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Members will no doubt be relieved to read that our Secretary-General and the Editorial staff are now 'back in harness'; that they should all be 'hors de combat' at the same time is a contingency that was as unexpected as it was unfortunate; yet it did happen and threw the production and issue of the May Journal out of gear, the position being retrieved only by the concerted efforts of the S.G. and the A.E. However, from our misfortunes has emerged some good, for it has enabled us to act on an idea of the latter's which was to re-arrange the production dates so that the Journal will in future be issued on 'even' instead of 'odd' alternate months, thereby avoiding the holiday periods, which in the past has been the cause of slowing up the compilation and distribution of certain issues of the Journal throughout the year.

Having got this off our chests we can turn to another subject which is something more positive - the production of the S. S. C. C. 's Handbook No. 2 by our member REG MORRIS, who we are sure all of you will wish to congratulate on providing us with such an interesting monograph on the SCOUT STAMPS AND POSTMARKS OF GREECE. Although it is reviewed elsewhere in this Journal, we could not let it's publication pass without some editorial comment.

We know that the catalogue on SCOUT AND GUIDE STAMPS being compiled by our member A.H. NICHOLSON is nearly complete and ready for printing and we are eagerly awaiting its arrival, but what of the future? When will Handbook No. 3 make it's appearance? Who will compile it, and what will be the subject?

We hope we will not be kept in suspense too long;

..... W. N.

MORE FROM THE EDITOR'S IN TRAY.

My grateful thanks to:

.... T. BAXTER (Member 544) for sending me a copy of the official information published about the 1920 Richmond Park Camp and also for a copy of the letter he received from Mr. FRANK GODDEN, who, by the way WAS the Scout who was awarded the special certificate for his stamp collection shown at the competition held at this camp: this certificate took the form of a Wigwam which Mr. Godden cut out and stuck together to make an attractive item for display. He also mentioned that he met several Scouts from different parts of the country through this competition and one of them became a lifelong friend and partner in his business until his death during World War II. From just a chance remark in the Journal by one of our members about a camp over 40 years ago has elicited quite a number of interesting facts. I wonder if in another 40 years time, the name of one of our Junior members who is a Scout or a Guide will also become a well known name in philatelic circles?

.... W. KRUISWIJK (Member 559) for writing and saying the type of articles he likes to read in the Journal. His preference is for the short article, New Issues and Market Trends, the series on the Mafeking stamps and posts and on the events of the past and the photo pages. Whilst we know we do not please everybody all the time we do like to know as many member's likes and dislikes as possible, so that we can cater for the majority.

.... FLOYD STEUTEL-DEAN (Member 616) for his complimentary remarks about the contents of the Journals, particularly the January issue. He goes on to say that he would welcome seeing an official listing of the Scout and Guide postmarks of Norway and Finland, particularly the latter. I wonder if one of our Scandinavian members can oblige? He also refers to the illustration of the faked Roumanian F.D. cover with a metallic-like seal attached and writes that he has an identical seal, black on gold, used on a card from Austria, dated 5.10.1962 "Internationale Pfadfinderbriefmarken Ausstellung". Could this seal - and perhaps the forged cancellation - have originated from Austria? For the information of Label and Seal enthusiasts, he has a collection of nearly 1400 different seals, of which 228 are Girl Scout/ Guide and the rest Boy Scout.

.... C.S. TAYLOR (Member 316) for sending me details of a cover he received from a pen-pal in India, from the 4th. All India Jamboree held at Jawahar Puri near Allahabad, from 27th to 31st December, 1964. This was organised by Shri, G.L. Bharcava, Secretary of the Allahabad Philatelic Club on behalf of the Jamboree Committee at the Jamboree site. Smt. Sucheta Kripalani, Chief Minister, inaugurated the special cancellation, Shri. S.P. Farooqi, Senior Superintendent Post Offices presented the first cancelled cover to the Chief Minister. Later 250 covers were given by the Secretary of the Club to distinguished guests. The cancellation in a single circle mark with '4TH ALL INDIA BHARAT SCOUTS AND GUIDES JAMBOREE ALLAHABAD' round periphery, with Scout badge and date - 29.12.64 - in centre.

.... MRS. ISOBEL JARDINE (Member 355) who writes that she takes a very active interest in the Trefoil School for Physically Handicapped Children at Gogar, Edinburgh, which is supported by many Guide and Scout friends. As with this type of School, financial support is always needed and she would be most grateful to any member for sending her used stamps from their mail so that they can be sold for the benefit of the children. The School also has a keen stamp collector's Club and I am sure she would also appreciate receiving any members' unwanted duplicates for the Club. The principles and ideals of Scouting and Guiding underlie the work of the whole school and I am certain any gift of stamps, however small, would be put to good service for the children.

.... R.D. ALLEN (Member 320) for sending me some information which may be of use not only to Juniors but to adult members of the S.S.C.C. It concerns another method of removing hinges and paper from stamps in addition to those I mentioned in the March Journal, and is as follows : Purchase an ordinary 6" Perspex sandwich box with a well fitted lid, some cotton wool and a piece of perforated zinc. Cut the cotton wool to exact size of base of box and about • to • inch thick and place it with the zinc on top in box, with a little water. It is ready for removing the hinges from the back of mint stamps without removing the gum. Don't rush it but let it work slowly. Condensation will appear on the inside of the lid and after taking out the stamps lift off the hinges or paper and place the stamps on the top of the box to dry off. All specimens should be placed face downwards on the zinc and it is a safe method for those printed in fugitive inks.

.....W.N.



THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

A Happy Summer Season to one and all - only don't show your mint stamps outside - it seems to be awful damp lately! I am pleased to know that our hard-working Editorial Staff are now fully recovered and back on the ball to catch up with the back-log of news and views that we all await eagerly every two months. I was also very pleased to see that our 'inside man' at Headquarters, NORMAN ROWE, had been able to get a whole page of photographs of Scout and Guide stamps in the July issue of the Scouter.

Hosts of new cancels appearing day by day this Summer;
from Austria the following :

'WIEN 101, OSTERREICHISCHE PFADFINDERBRIEFMARKEN SAMMLERGILODE, GILDENTREFFEN - 12-6-65'.

'FELDKIRCH, VORARLBERG 20. BUNDESFUHRERTAGUNG DER PFADFINDER OSTERREICHS 5-6-65'.

'WIEN 101, 10 JAHRE PFADFINDERGRUPPE 82 GRINZING -- 22.5.65'.

I note that the Austrians still maintain the practise of putting numbers to the individual cancellations, and I know that some members collect an example of each of them. Well, if you insist - then Good Luck! My example of the first cancellation is Number 14! As for the last one, its getting a bit such when a Scout Group gets its own cancellation. How would it be if the idea caught on in other countries? From Germany :

'TAGE DER JUGEND IM KREISE MESCHEDE 23-5-65'

'TAGE DER JUGEND - FINNENTROP 23-5-65'

'KETTIG D. S. P. G. LAND ESSEN LANDESTREFFEN ST. ALTFRIED 4-6-65'

'BENDORF-SAYN. PFADFINDERLAGER BREXBACHTAL. 5413' (Design is a totempole and Scout Badge).

I also hear of a cancel from GRANSTEDT but details not to hand.

From Denmark : A cancel due from the KFUM Scout camp at SLAGELSE TRELLEBORG 21 to 29 July. From Sweden :

'GO-SO-LAGRET KLINTEHAMN' July 12th to 17th.

'SCOUTLAGRET ILLERN TRANAS' July 28th to August 5th.

European Rover Moot at TIVED August 10th to 20th.

From Norway -

'LANDSPEIDERLEIREN FØLING' August 4th to 12th.

My grateful thanks to those members who have sent me examples or news of these cancels. May I make a further plea on behalf of the Journal and suggest that members in the countries concerned send a copy of each cancel that is issued to the Journal. These would be used to make printing plates for illustration, As it does seem hard on the Editors that they have to buy copies of such cancels and then have to cut up the covers for copying purposes. (Thanks Roy for the suggestion. It would help the position and I could aim to illustrate every cancel as it is issued - and at present costs, the Club could not pay out, say, twelve times 1/6 to 2/6 to supply examples which then become unsaleable. As a matter of interest I have only seen one of these cancels to which Roy refers, so I echo his appeal for assistanceJDR).

The postmark to commemorate the 4th All-India Jamboree at Allahabad has at last appeared in the dealers' stockbooks, some seven months after the event! PETER DUCK informs me that there appear to be two cancels - one with dots between the figures of the date, and one without. Confirmation please gentlemen;

You may know that I have a cover from Germany, dated 1922 which bears some stamps (other than those which pre-pay the registered postal rate) overprinted "RHEIN RUHR PFADFINDERKORPS" and that at that time it occurred that the so-called inflation issues were sometimes 'converted' into labels of this type. Despite publicity through several earlier issues of the Journal And our counterpart in the United States, I have not yet discovered anyone else who has even a single copy (and there are several on my cover) of this 'stamp-label'. Through one of those odd quirks of coincidence, I have recently been able to acquire a single 'unused' copy of this label. Am I still the w=exclusive owner of this type of label?

Well, the Summer is upon us, and whether you are looking forward to a great holiday or a Scout camp (notice I make a distinction!) may I wish you a happy relaxing time in glorious sunshine. As for myself, I am hoping for all three in the South of France with a van full of Seniors and the Ass. Ed. (I beg your pardon, John - no offence meant!) driving the tricky bits through the mountains.

ROY E. RHODES.

ROLAND HOUSE MEETING

Fixed for Saturday afternoon, September 4th, at 2 p.m. The same weekend as Gilwell Reunion so that out-of-town members who come to the Reunion can have the opportunity of attending as well. There may be a chance of members with cars at the Reunion being able to bring those without cars from Gilwell to Stepney and back. Offers and requests to John ROAKE.

THE SECRETARY - GENERAL WRITES

Welcome to New Members.

Several additions to our membership strength have recently been reported particularly following the article in Gibbons Stamp Monthly and also as the result of regional members. In the latter connection I have in mind especially the work of JAN BERGQVIST in Sweden and any members able to help in the build-up of the Club's strength will always earn the warm thanks of the Club and the Committee Members.

Israel National Jamboree.

A special cancellation has been announced for the Israel National Jamboree to be held from the 9th to the 13th August. In addition there will be a slogan cancel in use from the 1st to the 8th August with the wording in Hebrew "Once a Scout, Always a Scout".

Supplies of these items will be available via the Permanent List.

New Stamp Issue from Brazil.

Samples have been arriving of the new single stamp from Brazil and an unusual feature of this release is the sheetlet which is in limited supply. Certain quantities have been received for the use of the Permanent List and/or Mint Distributions and these will be sent out as available.

Regional Representation.

As ours is an International Club it is essential that members in all parts of the world shall be aware of the local representative whom they can consult. Because the Club started as a meeting at the old International Bureau Headquarters in Ebury Street, London, we have tended to have the officers provided from amongst the ranks of the U.K. members, but much of our strength lies outside the British Isles and we are always therefore very grateful to our Regional Representatives.

"Secretary-General Writes" continued...

In this connection I would especially like to mention two of our representatives both of whom have already proved themselves excellent servants of the organisation. JOSEPH SUY from Belgium has helped the Club in enumerable ways and has also aided the Club in its membership drives and members in any of the Europe countries who need assistance of any sort are recommended to contact Mr. Suy. One will always find that he is delighted to give the benefit of his wisdom and as he is able to correspond in numerous languages I, personally, have been exceedingly glad of his aid.

From Sweden JAN BERGQVIST has recently been appointed as Regional Representative and is already making his influence felt in connection with the drive for new members. It is hoped that growing Scandinavian division will eventually become an exceptional source of strength. Members in Norway and Sweden requiring the help of a Regional Representative are invited to contact Mr. Bergqvist and I am sure that they will not be disappointed with the outcome.

Increasing Regional Growth.

It is always with pleasure that we record the efforts being made towards the increase in strength based on local interests because to collect in isolation is not always a good idea. Thus formation in Australia of a group with objects similar to those of the S. S. C. C. in London must be recorded with pleasure. Any help which we as a Club are able to offer will automatically be given and this should lead to an extension of the interest in collecting Scout and Guide stamps in the Australasian sphere.

The Universal Currency.

One day perhaps we shall achieved our objective of one currency which is applicable to all countries but in the meantime it must be recognised by contributors and especially those whose interest is in pricing that much of our membership is accustomed to prices other than Sterling. With this in mind therefore and in view of the recent remarks of one of the American members it is suggested that whenever prices are indicated the dollar equivalent is recorded. We all know that it is easy to write down \$1 = 7s. or thereabouts but prices such as 2/7d., 3/5d., 9/4d., etc. are not easily convertible and approximate dollar equivalents will always help our 'American cousins'.

THE CLUB CATALOGUE

by Howard L. Fears.

The work of Club Member A.H. NICHOLSON has continued and it is hoped that his efforts will be rewarded with the publication of the Club Catalogue in the autumn of this year. A great deal of final labour has to be pursued in order to bring the project to its conclusion and the approximate plans are as follows.

1. The main listing will appear as the first release and annual supplements will be issued.
2. If possible the initial listing will include certain photographic representations of at least one stamp per set listed. Subsequent supplements will include not only stamp representations of additional items but will also fill in the gaps so far as previous issues are concerned.
3. A spring-back binder to take the whole production will be available but it is not essential that this should be purchased through the auspices of the Club.
4. The whole project requires as much support as possible because the initial release is likely to include 160 separate pages, and as you can imagine to make economic printing worthwhile a considerable amount of cash will have to be put forward and as Club resources are very low this will be my own personal gesture in lending the Club sufficient money to make the project possible.

The prices which are quoted on a separate leaflet enclosed with this issue of the Journal will give the complete 'low-down' and members able to place advance orders for single or several copies are especially requested to write and place such orders immediately. All correspondence regarding the orders themselves should be to the Secretary-General at 6 Claremont Road, Seaford Sussex, England, and if you are able to order a number of copies on behalf of your friends or other interested persons this will be especially appreciated. For bulk orders some small reduction in the price can be made available. Payment in advance will have its own reward, - as you will see from the prices - and it is stressed that the material contained in this listing will be of outstanding value to all serious collectors of Scout Stamps. From time to time based on this listing it is hoped to have available actual prices since the listing will not include the current valuations.

EVENTS OF THE PAST - II

by Bill Bourke.

Great Britain - The Regional Jamborees of 1936.

One of the main reasons for the holding of these two great camps (important for many things apart from the 'Mount Edgcumbe' and 'Darlington' cancels they produced!), was the desire that as many of the Scouts of Britain as possible should have a chance of seeing their Chief and Founder. For much of the previous few years B-P, knowing that he might not have much time left, had been away on a succession of overseas tours to encourage the progress and spread of Scouting. Earlier in the year he had returned from one which had included Australia for their Jamboree at Frankston and South Africa for theirs at East London - and now, at these two camps, he was as he put it 'Formally welcomed on one of his occasional visits'!

The two camps were similar in many respects. In both the key-note was individuality, each Troop coming as its Summer Camp and having its own separate site, responsible for its own catering and activities, with the concerted programme being confined to certain days and occasions. Each camp, too, had a substantial number of overseas Scouts and was quite a pocket World Jamboree, and they both had really ideal sites on beautiful private estates. And of course both of them had what gives them a special interest for us, an official Temporary Post Office using a distinctive cancellation, the first British Scout ones since the World Jamboree at Arrowe Park in 1929.

THE WEST COUNTRY JAMBOREE - Mount Edgcumbe, near Plymouth, Devon.

Held from 31st July to the 10th August (including Arrival and Departure days), it was attended by some 4,000 Scouts. These came mainly from the counties of Devon, Cornwall, Somerset, Dorset, and Bristol, but with Wales and many other English counties also represented, while from overseas came Scouts from America, Armenia, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Holland, Hungary, Norway and Sweden. So many applications poured in that the area originally set aside had to be almost doubled, to nearly a thousand acres. The Camp Chief, leading a most efficient team, was Mr. D. Heathcote Amory, who few if any could have foreseen would one day be in charge of Britain's finances as Chancellor of the Exchequer.

To add to its romance Mount Edgcumbe is surrounded by water, everyone coming across from Plymouth by two tiny ferries (one most appropriately called the Shuttlecock). The main camp was on high ground and divided into three Sub-Camps, Red, White and Blue, each commanding a glorious view, while Sea Scouts had a special camp of their own (and their own day allocated for their display and activities). Nearby were several bathing beaches and not far away at the Royal Naval Dockyard of Devonport the ships were beflagged for visiting, for this was Navy Week. And the weather was excellent....

The great day at this Jamboree was the 3rd August, Bank Holiday Monday, when the Chief Scout arrived in Plymouth for a Rally held in the Home Park Football Ground. From 8 a.m. till nearly noon the Shuttlecock and her sister ferried the Scouts across to the mainland. 12,000 people packed the stands as the Lord Mayor of Plymouth gave B.-P. a civic greeting after he had entered through an avenue of King's Scouts and Scout and Guide Colour-bearers. Then the Scouts in their thousands marched past, advancing six abreast with flags and banners showing where they were from, then dividing to pass each side of the Chief so that every Scout had a fine view of him smiling down, each group giving a cheer of their special yell. Displays of all kinds followed in quick succession : a very long bridge, gymnastics, firefighting, life-saving, wild 'African' natives, tumbling and many more, several being staged at once and all of a high standard. Later the Chief addressed them, stressing the World-wide character of the movement, and soon the Rally was over and the Scouts enjoying a free tea provided by the Plymouth Corporation. The following day the Chief went round the Camp.

THE NORTHERN COUNTIES JAMBOREE - Raby Park, Nr. Darlington, Co. Durham. Held from 1st to 9th August, 1936, in the magnificent park of Raby Castle, twelve miles from Darlington and the home of Lord Barnard, for many years County Commissioner for Durham and the Jamboree Chief at this camp. Sponsored by the Northumberland and Durham Scout Associations, this Jamboree was much larger than the one at Mount Edgcumbe, between 6,000 and 7,000 Scouts being in camp, drawn from many of the counties of England and Scotland and with a number of overseas contingents, including, American, Danish, Dutch, French, Norwegian and Swedish Scouts. There were four Sub-Camps, mainly out of sight of each other, their 1500 tents seeming
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By the Editor.

I am sure you have read either in the National press or in one of the Philatelic magazines that the postmaster General has announced that Great Britain will issue nineteen new stamps this year to commemorate eight different events.

By the time you read this at least one of these sets will have been issued, the first being two stamps showing the portrait of Sir Winston Churchill: I think I am right in saying that other than the Shakespeare issue these are the first British stamps to include the likeness of a person other than those of the Royal Family. Whether their rather drab appearance and colouring will appeal to collectors remains to be seen, but we should remember before criticising them that they are a memorial to a great man and one who was world famous.

Not only will Great Britain honour this man but there will be what is called an 'omnibus' issue, that is, a number of Commonwealth countries will also issue a short set of stamps of similar design. His portrait has already appeared alongside those of other famous - and infamous - men on the stamps of some foreign countries, but in most cases the likeness has been poorly executed; this is not likely to happen with those issued by the Commonwealth countries. A notable exception is the United States Churchill stamp; a very dignified portrait, a simple design and a high standard of engraving which makes a noble tribute to this great man.

These stamps will be popular with many collectors and should you be one of them it should be possible for you to form a collection of stamps which portray this great man for a reasonable outlay. Many collectors in the past have got together collections of famous people and have found that not only are they of interest to themselves but they also appeal to non-stamp collectors.

Good luck to you in your stamp collecting.

ALL INDIA JAMBOREE. By Howard L. Fears.

Details so far made available of the recent ALL-India Jamboree include the following report from the Far East Scouting Bulletin : -

Colourful pageantry; interesting handicraft exhibits; good camping, and fraternal mixing of Scouts and Guides, highlighted the fourth all-India Jamboree which ended successfully in Alahabad, India last December 31st.

Some 11,000 campers had gathered at the Magh Mela Grounds of the historic Jamboree City when Smt Sucheta Krepalani, Chief Minister of the Indian state of Uttar Pradesh officially opened this special Scout/Guide event on December 27th. The huge camp included the Girl Guide Wing which had 3,294 representatives and the overseas contingents which came from six countries.

Every day of the Jamboree was a busy but memorable day for the Jamboree participants. They kept their camping standards high. The various contingents took part in arena displays, educational visits, fellowship campfires, and fraternal swapping of Scout items. They also learned new skills in handicraft making and other worthwhile hobbies. The importance of the movement in the life of the community was underscored by a daily chief guest from the Government of the host State. An estimated 30,000 Jamboree visitors witnessed the Jamboree displays.

The Jamboree was formally closed by Shri Bishawanath Das Governor of Uttar Pradesh state on December 31st. The fourth point of the Scout Law was brought to the international level in the Jamboree by a fourteen-member contingent from Nepal, 12 Ceylonese Scouts, 6 American Scouts, two British Scouts, two Uganda Scouts, a New Zealand Scout Representative and Ench Abdul Kadera B. T. Kechik of the Boy Scouts World Bureau.

RESULTS OF THE JANUARY CLUB AUCTION

<u>Lot.No.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot.No.</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Lot.No.</u>	<u>Price.</u>
1	8/6	3	7/-	4	28/-
6	50/-	7	16/-	8	60/-
12	14/-	14	50/-	16	30/-
17	28/-	18	110/-	21	6/-
22	28/-	24	46/-	25	46/-
26	85/-	29	14/-	30	22/-
35	50/-	36	55/-	38	36/-
40	40/-	41	13/-	42	34/-
44	20/-	50	£16	51	£17
52	£15	53	44/-	56	50/-
59	10/-	62	10/-	63	34/-
64	20/-	66	13/-	67	32/-
69	£16.	71	£16.	72	£31.
74	60/-	75	100/-	76	110/-
84	140/-	88	100/-	89	24/-
90	26/-	92	26/-	93	32/-
94	22/-	96	52/-	97	30/-
98	54/-	99	70/-	100	36/-
101	30/-	102	24/-	103	170/-
106	40/-	107	60/-	108	38/-
113	12/-	121	2/-	125	8/-
126	11/-	131	8/-	132	10/-
136	7/-	154	3/-	155	2/6
156	3/-	161	17/-	163	5/-
164	16/-	170	11/-	171	30/-
172	10/-	173	10/-	174	10/-
178	9/-	179	40/-	180	7/-
181	14/-	182	18/-	183	6/-
189	6/-	190	9/-	193	9/-
195	5/-	197	20/-	198	20/-
201	14/-	202	70/-	203	15/-
205	7/-	209	25/-	210	26/-
211	24/-	212	8/-	214	36/-
216	20/-	217	32/-	219	18/-
220	19/-	221	4/-	222	4/-
224	15/-	227	10/-	228	10/-
223	32/-	235	8/-	237	6/-
240	3/-	241	4/-	245	12/-
250	25/-	251	14/-	254	11/-
256	11/-	307	24/-	309	7/-
318	20/-	319	17/-	325	8/-
326	8/-	327	3/-	329	25/-

SECOND CLUB POSTAL AUCTION

<u>Lot.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimate</u>
1	Hungary 1939 "I PAX TING" cancel "E" on presentation card with full set (4). Cancel dated July 30, in blue	30/-
2	Greece 1963 Rhodes conference cancel and supp.h/stamp	2/6
3	Switzerland-1963 Block of 10 with plate no. on cover	5/-
4	Australia. Sheet of transfers of 6 National Jamborees	2/6
5	Hungary 1940 set on small piece (used)	5/-
6	Haiti 1962 set of 5 on FDC. Official envelope No.108	10/-
7	Norway-1961 "RINGERIKE" cancel on illustrated cover	3/-
8	Norway-1962 "STOKKE" cancel on plain cover	2/6
9	Norway-1962 Swedish camp at " BOGSTAD" cancel on plain cov.	2/6
10	Norway-1962 "VALEN I SUNNHORDLAND" cancel on plain cov.	2/6
11	St.Vincent - 1964 FDC	6/-
12	Fiji-1964 FDC Suva cancel (boat)	4/-
13	Trinidad and Tobago 1964 FDC	6/-
14	as previous lot, but registered	8/-
15	Jamaica - 1964 FDC	5/6
16	Trinidad & Tobago 1961 pre-Jamboree slogan "Visit Boy Scout Jamboree, Trinidad, April 4th-14th" clear strike	5/-
17	Togo 1961 set of four min.sheets (mint)	30/-
18	Togo 1961 set on FDC	9/-
19	Formosa (China) 1959 set on FDC with suppl.cachet in red	7/6
20	Canada 1961 3rd Canadian Jamboree slogan cancel	2/-
21	Iceland 1964 FDC	4/6
22	Greece 1963 set on cover cancelled with Bourke/Type I cancel from Marathon, dated August 3rd	10/-
23	Southern Rhodesia 1959 Official cover with cancel dated May 4th together with camp brochure and 3 copies of publicity magazines "Jamboree Gen"	20/-
24	Tunisia 1960 set on FDC	32/-
25	Finland 1953 "TAPIOLAN SUURLEIRI SULKAVA" cancel on official cover	25/-
26	Iran 1950 set on FDC	60/-
27	Dominican Republic 1957 set on FDC	30/-
28	Philippines 1959 min.sheet on FDC with Jamb. cancel	34/-
29	Viet Nam 1959 the faked FDC with false cachet and false cancel reading "SAIGOK". However the stamps are genuine!	17/-
30	USA 1950 FDC with 4-block and scarce large Valley Forge cancel "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE"	10/-
31	Switzerland 1963 on FD presentation card - attractive	5/-
32	Korea 1961 FDC with scarce "SEOUL, KOREA" cancel in Eng.	12/-

33	Iran 1957 FDC on illustrated cover	14/-
34	Jamaica 1952 FDC with postmark "KINGSTON, JAMAICA"	10/-
35	India 1960 3rd All-India Jamboree cancel on cover	13/-
36	as previous lot but all seven days cancels on one cover	22/-
37	Cyprus - 1963 FDC	4/-
38	Syria 1958 pair on FDC with "DAMAS" cancellation	28/-
39	Italy 1958 cancel "IV IMCONTRO PRIMAVERA SEN. G. E. I."	10/-
40	Italy 1956 cancel 3rd Nat'l Camp of G. E. I. at Perugia	8/-
41	as above but set of 16 diff. Illustrated cards with consecutive dates between Jul. 26 and Aug. 10, 1956	60/-
42	Italy 1959 ASCI 2nd Nat'l Rover Camp, Bracciano cancel on illustrated card	8/-
43	as above, but on illustrated envelope	8/-
44	India 1937 All-India Jamboree cover with special white label and oblong FD cancel - slightly tropicalised RARE	£8.
45	Hungary 1925 set (8) on cover with cancel May 6, 1925	£6.
46	As above, but with Davis Cup cancel May 10th, 1925	£6.
	<u>THE NEXT TEN LOTS ARE ALL CZECHOSLOVAKIAN ITEMS :</u>	
47	1918 the mint pair	50/-
48	1918 the used pair	50/-
49	1918 cover bearing 20h. stamp cancelled with "Posta Skautu" and "Dopis od skauta" signature cachet	£8.
50	1931 the rare roller cancel on piece. Very clear strike	£10.
51	1936 "ZEMSKY SKAUTSKY SJEZD" cancel in green on piece	50/-
52	1937 "JAROMER" Opening of Scouts' Home cancel in green	50/-
53	1945 Klatovy "SKAUTSKE SLAMNOSTI" cancel on piece	25/-
54	As above but cancel on complete card	50/-
55	1946 "II JUNACKY SNEM" cancel on piece	30/-
56	As above but on complete card	60/-
57	Siam - 1920 'Tigers'. Third set complete but top val. damaged	£8.
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60	Hungary 1933 set in unmounted blocks of four	80/-
61	Liechtenstein 1953 set of 4 - mint	36/-
62	Nicaragua 1949 set of 2 (2 cent and 2 cordoba) mint	30/-
63	Persia (Iran) 1950 Shah in Uniform set - mint	45/-
64	Philippines 1959 set of 7 including tete-beche	25/-
64	Roumania 1931 set mint (Exhibition)	16/-
66	Roumania 1932 set mint (Sibiou)	55/-
67	Roumania 1934 set mint (Mamaia)	40/-
68	Roumania 1935 set mint (King Charles)	40/-
69	Roumania 1936 set mint (Brasov)	15/-
70	Thorsen's book "Scouts on stamps of the World" fixed price	14/-

Book Review : SCOUT STAMPS AND POSTMARKS OF GREECE by REG MORRIS.

Written and published by REG MORRIS at the modest price of 2/6, The S.S.C.C. Handbook No.2 is a 24-page quarto booklet, liberally illustrated with all the known cancellations, photographs of the two stamp issues, supplementary cancels (or cachets in the English usage of the word) and varieties of the various cancels.

The first section deals with a concise history of Greek Scouting and in the articles on each of the events to attract philatelic recognition many interesting facts about them have been included. The 11th World Jamboree has been extremely well covered, and includes hitherto unpublished aspects of this event. All the cancels and cachets are illustrated and described, together with brief notes about labels.

After a comprehensive study of the stamps of 1963, Reg. continues with the Scout Postal Franchise of Greece, and concludes with a guide to the market value of Greek material. I consider this to be a really excellent handbook, and commend all members to send for a copy. Members will recall that WILF NODDER's book about Swedish cancels was sold out within two months, so early application is commended!

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Seventy lots only this time, but with something for everyone! Valuations have been shown, but these will neither be used as a starting price nor as reserves, these have been set at lower values.

Bids to be made in sterling or U.S. dollars (exchange rate 7/- to the dollar), and it is requested that these are on separate sheets of paper from any correspondence. Where two or more bids are received, the highest bidder will secure the lot at one higher bid than the underbidder. The bid rises will be 1/- up to 20/-, 2/- up to 100/-, and thereafter at 5/- rises. As an example 'A' bids 22/-, 'B' bids 34/-, and 'C' bids 26/-. 'B' will secure the lot at 27/- (one bid higher than 'C').

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SCOUT STAMPS IN "THE VALLEY OF PEACE" -
A VISIT TO VADUZ POSTAL MUSEUM, LIECHTENSTEIN

by Stanley K. Hunter.

During the summer of 1963 I visited the Postal Museum in the "Englanderbau" building in Vaduz.

The Postal Museum comprises three sections : the Postal History of the Principality, its postage stamps and the stamps of the world, issued by the member-countries of the U.P.U. in 1956. I cast an envious eye on the very rare Egyptian Scout Jamboree miniature sheet on show alongside Scout issues of Nicaragua and Iran.

The Boy Scout Movement was introduced into the Principality in 1931, when the London-Scottish (10th Finchley) Scout Troop camped there with the express purpose of arousing interest in the Movement. The troop was successful and Scouting was started with enthusiasm. By the following year, it was firmly established and in fact achieved postal recognition. The 1932 Child welfare set, issued on December 19th, was comprised of three stamps. The 30 Rp. + 10 Rp. blue, depicted H. S. H. Prince Franz I flanked by two Boy Scouts. All three stamps were designed by H. C. Kosel and printed by photo-gravure, by Chwala of Vienna, perf. 11½.

The association (F. L. P. K. - "St. Georg") was registered with the International (now World) Scout Conference in 1933 and thus achieved international Scout recognition. Liechtenstein was host to the 14th Conference in 1953, when it was held in Vaduz Town Hall from 8th to 13th August, and a set of four stamps were issued in sheets of 20 stamps, perf. 13 X 13½. They are of uniform design, depicting Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. It is interesting to note that this was the first time "B.-P." had been portrayed on a stamp since the celebrated Mafeking Siege stamps of 1900. Two special post-cards were also issued.

Various Scouting motifs - the salute, the arrowhead badge etc. appeared on the margins of the sheets, in addition to the Wood Badge - the international Scout leaders' training award - and the Scout hat. The portrait was based on the photograph taken in 1929 to mark the 21st anniversary of the Movement and "B.-P."s accession to the Peerage. The actual design of the stamps was by Canon Anton Frommelt of Vaduz. The stamps were recess printed by Waterlow and Sons, London. The Postal Museum still possesses the enlarged artist's sketch, which has been copied quite faithfully.

The Museum's exhibit on the 1957 set is most comprehensive. The story of the designing of these unusual stamps and the build up of the sheet are illustrated in no less than sixteen pages of exhibits. Both stamps were again the work of Canon Frommelt.

Collectors have often expressed to me, their curiosity as to the source of the portrait of the "B.-P" on the 20 Rp. I visited Canon Frommelt in his Studio in Vaduz, to ask him about it. He told me that it was suggested to him to produce a more unconventional drawing than the now traditional photograph used by him in 1953. "B.-P" would certainly have smiled at the humourous result. Can. Frommelt added the laurel branch as tribute to the work of Lord Baden-Powell.

Canon Frommelt's choice of design for the 10 Rp. was based on the event which is now a highlight of the year. Each year, on 16th August, Liechtenstein celebrates its National Day and to mark this, the Boy Scouts hold a Torchlight Procession down the "Fuersten-Steig", or Princely Path, which leads down from the 6000 feet peaks which tower above Vaduz.

NEWS FROM THE EXHIBITIONS.

Heartiest congratulations to WALTER GROB-SIGRIST, whose collection of the issues of stamps of Mafeking brought him a Silver-Gilt medal at the WIPA exhibition in Vienna.

I am told that five other Scout collections were medal-winners, there being Silver medals awarded to exhibitors from Sweden and Norway and Bronze medals to an Italian exhibitor and two from Austria. I do not know the names but would ask if they are members so that they may be given their deserved credit in the Journal.

From Montreal, Canada, comes news of member EMILE R. PLEAU, who exhibited a ten-frame study of the 50th Anniversary of Scouting and four frames about the Guide Golden Jubilee. With 850 competitive frames on show it is a tribute to the extremely high standard that Emile won the Third 'Grand Prix' trophy as well as taking a 'First' in the Thematic section with the Scout collection and a further trophy for his Guide exhibit. This is truly a magnificent achievement on the part of one of our members and shows that you don't have to have Siam 'Tigers' on first day Registered covers and imperforate Mafeking to win the major awards.

From WIPA I also hear that in the specialised Czechoslovakian section there were in one collection alone - 8 of the Masaryk o/pts. on covers, on piece and one in combination with the rare imprinted 10H. value on postal card. There were also 18 different definite shades of colour of the 20H proof and a hitherto unreported cancellation of the "NARODNI VYBOR" covers consisting of an oblong-shaped hand-stamp incorporating a lion's head on the left-hand side. Can anyone throw any light on the subject?

.....JDR.

SOME NOTES ON THE MAFEKING STAMPS AND POSTS.

(Collated by the Editor and continued from Vol. 9 No.2, page 65).

As mentioned in the March Journal, I had intended that some notes on the handstamp used during the Siege would provide a fitting ending to this series of articles. After re-reading them, however, I see that I have made no reference to the quantities of overprinted stamps issued neither have I given details of how the 'cracked plate' of the 3d. B.-P. large stamp, or to call it by its more correct name the 'broken plate', came into being. I think this should be remedied so instead of the notes which follow completing the series, I shall include details of the numbers issued and the varieties that exist in the October Journal.

Members who have used copies of the Mafeking Siege stamps or who are fortunate in possessing a cover handstamped during the Siege will have undoubtedly noticed that the cancellation has the year of date in full thus " - 1900 - " the figures being of small type.

Permanent single circle type of handstamps of that period which were in use in many British Colonies normally had removable type for the date and year the latter being of two figures of large type. From my own knowledge of the postal history of that time, particularly so in respect of the Rhodesians and British Central Africa this fact is true without exception. Why, then, should the handstamp used at Mafeking during the Siege be an exception? I can find no official explanation for this in any philatelic publication but venture to suggest a possible solution that does not appear to have been made before - that the two large numerals "00" were not included with the accessories sent with the handstamp when it was first supplied to the Mafeking post office. In those early days, it was usual to supply sufficient loose numeral type to cover a period of years. I feel sure the Head Office at Capetown would not have considered it important enough for any additional type to be sent specially to Mafeking at this stage of the Boer War even if the Department's records may have shown that the post office had only been issued originally with enough loose type up to the end of the century: the chance of it getting through the Boer lines would not have warranted it and the cost of sending it would have been out of all proportion to its value: the postal staff at Mafeking would certainly not have requisitioned it - there were far more important things to be considered.

As far as I can ascertain, no one connected with the postal staff at Mafeking during the Siege is now living. Mr. J.V. HOWAT, the postmaster, and Mr. A. THOMAS, the telephonist who did relief duty at the office have both long since passed on. The information given by them on postal matters was based mainly on memory: furthermore, no official records seem to have been kept. Dr. K. FREUND to whom I have referred before has seen a photograph of a cover having a pencilled notation "The post official, official had no index (i. e. type) "00" for the year so he had the '1900' made in the besieged town". Although unable to verify this statement because the originator had died, he considers it a possibility since there must undoubtedly have been a number of craftsmen in the town capable of manufacturing such type. There is also a possibility that it could have been made at the printing works of 'The Mafeking Mail' or that Mr. THOMAS's recollections may have been correct and that the type had been ordered by one of the Departments of the Magistrates Office since it is known such type was used in their oval shaped handstamps; thus, being available, it could have been 'borrowed' by the postal staff when it was found that no '00' type existed. All this is mere conjecture but I think it may still be possible to obtain some evidence which, if not exactly conclusive would at least be a step forward. If a stamp or cover postmarked with the Mafeking handstamp having large '00' for year and dated between January 1st and March 23rd, 1900 can be found - even a cover that passed through Mafeking and which was backstamped with the handstamp during this period would serve - then we would know that the type must have been available; the reason why its use was not continued would, however, still remain unanswered unless it can be assumed, admittedly without any evidence, that it was subsequently lost or mislaid. If this were accepted then the provision of new type would be necessary. I would, therefore appreciate hearing from any member who possesses such an item so that this theory could be at least confirmed or disproved.

Dr. FREUND also mentions that the postmaster informed him that immediately after the Siege was raised the handstamp was taken out of service - the normal procedure in such a case - and all the records concerning the sale of stamps, payments to runners etc. were completed and forwarded to the Postmaster General. Furthermore he possesses a cover cancelled with a field Post Office handstamp dated "MY 20 00" and bearing a Mafeking stamp, which was undoubtedly posted in that town and although he admits it is possible that the Siege handstamp could have been put into use again, he thinks this could be checked from the examination of used stamps and covers that are handstamped between the end

of the Siege and November 1900, by comparing certain characteristics which he reckons developed in the handstamp through wear, the main features being (a) the "I" and "G" of "MAFEKING" has cuts slanting upwards and (b) the "H" of "C.G.H." has a horizontal cut through the right leg.

Some specialists disagree with his theories both with regard to the '1900' type being manufactured locally and that it is possible to check by the presence or absence of flaws on the letters of the handstamp, whether the cancellation had been made by the Siege handstamp or by a new one of the same type. Apparently, examples have been noted on covers and pieces dated as late as November 10th, 1900 which have one or other of these characteristics; in one case two cancellations on the same piece, one showing the flaws and the other not, have been seen: it would seem that much depended on the amount of ink used and the degree of pressure applied by the user when making the mark. Moreover, why should a new handstamp which had the year '1900' instead of the standard '00' and the letters 'C.G.H.' at base, the use of which became obsolete in the Cape early in 1900 have been issued as a replacement? The question of whether the Siege handstamp continued in use is not really important to us who are interested in Scout stamps. What is really of interest is why was small type used in the handstamp?

Whilst admitting that this series of articles contain a number of debatable and, in some instances, controversial theories, to which I fear complete answers acceptable to everyone may never be found, I considered it worthwhile collating all the information I could find and making it available to members, in the hope that it would arouse sufficient interest to cause some to examine their specimens and note any discrepancies they may find. At the completion of the series, the pages of the Journal will be open to anyone who may wish to comment on anything I have written. Maybe new evidence will be unearthed. Who knows?

(To be concluded - for the second time!)

our member JOHN B. ADAMS in California informs me that four of his fellow members of the Golden Bear Chapter 9 of SOSSI are also members of our Club, and they have held meetings at a private camp on the shores of Lake Tahoe, at a Council Office, at a Training Camp at a Scout-O-Rama and at members homes, it is grand to hear of these meetings by our Overseas members.

John is trying to collect badges from the 1957 Jamboree, International Jamborees, Conference, Moots etc. for an exhibit to be used in his SOSSI Chapter. He also requires programmes etc. and if any of our members have anything for sale or exchange will they please contact him at:

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HOT FROM MALTA by Howard L Fears.

The announcement of a Mediterranean Jamborette was recently indicated and I immediately communicated with my local friends in the Island. I have just heard that if the Jamborette had been held an issue of stamps would have appeared and the Malta Stamp Board had in fact gone to the extent of preparing designs for such an event. As a result of lack of interest by the Mediterranean countries concerned however, it is understood that the Jamborette as such could not be held. Invitations had been prepared and some of these accepted but the camp which will follow is to be regarded as a private Scout gathering and not as a Jamborette as such. A representation to the Postmaster General in Malta had already been made and the suggestion was offered that a special cancel should have been used since Scouts from many Mediterranean countries will still be participating even if the total event did not warrant the name of 'Jamborette'. The reply, understandably, of the Maltese Postmaster General was that slogan cachets were not normally used unless the purpose was of sufficient importance and the canceller was paid for by the body requiring the slogan. Therefore at the present moment it is not known whether anything is likely to emerge from the suggestions made and officially there will not be a stamp issue and even a cancel is not to be relied upon but the suggestion has been made and perhaps something useful will follow.

DIGRESSING FROM THE WORLD OF STAMPS by Howard L. Fears.

It is not often that I offer nostalgic recollections of B.-P. but on this occasion I feel that the paper found amongst B.-P.'s possessions after his death, January 8th, 1941, has a useful message for all of us.

"A LETTER TO YOU.

If you have ever seen the play 'Peter Pan' you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die he might not have time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of good-bye.

Remember it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have as happy a life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, not by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try to leave the world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. 'Be prepared' in this way, to live happy and to die happy - stick to your Scout Promise always - even after you have ceased to be a boy - and God help you to do it.

Your friend,

BADEN-POWELL of Gilwell. "

DATING DANISH SCOUT LABELS. By Reg Morris.

Have you noticed that on most of the Danish Scout labels that there is a number of from one to five figures appearing at the foot of the design? These numbers are the registered designs of a printing organization that embraces : F.E.BORDING A/S, MERKA TBYRAET A/S, in Nitedals, Norway, MERKAT-WERBUNG in Frankfurt, Germany, BECKERS PAPIR-INDUSTRI A/S in Denmark and the POSTER STAMPS OF CANADA COMPANY of Montreal.

Hence labels stemming from any of these companies showing such a number can be dated by comparison with labels of a known date of issue. Using empirical methods of dating can lead to errors. A label which bears the date 1946 could well have been designed and printed in 1945. A straight line curve does not allow for variation in the number of issued design numbers from year to year etc.

However, using 17 data points (numbered labels with known years of issue) and some statistical tricks of the trade (!) we can draw a curve by which the date of a numbered Danish label can be deduced to within a year.

To prepare such a curve, draw a vertical scale of zero - 15,000 and along the horizontal scale mark the years 1938 to 1966

In yearly intervals. Now mark two points representing 2,700 at 1944 and 10,000 at 1958. Join these points with a straight line and extend to 1938 and 1966. Now plot the numbers and dates of other known labels and it will be seen that they follow the line of the graph.

Any Danish label manufactured by the above organization can now be easily and accurately dated. For example we can date the labels listed in Thorsen's Catalogue of Scout Stamps and Seals (1961 edition).

Nos. 2-11	1942 (not 1946 as quoted)	No. 12	1952
Nos. 13-16	1942	No. 18	1952
No. 19	1954	No. 23	1959
No. 29	1939	No. 30	1945
No. 32	1957	No. 35	1960

The missing numbers above are either Swedish and Finnish labels that have been wrongly attributed to Denmark by Mr. Thorsen, or labels which do not bear the serial numbers.

It may be noted that the 1965 numbers run from 12,900 to 13,100 (mid May 1965) and that in the war years there is a slight dip in the curve. One may well ask - why not write to the printers and ask them directly when certain labels were printed? Well, I did just that. They confirmed that labels Nos. 106 (Thorsen No.29)

and No. 149 were printed in 1939, and that Nos. 1101 and 1391 (one each of the design numbers from Thorsen's Nos. 2-11, and 13-16) were printed in 1942. To the remainder of my list sent to them, they replied that they were all printed between 1945 and 1963! They pointed out that there were over 13,000 designs recorded and that they could not undertake to give me a list of all Scout and Guide labels issued. Hence the above exercise!

Editorial Note - A most fascinating piece of research, which has established the dating of the Scout strips of 10 and the set of four designs of se-tenant Guide labels pretty well. Now what about any other Scout labels which Thorsen does not list - how do they fit the scheme of things? Over to you, label-collectors. Also to the 'Green Scouts' and 'Yellow Scouts' of Denmark - how about some further research and I'll publish the combined results showing the dates and events for which labels were issued.... JRD.

REG MORRIS has also discovered that official (!) F.D.C's of the Dubai postal stationery can be found. The three postal cards bear a single circular date stamp (37.5 mm dia.) reading "DUBAI I POSTES" and are dated 5-11-64 (November 5th) and the second set of aerogrammes have a similar postmark which is dated 7-12-64 (December 7th). Reg. goes on to say that the first set of aerogrammes are available with FDC, but has not yet seen any. Another scrap of information which will be well received by our members. Many thanks, Reg.JDR.

NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND - Fredy Scherb

Did you know that :there is something new on the Swiss Philatelic Scout Market? The "Materialbureau" of the Swiss Scout Association now uses a special Registration Label on registered parcels that it sends out.

.....the 10 Rp. value of the 1953 Liechtenstein set exists in two distinct shades which are said to come from a first and second printing.

.....the 30 Rp. value of the 1932 set of the same country exists with the right-hand frame margin partly missing? This occurs on the 40th and, more noticeably, 50th stamps in the sheet.

..... one can still select corner-blocks of each of the Roumanian issues at the premises of a Swiss dealer?



by the Assistant Editor.

In the last issue I reported the sale of the Australian die-proofs of the Scout issues. It now appears that selected members of the Stamp Advisory Committee were given these die-proofs as recognition of their services. A real furore has developed after one or two of the members disposed of their collections for not unsubstantial figures!

I have been able to find the figures of the numbers issued of the recent Nigeria issue; 1d value-120,000; 3d value 372,000; 6d value 374,000; & 1/3 value 124,000. The interesting aspect is the very low number of 1d. stamps. This has already been reflected in the stamps that have been recently offered to me. I have obtained a dozen used sets but without the 1d. value, and the same dealer offers used pairs comprising the 3d. and 6d. So hang on to all the used 1d vals. you can find - as you'll appreciate, I'm looking for 12 of them!

News that the 1932 Liechtenstein has rocketed in price. Zumstein catalogue puts it at £9.10.0. It is probably the most difficult set to find. Lithuania ranks a close second! Compared with the small numbers issued the Mafeking stamps are quite prolific. I think I can fairly say that I have seen 3% (say 500-) of the total issue of 18,000 which may well be as much as 10% of those left in existence. U.S. prices are around £17. for the 1d, £21. for the 3d. (small size), and £33. for the large 3d. U.K. prices for the 1d. are 30% less but the 3d. values are comparable.

Rocket Mail items from India have not been seen in auction recently and as yet no one has bid on the item from our President's collection that was advertised in the last Journal - surprising, since a similar item made a much higher figure in Corinphila's auction in Zurich.

The new Stanley Gibbons catalogue for Asia, Africa and the Americas will be out in the autumn, and I'm risking a forecast on issues I think will make substantial rises. The two Canal zone stamps, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua 1949 pair, the Panama set of 10, Philippines issues of 1948 (perf.) 1954 o/ps, and the 1959 Jamboree set.

Events of the past - The Northern Counties Jamboree (contd.

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Almost lost in the vastness of the park, so beautiful with its little hills and valleys of green meadow and woods. Two large ponds within the camp area provided bathing and were an ideal setting for the Sea Scouts' activities, while near one of them was the main camp fire site and, further over, the Display Arena.

The Chief Scout and Lady B.-P. arrived on Thursday August 6th for a day which was to have included Scout and Guide Rallies, displays and a camp fire. Unfortunately Raby's weather did not match up to Devon's, and that day lived up to the Chief's reputation for bringing rain ("So that you can show what good Scouts you are!"). It teemed down most of the day, the display programme was cancelled but a combined rally was able to take place - with a grand rush in of Scouts and Guides to a dais where the two Chiefs stood smiling. B.P. then apologised for the rain and after urging all the Scouts to work hard to progress in their Scouting, delighted them by promising to stay another day to see their displays. That evening the camp fire was held in the huge marquee, being recorded by the B.B.C. and broadcast on the following day. Part of the way through the B.-P.s came in with Lord and Lady Barnard, to be greeted with such a prolonged burst of cheering that the Chief shouted "Shut up, this is a concert", to let it continue. When he rose to speak the microphone was not ready, so he laughingly said " I like the sound of my own voice", and spoke without, his strong clear voice being heard by all as he referred to the services Lord Barnard had rendered for so long. Then he took off his own Silver Wolf and placed it round Lord Barnard's neck, amid wild cheering. Next morning dawned fine and sunny. The Chief toured the camp and was well pleased, and then in the afternoon the displays began, with the two sponsoring counties each staging a pageant which dramatised a famous local song. Northumberland transformed the arena into a racecourse in 1862 for "Blaydon Races", while Durham in their turn produced the "Lambton Worm" - which drank milk from a giant can and swallowed a boy (whole) before being slain by the gallant Lambton.

These two camps had something else in common, they were visited by that great Editor of the Scout for so long, F. Haydn Dimmock, who left us accounts of them on which this is mainly based. Summing them up he said, "greater Jamborees there may have been in the number of Scouts taking part, but none in spirit...they will long be remembered - joyous Jamborees, with the Chief Scout among his Scouts, fit and happy, his smile and his voice an inspiration

to all go back to their various places renewed in spirit and determined to go forward from strength to strength". This was the first time since 1929 that British Scouts as a whole had had the chance of meeting B.-P., and it was the last.

Since those days in 1936 there have been a good many regional camps in various parts of Britain but none that has produced anything of postal interest (apart from the Berkshire International camp of 1962, with its special registration label). Now, in 1965, just 29 years after Raby and Mount Edgcumbe camps, we have two important developments. The first of these has been that at long last we have had an example of the "Darlington Cancel" come to light, supported by the treasures in the way of the camp badge, Scouters' Handbook and other things which JACK WISHART showed us at our Baden-Powell House meeting (acquired when he was one of the Rovers who, both before, during and after the Raby camp did so much hard work to make it a success). The second is that this year a very similar camp is being held - the Derbyshire International Camp known as 'Ramboree 1965', from the 31st July to the 7th August in the park of Chatsworth, home of their County President the Duke of Devonshire. Here too there will be a Chief Scout's visit, overseas Scouts, a B.B.C. broadcast - and a special camp cancel. I hope to be able to visit the Ramboree myself, and to give an account.

The Camp Cancels. Illustrated on another page, the Mount Edgcumbe and Darlington cancels raise a number of interesting points which cannot be finally settled at the moment. It is not for instance certain for how long the Camp Post Offices functioned. The dates given above includes days devoted merely to arrival and departure, the great majority of Scouts almost certainly reaching camp on the 1st August and leaving on the 9th. Moreover, the 2nd August was a Sunday and the next day the Bank Holiday, on each of which the post offices may or may not have been open. Again, for a good many years few British post offices other than small rural cops have used handstamp cancellers except on Registered mail, telegrams, parcels and such items as rolled magazines which are unsuitable for cancelling by the usual machine duplex method. Most examples known of pre-war British Scout camp cancels are either on registered mail or are likely to have been philatelic (and therefore hand-cancel led perhaps by favour). Present evidence seems to indicate that most unregistered mail was taken for cancellation to a main office outside the camp (in these two cases probably to Plymouth and Darlington), receiving in consequence only that office's normal postmark. This would explain why all these camp cancellations are so rarely found.

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THE GATHERING AT W. I. P. A.

by Howard L. Fears.

It was an exceptional disappointment to myself not to have been able to attend the W. I. P. A. festivities in Vienna. As members will probably already have been aware it was part of my 'master plan' to have attended the Exhibition and thereafter time and facilities permitting to have travelled on to Czechoslovakia. In Czechoslovakia I had anticipated the possibility of clearing up many of the mysteries concerning the 1918 B.S. stamps as well as later cancels. Indeed, I had even gone so far as to make fairly elaborate arrangements with my good friend Dr. Moser in Austria and with our Czechoslovakian members to incorporate visits to Prague, and Brno.

If you have ever tried to cope with the problems of early morning papers, Sunday specials, dolly mixture, et al, you will probably appreciate why my journey did not take me further than Newhaven which is less than four miles from Seaford. With a desk piled with high current commitments and knowing that the last issue of the Journal was over-due, I felt it better to stay and cope with current problems. Thus the pleasures of W. I. P. A. were not for me. And now I have an invitation to N. A. B. R. A. in Switzerland in a few weeks time. We are selling yet more dolly mixture and the news-boys all welcome the idea of a wage increase. In these circumstances dare I commit myself? Suffice it to say I am keeping my fingers crossed but would greatly enjoy seeing some of the famous Swiss collections and enjoying the well-famed and delightful Swiss hospitality.....

Where has the plate gone?

If you have read your Journal carefully you will, by now, have wondered where the illustrations to which BILL BOURKE referred have gone. Bearing in mind the queries of members following the lateness of the last Journal and the need to produce this issue on time, I have held over the plate until the next Journal. A pleasure deferred - but you shall receive your reward.

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS by Howard L. Fears.FAR EAST.

3rd National Jamboree, Capitol Hills, Philippines.

April 21-27 1965.

Asian Rover Moot, Peradeniya Golf Links, near Kandy, Ceylon

April 24-May 2, 1965.

5th National Jamboree, Thailand, Nov. 21-25, 1965.

7th National Rover Moot, Philippines Dec. 16-23, 1965.

Progress Jamboree, Trentham Mem. Park near Wellington, New
New Zealand Jan. 5-13, 1965.

4th Nippon Jamboree near Okayama, Japan 1966.

5th Far East Scout Conference, Taiwan, China 1966.

EUROPE

Scout film Festival, Venice, Italy Feb. 27-28 1965.

Central Europe Micromoot, Kandersteg, Switzerland

July 18/Aug. 14, 1965.

National Sea Scout Camp, Elcaireurs Unionistes de France,
Var, Provence, S. France July 1965.

Middle East Rover Moot, near Tehran, Iran. July 23-30, 1965.

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August 5-16, 1965.

AFRICA-MIDDLE EAST.

African Rover Moot, Kagoro Hills, Nigeria Mar. 5-12, 1965.

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Golden Jubilee Camp, Kaazi, Kampala, Uganda.

Aug. 12-18, 1965.

INTER-AMERICAN

IX Campanento Intenacional de Patrullas, Paraguay Jan. 15-24, 1965.

1st Pan American Jamboree, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil July 17-25, 1965.

5th Canadian Rover Moot, British Columbia, Canada 1966.

WORLD SCOUTING.

20th World Scout Conference, Mexico City. September 27th to
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The ASSISTANT EDITOR, JOHN ROAKE, has make arrangements with the firm of London auctioneers who have the items referred to in the last issue to send copies to all interested members. There will be quite a large selection of specialised Scout material in this auction from Mafeking onwards. Interested members are asked to write to John if they would like a copy of the catalogue and to include postage stamps to cover postage involved (airmail rates from outside Europe). John has also agreed to execute bids on behalf of members who are not able to be present in the auction room.

ATTENTION ALL LABEL COLLECTORS.

Brentford and Chiswick Local Association held their 2-yearly Jamborette on the 19th and 20th June this year, and a sheet of labels, comprising six different designs was issued. These include the Cub, Scout, B-P Guild and Girl Guide Badges and the sheets are in four different colours, green, red, blue and brown. Sheets of labels are available at 6d. a sheet or 2/- for all four colours. There is a limited issue of imperf. sheets at 1/- each.

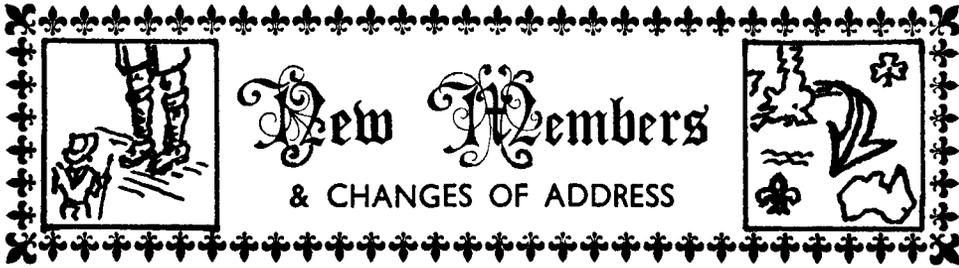
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