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By the Assistant Editor.

By now most of the membership will be wondering what has happened to the Club, its officials and the Journal! Conscious as we are that the Journal is eagerly awaited by members the whole world over, only the most disastrous events would cause such a delay.

I am sorry to report that there has been three consecutive bouts of illness - our Editor Wilf Nodder has been ill and there has been no news from him for a while. Following the A.G.M. I was unwell myself and then involved in my theatrical activities which curtailed the preparation of a complete Journal without any of the contributions sent direct to Wilf. Howard Fears was also forced to take to his bed of sickness, and when recovered was due to travel to Austria and attend WIPA and continue his holidays. This has made the printing of the Journal late and at a time when the NEXT issue is due.

Members will understand that all of our officials work to the best of their ability in their own spare time, and without exception in a purely honorary capacity. If we fail in our accepted duties, then it is 'force majeure' of the most pressing nature.

So what about the future? In the next few days I shall start to put together another Journal consisting of - I hope - an illustrated article on the latest major discovery, the Darlington cancel; a further auction of specialised material; the results of the January auction in detail (over £34 was raised for the Club from the last one, but I am sorry to report that there are still three accounts UNPAID); a review of an excellent 24-page monograph by REG MORRIS on the Scout stamps and cancels of Greece, an advance copy of which has just reached me, and the regular features of the Journal. Bear with us all - and the flow of news and views will soon be back to normal.

THE DARLINGTON CANCEL, 1936.

by BILL BOURKE.

For most of the years the Club has been in existence there has been talk of "the Darlington Cancel" as one of the few Scout postmarks of Great Britain between the wars, a cancel which no-one has ever seen however (and which some have roundly declared never existed!) Now at last the doubters are proved wrong and an example has appeared - a piece bearing two strikes, hitherto in a Gold Medal collection of British postmarks and recently about to be sold abroad when I was able to acquire it.

It is hoped to include an illustration of this piece in the next issue of the Journal, together with a full account of the camp which gave it birth, the Northern Counties Jamboree held at Raby Castle from the 1st to the 8th August 1936. In the meantime the following description gives the technical details. The cancel is from a circular date handstamp of the single-circle skeleton type, similar to that in use at the 1929 Arrowe Park Jamboree, diameter 29.5 mm.; single line wording "JAMBOREE CAMP / DARLINGTON" with the date in the centre in two lines, " 5 AU " in this particular example.

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DID YOU KNOW .....?

from A. WEEBIRD.

- That at the Imperial Jamboree held at Wembley Paddocks in 1924 (some half mile north of the British Empire Exhibition), the Camp Post Office handled a total of 103,608 letters, etc., including registered mail, between the 31st July and the 9th August? (But what exactly did the Cancels and the Registration Labels used look like ?).

- That the firm of Mermaid Stamps is now associated with the sale, amongst other things, of papers, pipes and peppermints... And Dolly Mixtures.....?

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NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND

by FREDY SCHERB

Did you know that .....

.... an excellent picture book "Visage du Scoutisme Suisse" including more than a hundred of the best photographs from the 5th National Scout Camp in Saignelégier 1956 would help to bring life into a Swiss Scout collection (costs Sw.Fr.4.-; order to : Materialbureau des Schweiz. Pfadfinderbundes, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 56 Bern).

.... I was recently offered the Togo Scout set imperf. on white paper mounted on small cartoons - the price: 750.- Sw. Fr. The dealer supposed that it is the only existing set ... The same man offered the Lithuanian Scout set 1938 on postcard (Sw.Fr.90.-) - probably with another variety of faked cancellations.

.... the F.I.P. (Federation Internationale de Philatelie) issued a list of countries whose stamps are excluded from any participation at exhibitions patronized by the FIP; these countries are : Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, Maldive Islands, Mauritania, and Togo. You should know that the Egypt and Dominican Scout sheets are also included in this list.

.... the topical section of the F.I.P. formed for many a thematic part so-called 'Arbeitsgemeinschaften' (team-works) one of which (VIII a/2) was established especially for the Scout stamps collector (further information : Miss Prof. P.M. Brabant, Mons, Belgium).

.... there exist 3 Swiss Scout journals (issued monthly) which might interest you, and I would therefore like to give more details: (a) "Allzeit Bereit" (German Language) costs Sw.Fr.7.- a year; order to: Versand Allzeit Bereit, Seefeldstr.8, 8008 Zurich, (b) "Fanion" (French language) costs Sw.Fr.6.- a year; order to C.V.A.J., Rue de Bourg 8, 1000 Lausanne, (c) "Kim" (German/French language) costs Sw.Fr.7.- A year; order to: Polygraphischer Verlag, Helenastr.3, 8034 Zurich.

.... there exists one official camp-card from the 2nd National Scout Camp, Geneva, 1932, designed by Donald Brun (famous Artist), multicoloured and showing Scouts carrying flags of Swiss cantons.



# THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

Greetings good folks! It seems such a long time since I wrote last, but our worthy Assistant Editor seems to manage to fill up space with Rhodes-style chat that I was interested to read anyway!

The A. G. M. at Baden-Powell House was a most enjoyable affair despite the very small attendance - even less than last year. The material on display was of very high standard and varied interest to all present. I do thank Bill Bourke, Johnny Roake and M. A. (Bojo) Bojanowicz for allowing their treasures to be exhibited. This was the first time that any of us had had the opportunity to see the long lost "JAMBOREE CAMP, DARLINGTON" postmark from 1936. Congrats. to Mr. Bourke on locating and buying a specimen of this hitherto legendary item.

My thanks also go to all those officers and members who organised the various aspects of the A. G. M. and the Midland Bank P. S. for the loan of their display boards that so enhanced the event. An "Oscar" is due to Mr. A. H. Nicholson who has almost completed the necessary and extensive research into the obscure details behind the various Scout and Guide issues and collated them for the Club's forthcoming catalogue of all Scout and Guide stamps issued up to the end of 1964. The wealth of material is quite fantastic and this catalogue will be a 'must' for all of our members.

I was pleased to meet and entertain our member, Mr. O. K. Hunter from Melrose Park, Illinois when he arrived in England the day after the A. G. M. We spent a most enjoyable time together both at the Rhodes mansion and at Roland House.

I must mention an important item arising from the A. G. M.; you will recall that I have always stressed the importance of recording and collating all known facts and figures of Scout philately. The catalogue will cover only the stamps, but we know that there is a tremendous gap in the postmark field. With the blessing of all those present at the A. G. M., Mr. Bill Bourke (also known as D. E. Bourke Esq. has agreed to undertake this tremendous task, and in due course will be recruiting his team around him in the form of a Working Committee of select members. So if you are approached and asked to supply details of certain cancels and whatnot, may I ask you to give the fullest details, however insignificant they may at first be.

Regarding items of recent vintage, I note with interest that there are three distinct different variations of the postmark from the 7th Australian Scout Jamboree at Dandenong, Victoria. Keep your eyes open, as the variations are in the design of the spines of the Scout Badge and took me some while to identify definitely.

The New Zealand Sea Scout Regatta cancel is said to be very Scarce and I do thank LEN MOSS who sent one to each of the Committee Members -- this kind gesture makes one think that all our hard-Working officials are appreciated, and I am very thankful to all those other members who send me examples of their stamps and cancels from time to time.

Have you heard that there was an excellent Scout Collection sold at Plymouth Auctions recently? Arrowe Park items, all the rare Swiss material, including the first Kandersteg Rover Moot etc.etc. Now for the rub - neither I nor Johnny Roake, my faithful chaser of elusive items knew that it was up for sale! Ah well! That's life!! (Editorial note : having had Plymouth's catalogue for years, they stopped sending - even though my renewal was paid at Stampex, and I only heard from another member, who was the unfortunate underbidder! Anyway the material was bought by a good friend of many Club Members so my advice is to watch his adverts!!!! - JDR).

I observe that the stamps of Panama, Dubai, Liberia and even the Jordanian issues are appearing on commercial mail and as you all know, I like these items much more than the fanciful FDCs that only make temporary contact with the postal services And never get through the mails.

As some of you seem to be interested in the private life of 12th Walthamstow Senior Scouts, you may care to know that two mini-buses of us went to the Derbyshire Peak District with your notorious President at the wheel of one and the Assistant Editor sometimes at the wheel of the other! We had everything including snow by way of weather and amongst the lighter moments was a rendezvous with Club member DAVID START and his troop of Seniors who were also hiking over the peaks and through the dales. A thought in retrospect -- why didn't we arrange a special cancellation for the event -- some folk have issued special cancels for less auspicious occasions than that!

Cheerio for now, see you soon.

ROY E. RHODES

# THE SECRETARY - GENERAL WRITES

As most members will have realised by now this issue of the Journal is rather late, and the many queries which I have handled prove that members really care. Sickness in the editorial field has taken its toll, and the latest news from Wilf Nodder is that he is still receiving medical care but that his pain is undiminished. All our sympathies are with you Wilf - Hurry up and get better.

John Roake has also been laid low and the sequence of difficulties has not helped. However, we hope for a quick interim issue to catch up the despatches. I had hoped for a visit to Vienna and Czechoslovakia but - amongst other reasons - put off the trip to be ready for this Journal. To my many friends in Austria and Czechoslovakia and on account of the very kind invitations, may I express the view that my visit is only postponed and I hope to see you all soon.

## CLUB LISTING

When Club Member A.H. Nicholson came to visit me at Seaford to discuss the final details of the Club project I had the misfortune to be spending a day in bed being laid low during 'The Merry Widow'. This leads to the latest production report on this major Club project. The spade work has been completed (or almost) and in the next issue of the Journal we will include full details of prices including a reduction for advance orders.

## PERMANENT LIST

The next distribution is about due and should appear within a fortnight. It is likely to include Liberia and Jamaica FDC as well as several cancels. Most of the items for the next Mint Distribution are also on hand.

## VISITORS

It is always very pleasant to record visits by Club members and I was delighted to welcome Ed. Blum from the U.S.A. who came to Seaford for the day.

PUBLICITY.

There can be little doubt but that the Club performs a useful service and even if it had not been created it would have to have been called into existence. During the last few months for example I have had enquiries of one sort or the other from a dozen different countries and even from several collectors behind the so-called 'Iron Curtain'. a particular burst of interest has come from Australia and also from Sweden. To all new members we offer our genuine and friendly welcome.

SEALS (or LABELS)

I had not previously realised that so many collectors specialised in Scout seals. Recent correspondence, however, suggests that quite a volume of Scout collectors incorporate seals in their displays. I do not think the volume of interest is sufficient to justify a separate organisation but it does lead me to thoughts regarding displays, especially for the general public. Personally my own view about this is a little catholic (religion apart). It seems to me that any related topic which will help to catch the eye is in order. Recently when I illustrated the latest Australian Jamboree I was able to include posters, camp newspapers, seals, special transport tickets, camp Song Book, photographs, badges and assorted miscellanea. Oh yes, I also had specimens of covers with camp cancels for most days that the Post Office was open. Examples of the three different cancel variations, registered labels, different cachets, and so forth. In fact this was the basic theme, but I think quite a number of interested observers were led on to the postal researches by the eye-catching non-postal items. I'm not going to pinpoint a moral, but I think the answer is obvious.

REGIONAL MEETINGS.

Is it too much to hope that members in different parts of the country (to mention G.B. alone) can come together occasionally for a convivial chat? Perhaps the very success of the London meetings has put off more modest regional gatherings. Is there any chance, for example, of a member contacting any other members within, say, 20 miles, to see if 2 or 3 can get together? This would create a modest beginning and anything which I can do to help via introductions, etc. is yours to command. A short report for the Journal after the event would encourage others - what about it ?

COMPLETE STAMP COLLECTION PRESENTED.

Mr. C. T. Simpson attended the monthly meeting of the State Executive Committee on Tuesday, November 17th, and presented to the Association a collection of all the postage stamps of the world issued in respect of Scouting and Guiding.

There are 462 stamps, beautifully set out in a large frame, and under glass. Mr. Simpson has been making the collection for several years, and has gone to considerable trouble to get it together. It is complete up to the end of 1964 and includes two stamps issued in Mafeking.

The collection is valued at £350. It was accepted for the Association by the Chief Commissioner, Mr. R.W. McKellar, who expressed thanks to Mr. Simpson for his generosity.

The frame will be set up where Scouts can see it in Headquarters. It should be of great interest to all, especially those working for their Stamp Collector and Philatelist badges. The collection will be on display at the 7th Australian Jamboree.

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Mr. C. T. Simpson (member 776) writes to tell me that the display of stamps was enthusiastically examined by the thousands of Scouts and Scouters who attended the Dandenong Jamboree, as well as by the general public who visited the site. As the result of the interest aroused in the display, and the special Scout cancellations, FDCs etc, it has been decided to form a Scout and Guide Stamp Collectors Society in Australia.

Naturally, all our many members already in Australia will Welcome this new Society, and we from the 'Old Country' wish all Those concerned with the organisation the very best of good Fortune. Without even referring to the SSCC Committee I will Offer the wholehearted support of the SSCC to this venture and The right to use any material from our Journal that may be of use To the new Society. In addition I shall be pleased to publish Details of the Society and its Officers in our Journal when they Are known to help the membership get off to a good start with those Of our members who would like to join an 'Antipodean Scout Society'! Who knows? Maybe there will be a reserve supply of the elusive Bradfield and Frankston covers turn up! If so, let me know!

..... JOHN D. ROAKE.

PETER' S POT-POURRI

By PETER DUCK.

JUBILEE JAMBOREE 1957

The number of 1/3 stamps issued (3,820,000) is the smallest for any G.B. commemorative issue except for the £-values of the U.P.U. issues of 1929 (61,000) and the Silver Wedding £-value of 1948 (419,628) 137,235,000 of the 2½d., and 9,318,000 of the 4d. values were issued. The largest figure given in the G.P.O. Philatelic Bureau's bulletin for any commemorative issue is the 2½d. value of the 1953 Coronation issue (415,034,000).

KHOR FAKKAN issue 1965 (You heard!)

The General Post Office of the Government of Sharjah issued the following announcement on the 6th March 1965.

"With the opening of the new Post Office in the Dependency of Khor Fakkan on 20th March, 1965, a series of 23 overprinted stamps will be placed on sale in the new Post office. Khor Fakkan is located on the Gulf of Oman and is a dependency of Sharjah. Regular air service has been established between Khor Fakkan and Sharjah twice a week by Gulf Aviation Ltd., (B.O.A.C. affiliated). The new overprinted stamps will also be valid for postage in the Postal System of Sharjah. The descriptions of the new overprinted denominations are as follows :

Views of Sharjah ... 10, 20, 30, 40, 75, & 100 NP  
 Birds of Sharjah ... 30, 40, 75, 150, NP, 2 & 3 RP.  
 Olympics - Tokio ... 40, 50, NP. & 2 RP.  
 President Kennedy Memorial ... 40, 60, & 100 NP.  
 Girl Scouts..... 2 RP.  
 Boy Scouts..... 2 RP.  
 New York World's Fair... 160 NP.

.....orders will be accepted for complete sets only. "

Perhaps one day we can expect Scout issues from Lundy, Herm, and Jethou as well!

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HOUSING THE JOURNAL

by BILL BOURKE.

How do you keep your copies of the S.S.C.C. Journal ? "In a pile", said a respected member of the Committee (not a cockney, so I don't think he meant "pail")! Another Club member, writing in these pages some time ago, suggested punching them with holes, backing them with brown paper and tying with cord. Personally, I have always kept mine in spring-backed album covers of suitably small size, which I happened to be able to pick up cheaply, but these have the disadvantage of holding at most 18 months' copies and also of tending not to let the pages open sufficiently.

Now I have discovered a much better alternative which seems to me to be ideal - the handsome maroon 'Easibinders' intended for 'The Scout'! One of these I find will just take four volumes for the years 1961-64, with their annual indexes, so at a price of 12/9 per binder few methods could be more economical. These binders use separate springy wires which enable each copy to be fitted in very simply and without damage, after which the pages open fully so that every word of the amazing contents can be easily read. And if four years does seem rather a formidable period, while you wait for your Journals you can also use the binder to house other publications such as the Club's Membership List, the Priced Catalogue, Handbooks on Cancellations and so forth. And of course, "The Scout".....

Journals from the years before 1961 have larger pages and will not fit into "The Scout" binders. I still keep mine in a spring-backed cover which suits their larger margins quite well. This old album cover is particularly precious as having come from a stamp dealer - for nothing (it looked rather shabby and he said he couldn't bear to charge for it, but once home a little polish on its black morocco half-binding worked wonders).

Scout Shops in this country sell the above Easibinders, so if you walk warily into the Hurlly-burly that pervades 25 Buckingham Palace Road, or the quieter confines of the other shops, you can get them there. Otherwise postage is 1/6d. inland(after the impending increase), overseas sufficient to cover 1 lb. You can also buy them from the Roland House Equipment Store, which earns the House a percentage for its funds. Address : 29 Stepney Green, London E. 1.

JAPAN FIRST DAY CANCELS OF 1962 & 1963.

from the bamboo quill of PETER DUCK.

On the attractive stamp issued by Japan in 1962 to commemorate the Asian Jamboree there come three different cancels on FDCs. The basic design is the same in each but the different city names account for the variations of the Japanese characters. The date shown (37.8.3 ) corresponds with August 3rd 1962.

1. GOTEEMBA (Three complex-looking characters) This city is at the foot of Mt. Fuji where the Jamboree was held. I have another cancellation in my collection showing Mt. Fuji and almond blossom on a cover that bears the 1949 stamp - presumably the special cancel was only to be used for the currently issued stamp. A further cover sent to the U.K. bears an extra definitive stamp cancelled with the ordinary GOTEEMBA C.D.S. in English lettering
2. TOKYO ( two characters each looking like tripods!) An easily-recognised variation of the above.
3. NAGOYA ( Three characters, the centre one of which looks like the conventional sign on maps for a church with a tower!) My cover that bears this variation of the cancel also bears another official (?) cancel which is similar in design to that used for the Pre-Asian Jamboree Stamp Show, but with the words 'ASIAN JAMBOREE' (in English) added and dated 37.8.3. As a matter of Interest the Stamp Show cancel was in use from April 2nd to 14th 1962.

The Girl Scouts Asian Camp was celebrated by the blue and salmon-coloured stamp and the special cancel on FDCs the Camp badge and two stylised tents in front of a mountain range. The Japanese date (38.8.1) is August 1st, 1963, and two cities are known on the cancels.

1. TAGAKUSHI (Two Japanese characters the left of which looks like a capital 'P' with a bar over the top) is in the plateau region of Japan, and where the camp was held.
2. Tokyo (The two tripods again!)

Another attractive Girl Scout cancel was used on 18th November, 1962, (37.11.18) to commemorate the visit of Lady Baden-Powell to Japan. It features a Girl Scout and Brownie saluting and the Japanese Girl Scout Badge. As far as I know there were no special Cancels in 1964 although there were some colourful covers prepared For 'Boy Scout Day' at the Olympic Games.

From our member JERRY ABAD of Colombia, South America, comes a note concerning the 'ordinary' and 'air mail' issues of stamps from his country. The appropriate stamps have to be used for the various types of mail. He writes : -

"You will note that most of the stamps of Colombia are 'correo aereo' or air mail. There are two interesting things of note about the Colombian postal system. The first is that surface mail within the country is unbelievably slow, and that most people use it for delivery within one's city and rarely between cities.

'Correo ordinario' or regular mail is entirely separate from the air mail service which is handled by the country's biggest airlines, Aviana, on an exclusive contract.

'Correo Aereo' is the only reliable service in the country and is used between cities and for international mail. "

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#### CLUB PACKET

After a spell with little or no material to circulate, JOHN HOBBS has now had a spate of members duplicates, auction remainders etc. and this has been made up into six separate packets, two for each of the three circuits initially. Members will again be having a chance to fill up the gaps and select from several hundred items that will come by regular postal despatches. Regular, yes!, provided everyone sticks to the rules and sends on the packet speedily to the next name on the list. A gentle reminder to complete the sheet enclosed in the packet with details of your purchases to be sent back to JOHN HOBBS with your cheque or postal orders. If you are not on the lists for the Club packet, drop a line to JOHN, and he will send you all the details.

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STOP PRESS!!!!

We have often joked about what has happened to all the Registered First Day Covers from the 1909 Brownsea Island Camp. I have however, just seen a letter from B.-P. sent from this Camp. written on specially printed (die-stamped) notepaper with the arrowhead emblem. There is also another letter from B.-P prior to the camp arranging for boys to participate, and the draft of a report of the Camp. As with the other items in B.P's writing. These three items will feature in an auction of Scout Material to be held in London in the Autumn by a leading auctioneer. More news anon. I will arrange to get catalogues for all interested members.



The most constant enquiry from junior collectors is how much is it worth?. Sometimes this leads to a most interesting exercise which consists of working out the catalogue value of every stamp in the album and then boasting to one's friends 'My collection is worth £202.7.9'.

If the exercise gives you interest, do not hesitate to undertake it, but please do not imagine that the result means anything very much. Experienced collectors will tell you that the price in the catalogue is, at best, a guide and not an invariable valuation. The best known catalogues in Britain are those produced by Stanley Gibbons, but you will rarely find stamp dealers who expect to pay the full 'catalogue price'.

What, then, should we gather from the catalogue in the way of price? Firstly we must remember that condition is important. The price for an early British stamp may be marked at 10.0. but if you were presented with a dirty damaged copy you might feel that to pay sixpence was an insult. The catalogue valuation is, at best, the price for copies in excellent condition.

Secondly, the prices we have mentioned refer only to the estimates of value by a single firm of dealers - even if they are a very large firm. Many other firms exist and based on their own knowledge of the stamp market they may feel that a certain stamp is far more common (or more scarce) than the generally accepted view. The result is quite a different valuation.

Thirdly, obtaining the catalogue value for your collection will probably bear no relationship to the price at which you could hope to sell. For example, you may have two hundred stamps all catalogued at a penny or twopence. To the stamp dealer it is probably a sheer waste of time to consider any single stamp valued at less than one shilling, and he will disregard your own cheap items. After all what is a hobby to you is his livelihood to the dealer and it will take him just as long to sell 20 stamps at 1d. each as 20 stamps at 5/- each.

1957-1965.

By the time you read this we shall have celebrated our 8th Birthday and I am pleased to report that from a modest beginning of a handful of local enthusiasts we have now passed the 800th membership mark.

When we first got together we did not visualise more than about 50 members at the most and were content with a two page bulletin of Scout stamp news but we were destined not to stop just there. Many got to hear of our activities and wanted to join us and at the same speed so did new Scout stamps appear. Many of our subscribers have written about the latter but no mention seems to have been made of the fact that to cope with them and fresh discoveries made about the earlier issues (postmarks, forgeries, etc.) has meant something more than a two-page bulletin, thus we have grown to our present size bi-monthly journal.

Like Scouting itself, we are truly an International Club and hardly a week goes by without some application comes in from some corner of the globe, and at the time of writing Cyprus was the latest to be added to our list.

Not all our members have stayed the course over the past eight years, not that we expected them to and I could give a host of reasonable reasons why. Juniors like to change their activities quite frequently with modern scope of choice, while older members come up against other problems, - financial, health, etc. or with their work perhaps cannot just find the time to indulge in the hobby. Some may leave for a time and then come back again to us when circumstances are easier for them.

We have quite a following from England, Scotland, and Wales although there are some countries in which we haven't a member yet. Overseas we have members in Austria, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, India, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, N.Ireland, Norway, Poland, Portugal, S.Africa, Singapore, Spain, S.Rhodesia, Sweden, Switzerland, U.S.A., and Venezuela.

You will have observed by this that we have still a number of blank spaces on our world map both at home and abroad where we would like a contact. What can YOU do to spread the news about OUR/YOUR Club?

If everyone of you just send us at least one new prospective member's name and address, or better still the subscription and details on a blank piece of paper if you haven't an official form handy, without delay to me we could double our membership in no time. Do it now before you forget. Many thanks.

The Membership Secretary.

NEW SCOUT STAMPS OF THE U. S. ADMINISTERED RYUKYU ISLANDS

by IRSACS

(The International Ryukyu Stamp and Coin Society)

The Kingdom of the Ryukyu Islands became part of the Japanese Empire in 1879, and when the Americans landed in Okinawa in 1945 the administration was set up for the Government of the Ryukyu Islands. Although Japanese is still the official language for nearly one million Ryukyans, the currency is the American dollar and has been since 1958. As a country for collectors of stamps, the whole range (except one scarce item) can be bought for about £18, and are much sought after.

The Far East Council of the Boy Scouts of America operates in the area covering Japan, Taiwan, Ryukyus, S. Korea and the Philippines. Its Ryukyu District is administered by Ryukyans who have passed through the Boy Scouts of America National Training School. At the beginning of 1965 there were 2,300 Scouts in the Islands and these numbers are steadily rising. The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America allotted \$50,000 for the translation of Scouting books into Japanese, and the Okinawa Lion's Club together with other Ryukyans recently raised \$8,000 to provide facilities at the Katsuren camp which can accommodate up to 1,000 boys. U.S. Service personnel provide first aid facilities at their camps.

During 1964, Ryukyu Scouts attended the Australian and United States of America National Jamborees. To mark the 10th Anniversary of Ryukyu Scouting a camp was held from Feb. 5th/12th 1965. and a 3 cent stamp was issued in commemoration, in sheets of 20 stamps per sheet, on Feb. 6th. The inscription in the border of this sheet reads RYUKYU BOI SUKARTO SORITSU JUNEN KINEN which translated means -- Ryukyu Boy Scout Founding Tenth Anniversary Commemoration. The design of the stamp features Scouts and the Shurei Gate, a Scout badge and a myriad of stars. The FDC cancel shows a Scout badge and the map of Okinawa. The Girl Scout stamp was issued on August 31st, 1964, and also has special FDC cancel. Various cacheted covers, including those prepared by IRSACS were used, and special souvenirs include FDCs prepared from the Post Office announcement of the issue of Stamps. For further news of the Ryukyus write to : IRSACS, PO Box 75666, Los Angeles, Ca. 90005, USA. Those sending a stamped self addressed envelope will receive a free copy of 'Guide to Ryukyu Philately'.



by the Assistant Editor.

I am pleased to say that the new issues this month are more respectable than those I reported in the last issue, there being no repeat of the Paraguay issue!

Firstly on March 8th there came the Liberia set comprising three values (5c., 10c., and 25c) together with a miniature sheet with one 50c. Air Mail stamp to complete the set. This is one of the 'respectable' miniature sheets as there is no premium on it, it serves postal service as a stamp and is not a mere repetition of one of the stamps in the set put up for philatelic purposes only. I cannot think why Gibbons do not choose to list these min. sheets of Liberia.

The second set to come out was on May 17th and was the Girl Guide Jubilee issue from Jamaica. A set of two stamps were issued and although the Crown Agents Bulletin gives the colours as those for the recent Scout issue, the ones in front of me as I write are: 3rd. val. Green, yellow and blue. Guide Badge and map of Jamaica. 1/- val. Yellow, green and black. Triangular shape showing badges.

Plate number 1-A only seen so far. Stamps issued in complete sheets of 60, printed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. By photogravure on paper watermarked with the pineapple design.

There will be an issue from Bermuda in July and one from Brazil in the same month. Later we can expect the long-forcast issue from Mexico. I have heard a buzz that there is something on the way from Saudi Arabia and there have been some illustrations of a set from Qatar--yet another of the Trucial States. If this is a speculative issue, then my advice is forget it! An article in the Philatelic Magazine in April had a letter in it from a member of the Philatelic Advisory Board to the Afghanistan Government from November 1963 to March 1965. He writes: "During the period March 21st 1961 to March 20th 1964 the Afghan postal output was controlled by a New York firm which decided what and how many stamps to issue. During this period there were long series with dozens of useless denominations (all stamps less than 25p. were unusable) and semi-postals created solely for the purpose of having more stamps, rather than bona fide semi-postals whose surtax went to a charity.

All these stamps were valid

for the day of issue only, and since the announcement usually went out on the afternoon of that day, almost no copies were extant in used condition."

I do not know if this means that the Kingdom of Afghanistan is now in the position of controlling its own affairs now, but it seems that many of the Sheikdoms of the Persian Gulf (which one of my friends tells me is called the Robbers' Coast in his particular country's language!) have taken up where Afghanistan left off.

What news from the auctions? A 3d. Mafeking on cover was recently UNSOLD at a London Auction. With a reserve of £50. it tempted none of us. However, there was keen competition for sets of Roumania in blocks of four which sold at higher than I have ever seen the singles listed.

One of the most interesting items to come up was a set of die proofs of the Australian commemorative stamps from the last fifteen years. These were only distributed, by favour, to very limited recipients and I had never heard of their existence in private hands before. The 1948 Pan-pacific item realised £35, the 1952 one being considered a shade better at £36! The Guide issue showing the portrait of B-P realised a mere £21. by comparison. Bidding was fierce and many of us were unlucky, however I am pleased to say that the items will remain in one of our British Collections.

The really great news is the discovery of the Darlington cancel, and I hope to do an illustrated feature on this in the next issue. In that issue I also hope to feature a small auction of select material, and members are invited to send me anything that they think is worthy of inclusion. As before, a commission of 10% will be deducted from realisations to benefit the Club's funds. The £34 that came from such commission from the January auction has greatly helped us to keep the standard of the Journal up, despite the increases in postal rates, and general rising costs. How long it is before we have to increase the subscription depends on your support of the Club's profit-making schemes.

Great news for the members who get the Club packet. Six parcels are now in orbit, containing some really good and cheap material. These are the first to go out for some time since there has been little sent to John Hobbs for the circuit. Now there is more than enough for everyone to get something they need. What's that? You're not on the list? Well write to John Hobbs today. David Start tells me that he has some attractive items in the Approval service if you care to ask for a selection.

We've all heard of stamps featuring other stamps in their design. Now the latest atrocity (from the Trucial state of AJMAN) is Stamp Catalogues on Stamps --- a set to 'honour' the Stanley Gibbons Catalogue Centenary --- well, well, well!

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GEORG RASMUSSEN of Vanløse, Denmark has heard from the ELLISK FILATELISTISK INTERESSEKONTOR that they were interested to read the article concerning the ELLEORE label in the MARCH issue of this journal, and resulting from the interest in the 'Kingdom of Elleore' shown by our members, are inviting them to accept a gift of these Scout seals FREE. Just send an addressed envelope together with an International Reply Coupon to :

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RECENT ISSUES AND MATERIAL

by BILL BOURKE.

For some time there have been requests from some members, both for background information about issues of Scout stamps and cancels, and also for more of the technical details which may sometimes seem passed over in the rush.

I am sure you will appreciate that this is quite a vast field and that in some cases the information is hard to obtain and may be slow to come through. However, I propose to make a start with some of the issues of recent months, giving such details as are known to me (or referring to previous information where this has been given at length), and adding more later when anything comes to light.

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SURINAME : 29th July, 1964.

Stamp Issue commemorating 40 years of Scouting in Suriname and the Anniversary Jamborette 'Bigi Kroetoe'. Designed by Peter Manders of The Hague; Printed (Offset litho.) by Joh. Enschede & Zonen N.V., Haarlem, in sheets of 100 on English coated paper. No watermark. Perf. 13 X 13 •. Valid to 30th June, 1965.

Four values : 3c + 1c., 8c. + 4c., 10c. + 5c., 20c + 10c. All are of the same design, incorporating the Jamborette emblem, a stylised representation of a camp fire surrounded by seven trees, together with the name of the camp and the dates "1924 1964".

The camp commemorated was a National Jamborette held from August 20th to 30th at Zanderij, near the Suriname capital Paramaribo, its name "Bigi Kroetoe" meaning simply "Big Camp". An official "Kamp-Envelope - Camp-cover" was printed, bearing what was probably the actual Camp Badge, a green Scout Badge serving as a background to the stylised camp-fire (here with the flame glowing red, the "trees" black, but with the sides towards the fire red also), with the camp name, place and dates.

First Day Cancels were applied to F.D.Cs in Paramaribo. These are circular, diameter 33 mm., framed by words only. The stylised camp fire appears in the centre with the camp name and "40 JAAR" round it, the whole framed by /KERSTE DAG VAN UITGIFTE X PARAMARIBO 29 JULI 1964 X". F.D.C.s also bear a circular date-stamp, of which I have seen "PARAMARIBO 10" and "PARAMARIBO-FILATELIE 1". Printed cachets seen are (a) the badge of De Nederlands Padvinders with the figure of a Scout sitting with arms folded (lost?), both in green, with suitable wording; (b) a fine Fleur-de-Lys in gold and orange with "1964" on a green oval background "JAMBOREE" and "SURINAME" at top and below.

Camp Cancels (First Day apparently 20th August). These are in the form of a horn surmounted by the words "KAMPPOSTKANTOOR ZANDERIJ" (Camp Post Office Zanderij), in the centre being a small circle surrounded by "Jamborette / Bigi Kroetoe" and containing "20-30 Augustus /1964". The camp was not far from Zanderij Airport and it seems likely that all mail passed through its post office, receiving the mark "Zanderij-Luchthaven" in a double-circle date stamp. Registered mail received only a Paramaribo label.

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JAMAICA : 27th August, 1964.

Stamp Issue commemorating the holding of the VI Inter-American Scout Conference at Kingston, Jamaica. Printed (Photo-gravure) and apparently also designed by Harrison & Sons Ltd. in sheets of 60 (10 X 6, 3d. and 8d; 12 X 5, 1s).; Plate Nos. 1A 1A 1A (3d., 8d.), 1A 1A (1s.); Harrisons' imprint appears in lower margin on sheets of 3d. and 1s. only. Watermark mult. "J. and Pineapple". Perf. 14 (1s.) or 14½ X 14 (others).

Three values(illustrated in Journal Nov.1964, p. 167) :

- 3d. - Scout Belt with buckle formed by the World Scout Badge;
- 8d. - Globe showing the W.Hemisphere, clad in Scout Hat & Scarf;
- 1s. - The World Badge over an alligator (The Jamaican Crest), at the back a wavy-edged blue ground symbolising the Blue Mountains.

Printing Flaws exist on all values (described in the Journal, Nov. 1964, p.152 and illustrated p. 167).

The Conference was one of the regional ones of the World Scout Movement, held at the Sheraton Hotel, Kingston, from the 25th to the 29th August. About 120 delegates attended, most of them Scout Commissioners from the various Associations of North, Central and South America and the Caribbean, to study the promotion of efficient national Scout leadership, the expansion and development of the Movement and the increase of mutual co-operation between Associations. The hosts were the Boy Scouts Association of Jamaica, where Scouting has flourished since 1910 and now has over 5,000 members.

F.D.Cs. A large circular First Day Cancel in violet was applied to covers. This is about 43 mm. in diameter, with a double outer frame and an inner circle. Between these are the words "SHERATON KINGSTON HOTEL / \*JAMAICA\*". The title of the Conference and date "27 AUG 1964" appear in the centre. The official F.D.Cs printed for the Jamaican Association have a green rectangular design showing a map of the Americas and the World Badge - and give the Conference dates as "27-29 August". Registered covers received only numbering in manuscript, with (in my example) "Notice 9 - 11/64" added.

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RYUKYU IS. : 31st August, 1964

Single Stamp (3c) issued to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the Ryukyus. Designed by Seikichi Tamanaha; printed (photogravure) by the Japanese Govt. Printing Works, in sheets of 20 (4 X 5) on coated paper; large heading in red (title of issue) in Ryukyuan characters in top margin over three stamps; Imprint small in blue below fourth stamp of bottom row. No wmk. Perf. 13½. Quantity printed 800,000. The design shows a Ryukyuan Girl Scout saluting against a background of the World Badge of the Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (very smart too, in immaculate white gloves!).

First Day Cancels exist in three forms. These are all large circular marks, 39 mm. in diameter and apparently representing a frame to which a rounded plaque or skin, bearing the World Badge, is secured by thongs. Round the frame native characters give the title of the issue, while at the base is the date "1964. 8. 31" with more Ryukyuan characters below. The variations are both in the badge, the date and the characters, the main ones being in the foot of the badge, the figure "8" and the bottom right-hand character (both in form and in distance from the frame-line). There are also two different coloured inks, one a pale red-brown and the other a darker, greyer brown, the latter in various shakes.

F.D.C.s I have seen with the following printed cachets and probably others exist : (i) a pale green version of the stamp design, without value; (ii) The World Badge in gold on green with scroll above, and (iii) World Badge on green flag with a Girl Scout, full face, saluting. These different covers do not correspond with the differences in the cancels.

The background to this issue was described by HARRY D. THORSEN Jr. in the Journal of July 1964, p. 90, while the stamp and sheet headings were illustrated in November, p. 167.

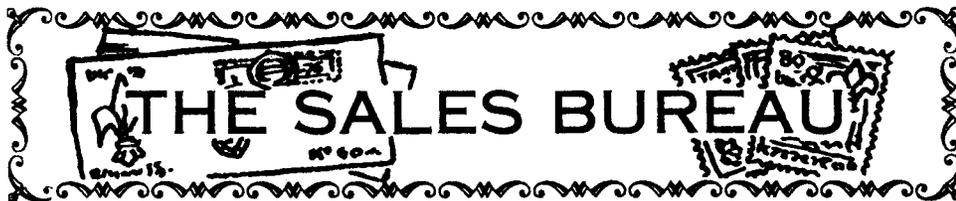
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ST. VINCENT : 23rd November, 1964.

Stamp issue commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Scouting in St. Vincent. Designed by Victor Whiteley ; printed (Litho). by Harrison & Sons Ltd., in sheets of 50 (10 X 5) without imprint or Plate Nos Wmk. mult. Crown C A (Block letters). Perf. 14½.

Four Values: 1c., 4c., 20c., and 50c., all of the same design and showing, besides the Queen's portrait, the Scout Badge flanked by nine special proficiency badges (listed Journal, JAN. 1965, p. 48, illustration, p. 44 Plate Flaws, p. 23).

F.D.C.s. No special cancel, but an official cover (prepared by the Island Association apparently) in blue and black, showing a Scout with Union Flag on a rock (from a sketch by B. -P. ).



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