send them direct to MR H. L. FEARS, by June 7th. next at the latest. We all know that he is a very busy man, so do help him as much as possible, won't you?

Until September, then, good Scout stamp collecting,

Sincerely yours,
WILF NODDER

STOP-PRESS-STOP. From the Secretary-General.

The date April 17th. The latest member enrolled is 359, and the current rate of growth is very considerable. I have just obtained the inclusion of articles in magazines in Australia and India, giving details of the Club and activity is being stimulated in America, where two supplies of membership applications have just been sent. From South America member VALADEZ has given the Club valuable publicity at a Scouter's Conference. And the happiest hint on the horizon is the growing number of offers of help: I have taken them in hand now from U. S. A., Malaya, Scotland and England.

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