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Editor:
Wilf Nodder

As these notes are being written, it is snowing outside and I feel a little envious of those who are on their way to take part in the Australian World Rover Moot. I am certain they will receive as warm a welcome from their brother Rovers as the Australian sun will undoubtedly be.

It is perhaps rather difficult for those who have never experienced an old-fashioned snowy Christmas as seen on Christmas cards, to imagine what it is like, but the true spirit of this festive season can still prevail whether one is sweltering under the heat of a tropical sun or trying to keep oneself warm in front of a blazing fire. How much better this world would be if all peoples had the Christmas spirit -- the spirit of goodwill toward one another; the Scouting spirit, where all men, irrespective of colour or creed, are brothers. Maybe, one day, it will come.

We, the officers of the S.S.C.C. would like to send a personal New Year greeting to all members -- May YOU have the best of everything throughout the coming year.

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S. S. C. C. "CONVENTION" - A VERY SPECIAL NOTICE

By Howard L. Fears

Following the recent suggestion of Stanley Blunt, I have been making enquiries regarding a "CONVENTION" to mark the Club's fifth birthday, with the hope that it may hereafter become an annual event. The detailed arrangements are as follows:-

PLACE: Baden-Powell House.

DATE: February 10th, 1962 (a Saturday).

The actual highlights will be the Annual General Meeting, starting at 2.30 p.m., followed by a display, chat, "swopping", etc. However, members may wish to make a week-end of it, and more elaborate plans are available for those interested. If anyone likes to arrive during the morning of Feb. 10th. I will try and arrange a visit to places of interest in London. Similarly, it may be the wish of members to stay over night at B-P House (Feb. 10/11th), and, if desired, we will endeavour to secure seats at a Show.

Firstly, if you intend attending the afternoon sessions, please write and tell me at once. Secondly, if

you reserve it, you may have accommodation at B-P House - this you must do yourself, but you must let the Warden know at once. Incidentally, all meals may be secured at the first-class Restaurant; lunch from 1 - 2 p.m., Evening Meal 6 - 7 p.m. For those intending to stay, you may wish to bring your wife, or even some Scouts. This may be arranged; for example, Scouters are accommodated in 3 or 4 bedded rooms at a cost of 14/- per night bed and breakfast. For Scouters with wives, twin bedded rooms are available.

However, I repeat, you must book at once, for accommodation write to the Warden, Mr W. J. Rapley, at Baden-Powell House, Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, S.W.7, mentioning that you are a member of S. S. C. C. Whether you will be staying on, or not, let me know without delay if you are attending in the afternoon. Friends may be brought, all are welcome, and it is up to members to make this a first-class affair. Please - oh, please, make the effort. And why not bring along a potential recruit? Committee members, please note that a Committee meeting will be held as available - no other notice, and we will fix it in as occasion offers. Finally, if you have a query, write and ask me.

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STAMPING GROUND By CROSS-RHODES

AND there are a few things to be cross about, too!

For example, why, oh why does a country like Haiti overprint no less than three Air mail stamps to commemorate an event in Lisbon, Portugal? It is objectionable that our Movement should be 'used' for an undisguised mercenary motive. (There are many more, Mr President, who think like you, for it isn't the first time it has happened. Unfortunately, boycotting such an issue doesn't help. Editor)

Again, the appearance of yet more 'miniature sheets' produces a similar reaction -- Korea (Guide), Afghanistan (Guide) and YES, YOU'RE RIGHT -- Haiti!!

On to more pleasant things. From an old and valued friend -- a fine registered cover from Liechtenstein; "LAGERPOST GUSCHA-BALZERS" last day, 31.7.61.

Two new cancellations from Austria -- (a) 50 JAHRE IN DIENSTE DER GUTEN TAT. OSTERR. PFADFINDERBUND 1912-1962, dated 1.10.61 and (b) "I. EUROPAISCHES JUNGPHILATELISTEN-LAGER, TRAUTENFELS" dated 3.8.61. Although there is a fleur-de-lys incorporated in the central design, consisting of a large 'E', made up of a mixture of national flags, the connection with Scouting seems rather remote and unlikely. Has anyone details, please?

And finally. A few years ago - 1957 - when our Society was comparatively small, it was suggested that a "club packet" circuit would be a good thing. Members were duly circulated for potential support but the response was insufficient, and that was that! However, since then the Society has grown and the idea has been mooted again. Committee member, John Hobbs, has kindly volunteered to handle the whole thing should there now be enough interest. If you would like to be in on this, either as a contributor or on the receiving end, or both, then drop a line to John right away and we'll see how it works out.

(Although our President does not mention it, I think the above would only apply to those residing in the United Kingdom, at least for receiving the packet. High insurance premiums and customs duties would prevent packets being circulated abroad. Contributors from anywhere in the world would, I am sure, be most acceptable. Editor)

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MEMBERS WANTS

- No. 433 Has an unusual hobby, that of collecting Newspaper Titles, as well as stamps of all countries.
- No. 435 Would like to hear from other members interested in Aircraft spotting.
- No. 436 Is a collector of County, District, and special Jamboree badges.

I have received quite a number of letters from members dealing with a variety of subjects which I feel will interest you. Here they are -

An interesting letter from John Hobbs (Member 38) who gives us some information relative to Stanley Hunter's article, "Sources Of Scout Stamp Design" which you were able to read in our Nov. Journal. The names in the Scouts portrayed on the Trinidad and Tobago 2nd. Caribbean Jamboree set of stamps are, reading from

left to right - Howell Johnson, 4th. Trinidad Sea Scouts; Robert Huggins-Chan, 1st. Trinidad Sea Scouts; Donald Joseph, 6th. Port-of-Spain Group; Brian de-la Roas, 5th. Port-of-Spain Group. The design was taken from a coloured picture of these Scouts, Negro, Chinese, Indian and European, showing the various nationalities among the Trinidad Scouts and, at the same time, signifying the motto of the Jamboree - UNITY.

He also very kindly sent a copy of a publication he purchased in Switzerland - "PFADFINDER BRIEFMARKEN SAMMLER", by Norbet Thiele, Price Pcs. 4., - for me to look at and comment upon. These details should be added to Stanley's article "SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY II" which was published in the September Journal. It is an excellent, well printed and detailed booklet, on glossy paper and in German and includes illustrations, details of numbers printed and date of issue



of all Scout and Guide stamps, including miniature sheets, which have appeared up to and including 1958. A great deal of useful information even if one cannot read German! One thing I did notice - No numbers have been given for the two Syrian Pan Arab Jamboree of 1958. I have yet to see this information in any publication. Thanks a lot John, for the information and loan of the book.

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A letter from our member E. Edmonson of Toronto, Canada, who mentions among other things that he would like to learn how other members mount or display their covers, cachets and souvenir cards, which, if mounted in blocks or groups, make such an unattractive display. Perhaps some of you might like to help him; if so, may I suggest you drop me a line telling me how you mount yours, what you use to mount them and anything else you think might be of use to him. I know he would appreciate it.

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Here is another aspect of stamps and Scouting that I have not heard of before. In a letter, Mr R. Allen (Member 320) writes that he is trying to complete his collection of "Scout Patrols on Stamps" and enlists other members help. His requirement is as follows:- The name of country, face value of stamp, date of issue and general description, (with, I suggest the catalogue number, quoting which one used), on which is depicted any of the birds or animals (i.e. the Patrol emblem) in the list below:

Bittern, Blackbird, Bulldog, Chough, Corncrake,
Gannet, Gargeny, Golden Plover, Hawk, Hyena, Kestrel,
Merlin, Mongoose, Nightjar, Pochard, Snipe, Starling,
Stoneshat, Stormy Petrel, Widgeon, Woodcock, Rattle-
snake and finally, Sir Francis Drake.

His only stipulation is that they must be visibly to the naked eye and not be so minute that a magnifying glass is required. He also tells me that he is putting this collection, with some Scout covers, on show next March at the Central Lambeth District Association's Annual Hobbies and Handicrafts Exhibition. I hope some of you will be able to help him. We wish him luck in his venture.

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From my good friend Francisco Marcias Valadez (Member 59) of Mexico, copies of the October and November issue of R. S. A. (Revista Scout de las Americas) in which I notice he has contributed his usual article on Scout stamps and cancellations and has included some information about the S. S. C. C. We appreciate his kindness in helping us in this way. The R. S. A. is certainly an excellent publication, printed on fine glossy paper and has many good reproductions of Scouting photographs of the Americas. Even although it is in Mexican, this does not prevent those who are unfortunately poor linguists from following his articles. I notice that several of the reproductions of the Scout cancellations have been taken from the illustrations which I drew and included in former issues of our Journal. How much better they look when properly printed on glossy paper! Very many thanks, Francisco, for sending the magazines to me.

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Enclosed with the Journal should be an illustrated folder which includes a map of Sweden. This should prove useful to those who collect Swedish Camp cancellations to tie up with the actual locations of these camps. It has been sent with the compliments of the President who, in his letter to me, says that he has available about 20 of each similar brochures of Austria and of Finland. Those of you who are interested in obtaining copies of these should write him enclosing 3d stamp for postage. Naturally, first come, first served!

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Have any of you - and this applies, of course, to members - thought about entering for STAMPEX 1962 Trophy competition? There is a class for thematic collections. Only selected pages from one collection may be submitted by a Society, thus, if several S. S. C. C. members wish to enter, it will be necessary to select the best individual entry. May I suggest that those of you who are interested drop our Secretary-General a line, but please do so as soon as possible.

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A letter from Llong Chee Keng (Junior Member 222) with which he sent me a sample of a cover used at the Penang Golden Jubilee Jamborette hold at Jubilee Camp, Telok Bahang, Penang, Malaya, from 6th to 11th December. Over 400 Scouts from ten states attended and a special cancellation - the Penang M mark (Mobile Post Office) and cachet were used. The description of the cachet is as follows:- A thick lined diamond shaped cachet with PENANG JAMBORETTE at top JUBILEE Camp at bottom, map of Malaya with Scout badge superimposed and 'Dec' on left and '1961' on right of map. In black.

He has a very small supply available but there is no guarantee that it will last for long! Covers of the Jubilee Champoree (uncacheted) referred to in the November Journal are now selling for \$2 - \$3 U.S. Keng considers that as there have already been two special camp cachets in Malaya it is likely that further ones will appear at future camps.

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MEMBERS WANTS

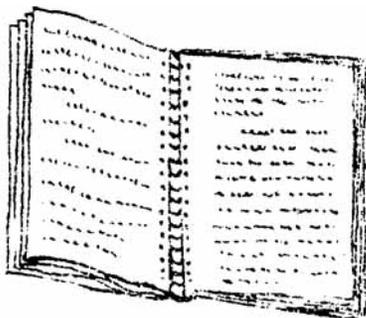
No. 422 Collects Foreign badges and Patches. County badges and Pennants. Neckerchiefs and woggles. Will be pleased to send Malayan State badges in exchange.

He would also be pleased to correspond with Scouts who are interested in Scouting, badges, stamps and view cards. All letters welcomed and answered via air mail.

No. 437 Has held many ranks in the Guide Movement and is an interested collector of Guide and Scout County badges.

No. 439 An American member at present serving in Germany collects Boy Scout miniatures and Foreign Scout badges of Rank.

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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

THE OUTLOOK

by the President

Since the publication, last January, of the Club Catalogue, the past year has shown once again, an all-round hardening of the market in the material we all seek so avidly. Mafeking Siege items in the more prominent Auction Catalogues have been fetching realisations that can only be described as staggering. Siam and Czecho-slovakia are still high - even if you can find them at ALL! If you want the biggest shock of the year, go out and get a set of 1953 Liechtenstein - you will find that it's "new issue price" has multiplied itself by SIX!

It seems to me that the situation can be reviewed with somewhat mixed feelings. On the one hand, we have that inward glow of satisfaction at the financial appreciation of our collections - only to be horrified by the colossal prices we have to pay for new acquisitions.

The upward trend marches relentlessly on - and those "in the trade" know it. Our course is plain - the never-ending search must be equally relentless - that elusive item must be found - and found quickly - time is our enemy!

Now let us turn our attention to another aspect. The increasing difficulty of obtaining USED sets looms ominously over the horizon. Why is it that mint sets are far and away easier to find? The following thoughts come to mind:-

(1) Can it be that our dealing friends are getting no demand for "C.T.O." by their "new issue service" customers? Has there been a decline somewhere?

(2) Maybe used are a more hazardous investment than mint, that enjoy the protection of their face value.

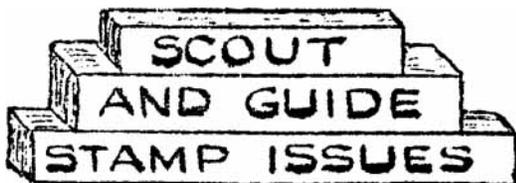
(3) Perhaps the increasing interest in those beautiful highly-coloured F.D.C.s is the real cause of the problem. Let's ask ourselves - if we had to choose between an attractive "serviced" F.D.C. or a plain, but genuinely commercially used cover - which would we pick - a referendum on the subject might produce an interesting result.

(4) It must be borne in mind that LOW values do not leave their Country of origin in large numbers - UNLESS they are deliberately imported by the dealers. You don't believe it? The writer confidently states that of our 300 odd members, those that have a used copy of 1949 Nicaragua 5 cent blue can be counted on one hand - yet it can be bought mint even now quite easily for less than a bob!

(5) A look through our carefully prepared catalogue shows that a large percentage of our stamps can be classified as "Charity" stamps - 25 ¢ postage + 5 ¢ sort of thing - 1932 Roumania, 1957 Neth. Antilles, 1960 Denmark (Guide) and the recent Haiti set are random examples. The collectors and the general public are invariably sympathetic to this method of raising funds, but let's face it, commercial firms rarely touch 'em - business is business - consequently the stamps just don't turn up in "Bank" Mixtures.

It may well be that in time to come, the degree of rarity will supersede the "face value" and other considerations, and genuine used will dominate the scene. Talking point, Gentlemen?

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By the
Editor

Details of new Scout and Guide stamps which have recently been issued are given hereunder. These will be included in the S.S.C.C. Catalogue when the next edition is published.

AFGHANISTAN. Two stamps, 50 P, red and black, and 175 P, green and purple, both similar in design depicting a Girl Scout. Stamps bear Afghanistani characters at top and left with '1961' and 'SCOUT' on right and POSTFSAFGHANES at bottom. Miniature sheets, unperforated and perforated, each containing both values.

REPUBLIC OF HAITI. Three stamps, current air mail issue, 20c, 1g and 1g50c, overprinted in small black letters "18e CONFERENCE INTERNATIONALE/DU SCOUTISME MONDIAL LISBONNE/SEPTEMBRE 1961" in three lines, with Haiti Scout badge to right. Surcharged + 0.25 in black. First day of issue 30.9.61.

REPUBLIC OF TOGA. Six stamps of different design, 0.50F orange showing Daniel Beard U.S.A. with American Scout badge in green on right; 1F, purple, Baden Powell with Scout badge, in red; 10F, dark grey, Togo Scout (?) with the three Scout Association emblems; 25F, blue and Togo Scout with National flag at top and Scout badge left centre; 30F, green, white and brown triangle symbolising three tents and a camp fire in centre, Scout badge in red at top left; 100F, red, three hands, making Scout salute, probably symbolising the black, yellow and white races, Scout badge in green on right.

THAILAND. Three stamps to commemorate 50 years of Scouting in Thailand: 50 St. red, showing "Wild Tiger" Scout badge on left and hand making Scout salute on right with Siamese characters superimposed; 1B, green, Scout with flag, on left, and Scout saluting, on right, with camp scene in centre; 2B, King Vijiravudh (?) on left, with cub, guide and Scout marching, on right. First day of issue 1.11.61.

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I understand that registered covers from the 18th Scout International Conference held at Lisbon, with the full set of Portuguese "Europa" stamps affixed, are very scarce items. Verb sap.

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SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY - IV

by Stanley K. Hunter, Member 51

Supplement to Part I (Periodical Literature)

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS (U. S. A)

Scout and Guide "special editions" appeared in the following issues: 25th May 1953, 27th June 1955, 29th June 1959, and 27th June 1960.

THE SCOUT (Boy Scouts Association)

Scout issue, dealing with Roumania, Russia, Hungary, Netherlands, Dutch Indies and Lithuania, appeared (p.282), 22nd Jan. 1942.

THE SCOUTER (Boy Scouts Association)

An article, "Scout & Guide Stamps" by D.C. Vosper, appeared in the September 1949 issue. Correspondence on this article appeared in the November issue (pp. 220-221).

THE SCOUT PHILATELIC GAZETTE

This monthly was published in Canada, from about 1955 to 1959. A Scout Stamp Catalogue was also produced, annually, by the publisher. As mentioned in my original notice of this paper, I would be

grateful to be able to see this Gazette and the Catalogue.

(Acknowledgments to Brian Lamb (Member 365)
Rostislav Polchaninoff (Member 166) and
Frederick J. Oppliger (Member 160) for details.

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SALES BUREAU by Charles Seaton

May I wish each of you "A Happy and Prosperous New Year" and perhaps, in a nostalgic mood, to my Scottish compatriots -- "A Guid He'erday" with the hope that the shortbread, "Petticoat Tails" and the "Black Bun" tasted as good at Hogmanay as I remember it many years ago. It has been a pleasure to deal with enquiries and orders since I took over from John Wilson, who left me everything in such good order. In 1962 I hope to receive many orders and I will do my best to let you have delivery as soon as possible.

Here is a list of items in stock at present:

1957 ... July, August, October, December.
1958 ... March, September.
1959 ... January, March, May, July, September.
1960 ... March, May, July, September, November.
1961 ... March, May, July, September.

Price .. 1 shilling each: no postage charge is added.

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Covers

G.G. of Australia. Golden Jubilee Jamboree, 29.12.60	1 sh.
2nd. Caribbean Jamboree, 4.4.61	3 sh. 4d.
Sank-Georg, 22.4.61	1 sh. 6d.
1960 Conference of European Scouts, German (Card)	
1 only ..	2 sh. 2d.
Irish Girl Guide Jubilee (Card) 1 only	1 sh. 4d.
Gilwell Reunion, Set of 5 covers, Aug. 29th - Aug. 2nd	5 sh.
Gilwell Reunion, Singles	10d.
B.P. Guild Cover	9d.
2nd. Whitton Scout Group Silver Jubilee (Only obtainable through Sales Bureau)	1 sh.

Mint stamps

Boy Scouts of America, block 4, 3 cent sepia 2 sh. 6d.

Sundries

Cancellations sheet of illustration (1958 Oct. Journal) 3d.

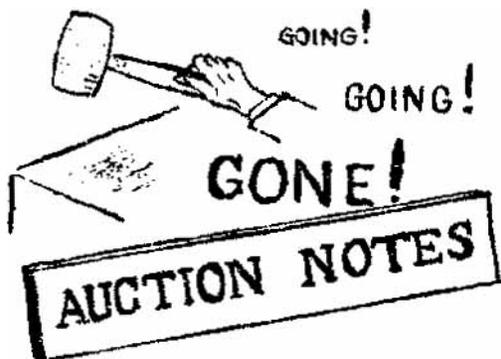
" " " (1959 Nov. Journal) 3d.

Souvenir Booklet of labels, J. I. M. 1sh.

Please address correspondence for any of these items to:

20 Lytherton Avenue, Cadishead, Manchester, Lancs.

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By le Presidente

Well, gentlemen, once again the auction has come to a successful conclusion. All 40 lots have been sent to the highest bidders and fetched a total of £9. 18. 3. The highest lot realised 21/6 and the lowest 1/6. Actually, one bidder stuck his neck out by bidding 2/- on EVERY lot - the one that went for 1/6 was owing to an oversight on my part, and the gent who got that can consider himself lucky. I will be sending a cheque to our worthy Secretary just as soon as all the money is in. You may be surprised to note that only 12 people sent in bids, of which two were unsuccessful, so the whole works went to 10 people. Let's hope the competition is a bit livelier next time.

May I at this point, on behalf of the Society, thank each and every one who contributed to it so generously.

Some contributions arrived too late to be included, and will be held over until the next time - they'll be worth more by then, I shouldn't wonder!

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SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY - V

By Stanley K. Hunter, Member 51

Supplement to Part II (Catalogues, etc.)

BOY SCOUT CACHETS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1956

By Sheldon S. Levy. 56pp. Illus. US \$2.

This book illustrates about 200 Scout "cacheted covers", issued in the United States from 1930 to 1956. Of special interest are the illustrations of practically all known cachets used for the First Day Covers of the American 1950 Scout Stamp.

A numbering system makes each cachet design readily identifiable for correspondence, wants-lists, etc.

BOY SCOUT CACHETS - SUPPLEMENT No. 1, 1958

By Sheldon S. Levy & Frank L. Jones. 7 pp. US 35¢.

This duplicated addition to the above was produced to include the 1957 Jubilee Year. The Author of "Boy Scout Cachets" tells me, however, that the deluge of cachets which has appeared since 1957, has forced the discontinuation of any further supplements.

(Acknowledgment to Sheldon S. Levy (Member 68) for details).

Should you know of any further omissions or possible additions to this Bibliography, please contact me. My address is - 34 Gray Street, Kelvingrove, GLASGOW, C. 3, Scotland.

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NEW MEMBERS

Here is another list of new members to whom we extend a very hearty welcome.

(*Indicates Junior member)

415*	Gregory Smith	c/o A.C.Smith. No. 6 R.D. Te Puke Bay of Plenty. New Zealand.
416	Stanley H. Lea	1 Rosedale Crescent, Earley, Reading, Berks.
417	Mrs M. E. Kennett	8 Barclay Road, Croydon, Surrey.
418	Norman Booth	18 John Street, Wombwell, Nr Barnsley, Yorks.
419	Mrs M. L. Pegler	64 Magdalen Road, North End, Portsmouth, Hants.
420	C. P. Tong	15 Southcote Farm Lane, Reading, Berks.
421*	David Griffith	6 Russell Street, Nelson, New Zealand.
422*	N. P. Waran	2 Railway Quarters, Batu Gajah, Perak, Malaya.
423	Henrik Wirzenius	Spireavagen 10, Haga, Finland.
424	H. E. Steffensen	Strandvejen 354, Espergaerde, Denmark.
426*	T. Rossiter	Mill Farm, Ludwell, Shaftesbury, Dorset.
427	Miss J. Quinney	51 Heathfield South, Twickenham, Middx.
428	Miss N. C. Denny	Queen Margaret's School, Box 98. Duncan, B. C. Canada.
429*	Brian Sleeman	6 Derwent Road, Whitton, Middx.

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430*	John Pickett	27 Derwent Road, Whitton, Middx.
431*	Norman Thiel	306 W. Sixth Street, Derry. Penna. U.S.A.
432*	Kevin M. Huggett	75 Redfern Avenue, Hounslow, Middx.
433*	Ian T. T. Wilkins	63 Mill Farm Crescent, Hounslow, Middx.
434*	Michael Guess	37 Strathearn Avenue, Whitton, Middx.
435*	Martin G. Cain	30 Montrose Avenue, Whitton, Middx.
436*	David John Jones	31 Underhill Road, Matson, Gloucester.
437*	Mrs S. A. Marshall	146 Alexandra Avenue, South Harrow, Middx.
438*	Lauren R. Bradley	P.O. Box 607, North Adams, Mass. U.S.A.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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R.A.P.C. T/C, Worthy Down, Winchester, Hants.

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To celebrate the FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the formation of the S.S.C.C. and to give members a permanent record of such an occasion, we are preparing a special number of the Journal for March. Some interesting articles from some of our members have already been provided, but I could do with a few more. Why not send me something for inclusion in this special edition of our Journal? I'm sure many of you can - and I hope will do so.

Sincerely Yours,

WILF NODDER

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Crests (Patches).....	50¢ each
Stove plates	40¢ each
Pennants	\$1 each
Special Jamboree cachets (with regular cancellation)	25¢ each
Ditto - with 1955 Canadian Scout stamp	50¢ each

MURRAY FRIED, 25 Gildner Street, Kitchener,
Ontario, Canada.

2. Are YOU lacking those elusive stamps and covers in your Scout stamp collection? If so, write to WILLIAM ANDERSON, 3803, Almeda Drive, Toledo 12, Ohio, U.S.A. stating your 'WANTS'. All the new issues, mint and on cover, and majority of older Scout stamps available.

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