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It was with very much reluctance that I was forced to hand over the editing of the last Journal to our Secretary-General at such short notice: that he so readily accepted the extra work is typical of him and I know I would be voicing the views of ALL members in saying that what he did was very much appreciated.



The need to overload our Secretary-General with any such work in the future will, however, not again arise. John Roake, Member 401, has very kindly offered his services as Assistant Editor, and I, for one, am very grateful for his offer, for I am certain he will have many new ideas which can be used to improve this Journal. For the past six years, you have had to put up with me and one is apt to get into a rut so that each issue of the Journal is much the same as the previous one. For some of the future issues, John will occupy the 'chair' and he will undoubtedly bring a 'new look' to our publication. So much to the good: our aim is to provide members with a Journal that caters for the needs of the majority.

Until our Assistant Editor has 'settled in', and we have worked out the various details, will members kindly continue to send their articles, notes, advertisements, etc., to me: again I must emphasise that we are very short of material for publication, so do, please, see what you can do and let me have your contributions as soon as possible, won't you?



(by the Editor)

Dear Junior,

In the September Journal, I promised to define a few more philatelic terms. We have already examined the different types of printing and perforations, to let us look at a few more definitions.

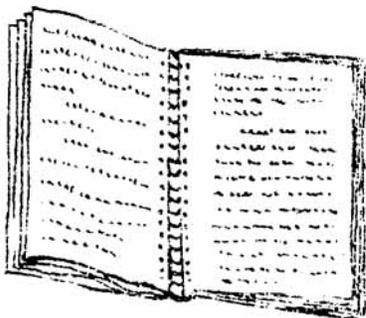
A pair of stamps which are referred to as being 'se-tenant' are two different values that are unsevered. Example -- the 10 c. and 20 c. 1957 Scout stamps of Liechtenstein.

A 'teche-beeche' pair of stamps has one stamp inverted in relation to its unsevered companion. Example -- the 6 plus 4c and the 25 plus 5c stamps on white paper commemorating the 10th. World Jamboree, issued by the Philippines.

You may ask, what is a commemorative stamp? This is one issued to celebrate some special event and is usually on sale for a limited period. Many Scout and Guide stamps come under this heading.

Finally, a stamp that is referred to as being 'obsolete' is one that is no longer sold at a post office, but may still be valid for postal use. It is quite legal to use Edward VIII and King George VI stamps of Great Britain on a letter, although these stamps have long been unobtainable at the post office.

I hope you are finding some of these definitions useful to you in your study of stamps and in your collecting. A few more terms in the next issue of our Journal: until then, good stamping.



THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

One or two things come to mind which may bear a little thought. The item that comes uppermost at this time is the revision of the club catalogue (the third edition) issued with this magazine.

Owing to the vast mass of material that has emerged since January 1961, it has been necessary to re-orientate it altogether. This proved to be a pretty big job, and the ambition to include a multitude of "write-up" details was severely impeded by lack of time. It is hoped to make a much better job of this in the next edition - at least we've made a start on this long overdue requirement.

Moving on then, it is noticed that the number of Stamp Dealers who are members of the Club has increased in recent years, and that from time to time they circularise all or part of our membership in order to sell their wares. Whilst there is no objection to this practice, and bearing in mind that our membership list is a very convenient ready-made clientele, it is to be hoped that our professional friends play the game fairly, and allocate a proportion of their profit to the Club funds, which will ultimately benefit all and sundry. After all, it must pay to fatten the goose that lays the golden eggs in the long run.

I was surprised to note recently the discovery of a watermark sideways variety on the 1957 Iran single - astonishing that it has gone unnoticed for five years. In spite of

to-day's modern techniques in the production of new issues, there is still margin for error. It occurred to me that very little has been reported in the way of major varieties in recent years, and a study of our collections armed with powerful lenses may not come amiss. This particular incident may well be a lesson to us all.

About this time of the year, may I ask our Area Reps. to consider organising a club meeting in some central place in the Area. I hear that something is going on in the Southern Counties, and it would be a good thing if our friends in the Midlands and North had an opportunity to get together.

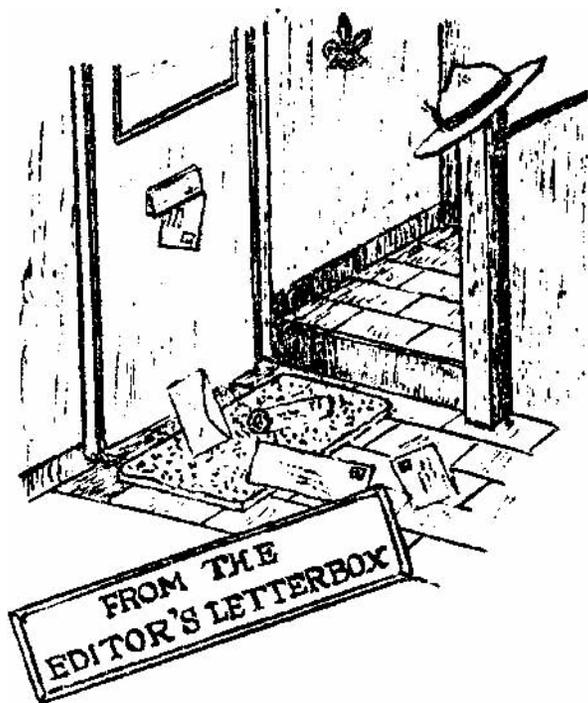
Incidentally, talking of our provincial friends; the past has shown that some, and particularly our new members, sometimes experience difficulty in obtaining some items for their collections owing to inadequate number of dealers within striking distance. Please note, folks, that we must all try to assist each other on this, so don't hesitate to write in, as the old hands can often help out - at a price, of course.

Which brings me to my last point for the time being. When the Society first began, the small band of dedicated fanatics (more or less) resolved to record every last piece of information relating to our speciality down to the last full stop. Although a fantastic amount of material has been immortalised in the pages of this Journal and the one produced by our American friends over the years, there is still a long way to go before it is all there in black and white (or green or what have you).

Can I therefore ask you ALL to resolve this Winter Season to go through your collections with the proverbial fine-tooth comb, and literally besiege our Committee Members with any information that you think has not been hitherto mentioned. The more obscure it is, the more likely it is that it has been missed. Maybe it will be possible to take it a stage further and collate the whole works in one monstrous document - any volunteers for an equally monstrous Committee to take the job on?

Wot ever happened to Len Bowen's "Chit-chat" Diary?

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Over the past few months I have received several requests from members for the Club to produce a handbook on Swedish Scout and Guide Camp postmarks. With the help of our Swedish member, Bjorn Hermond, and some of the Club officials, I have prepared a monograph of these. It contains a brief history of the various Scout and Guide Associations, a complete listing of the cancellations with nearly forty illustrations, details of registration labels, a price list and some notes on other Youth organisation cancellations. Members who wish to obtain a copy should write me, enclosing two shillings, or equivalent; I have also arranged to have available separate sets of the

illustrations printed on one side of the page only, so that they can be cut up and used to illustrate a collection. A set of these illustrations can be obtained from me, price one shilling.

I understand that the Danish handbook being prepared by Howard Fears is well under way and many of us will be looking forward to seeing it in print.

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The short note by W.H. Knight, member No. 349, in the November Journal about the postcard on which the Arrowe Park Jamboree song is printed, made me look through my mementos of this event. Although not possessing the one he describes, I have another card, drawn by H.W. Robinson and printed by Phillip, Son and Nephew, Church Street, Liverpool, which I purchased at the Jamboree: it is headed "The Get About Sketch Map of the Wirral Peninsula, Cheshire. Keep one handy

in your pocket book". It is what it says - a sketch map, with notes on the various places of interest around Arrowe Park and indicates where several of the Jamboree displays were to take place.

I cannot remember whether other similar types of post-cards were on sale at the Jamboree; maybe there were. Perhaps some member who was also present at this Jamboree can help?

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Harry D. Thorsen, Jr., the present Editor of 'Scouts on Stamps Society, International', has very kindly sent me a copy of 'First Days', the publication of the American First Day Cover Society, in which three articles of his are published. One concerns 'Boy Scout First Days' in which he describes the different groups and types of first day covers one can find, another discusses Autographed First Day Scout covers and his final article gives a Scouts on Stamps check list of first day covers. This latter article is very useful inasmuch that it gives the date of issue, country by country in chronological order of all Scout and Guide stamps, with notes about the different cancellations that can be found on such covers. I found it not only useful, but also an interesting check list, something which has been needed for some time.

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Mr A. Geering, Member No. 498, has sent me a copy of his Group's magazine, 'The Red Scarf', in which he has written an article on 'How a sailor got his stamps'. For many years before the last war he was a radio officer in the Merchant Navy and his adventures in trying to obtain a set of stamps of the different counties he visited makes interesting and amusing reading. I like the experience he had at Vera Cruz, when he went ashore in white uniform and was mistaken for some high ranking naval officer by the Mexican guards who presented arms when he passed. Incidentally, he makes use of his complete collection of Scout stamps to interest the boys of his Group in stamp collecting. Keep up the good work.

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Former member, Leong Chee Keng, who is now very busy studying and travelling, has sent me a copy of the 5c Liberian Scout stamp: there is a flaw on the right eye of the Scout and is quite easily soon with the naked eye. He asks if any other member has come across this and if so, can the position on the sheet be given. He also has a registered airmail cover with two sets of this issue postmarked 4 Dec 62 although he received it in April 1962. He does not say at which office the cover was posted. Can any member answer either of these queries for him, please?

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Mr R. J. Saunderson, Member 105 asks in a letter if any member can suggest an idea for binding copies of the Journal and the best type of binder to buy.

I have found the following method quite effective and very cheap. From a good stationer's, obtain a thick manila expanding folder and cut it so that it is about a quarter of an inch larger all round than the Journal; punch two holes in each number and insert in folder using tags. I find that it is possible to get twelve copies in such a folder. If necessary, the staples in each Journal can be removed; each page can then be opened out quite easily.

How do you bind your copies? Let's hear from you, please.

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I have received a letter from Hans Gerlach, Member No. 307, in which he mentions that Sweden is issuing a new set of stamps to commemorate memorial buildings: one of these stamps shows the statue of St. George and the Dragon which is in one of the churches in Stockholm and he asks if it is considered that the stamp could be included in a Scouts stamp collection. I know quite a number of members do collect stamps which depict St. George and I am sure they will be interested in this information. Thanks a lot, Hans; I think it comes under the category of 'Scout stamps' far more than the 1942 Bulgarian so-called Scout issue. Did I hear someone say 'I don't agree'? then let's have your views.

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I must apologise for misleading any member who ordered one of the Club's rubber stamps by not amending Stanley's reference to them. In the last Journal these were quoted as being 3/- each, plus postage: it should have read 8/-: cost of production and purchase tax accounted for the increase from the original price of 5/6d. He hopes that those members who had previously asked for some more to be made will honour their request and purchase one as he has paid for them out of his own pocket. I am certain there is no need to emphasise this.

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The New Zealand Waiora Jamboree Cancellation

(Reference to the cancellation used on the second and succeeding days of this Jamboree was made in the July Journal, page 78. That which follows gives information about the Jamboree badge itself, of which this cancellation is a replica. Editor)

(Contributed by Ian Ambler, Member No. 383)

The badge was designed by Mr L.G. Callis, Past President of the Otago Boy Scouts Association. It has been rated highly both in New Zealand and abroad.

The blue background is in Cambridge blue -- Otago's recognised colour. The large 'O' is for Otago and is in gold to complete the provincial colour combination. The bird - a Royal Albatross - is significant because at Taiaroa Head, the entrance to Otago Harbour, lies the closest nesting colony of the albatross to civilisation.

The Royal Albatross is an enormous and powerful bird having a wing span of over 10 feet: in the air the bird is a wonderful and strong flier but it is very clumsy on land.

In the background of the badge is the Southern Cross, both from the N.Z. Ensign and the symbol of the South Seas: the fleur-de-lys gives the Scouting connection to the badge.

(Very many thanks, Ian, for sending this information to us: I have given a reproduction of it, fig.1. Ed.)

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By Howard L. Fears

My appeal for volunteers to help with Club duties in the last issue produced a wealth of offers and I am most grateful to all those who have written. It proves that our Organisation is unique in the degree of willingness exhibited by its members.

John Roake has agreed to act as Assistant Editor and to help with the future despatches of the Journal we now have the services of Mr E. Butler. The Mint Stamp Service has also been growing apace and we shall be helped in this in future by Martin Mills. Also as the existing Permanent List distributors have 'borne the load for many a day' we are pleased to give them support with the aid of two new distributors - Douglas Walton and John Woodhouse. Tom Holton will be helped in his despatch by Tony Scott. In checking through records as the result of this new help, it reminds me that there are still members who have not taken advantage of the two outstanding Club services - firstly the mint stamps which, at Club prices, save much money and secondly, the Permanent List, by means of the latter one may enrol for first day covers and/or Camp cancels and/or Registered items. With 1963 as a World Jamboree Year, interest and demand is bound to be increased and if you wish to be sure of being in the picture from the very beginning, I cannot do better than re-

commend membership of one or both of the above. If further details are needed, please write to me at once.

The Common Market is on the lips of many those days, not forgetting the politicians. However, movements are afoot to bring together for certain activities the Scouts Associations in some of the European countries and there is a chance that a Benelux Scout Stamp Club may emerge. This is obviously wonderful news and I have already promised on your behalf all possible support.

For many months Mr J. Suy in Belgium has been of very great help to the Club in acting as liaison between the Flemish Scout Stamp Club of the V.V.K.S. and ourselves, and this has resulted in many new members for our own Club. Following my invitation Mr Suy has kindly agreed to act as Belgian agent for the Club and I am sure that we can rely upon his wonderful support for many days to come.

From America also have come offers of help and I hope that we shall be able to build up our membership in that country as a result of plans now being made. New members have continued to come to the Club from all parts of the world and although the currency conversion problems and language difficulties may occasionally seem insurmountable, we have never yet failed to 'get through' to an enquirer. Recent new members have come from countries as far afield as Czechoslovakia, Spain, New Zealand and South America and I anticipate that by the time of the next annual meeting of the Club in the Spring we may be approaching 600 up.

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Comprehensive Index to Volumes I to V

Copies of this index are now available. Prepared by our Scottish Regional representative, Stanley Hunter, it will enable members to turn up quite readily information on the various stamps, articles etc. which have appeared in the first five volumes of the Journal. Those desiring a copy should send me a postal order for One shilling (or equivalent) and I will post it on to them. Send for a copy of the Swedish Camp cancellation handbook at the same time and help save us postage!

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SCOUTS DESIGN SCOUT STAMPS

by Stanley K. Hunter

Did you know that the designers of the 4d and 1/3d Jubilee Jamboree stamps of Great Britain are both former Scouts?

Patrick Keely who designed the 4d value, symbolising "Scouts coming to Britain" tells me that he was once a Boy Scout.... "but that is a long time ago...."

Mr W.H. Brown designed the too value - "Scouting throughout the World, over 50 Years" ... His interest in the Movement began when he became an (unofficial) Wolf Cub at the early age of 6½ years. His son, now a Cub, carries on the Scout tradition.

(As I mentioned in the Journal, Vol. 1 No. 3, it is a pity that the postal authorities did not make sure that the design for the 2½d value in the above-mentioned set was correct before the plates and printing were done. At least they should have commissioned an ex-Guide or a Guider for the job if an ex-Scout could not have been the designer! Ed.)

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THE LIBYAN 'THIRD PHILLA' SCOUT STAMPS

by the Editor

I have received some interesting details from Bill Marsh, Jr., Member No. 374, about the issue of the above stamps: a friend of his, Morris Hart, of Houston, Texas, who is residing temporarily in Tripoli, sent him the following first-hand information:-

Three perforated stamps, values 5, 10 and 15 mills. were put on sale on July 13th. 1962: each purchaser was limited at the same time to 10 sets of imperforated stamps (of the same denomination) and to 50 miniature sheets, each consisting of three imperforated similarly designed stamps in lighter shades than the originals, but of 20, 30 and 50 mills. denomination.

It is understood that 50,000 sets of imperforated and

a similar number of miniature sheets were printed; of these 5,000 of each were allotted to the Libyan Boy Scout Association and were officially allowed to be sold on August 15th. to augment Scout funds.

Prior to the date of issue of the stamps, police and Scout officials made a series of raids on dealer's shops, etc., and confiscated many hundreds of privately cacheted covers, since only the official covers were allowed to be sold and used. A report of this rather unusual procedure was published in the local newspapers.

As is usual in cases of this nature, some unofficial covers escaped detection and were subsequently cancelled with the 'philia' mark only, (see Fig.2) since it was impossible for such covers to be posted and so receive the Tripoli post office cancellation. (Bill sent me photocopies of some unofficial covers he had received and each were rubber stamped with the date - 13 Jul. 1962 - in the bottom corner.)

Scout seals (Fig.3) in sheets of six were also officially printed and all official first day covers have one of these seals affixed. It was the original intention of the postal authorities to stamp the seal with a triangular rubber hand-stamp (Fig. 4) but there was insufficient room on the covers to do this; the mark was therefore applied to the flap on the back of the envelop.

(Many thanks, Bill, to you and your friend for sending in this information. Editor)



fig 2



fig 4



fig 3

THOSE RESTRICTED ISSUES ETC.

by the Assistant Editor

During 1962 much was written on the subject of Miniature Sheets, Imperforate Sets and Restricted Issues. This subject has also caused thought at higher level, and at the recent Congress of the Fédération Internationale de Philatélie an attempt was made to tackle the question of the flood of new issues of an "undesirable character". In a press release, the Federation defines these issues in eight categories:

1. Stamps or miniature sheets issued by advance subscription and which cannot be purchased direct over the post office counter.
2. Stamps or miniature sheets in restricted supply from the moment of their issue, and thus offered for sale at a price appreciably above face value.
3. Imperforate vignettes of issues consisting normally of perforated values. (This includes miniature sheets.)
4. Stamps carrying a disproportionate surtax (i. e. a surtax exceeding half the postal value).
5. Stamps which, although forming part of a homogeneous set, are not sold on the same terms as the other values of that set.
6. Stamps carrying either an overprint or a perforation applied by a private organisation.
7. Reprints of stamps, carried out by an organisation other than the Postal Administration concerned, or even official reprints of overprints, if these differ in type from the original.
8. Stamps or miniature sheets of which the conception or realisation have been assigned in whole or in part to a private organisation, or in the issue of which private organisation has taken part.

This is undoubtedly a step in the right direction, and it is easy to fit certain Scout issues to most of the above classes. It is, however, disconcerting to find that under Class 4, most of the Roumanian issues, Hungary 1925 and some of the Siam "Tigers" become "undesirable"! But it still continues -- S. Korea and Afghanistan are issuing min. sheets and imperfs again; Classes 1, 2 and 3.

SCOUTS or "SCOUTS" - A Sequel

by Stanley K. Hunter

Readers may recall my contribution in the July '62 JOURNAL, regarding the status of the "Scout" issues from Afghanistan, Paraguay and Liberia. At the time of writing, I said that I felt that the stamps deserved our interest as they were possibly forerunners to a "registered" association.

I have since been in contact with Mr P.A. Siebold, the Executive Commissioner, Operations, of the World Bureau in Ottawa, and he has given me a more up-to-date picture.

Paraguay became a full member country of the World Scout Conference, effective March 1962. The stamps in question were issued the previous month, no doubt in honour of the entry of Paraguay into the Scout Brotherhood. While I cannot support the method of distribution, I feel that the stamps were issued for an important occasion.

The Associations in the other two countries are still in state of formation. The World Bureau has an experienced Philippine Scouter working in Afghanistan as an adviser. Scouting is obviously growing in that country, as can be seen in the set issued on October 25, 1962. At the time of my article, only the "Girl Scout" issue was under discussion.

Liberia has now been able to appoint a full-time Scouter who has made study visits to other countries and the World Bureau has provided some funds for development.

On the debit side, you will no doubt have heard that the "Asociacion de Scouts de Cuba" has resigned from the World Conference - a clear reflection on the Communist régime.

(This latter resignation is to be regretted as I believe it was during the early days of the "revolution" that the Camp Chief ran a Wood Badge Course in Cuba at which Scouters from both the 'rebel' and the 'government' Forces attended with equanimity and without animosity: if brotherliness can be shown whilst "playing the game of Scouting" so could it be shown during the present unhappy state. Ed.)

We are very grateful to our member, Joseph Suy, for the following authentic and graphic story of the postal services undertaken by the Belgian Boy Scouts, and, in particular, the adventures of Karel Jacobs (who, incidentally, is still an active Scout) during the early days of World War II.

THE KAREL JACOBS' STORY

The Postal Services in the Malinea Area, 1940.
(Contributed by Joseph Suy, Member No.491)

On the 10th May, 1940, Belgium was at war again with Germany, for it was on that day the German army invaded Belgian territory. Karel Jacobs received his 'service order' - similar to the one described in my previous article (see pages 108 to 110 in Volume 6, No. 6 of the Journal) - and was drafted to the air raid precaution squad. On that particular day he and other Boy Scouts had to fight many fires in Malines.

The following day, all males between the ages of 16 and 35 had to leave the city to join the Belgian Army recruitment centres in France. They were obliged to leave Malines mostly on bicycles, their meeting place being Ypres. When they arrived there they had to help other civilian evacuees, day and night.

Eight Scouts, including Karel Jacobs, received orders to clean up some railway carriages that had been used to evacuate old people, who had not been allowed off the train for several days. It can be imagined what kind of situation they found themselves in. By doing this 'job' they were granted a concession of two hours more rest the following morning!! On waking, they found that the train bringing the evacuated Scouts from Ypres to Southern France had left.....

Jacobs and his seven brother Scouts were stranded at Ypres: they therefore decided to leave by their own means and try to find their friends. In France, by the River Somme, close to the city of Arras, they were cut off and captured, due to a big German sweep to the French coast. Escorted by German soldiers, they and other civilians were sent back over the Belgian border; they had to return to their homes by their own means: thus, by walking they reached Malines - three weeks later.

Home again, they found that they were the only older Scouts left in the city. They decided to help the inhabitants by gathering messages from wounded prisoners-of-war and evacuated peoples and to bring those scraps of paper back to the relatives. To make this as effective as possible they always tried to work under the protection of the Belgian Red Cross, and after a great deal of trouble, managed to get an official permit from the local German city Commander. This permit read as follows:-

Der Pfadfinder KARL JACOBS
 von Mecheln, hat die Erlaubnis von der Ortskommandantur
 Mecheln, in Pfadfinderuniform mit Fahrrad, die Post
 von Mecheln nach ANTWERPEN - BRUSSEL
 Zu Befürden.

Der Ortskommandant

Mecheln, den 7 June, 1940.

(The translation of this is given on page 70, Volume 6, No.4.
 Editor)

During this time a dreadful thing happened: a large barge full of Belgian prisoners-of-war on their way to Germany via Holland, hit a mine and the barge was blown up; hundreds of men died and were drowned. This occurred near the Dutch locality Willemstad by the Hollands Diep not far from Moerdijk Bridge. The people of Malines were aware of this a few days later and began overcrowding the Red Cross for particulars. Karel Jacobs, in possession of his postal permit, went to the Belgian-Dutch border and tried to cross. Before leaving Malines he had gone to the city Commander to obtain a special permit to cross but had not been successful; however, with his push-bike, he pedalled to the border village of Wuuswezel, in county Antwerp. Pleading did not help there and he was told to return home, but instead he went to another border place called Essen in the same county. The local Commander there was a young German officer; Jacobs repeated his request to him. As he was wearing his Scout uniform he was examined as a curiosity by the officer and his men: they had never seen a Boy Scout before, but by comparing Scouting with the German Governmental Youth Organisation, Karel at last got a permit to cross the border FOR ONE DAY, on condition that he did not bring back any written messages across the border.

The permit reads:-

Dienststelle der
Feldpostnummer 31 544 Einsatzort, den 18 Juni 1940

B E S C H E I N I G U N G

Dem Pfadfinder

Karl Jacobs, Mecheln

wird die Erlaubnis erteilt, die Grenze für einen Tag zu überschreiten.

Führer der Einseit
u. Ortskommandant

(This is signed by the officer and bears the Swastika and Eagle censorship hand stamp.)

The translation is:-

Service office Fieldpostnummer 31 544 Action place 18 June
1940

P E R M I T

The Boy Scout

Karel Jacobs, Malines

has got a permit to cross the border for ONE DAY.

Company Commander
and Local Commander

With this permit he pedalled straight to Willemstad, wrote the list of the dead and wounded, then pedalled to the hospitals of Breda and Rozendaal to make further enquiries, after which he rushed back without a minute's rest or sleep, his Scout shirt, socks and shoes stuffed with messages. When he reached the Dutch-Belgian border, this time at another control post at Wuustsezel, where he had been refused permission to enter Holland the day before, he told the German Commander that his permit is for 24 hours and not 12, as a day is 24 hours!! On his way back to Malines not far from the border he collapsed in a dry ditch, completely exhausted, with his bicycle. When he woke up he was unaware of what had happened; on reaching Malines he was able to be the first to hand over particulars of the tragedy to the Red Cross.

The postal service had by this time been such an over-

whelming success that they had to recruit more and younger Scouts to deal with the mail. Most of the boys had a self-made letterbox fitted on their windowsills mentioning PADVINDERSPOST; it was unnecessary to affix a stamp to letters as the service was entirely free. By the time each Scout had his own particular postal line, hundreds of letters had been delivered. Each Scout wore a green brassard on the left arm which read:-

PADVINDERS i. e. Boy Scout Mail
POST

Also on the brassard appeared an oval mark, supposedly made by the handstamp which was applied to letters; this cannot be confirmed since no covers have so far been seen. The wording is:-

PADVINDERS		Boy Scouts
POST	i. e.	Mail
MECHELEN		Malines

Shortly afterwards the Gorman authorities brought in new postal regulations and censorship: every letter had to be mailed unsealed and in the left hand corner had to appear the language in which it was written. Some languages were forbidden.

Because of the success of the Boy Scout mail, posters were printed for hanging beside the mail boxes: this read:-

POSTDIENST
Kosteloos verzekerd door
de PADVINDERS

De officieele Postdienst is thans in verschillende gemeenten plaatselijk hersteld.

Vele intercommunale postverbindingen werden echter nog niet tot stand gebracht. Om dit tekort aan te vullen hebben de padvindders, in akkoord met de burgerlijke overheid en der Ortscommandantur, een postdienst ingericht, zoodat de brieven alle plaatsen van het land kunnen bereiken.

De brieven MOETEN normaal gefrankeerd en open zijn
DE BRIEVEN, bestemd voor streken waarmee de
de officieele postverbindingen nog niet werden hersteld;
MOGEN HIER AFGEGEVEN WORDEN

(The translation of this is given on p.69, Vol.6, No.4. Ed.)

Some of the Scouts did more than 60 kms. to deliver one letter. Every evening the Scouts had a 'Postal Meeting' to discuss matters for the following day. From Brussels there was a service to Charleroi, Luxembourg and France. From Malines there were services to Louvain, Lier and Herentals.

This Boy Scout Postal Service lasted from the beginning of June, 1940, to the end of August the same year, when it was suspended, due to the regular service becoming normal again.

There is just one more item of interest regarding this postal service. When mail delivery by the Scouts was still free of charge, civilians used to slip money into the mail boxes as a reward for the service. It must be said that all this money was handed over to the Confederation of St. Vincent for the poor of Malines. Even in the terrible times of war, these Scouts remembered their Promise and Law.

(Although that which follows is nothing to do with the Boy Scout mail, it is recorded because it shows that it is impossible to break the will of the peoples of an overrun country and also portrays the real Scout spirit.

Karel Jacobs was sought by the Gestapo, but he managed to reach England via Spain. In England he enlisted in the Special Air Service and shortly before the liberation of Belgium, was dropped behind the German lines in Belgium. He remained with this Unit until the end of the war. Editor)

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Advert.

Will exchange Scout de France due seals for any kind of Charity seals (i. e. T. B., Polio, Old people, children, etc.) or Scout badges... Claude Marchal, 'La Tosca', Avenue de l'Etang, La Jonchere (S & O) Paris, France.

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Members may be interested in a Mail Auction being held to dispose of material from the Approval Service which, in order to prevent deterioration, is no longer being sent out regularly.

The covers are all in good condition, thus the opportunity exists for members to obtain some real bargains. 28th February is the last day on which offers will be accepted. Items will be sent to successful bidders on March 1st. 1963.

1. Canada - Official cover & 1957 stamp without cancel.
2. Formosa - 1960 -- 50 years of Scouting cover.
3. Sweden - 1961 -- Vikingalagret)
4. Sweden - 1961 -- Sovdeborgslagret) European Scouts
5. Germany - 1961 -- with Scout stamp) type cover.
6. Germany - 1961 -- F.D. cover with St. George stamp.
7. U. Kingdom- 1957 -- G.P.O. pre-Jamboree slogan.
8. " - 1955 -- I.H.Q. Bob-a-Job slogan.
9. " - 1957 -- J.I.M. prepared cover with 2½d
Scout stamp.
10. " - 1956 -- Seaford Scouts in Holland & Belgium.
11. Holland - 1960 -- Indaba official F.D. cover.
12. Israel - 1956 -- Official cover, stamps without cancel.
13. " - 1961 -- 8th. Jamboree Official cover.
14. Sweden - 1959 -- Almolagret cover.
15. " - 1959 -- Vastkustlagret cover.
16. " - 1960 -- Dellenlagret cover.
17. Trinidad - 1961 -- Official F.D. Cover, 25c. stamp
slightly damaged.
18. U. S. A. - 1960 -- 35 years Alpha Phi Omega, with 4c.
Scout stamp.
19. " - 1956 -- Middlesex Council Show with 3c.
Scout stamp.
20. " - 1958 -- Milwaukee Scout-0-Rama.

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Berkhamsted members of the Club had a very enjoyable party at the home of the Membership Secretary on Saturday, Dec. 22nd. with a varied programme of games, quizzes, etc., and a display of recent stamps and covers some of which were given as prizes. Refreshments were served by Mrs Blunt.

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SOUVENIR AND MINIATURE SHEETS AND COMBINATION COVERS--What exactly are they?

By the Editor

I have noticed in some philatelic publications that a rather indiscriminate use has been made of the two terms 'souvenir' and 'miniature' sheets. I, myself, have been guilty in the past of misquoting them in the Journal and I therefore think it would be of interest to members if these terms were explained. I am indebted to the 'Philatelic Magazine' for the following concise definitions:-

SOUVENIR SHEET -- a privately issued label reproducing one or more designs copied from stamps or designs which look like stamps. Such a sheet has no postal validity and, in Great Britain, cannot be officially post-marked.
(The recently issued 'Stampex' sheet comes under this category).

MINIATURE SHEET -- one which usually contains up to four actual postal stamps and which is issued by the post office of the country concerned. It can be used wholly or partly to repay postage.

These definitions should help us to annotate our collections correctly and, incidentally, should prevent those of us who collect this material from being 'caught' by dealers. Obviously, because souvenir sheets have no postal validity, they should be much less expensive to buy than miniature sheets which can perform a postal service even if, as is often the case, they are issued in limited quantities.

Perhaps you do not agree? Then write me and give me YOUR views.

There is at the present time, an interest being shown by collectors in America for what is called 'combination' first day covers. Our American colleagues describe them as 'simply covers with more than one stamp affixed'. To give an example -- the recent U.S. Girl Scout stamp on F.D. cover with copies of the Girl Guide stamps of Surinam, Korea, Philippines, Denmark, Canal Zone and New Zealand, postmarked at Button Bay Station.

Although I agree that every collector has the right to choose what he or she wishes to collect, I personally, would not give such covers album room, because they are not 'combination' covers in the real postal history sense -- the additional stamps on the cover serve absolutely no postal use or purpose whatsoever!! I have no doubt what the British Post Office would do with such a cover -- the postal clerk would deface all the 'foreign' stamps with indelible pencil and although the British Post Office does at times do some curious things, I would wholeheartedly agree with their action in this instance. I can see some raising of eyebrows over this statement, particularly by some of our American members, but I am always open to receiving other collectors' points of view and will willingly publish any comments they wish to make: So, over to you.

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SCOUTING PERSONALITIES ON STAMPS (contd)
by Stanley K. Hunter

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Jiri Wolker (1902-24), Czech poet, was a Scout. He was also the author of "My Camp Diary" and other Scout contributions.

GREAT BRITAIN: Queen Elizabeth, the queen Mother became Patron of the Girl Guides Association in 1936. In 1952 she became Joint Patron.

Christopher Brasher, the Olympic athlete is a former Scout. (He was shown on the 1956 Olympic issues of the Dominican Republic, which were surcharged in 1957 for Scout Funds.)

LIECHTENSTEIN: Crown Prince John Adams (b.1945) joined the Vaduz Wolf Cub Pack in 1954, and on Easter Monday, 1957, he took the Scout Promise.

NORWAY: King Olav V, became Patron of the "Norsk Speiderguttforbund", while Crown Prince, in 1946.

U. S. A. : President Kennedy is now depicted on several stamps. He is the first President who was an active Scout before assuming official duties. His enthusiasm is seen in a

U. S. A. letter he wrote as a boy, pleading for more pocket-money...for the "more important things in life - like Scout equipment..."

(Many thanks, Stanley, for this further selection of "Personalities". Editor)

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NEW ISSUES AND MARKET TRENDS

by the Assistant Editor

- AUSTRIA: To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Austrian Boy Scouts Association, an attractive stamp was issued on Oct. 5th 1962. The design shows the left-handshake and the Scout emblem, and is printed by recess in green.
- S. KOREA: Two stamps commemorating the Korean Boy Scouts were recently issued. There is also the usual miniature sheet! Remember the 1957 min. sheet that was a limited issue and one of the ones we deplore.
- HAITI: Last year we had air stamps overprinted to commemorate the Lisbon Conference. Now we have four values of the 1962 Scout set overprinted "Aeroport International 1962". The vals. are the 20c., both 50c. stamps and the lg. 50. The entire proceeds of their sale go towards the construction of the air-port at Port-au-Prince. Bob-a-Job?
- AFGHANISTAN: This country has issued, on Oct. 25th. a "Scout" set, comprising eight values: 1p., 2p., 3p., 4p., 25p., 50p., 75p. and 100p. Details given of the printing are: 40,000 each of the four low vals., and 20,000 each of the top four vals. And would you believe it!!! Only 2,000 IMPERFORATE sets. Here we go again!

By the way, there was an issue at the beginning of the year that did not attract much attention. French Ant-arctica issued a stamp, the 25f. val., commemorating Charcot. If you include the pre-war French Charcot stamps in your collection, this one ranks for inclusion. Morocco issued a stamp to commemorate the 5th Arab Jamboree last year, and

there was the trio from Libya with unmentionable imperf. and min. sheet.

Pre-war material is still rising in price, and the new Club catalogue has tried to reflect the comparative scarcity and give a guidance as to reasonable prices. "On Cover" material from certain countries is difficult, and some of the recent FDC's are far from plentiful. Tunis, Morocco and Liberia for example.

The C.M.C. SYMES collection of Thailand, which was sold by auction by Harmer, Rooke & Co. Ltd. (note the spelling! No relation to your Asst. Editor) had a very fine collection of Scout Fund overprints, all in superb condition. I list the prices realised to show how highly these issues are considered.

First series overprints:

All six values in mint blocks of four	£60
All six values, fine used	£13

Second series overprints:

All six values in mint blocks of four	£60
All six values, fine used	£16

Third series overprints:

All seven values, mint	£11.10.0
All seven values in blocks of four, mint ...	£40
All seven values, fine used	£14

The last item to be sold was a "Chan" air cover, franked with the 2s., 3s., a pair of 5s. and a pair of 10s. from the third Scout Fund set (Catalogued Gibbons - 90/-) and flown from Thailand to London via Marseilles. This realised £15.10.0. Our President has a similar cover in his collection --- I haven't! I was the underbidder!!!

From the famous "Burrus" collection, Robson Lowe sold the Cape of Good Hope section recently, and the 21 mm. Baden-Powell realised £27. Such is the effect of scarcity with those issues.

I have been wandering round the shops and dealers (as is my wont) and have at last found the Lithuania set -- at 80/-! The dealer still has it in stock; if anyone is that desperate, I'll tell them who. I have also seen quite a few forged overprints of the Thailand 1920 issues offered for sale recently. These stamps are in a price range that

make them worthwhile forging, and some forgeries are hard to detect. I will be pleased to advise any member, if they care to send doubtful items along for a second opinion.

Our Editor and I thought that it might be a good idea to invite members to write in with details of postmarks, slogans, cachets, etc. that they cannot identify, and publish details so that other members could help with "write-up" information. Coupled with this, we could publish details of rare "finds" etc.

Now that 1963 is here, and with it the 11th World Jamboree, we can look forward to several issues commemorating this event, and more countries will be having their 50th Anniversary. If you are going to get these items, then get them as they are issued. Prices rise as more and more collectors enter this field of philately. Remember 1953 Liechtenstein -- now 30/- a set mint!

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ILLUSTRATIONS

I have reproduced four cancellations in this issue, one from the recant Scout and Guido Camp at Thingvellir, Iceland (1), and three from camps in Denmark (2 to 4). The cover I have from GENTOFTE bears a copy of the Danish Guide stamp; this, of course, does not mean that it is a Guide camp cover and, as I have not seen any reference to the cancellation in any of the philatelic publications, a doubt exists in my mind whether it is a Guide cancellation. Can any of our Scandinavian members confirm its authenticity, please? The figure at the base of the mark is a mermaid.

The VIBORG cancellation has, however, an interesting history. A batch of first day covers among the first to be handstamped were very badly cancelled owing to the postal clerk using a greasy handstamp. The Postmaster at Viborg took it upon himself to have cards printed on which he gave the reason and apologised for it, and, with each badly cancelled cover, enclosed one of these cards in a new stamped addressed envelope sending them to all those whose original covers had been spoilt. This is certainly an unusual procedure, one which could, with advantage, be considered by

the British Post Office, since so many postal clerks seem to delight in wielding their handstamps with such heavy hands. On second thoughts, it might not be so good - the rates of postage would have to be increased to cover the cost!!!

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FORTHCOMING REGIONAL MEETING

Members living in Kent, Surrey and Sussex are invited to a meeting which will be arranged by our Regional representative for these areas, Mr A. Nicholson of 16, Munns Drive, Burgess Hill, Sussex, Member No. 61, at Croydon on Saturday afternoon, January 19th next. All those who would like to attend are asked to get in touch with him. Perhaps Regional reps from other areas might like to follow suit.

We shall always be pleased to include a short account of such meetings in the Journal.

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WORLD FRIENDSHIP BADGE -
An appeal to Junior (Scout) members

by Stanley Hunter

I believe that Scout Associations in many countries include the World Friendship badge among their tests. The requirements in the United Kingdom include regularly corresponding with a Scout in another country for a period of one year and the keeping of a scrap book of his correspondent's country. These tests are probably very similar to those laid down by other Associations.

If you are interested in attempting to gain this badge, will you write me? I am sure the Editor can find a little space in the Journal to publish names, etc. of those wanting pen-friends: My address is: 34, Gray Street, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, C3, Scotland.

(Sure, I am quite prepared to do this, my only stipulation is brevity. Good luck, Stanley. Editor).

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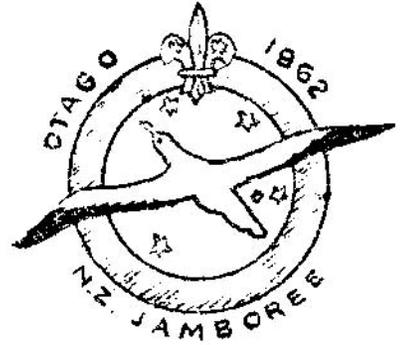


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Dear Members,

To all of you, "A Healthy and Happy New Year" and my apologies to anyone who was kept waiting for items, owing to illness on my part.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year,

Sincerely,

CHARLES SEATON

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