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of the
Scout Stamps Collectors Club



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E D I T O R I A L

by JOHN D. ROAKE - Asst, Editor

Well, here I am in the Editorial Chair again - and giving WILF NODDER a rest so that he can work 24 hours a day on the Training Team at Gilwell! Not that he has had much rest in the last few months. What with the winter and its resultant difficulties, the last Journal was produced at the same time as Wilf's change of address. This was later than anticipated due to an acute shortage of "domestic earthenware" caused by the heavy frosts. So those of you who thought that the May journal was rather late; now know how the Editorial Dept. was so "inconvenienced"!

Now, what have we to offer this time? To start with, a small issue, and the first supplement to the Club Catalogue. Then we have J. SCHMIDT'S listings of the German Scout cancels, and sundry other reports on research and recent activities. In an effort to save expenditure the Journal is listing out some details of renewals due, and overdue, and it is earnestly hoped that members will take the opportunity of sending their subs. in promptly and saving JACK WISHART the work of writing as many as four letters! If the Club takes a strong line on this subject, no one but the offenders can complain, and their complaints would appear to be rather invalid!

We shall be pleased to see what the Jamboree at Marathon can provide in the way of philatalia (Greek word) and I hope that we can get some real hot news in the September issue. Several of our members will be there, and they will, no doubt, be meeting together in the queue for First Day Registered Covers!

For the future, we have the Club Display and Meeting at the Gilwell Reunion on Sept. 7/8th and the A. G.M. in December, at Baden-Powell House. Details of both will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Happy Camping and Holiday-making to our members, and don't forget to look through the provincial dealers' stockbooks in Brighton or Miami (or even Athens!). Bargains can still be found if you look for them.

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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

by ROY E. RHODES

"PRESIDENTIAL PERAMBULATIONS"

Pera-- what? Well, never mind! As I sit here on my armour-plated throne, I cannot help but think what a funny lot most of you are!

The "big-wigs" of the Club really do get away with murder. The Editor and Assistant Editor have now reached the point where they take it in turns to produce this fabulous bi-monthly effort. The Committee haven't met together for ages, and the postage spent on postal committees gets higher and higher. The Secretary General changes this year's A.G.M. from March to June and then from June to December, and nobody turns a hair. I have been undisputed President of this mob for 5 or 6 years, and ought to have had my marching orders years ago! I even FORGOT to turn up at the Club's display at Gilwell for the International Weekend just how bad can one get?

A London member is of the opinion that certain aspects of the Club show room for improvement, and some of the younger element have quite definite views on what is what! I therefore recommend that we should co-opt some actively-minded folk on to the Committee at once!

"Be sure your sins will find you out" How true. This very day, member LEN BOWEN put two and two together - and was dead right. A certain American wrote to me on the subject of Scout Stamp varieties, and I mentioned an unique item I had seen in Len's collection. This found its way into the SOSSI Journal --- Len reads it -- and the circle is completed!

Our hard-working, coffee-drinking Assistant Editor, JOHNNY ROAKE was carousing at my palatial abode the other evening, and we went through the Club Catalogue for additions and amendments - the results are forwarded for your guidance with this month's Journal. Amend your copy NOW, or it will never be done. Whilst on the subject of the catalogue, let it be noted that neither the Club nor the compilers can guarantee to be able to find stamps at the prices quoted. It merely reflects the current market in Great Britain and gives a fairer picture than say, Stanley Gibbons. Where a price is given for a single stamp, concerned with Scouting,

which is part of a large set (e.g. Hungary 1925, Liechtenstein 1932, Turkey 1938 etc.) the price is given, notwithstanding the fact that the single is very, very rarely encountered without its fellows. And do not ignore the prices of the stamps you have already got in your collection when you are out buying! If you see anything going cheap, but it up with confidence touch of the old Stock Exchange business you know!

Getting back to my opening gambit, I think that the membership must be hibernating or something --- "Go, men, go!" "Wakey wakey!" "Show a leg there!" -- Well, perhaps the introduction of long trousers makes the last remark a bit out of date. But frankly, the response to the stupendous auction in the last issue is so pitifully poor that I am extending the closing date until July 30th. Remember that the entire proceeds go towards the Club's finances - I want your bids, NOW!

One bidder has offered 1/- on every lot in the sale so unless you can do better, I shall offer 1/1d. myself, and get rich quick! There are quite a few lots that are worth at least five-bob of anybody's money.

Our Junior Membership seems to be amazingly inactive despite their youth - no entries for my competition - no entries for JOHN ROAKE'S competition - no letters to the Editors - not even a complaint. And come to think of it, there doesn't seem to be much moving in the adult section either! How many really keen active members have we got? Good job that some of us are awake!

I say, chaps, have you seen the new "Brownsea Island" postmark? A highly recommended sideline item. And you had to be awake to get that one!

I regret to have to report that the hoped-for visit of American SOSSI members, many of whom belong to our Club as well, has had to be cancelled due to lack of support and the high cost (about £300 each). The idea was to have toured Europe, including a visit to Marathon, and met members and seen the capitals of many European countries. Anyway, all credit is due to ex-President HARRY THORSEN Jr. of SOSSI for trying to organise the event. I have known him (postally) for about ten years now, and I would have very much liked to have met him. He has promised an article for our Journal in the not-too-distant future, and I am sure we shall all look forward to what he has to tell us.

May I now draw your attention to some of the various sources of material for our fabulous collections - first there is HOWARD despotical ruler of the Permanent List and the Mint Stamp Service! Then there is JOHNNY HOBBS with his Club packet which goes the rounds pretty regularly, and the Sales Dept. of CHAS. SEATON and DAVID START's approvals of covers. Scan through the tiny adverts. in the Journal and you'll sometimes find an offer that suits you. Then there are my own stockbooks of rubbish, and Member J.M. BERRY of Healey and Wise Ltd., who has vast stocks, and often has tasty items to offer. JOHNNY ROAKE can always be found rummaging round the London dealers and the auction rooms, and has tackled many a difficult wants-list. (But the best items always go straight into my own collection - just bought a 3d. Mafeking ON COVER, the first one I've had offered or seen for sale for over two years - JDR) Make use of these services and these folk - you never know - you may miss a really important opportunity. There are those who oppose the "commercial" side of our Club, and think that stamp collecting still consists of two collectors getting together and swapping "stamp for stamp". Believe me, mate, that idea is as dead as the Dodo, But I wonder where they get THEIR material from?

A few words of warning. There are many fake covers on the market at present, with recognisable and not so recognisable forged postmarks. Especially concerned are the issues of Turkey (even the latest set), Tunisia, Viet-Nam, Roumania and Afghanistan. About 99% of the last-mentioned country's covers are fakes! Also, there is a spate of forged overprints of the Siam "Tigers" (particularly on USED sets). So take special care, and get expert advice here. (Even those of us who thought we knew these issues very well have been caught out! ---JDR)

Research is at present going on to endeavour to classify the already complicated pattern of the Siamese overprints. If it is your intention to attend the Gilwell Reunion or the A.G.M. in December, it will be most helpful if you will bring along your Mafeking, 1918 Czech AND your "Tigers" for scrutiny. If you have "Tigers" on covers or on pieces, I should be pleased if you would lend these as soon as possible for research purposes.

I received from CLAUDE MARCHAL and Dr. WILLI NEIDERMEIER the following delightful items:-

(1) Cover commemorating the "XVIIe Congres de la Conference Internationale due Scoutisme Catholique - Jambville" dated June 1st 1963.

(2) Card bearing the postmark "FISCHBACH Pfadfinderlager - Netzbachtal" dated June 3rd 1963.

Thank you gentlemen!

The time is now about 1 a.m., and more than time I shut up - I do hope you have a pleasant Summer Holiday - I shall be spending mine with my Senior Troop in the Cairngorms in Scotland. Will write more bye and bye - subject to survival, of course!

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Many thanks, ROY, for helping to fill up this month's Journal. He is quite right, you know: very few of you write to the Journal, and one does get the impression that there are only a couple of dozen really active members! Now get pen to paper and prove me wrong!

Have you ever called to see our President? He's a busy man, so a word of warning if a visit is necessary, or you'll find him dashing off to camp or Troop Meeting. If not on Scouting bent, he will be armed with his clarinet and sax and dash-out to do an "Acker Bilk" somewhere or other. But having got into the house, you trap over several thousand jazz records, a fabulous collection of Scout records (gramophone ones, not the Group's accounts and progress records!) and hosts of covers, stamps and albums. His collection comprises some twenty-six albums, with hosts more material yet to be mounted. Roy once got a couple of lads to mount up part of his collection in Bob-a-Job week! Just one example from his collection - there is one album which only comprises the Hungary 1933 Jamboree and the Holland 1937 Jamboree - and it's bulging!

So if you want to do some research, or listen to some jazz - Roy's the boy! By the way, Mum Rhodes always sees that her guests have a good spread, and she and Mr. Rhodes senior are typical Scouting parents - the veritable salt of the earth, patient to the extreme, conscious that all Scouters and Stamp Collectors are mad!, but brimming over with geniality and hospitality for anyone who has made the threefold promise which binds this great Movement of ours together throughout the entire world.

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NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

by HOWARD L. FEARS

- 1) It is with great regret that we have to report the death of junior club member DONALD HOPE of Vernon, Canada at the age of 14. Whilst camping with other Scouts, a mortar shell exploded and two Scouts were killed and a third seriously injured. On your behalf, I have written to Mrs. Hope asking her to accept our sincere condolences.
- 2) From Belgium I have received a copy of the magazine "Scoutisme et Philateiie" edited by MR, BODEUX who is also active in securing members for S.S.C.C. At the time of writing, I have not received details but fifteen further members have been mentioned.
- 3) Marathon 1963.
After discussions and full enquiries, it does not seem possible to accept the invitation to organise an exhibition at the World Jamboree in Greece. I shall not be present at the Jamboree myself, but several club members have already indicated their intention of being present and via the Club Services, we hope to supply all interested with mint stamps, first day covers and the like.
- 4) The Annual General Meeting of the Club has been planned for December 7th/8th at Baden Powell House. If you have any particular ideas which you would like incorporated in the programme, please mention these straight away. In the meantime, present plans suggest that the formal Meeting will commence at 2.30 p.m. although one or two Club Officials will be in attendance from about 1.30 p.m. After the business (kept to the minimum), is concluded, there will be one or two displays and then we would like as many members as possible to bring along a dozen sheets, including special items of interest. In fact, we rely upon you to do this to make the afternoon worthwhile. There will be a chance for any member wishing to do so to illustrate any particular aspect of the topic which appeals to him and we hope that this new feature will be welcome.

At about 5.00 p.m. tea will be served and without an exact ending to the meeting, it is anticipated that anyone who wishes to do so may go on chatting, swapping, talking, buying, selling etc., until about 7.30. Committee Members have promised not to dash away for a meeting during this time and subject to availability should be able to join in refreshments up to a reasonable hour on Saturday evening! If you wish to stay at Baden Powell House for the Friday

or Saturday nights, this is quite in order, but you must make your own arrangements. No plans are to be made for the Sunday although in view of the close proximity of Christmas, some members (plus wives who will be welcome to attend the meeting) might think of incorporating a little pre-Christmas shopping on the Saturday morning.

In brief, those are the plans: anything you wish to include can be arranged (perhaps) if you advise straight away.

- 5) In case you want to contact me please note that I shall be on holiday from June 24th for a fortnight.
- 6) Special 1963 Club Labels will be available for sale at Gilwell and extra supplies can be secured at 6d. per sheet of four labels. They are very attractive.
- 7) Mr. MOSS of New Zealand has sent me a plaster plaque based on the Club Badge and in full colour it is very attractive. He can probably produce further copies at about 7/- each and if interested, please advise me at once.
- 8) A suggestion from new members may lead to an alteration in procedure but before undertaking this your views would be welcome. As you know, club administration is in the hands of several volunteers and if a member wishes to participate in a number of ways he may have to write half a dozen different letters to the names indicated in the journal. It is accepted that this involves time and some inconvenience. Instead, if a member were to detail all his needs and send them to me, I could pass the appropriate information on once a week to the various Club officials. What do you think about this?
- 9) New issues and cancels continue to arrive and to be announced from many different places. The Belgium cancellation at Antwerp following the opening of a Sea Scout Headquarters is of particular merit and as the special cards were in limited supply, the demand for them has exceeded the capacity of the organisers and these cards are now scarce. Club member, J. SUY in Belgium, had a very active part in the organisation and tells me that he had great difficulty in preventing the sale of the covers reserved for Permanent List Members, and we are most grateful to him for his fine help.

10) Club Member FREDY SCHERB called to see me when on a visit to England. He has been building up a collection of Swiss Scout material, and confirmed what every collector already knows, that Scout cancels of every sort get scarcer and scarcer each year. He showed me Registered items from both the first and second Swiss National Camps, with label numbers as low as 002.

11) For any errors over supplies and short-comings in the printing of the last Journal, and even in this one, please forgive me, since I am still "running myself in" as an operator of my new Offset Litho machine. We hope to improve production techniques so that everyone is pleased.

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SCOUT METER CHECK LIST

I am at present compiling a list of meter slogan franks used by - or publicising - the Scout and Guide movements. I am anxious to make this as complete as possible and I would welcome assistance from S.S.C.C. Readers.

If you have any Scout meter franks - not already recorded in either the S.S.C.C. or S.O.S.S.I. Journal - please let me know.

Please write to:

Stanley K. Hunter,
34 Gray Street,
Glasgow, C.3., Scotland.

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Member BJORN HERMOND reporting from Sweden mentions that he is due in Greece for Marathon and has written some articles for a Swedish Scout Magazine about "St. George on Stamps". Between August 14th and 21st there will be a combined Scout and Guide camp on the island of Crust near Goteburg with about 1,500 to 2,000 attending, special camp post office and appropriate post-mark.

THE GILWELL REUNION

by HOWARD L. FEARS

As promised last year, there will be an exhibition of Scout stamps and covers at Gilwell at the time of the annual Woodbadge Reunion, i. e., weekend of September 7/8th. This was very successful last year and based on our experiences, a number of alterations will be made.

Firstly, the exhibition itself will take place in the Swan Hut, as previously, and there will be a display of familiar and unfamiliar items, plus, if time permits, some of the latest material from Marathon.

Secondly, there will be a chance for Club members to meet their fellows and potential enthusiasts, and JOHN ROAKE and myself hope to be in attendance throughout the whole weekend. Any other members who can spare an hour or two to assist at the exhibition would be welcomed whole-heartedly. Please let me know if you are able to join us in this project.

The proposed hours of the exhibition will extend from about 10 a.m. on Saturday until 5.30 p.m. and from that time onwards for a couple of hours or so there will be a meeting of members only - any volunteers to make tea? Please bring any items for swapping and anything new in the Club line will be on sale. The September issue of the Journal is going into production in sufficient time to be available at the exhibition and a few spare copies will be printed for casual sales. On Sunday the opening hours will probably be from 12 noon until about 3 o'clock.

Please make your plans NOW and encourage any interested Scouters to visit us and join the Club.

DO YOU READ YOUR JOURNAL?

At the time of going to press, no one has commented on an error that crept into the last issue. On page 74 reference was made to the "black-print" of the Austrian 1962 stamp, saying that this was distributed gratuitously through the P.L.D. The sheet that was sent out was a half-tone publicity print that exists in great profusion. There are many Scout issues that exist in "proof" form and are very highly-priced items.

GERMAN BOY SCOUT AND GIRL GUIDE CANCELLATIONS

(compiled from information supplied by JOHN SCHMIDT)

The overall organisation of Scouting in Germany is the "Ring Deutscher Pfadfinderbunde" and comprises:-

1. Bund Deutscher Pfadfinder
2. Christliche Pfadfinderschaft
3. Deutscher Pfadfinderschaft St. Georg.

The equivalent overall body for the Girl Guides is the "Ring Deutscher Pfadfinderinnen Bunde".

BREXBACHTAL - D.P.S.G. Camp Cancels. These also incorporate the wording "Bendorf (Rhein) - Sayn".

1. Depicting the D.P.S.G. Lily above the date-line band.
In use from May 1st 1956 to Apr. 30th 1957.
2. Depicting the Scout Lily and Camp chapel.
In use from May 15th 1958 to Nov. 14th 1958.
3. Depicting the Scout Lily, flanked on either side by the date.
In use from May 15th 1959 to May 14th 1961.
4. Depicting the Brexbachtal Madonna and Child.
In use from April 22nd 1961 to April 16th 1962

ISENACHTAL - BAD LURKEIM

A special cancel in use in 1958 for the International Pfadfinder Jamborette.

ALTENBERG uber BERGISCH GLADBACH

Conference of European Scout Associations - the cancel shows the cathedral at Altenberg, framed by a Scout Badge.

In use from May 6th to 9th 1960.

FRIDINGEN bei TUTTLINGEN

The C.P. camp, celebrating their Golden Jubilee - the cancel depicts the C.P. Scout badge with its superimposed cross and was in use from July 29th to August 7th 1960.

MESCHEDI - Full wording "Eversberg (Kr Meschede)"

1. Used at the Scout camp at Eversberg, depicting a Scout pointing at a church (Marienkapelle).
In use from April 23rd 1961 to April 22nd 1962.
2. On April 8th 1962 a stamp exhibition and Scout display was held, and a slogan cancel was used from March 29th to

advertise the event. The C. D. S. reads MESCHEDE - 5778, and the slogan illustrates a Scout hat, with a hat-band dated "8 April 1962"

1962 CAMP CANCELLATIONS

1. "NOER" The B. D. P. National camp had a cancel showing a rowing boat (empty!) and the B. D. P. Scout Badge. In use from July 7th to 26th 1962.
2. "HEINRICHSTHAL" National Camp of the C. F. held Flachsland the cancel show a church spire amongst the trees.
3. "FURSTENBERG" The D. P. S. G. National Camp near Freiburg and held from July 28th to August 8th 1962.
4. "KONIGSWINTER" The International Training Conference of the Girl Guides. The cancel incorporates the World Guide Badge and was in use from July 25th to August 4th 1962,

MULHEIM

The Pfadfinderinnenschaft St. Georg Girl Guides held a camp near Mulheim (Ruhr) and a cancel depicting their Guide Badge was in use on June 17th and 18th 1961.

FIRST DAY CANCELS OF THE 1961 10pf. STAMP

1. BONN - Inscribed "Pfadfinder Sondermarke - Erstaussage" Dated April 22nd 1961. There were four different dies in use, and are distinguished by the letters "a", "b", "c" and "d".
2. ST. GEORGEN (SCHWARZW) - Similarly inscribed and dated. Three dies in use - "a", "b" and "c".
3. ST. GEORGEN (SCHWARZW) Inscribed "St. Georgen (Schwarz) Sonnige Bergstaadt" and depicting St. George slaying the dragon. Used on April 22nd and also earlier, on other stamps.
4. Types 3 and 4 of the Brexbachtal cancel dated April 22nd.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY CANCELS

Since St. George's Day 1961 was on a Sunday, the stamps were issued a day earlier, but two cancels were brought into use on the 23rd April.

1. EVERSBERG - MESCHEDE - described above.
2. SPEYER - Inscribed "St. Georgstag" and dated April 23rd 1961 this cancel depicts the International Scout Badge, and was in use for one day only.

"IS YOUR NUMBER HERE?"

by JACK WISHART - Membership Renewals Secretary

Some of our members have not sent us the cash to renew their membership, in spite of reminders, and in some cases, as many as three and four letters requesting them to state whether they wish to renew, or resign their membership have been sent. These cost money as well as the time involved, and in the meantime, Journals are being sent out which have to be paid for by members who have paid their subs!

As all members are aware, we are looking for ways to economise, and place the finances of the Club on a firmer foundation. Previously, we have sent out a reminder prior to the time when a member's subscription is due for renewal, and it is thought that a great deal of postage could be saved by giving details of renewals in a "bulk reminder" in the pages of the Journal.

The following members are due for renewal in the months of July and August, and if you send your renewal to me without need for further reminder you will have saved the Club's expenses on letters and postage. Will you co-operate?

JULY MEMBERS:

27, 33, 36, 37, 38, 41, 44, 45, 150, 151, 222, 270,
273, 274, 380, 382, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520,
521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526.

AUGUST MEMBERS:

51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 157, 158, 160, 161,
163, 226, 275, 276, 278, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390,
391, 393, 394, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532.

No member will be deleted from membership without a final personal reminder being sent, but we hope that your co-operation will render these unnecessary. Do not forget that the Membership Subscription is now 14/- per annum, and still very cheap when you consider what you get for it.

Any member who spends a long time away from home, or who receives his Journals and correspondence after a two or three months delay, is asked to let me have a note to this effect so that particular attention can be given to your needs.

And now for those who already are behind in their subs. Some of these are many, many months overdue, and some are only just overdue, the following list, being those who have been due for renewal up to May 1963, and whose subs have not been received up to the date of going to press for this edition.

To those of you who have paid up before you read this we offer our apologies, knowing that they will understand the reasons behind the Club taking this tough attitude.

SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ARREARS: -

63, 86, 87, 111, 171, 178, 210, 213, 246, 267, 280,
 289, 304, 318, 319, 322, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340,
 341, 347, 356, 358, 359, 361, 384, 396, 413, 422, 439,
 441, 449, 450, 451, 452, 454, 455, 459, 461, 463, 466,
 467, 471, 473, 476, 477, 479, 480.

Please let us have your subs by return of post - or if you are no longer interested, then please let us know that also, and we can adjust our records accordingly. After all, a little of the Fifth Scout Law, and we can cut out a lot of wasted time and money with the obvious advantage to those still interested.

WILL YOU help?

 "WAS YOUR NUMBER THERE ?"

NEWS FLASHES -----

J.M. BERRY writes to say that the 1959 Larnaca Cyprus cachet is not an official postmark. Full details of his research will be published in the next Journal.

News from JOHN HOBBS that Club Packet No. 11 is now circulating, and he is increasing the numbers on the lists. Will members ensure that the packets are sent on as soon as possible.

A letter from JARO A. KONECNY of Salem, Maine, U.S.A., recalls days in his native Czechoslovakia at the Scout House at Jaromer the cancel of which was illustrated in March. His uncle was warden there, and JARO spent many happy times there. He is also trying to contact former Scouts and Guides of Jugoslavia and members of the BKS - their Wood Badge equivalent, and former Czech Scouts. Letters via the Editor will be forwarded.

NEW ISSUES AND MARKET TRENDS

by the Assistant Editor

Four new issues in the near future, and the rumour of a fifth. The Nigeria and Cyprus set have already been reported, and there is also to be a single Girl Guide issue from Japan.

Details of the subjects of the five Greek stamps have been released, and these are as follows:-

- A. H.R.H. Crown Prince Constantine, Chief Scout of Greece.
- B. Portraits of B-P and Professor Lefkaditis, founder of Scouting in Greece.
- C. The Badge of the 11th World Jamboree.
- D. "Athens at Dawn" a painting of the Parthenon in 1872 done by B-P on his first visit there.
- E. A Greek King's Scout blowing a Conch shell, with the background of the Greek Scout Flag.

The rumour concerns a set of stamps from Madagascar, but that is all that can be discovered at present.

There is yet a fourth sheet to add to the list of the Swiss Scout stamps. Plate "D" is titled in German as Plate "A" but the Italian and French inscriptions at the base of the sheet appear in the opposite positions. Sheet "A" has the French at the Left, and Sheet "D" has Italian at the left. It also seems as if the projected Swiss slogan cancels reported in our last issue have gone haywire, and Locarno has been lost completely.

Brief notes on picture postcards to Wilf Nodder kept members up to date with my findings (or lack of findings) on the continent, and such items that were available, were very much dearer than in Great Britain. But things are hotting up in London in the "classic" Scout issues. The following realisations from an auction on June 6th will make many eyes open a little bit wider!

1d. Goodyear	-	fine used, dated May 11th	-	£13. 10. 0.
3d. B-P 18½mm.	-	fine used, also May 11th	-	£15. 0. 0.
3d. B-P 21mm.	-	fine used with May 12th CDS	-	£27. 0. 0.

Now, here comes the rub! Those collectors who made their bids by post, or were in the auction room to try and get these stamps for themselves were not the buyers of the above stamps - they were bought by dealers. So if you want Mafeking, you will have to pay a large price nowadays, and if you are sitting on a large collection of them bought

at "five-bob" a copy, you can purr inwardly at the wise decisions that you made several years ago! Watch out for a rise in prices of the Czechoslovakia pair - it has remained constant at 50/- a pair for a couple of years, and stocks are dwindling as more and more collectors enter the "rat-race" - Continental price is about four quid. (Four pounds for those who don't speak English as badly as I do!)

The FDC's of the latest S. Korea are about at present, so do not forget that, as usual, the cancels are both in Korean and English, if you are after all stamps and sheets with the different cancels, you will need to buy six covers.

Many of the great classic reference books on stamps are out of print, and change hands at well above their original selling price. Already, WILF. NODDER's Handbook on Swedish Scout and Guide cancels falls into this category! It has been out of print for quite a while, and I have been asked to try and secure a copy for a member - at over face-value. It will be reprinted soon, and I would suggest that any of you who want a copy send Wilf a note to this effect so that the numbers to be printed can be gauged. Our worthy Secretary-General is still working on his study of Danish and Norwegian cancels, and this is eagerly awaited by members. Who fancies tackling another country or group of countries? There is great need for the collating and recording of information concerning the former Scouting countries of Europe. Another subject nearer our own shores would deal with the cancels of G.B. The British Postmark Society did one on the Jamboree of 1957 (Also out of print - I want a copy!) but there is still a lot of research to be done on the limited range of pre-war cancels - then maybe we could find out what the Darlington 1936 one looks like!

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Member 498, A.W. GEERING writes that he wonders how many Scouts were fortunate in securing a "Nature Week" cover with the May 16th Brownsea Island cancellation. He continues ..."The President of my local Philatelic Society gave me the tip that this was to be issued, and at the cost of 2/- I obtained one for my collection. Although I was disappointed that the cover was a plain envelope I was very pleased to find enclosed a picture of the Island which is now a Nature Conservancy Reserve. Naturally, I have placed both the cover and the picture in my Scout Collection as Brownsea Island has such sentimental associations with Scouting, the first Scout Camp ever, having been held there under B-P's leadership in 1907."

Mr. Geering need not be disappointed that the cover was a plain one - at least he has a cover! As far as I can discover, there were only about 1,000 covers serviced, generally with bad strikes, and none of them can be found in the London shops. If you see any of them, snap them up, and help your fellow-members who have not been so fortunate. Collectors of British postmarks and those whose thematic interest is in flora and fauna are also looking for this cover!

Brownsea Island is now open to visitors from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until Sept. 20th at the traditional entrance fee of 2/6d., which has become synonymous the "stately homes of England". About 20 acres of the south shore area, including the site of the original Scout Camp have been set aside for Scout and Guide camping, but this will not be available until reclamation of the ground has been done. (J. D. R.)

INTERNATIONAL WEEKEND - GILWELL 7th/9th JUNE

"The grass is greener back at Gilwell", but after the scorching weather at the beginning of June, it began to look a bit limp and yellow. The Club put on a display of every Scout or Guide stamp issued, together with specialist pages from member's collections, and a steady stream of visitors came to see what it was all about. HOWARD FEARS and I had a most enjoyable time, and recruited a few more members to the Club. Not many other members were camping for the weekend, but we were very pleased to see JAMES HOLT of Sussex, caving enthusiast, MARTIN MILLS of the Mendips, and DAVID COLLINS, an American Scouter we recruited at the Last Gilwell Reunion. Many Scouts from abroad were there, and from one of the Danes, I discovered the answer to the queries about the Danish cancels, listed in the March Journal. "Aarhus 1952 F.D.F. Marselsiborg" is a Boys Brigade camp cancel. "Aarhus 1955 Unges Idraet" is a youth political organisation camp cancel. Similarly the Aalborg cancel is non-Scout!

Howard and I were amused to see that in the Gilwell Scout stamp collection, maintained and donated by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., a recent item on show is from Dutch New Guinea commemorating the 5th Conference at Pago Pago! Well, Well, I should like to know what was discussed there. Somebody goofed!

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