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by the Assistant Editor.

Several Years ago, at a Gilwell Reunion, I looked in on a display given by an organisation called the S. S. C. C. and was met by a short rotund official whose friendliness and Scouty comradeship was so warm that I paid up a subscription and filled in an application form that made me Member No. 401. You will recognise that this 'barrel of fun' who was my first contact with the Club was our dear STANLEY BLUNT.

Stanley has 'Gone Home', but let there be no sadness in our hearts at his passing; let us look back with happy memories of his great geniality and run. That is what he would want us to do.

I have asked HOWARD and ROY to pay their own tributes to STANLEY's memory, and for this reason I have included only one photograph this month, so that members who only knew him by his letters, can see STANLEY as we in the U. K. knew him.

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I have delayed publication of this issue to get a report of the very exciting auction sale of Baden-Powell letters, drawings, manuscripts etc. included. What a day it was!

I hear that the projected meeting in the North of England did not take place due to lack of support, but news has come of a regional meeting of a few members in the European country that issued the first Scout stamps 47 years ago. Is there a moral there? Several changes in duties of Club Officials will soon be finalised including the appointment of some new volunteers to cope with the increased membership and services of the Club. I hope to give full details in our 50th Edition of the Journal (which we have now correctly sorted out!) to be published in February.

Greetings for Christmas and all good wishes for the NEW YEAR.
from WILF. and JOHN.

FROM THE EDITOR'S IN-TRAY

My grateful thanks to

..... STANLEY K. HUNTER (Member 51) for his letter, articles and material for illustration he sent me: I am always pleased to include his articles of topical interest in the Journal. He asks if I would insert a note in this issue, and I quote, 'to see if my ms. draft on the Meter Frank listing can be traced. I sent out both parts and only the part dealing with the U.S. was returned. Some S.S.C.C. member has it, I am sure, but I forgot to make a note. Must be a moral somewhere?'. I hope this will catch the eye of the member who has this list and that he will return it to Stanley as soon as possible. Incidentally he was asked to display "Scouting on Stamps" at the Scout County A.G.M. last month and also to provide a further display on this subject at the December meeting of the Glasgow Thematic Society. Good work, Stanley.

..... D.C. JEFFERIES (Member 394), another of our members from 'over the border', who is also Assistant Secretary and Development Commissioner at the B.S. Association Scottish Headquarters, Edinburgh, for sending me a further list of Scout and Guide meter marks that can be added to that compiled by PETER DUCK. These additions have been shown elsewhere in the Journal.

MURRAY FRIED (Canada), writes to say how extremely interesting and useful he found REG MORRIS's article on dating Danish Scout Labels. He has about 70 Danish labels and amongst those not listed by Thorsen are Nos. 106, 252, 253, 299, 300, 712, 723, 698, and 996 which turn out to be from the 1938-1942 period.

..... GREG. ECCLESTON (Member 340) writes to tell of the formation of "The Scout and Guide Stamp Society, Australia" of which he is the Secretary and how an active group of Australian enthusiasts have set up the Society on a very firm footing. Their President, W.G. WELLS, and Treasurer, Miss M.A. LAMBE are also SSCC members, and we afford them all the help we can. It is sad to learn of the death of C.T. ('Rainbow') SIMPSON, a warranted Scouter for nearly forty years, whose keen interest in Scout Philately resulted in the presentation of a complete collection of all Scout and Guide stamps to Australian Scout Headquarters recently, GREG. would be pleased to have Photostats or tracings of any early Australian METER cancels and members are invited to contact him at the following address:

G.C. ECCLESTON, c/o 7 Kenbry Road, Heathmont, Vic., Australia. Other SSCC members from Australia who are interested to learn about the activities of S.A.G.S.S.A. (what a mouthful!) are also invited to make contact. The Editorial staff look forward to the issue of

their bulletin, and give theirs full permission to 'lift' any articles of specific interest.

..... MOGENS ANDERSEN (Denmark) writes to say that there is the possibility of a DANISH SCOUT STAMPS CLUB being formed, and no doubt we shall be hearing further news on the subject. In the meantime, maybe he, or other Danish members can give the Assistant Editor some information concerning a circular cancel from ODENSE for FRIMAERKETS DAG, 1959 and featuring a fleur-de-lys and the six-pointed stars similar to those in the Scout badge, but with the initials "Ph" superimposed. A similar cancel for the "Jubilee Stamp Exhibition" and dated Sept. 7th 1940 is known to exist, and the details will be published should they prove to be of Scouting significance.

..... Z.M. JUREWICZ (Scotland) writes to tell of the exhibition of his collection that was made at the Levenbank Philatelic Society in September. His illustrated talk was prefaced by happy memories of Scouting in his native Poland, and from the last quarter of a century in Scotland and the Middle East whilst serving with the forces.

..... REG MORRIS writes to say that he has received payment from Belgium for a copy of his book on Greek cancels but does not know who from. Will the member write to him at 58 Sea View Drive, Scarborough, Yorks. REG still has copies available for sale, so if you have not yet got yours, then write today.

..... Further news from 'BARNEY' SANDERS to our Assistant Editor, who thanks him for the gift of a card that he wrote home to his family from the Hungarian Jamboree in 1933.

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ROLAND HOUSE MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, January 22nd, and no doubt many of the treasures secured by members at the recent auction sale will be on display.

We shall assemble at about 2 p.m., and I would remind members that if they give prior warning to the Warden, lunch can be arranged for them.

Let us have a goodly gathering to start the New Year.

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NEWS FROM SWITZERLAND by FREDY SCHERB.

Did you know that ...

... the Camp Chief from the 1st National Scout Camp in Bern 1925, now 77 years old, visited the Swiss National Stamps Exhibition.

News from Switzerland. contd.

Surprised to find a "Scout Stamps" collection there he sent me a very kind letter and enclosed an official camp cover with imprinted 5 Rp. Tellenbooy-stamp from "his" camp.
 there exist official camp cancellers from the Roumanian Scout camps held in Sibiu 1932, Mamaia 1934 and Poiana-Brasov 1936. Until recently the pmks for the second and fourth Jamboree were known (Sibiu and Brasov). These are pretty rare but on a holiday trip to Roumania, I found the canceller for the third Jamboree held in Mamaia (Konstanta) 1934 and this seems to be the only known copy of this pmk. until now (the cancel is dated from July 29th). There is still one pmk. missing: the one from the Scout Exhibition held in Bucuresti, 1931. I know for sure that this cancel exists and I hope that it's only a matter of time until my friends in Roumania will chase it up. Note that during the Sibiu camp an additional red handstamp, an official camp postcard and a camp cover were used. The Sibiu camp opened July 5th and closed July 31st, 1932.
 a postal clerk kept the Sibiu camp canceller after camp and that he "produced" camp covers until his death some months ago. Another collector will be able to get this handstamp - I don't know yet what he intends to do ... Such covers usually show an early date (on mine June 5th) and can easily be recognised (too nice to be from the epoch..).
 the Pan-Pacific Jamboree in Australia, 1949 was announced with a machine slogan cancel. As far as I have discovered from the items in my collection there are at least two types of date stamps and four types of propaganda slogans.
 the oval airmail canceller put on official Scout Jamboree envelopes in the Dutch East Indies in 1937 was used in at least five cities: Medan, Batavia, Palembang, Bandoeng, and Soerabaia. Is there a sixth city name in your collection? Please let me know.

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PHILATELIC RARITIES OF MAFEKING

and

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE SCOUT MOVEMENT.

The story of an auction sale recounted by .. JOHN ROAKE.

This has the title of the long-awaited auction sale that was held at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, under the auspices of the firm of London Stamp exchange Ltd. on November 30th. Since the publication of the catalogue (a work of art in itself with

The Story of the Auction Sale, contd.

many illustrations) there was a general ferment of excitement, with stories of offers to buy the complete range of material at any price!, increased bids coming from home and overseas for those members who authorised me to bid on their behalf, culminating with news that one member, FREDY SCHERB, would be coming over from Switzerland himself to buy for himself and our great friend and member, WALTER GROB-SIGRIST,

Then came the great day and I had a long wait at Victoria Station for FREDY's boat train that was three and a half hours late! The afternoon was spent viewing the lots, and excitement ran high when a telephone call was received in the auction room from the United States! Our members gradually arrived; ROY RHODES, 'BILL' BOURKE, JOHN INESON, NORMAN ROWE, Editor of the Scout and Scouter REX HAZLEWOOD, Dr. AUTGAERDEN, a new member (recruited in the auction room!), our new Membership Secretary 'BIM' KNIGHT, DENNIS SERRCOME, 'BOJO' BOJANOWICZ (whose collection of Mafeking is the best in the U.K.), MICHAEL (Healey & Wise) BERRY, ERIC STEELE, REG. MORRIS and others who I failed to recognise,

Robert, the present Lord Baden-Powell and grandson of the Founder arrived and the atmosphere became electric as the auctioneer Mr. C.N. Richardson welcomed the overcrowded room and called for bids on the first lot, a letter from B-P dated 1907 in which he wrote that he was intending holding a small camp in Dorsetshire in early August. He continued "...I propose to teach them my new form of Scouting for Boys".

The bidding was slow at first, but as it reached the £100 mark, the next bids were made in a tense silence until finally knocked down at £150. to FREDY SCHERB. The next lot was concerned with B-P's request to a Mr. Robson to get certain stores and equipment ready for the camp at Brownsea Island, and this reached £110. (bought by an unknown buyer in the U.S.A.) A letter to Arthur Pearson (or rather a copy draft of a letter) summarising the projected publication of a Boy Scout's Handbook was bought by an anonymous buyer for £52.10.-. and the tension was eased momentarily,

With the arrival of Lot 4, the pace went up again. A draft letter in B-P's hand to the Editor of the Daily Mirror from the camp at Brownsea saying "...the camp is quite a small experimental one, and is in no way worth public attention as far as it goes. I certainly hope to evolve a big scheme eventually..." Furthermore, this letter was written on specially-printed notepaper headed "SCOUTS CAMP, BROWNSEA ISLAND, POOLE." and the arrowhead badge makes its earliest appearance, die-stamped in the top left-hand corner.

Bidding opened at the now-familiar £100 level and gradually rose at £10 intervals to £150. Then £160, - £170, - £180 (a hurried consultation) - £190, (a quick decision to be made-) and finally the lot reached £200! Sold in the room in the name of SCHERB, but destined for the famous collection of WALTER GROB-SIGRIST. So these two Swiss collectors secured the highest-priced lots of the sale, and all our members know that they will be treasured and respected as permanent personal links between two sincere Scouts and their Founder.

This was the feeling of many of the bidders - that they just wanted a drawing or a signed letter of their very own, and I hope that all will be satisfied with their purchases. It is thought that there were dealers in the fine art and document field present, but they had to pay high for their purchases. The collectors were very determined themselves!

A letter in B-P's hand, dated 1927 realised £38, a letter from Ernest Shackleton concerning the two Scouts (Marr and Mooney by name) who went on the 1921 expedition in the Quest reached £65, and lots which comprised early stationery, price lists, booklets etc. went for up to £15.

As Lot 26 (The B-P Family tree proving the relationship of the family to Lord Nelson) was due, Mr. Richardson announced that they had withdrawn the lot from public auction, and asked Lord Baden-Powell to accept it as a gift from the directors of the firm. This most generous gesture was greeted with unanimous approval and prolonged applause.

A letter to B-P's father and a cheque signed by the same gentleman went to Lord Robert B-P as did some of his grandfather's drawings.

The top price for a drawing was £55. the subject being a Scout patting a dinosaur, and titled "A Scout is a friend to animals". A pen drawing of Matabeleland dated 1896 realised £45. A pencil-written draft of a broadcast made in 1937 in B-P's writing reached £80, and six other manuscripts ranged between £9. and £24. (these all typewritten with manuscript alterations). Great keenness for old scrapbooks, the highest price for one being £55 (Guess who bought it!) Mafeking stamps reached their general market prices, but in the later lots, an Indian Rocket card made £25, a mint set of Mamaia stamps £5, Liechtenstein conference card £5.15.0, same mint set in corner blocks of four £13. and a Boer War patriotic cover featuring B-P and a Boer General £9. '10.-. The two 'large' 3d Mafeking stamps realised £36. and £35.

At last the sale was over, and the friends dispersed, poorer in pocket, but richer in that wonderful B-P Spirit that binds us all.

MALAYSIAN SCOUT STAMP FOR 1966.First Malaysian Scout Jamboree on Penang Island.

Contributed by Leong Chee Keng (Member 222)

Further to my article in the January 1965 Journal, I am pleased to be able to tell you that the Malaysian Postal Authorities have at last decided to issue a SINGLE commemorative stamp, face value 15 cents, on December 4th, 1966. The first Malaysian Scout Jamboree will be held from the 4th to the 10th of December next year at Jubilee Camp, Telok Bahang on the Island of Penang (North-west Malaya).

More than 2,000 Scouts from Malaysia and fifteen other countries are expected to attend the seven day Jamboree on a 20 acre ground at Telok Bahang. The Chief Minister of Penang, Dato Wong Pow Nee, who is the President of the Penang Scout Council, was appointed the Jamboree Camp Chief.

The King of Malaysia, The Governor of Penang, the Prime Minister, Chief Scout and the Chief Commissioner of Malaysia have been invited to attend the Jamboree: as a matter of interest the present Prime Minister of Malaysia has been a Scout.

After the holding of two different Philatelic exhibitions of Scout stamps in Penang and Kuala Lumpur, the postal authorities have been ultimately convinced of the importance of Scout stamps!!

This will be a single stamp issue, which will cost 4d. or U.S. 5 cent face value; so I trust that there will be no complaints from members.

(I am sure there will not be, Keng, and I know that all of us are grateful to you personally, because of your persistence in drawing the attention of the postal authorities to the fact that Scouting plays a very important part in the lives and well being of many people in Malaysia and that consequently, it deserves portraying on the stamps of your country. Members may like to take advantage of Keng's offer - see his advertisement on another page. Editor.)



THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

Greetings gentlefolks! The Summer Camp's over, and time to set our respective Scout houses in order - I know what you're thinking; he's "waffling" on again - ALL Committee people do, you know. However, for the benefit of the more vocal of our resident rebels who want "more facts and less chat" I shall endeavour to make up with the latest items to materialise. Firstly, an item for our super-specialists which concerns the 2/- Bermuda stamp commemorating their 50 years of Scouting. The following constant varieties may be of interest : -

- Row 3 No. 5 Small retouch in shading of Badge at left
- Row 4, No. 5 (a) Break in '6' of 1965
- (b) Break in 'D' of Bermuda
- (c) Triangular flaw on base of Crown.

Persia (Iran) and the pair of stamps from Republique Centrafricaine have crept up on us and seem to be difficult to obtain on F.D.C. The Mexico stamp for the International Conference seem to be in good supply, but the official envelopes and cards are said to have cost 50¢. (3/6d.) each!

World Friendship Year has now started, and may I again stress the unique position we are in and ask you all to 'plug' the concept of the Promise that declares us as being members of a realistic Worldwide Brotherhood. I've said it before, and now again I suggest you display your collection and address your local Group, A.G.M., District of what-you-will and show what Scouting has done and is doing in other countries.

H.Q. in London is using a new meter cancel for the event, and it is pleasing to think that it was one of our own members who designed it.

By the time these notes appear the sale of Baden-Powell souvenirs and the Brownsea Island Letters will have taken place at London Stamp Exchange, Buckingham Street, London W.C.2. and many of our members will have spent quite a few pounds I hope!) Even the catalogue is worthy of retention - so if you didn't get a free copy through JOHN ROAKE, I suggest you send 2/6d. to the auctioneers for one of the remainders.

Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to you all.

ROY.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

From Club Member ROGER PIJNENBURG in Wellington, New Zealand, I have received details of the coming special stamp issue on the occasion of the 4th National New Zealand Scout Jamboree. It is due to appear on January 5th, 1966, in a single 4d. value and the stamp design will depict an arrowhead motif symbolic of progress superimposed on a pattern of diamonds coloured dark green. The outline of the arrowhead is coloured old-gold and the words "Progress Jamboree Scouts New Zealand" and the year 1966 will appear around the edges of the design. The lettering and denomination are also in dark green and the pattern surround includes sections of traditional 'tuku tuku' panel design known as 'potama'.

The stamps will be on sale until February 28th, 1966, and the printers are Messrs. Harrison & Son Ltd., of London. 120 stamps per sheet, and the printing will be by photogravure. The sheet value will be NZ£2. and first day of issue postmark will be available at the Chief Post Offices of Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Also via MR. PIJNENBURG I have recently been able to have a sight of an advertisement by a well-known Australian dealer for Scout material and collectors everywhere must in consequence be very grateful to the S.S.C.C. services in providing items at such low cost. For example the current Swedish Scout cancels are being distributed via this dealer at 7/6d. each (this should be compared with our own current charges) and the Bermuda Scout FDC is priced at 10s. with the Iran FDC at 8s. The Brazil FDC is priced at 10s. and the Scout Camp Cancel from Finland at 7/6d. There are many examples of this nature, including recent Austrian cancels all at 10s. each, and over 17 items priced. I have calculated that comparing S.S.C.C. figures with those of the local dealer our prices are approximately 75%-80% less than those operating elsewhere. Looking at it a different way, we charge about 25% of the costs shown in the advertisement.

If this is not astonishing proof of the efficacy of the S.S. C.C. service, I shall have to eat my proverbial hat.

....Howard L. Fears.

THE SECRETARY - GENERAL

WRITES

NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

The appeal for volunteers to assist in the running of the Club's activities has resulted in very many generous offers of help. As the result of essential re-arrangements now being organised, the duties of Membership Secretary will now be handled by Mr. W.H. Knight of 165 London Road, Redhill, Surrey, and renewals will continue to be dealt with by Les Metchell at Berkhamsted.

It is also hoped that within the next few days an announcement will be made regarding the appointment of a Club Treasurer and the various spheres of selling, namely the Club Packet, Approvals, Sales Bureau etc. will now be under the direct control of Roy Rhodes, aided by the many generous offers of assistance. This does not mean any diminution in the range of Club facilities, rather will the existing helpers be added to by other volunteers.

CLUB EXTENSION.

News of the growth of the Club in Europe continues to attract considerable comment and efforts at the present time especially in the build up of Club membership in Scandinavia and Denmark have helped to result in the continued growth. Local members in particular are more than playing their part but it is felt that in other areas especially in certain parts of Great Britain more could be done by the efforts of existing Club members to help introduce other support. For the facilities offered our subscription is remarkably low - indeed, there are many who feel that we cannot help running at a loss in view of all that is being offered!

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CLUB CATALOGUE.

Orders have continued to flow at a steady rate for the Club Catalogue. The printing of the relevant details running to about 130 pages has now been completed, the final stage, namely the preparation of illustrations is well in hand. Once this aspect has been brought to a conclusion and the necessary photographic plates made, the ending of the operation will be in sight and then the distribution can begin. It is true that a project of this size should do much to encourage enquiries regarding the Club and its activities. Here is an excellent opportunity for development.

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MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.

Shortly before his death, Stanley Blunt wrote to me about the growth of Club membership and spoke of the latest target, namely to record our 1,000th member. Of course during the years of the Club's existence since 1957 there have been additions and deletions, most of the reasons for the latter in no way cause alarm, and even if we were to achieve our 1,00th enrolment it would not by any means suggest that we had that number of members at the present time or even an active membership approaching that figure. However, as a worthy target and one which cannot fail to improve the Club finances, this is a laudable objective and one which every member should do his best to encourage.

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ADVERTISEMENTS ; -

LEONG CHEE KENG, Member 222, 15-B Kim Cheng Street, Singapore, offers Malaysia/Singapore Scout badges, stamps and coins in exchange for coins of our country. Send about 50 of your country. I will be able to service F.D. covers, etc., for the first Malaysia Jamboree commemorative stamps on December 4th, 1966.

CANADA - SCOUT CACHET. First Day cover of White Trillium stamp. same flower and Ontario Scout Badge, all in forest green, Ottawa cancel. 30 cent each or 4 - 1\$. James L. HODGINS, member 837, 197 Avondale Avenue, Willowdale, Ont., Canada.

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by The Assistant Editor.

As forecast, the European issues have taken a rise in the new Stanley Gibbons catalogue - take a look at their values for the mint sets of Roumania: 1931 set 40/-, 1932 set 83/-, 1934 set 81/-, 1935 set 72/-, and the 1936 set - 24/-., and only small rises for Liechtenstein.

The Hungary prices are unaltered. This latter is surprising as it is impossible to buy the mint 1932 set at their figure of 78/-, and 49/- for the 1953 set is rather modest.

Lithuania rises by a mere shilling to 114/-! My favourite Scout stamp (Austria 1951) continues to harden in price to 12/6 mint and 7/- used. Czechoslovakia (1918 pair) remains constant at a realistic 75/- m. or u.

Look out for the 90c val. of the Charcot issue of France (S.G. No. 593a) it has gone up to 12/6 mint or used! The Greek Marathon set of 1963 goes up 25% to 8/7 and the Holland Summer set of 1949 moves by a similar percentage to 8/2 mint. It is no surprise to see the Dutch Indies set of 1937 go up 40% to 14/- whilst the Polish stamp of 1938 only rates 7/6 mint. However the used rating increases 200%!

Turkey is a surprise to me. The long set of 1938 remains at 17/- and the Scout value is rated at 4/6! Can any member supply 100 copies (or less!) at this price?

On the new issue front, there is a suggestion that the new Iran stamp is already becoming difficult to find - as are the 1964 se-tenant pair from Egypt. No sign yet of the Centrafrican Republic pair on FDC.

Next issue will contain the promised listing of issues and cancels of 1964 with almost all of them illustrated.

Also next issue I will feature another auction of members' material, including many Swedish cancels that are becoming increasingly difficult to find, together with surplus items from seven other members.

SUBJECT FOR RESEARCH - THE PLATE OF THE MAFEKING LARGE B-P STAMPS

by The Editor, and the Assistant-Editor.

It has already been mentioned in the Journal that the Mafeking stamps were printed from photographic glass plates. In a letter recently received from 'Bill' Bourke, he disagrees with what I wrote about the width of the large B-P stamps in the October Journal (c.f. page 162,) where it was stated that this was the same on all copies, the only variation in measurement being in respect of the length. His argument, the gist of which is given below, set me thinking. How was the plate for these stamps produced? But firstly, let me deal with his observations.

All copies of this stamp that he has examined - and they included that in the Moseley collection in the British Museum - are narrower at the top than at the bottom. His own examples measure as follows : - (a) length between framelines (top to bottom) nearly 24 mm: width at top 20.5 mm: width at bottom 21 mm. (b) length between frame lines 25.3 mm: width at top 21 mm: width at bottom 21.3 mm. This tapering effect is even more pronounced on the copy in the Moseley collection, being nearly 1 mm wider at the bottom than at the top.

Dr. FREUND has stated that only one glass plate for printing these stamps was made. Up to now I have been unable to find in any publication an explanation of how it was produced and therefore offer my own theories with a proviso that, as I can provide no proof, it is quite possible that another method, completely different, could have been used. I now suggest a method, step by step, which could have been employed to produce the final plate. I base this on an illustration that appeared in Robson Lowe's catalogue for auction sale No.221 some years ago, which was of the trial sketch of the 3d. B-P stamp, and attributed, probably incorrectly, to B-P himself; known facts about photographic equipment and processes of the period; the rest being calculated estimation.

Without doubt a drawing of the design based on this trial sketch was made and approved: this I have called the 'master', for I cannot imagine that twelve separate and similar designs were drawn and photographed to produce the plate. I therefore suggest that the following method may have been adopted :

- (a) Photographic negative of the 'master' is made,
- (b) Twelve prints, enlarged in size to three times the size of the issued stamps made from this negative,
- (c) Prints assembled in three rows of four to form the complete 'sheet',
- (d) 'sheet' re-photographed to form the glass printing plate.

(I based my assumptions of (c) (d) and (b) on the following: -

(c) The twelve prints were cut to the same size so that each had a border round the frame of the stamp of sufficient width to allow the sheets to be perforated; the outline of each print would be reproduced on the glass plate and incidentally act as guide lines when the sheets were perforated. Some copies of the 1d. and 3d. stamps I have seen have a very faint vertical line outside the frame of the stamps, partly erased by the perforations.

(d) The design of the stamps is slightly 'mushy'; this is what one would expect if a print were to be re-photographed. This also applies in amore marked degree to the 1d. Cyclist) (b) In the margin of the sheet one can sometimes see a round blue 'mark' which turns out to be the photographic representation of a drawing-pin (thumb-tack for our American readers) and, positionally, there are four of these (of two different types) in the four corners. The actual size on the stamp is about one-third of the size of such drawing pins and one concludes that when the twelve prints were trimmed and mounted for copying on (no doubt) a horizontal enlarger of non-electric light style, the backing sheet was pinned to a vertical board with these drawing pins. Our Assistant Editor suggests that the twelve prints could be enlargements as this would account for variations of proportional widths, through parallax in enlarging, or twelve 'contact' prints made from a three-times natural size glass negative as a possible alternative. However, pairs and blocks show variations of the tapering, and lining up of the border lines in different ways. The 'contact print' versus 'enlargement' argument is difficult to resolve. The fact that the top is narrower than the bottom implies that the 'master' was tilted backwards ever so slightly when re-photographing. Look at your own snapshots of tall buildings to see the similar effect when the vertical plane of your subject is not parallel to the plane of the negative in the camera. John Roake further suggests that there is a possibility that the original 'master' was not drawn with thru right angles to the borders. Taking a broad look at many stamps and auction-catalogue illustrations, it would appear that the two left-hand corners are true right angles (90 degrees) but the top right is an obtuse angle (more than 90) and the bottom right is an acute angle.

So the variations of width and the tapering effect could have been caused by any one or a combination of the following circumstances:

1. An 'out-of-true' original design.
2. Optically-produced convergence of parallel lines in enlarging each of twelve prints.
3. Paper shrinkage due to wetting when making the 'blueprint' paper and again on wetting in developing. Two stages of shrinkage with the photographic image being transferred between stages.

A further variation of method could have been the making of twelve NEGATIVES from the original 'Master' and assembling a print from each of these to form a plate of twelve for re-photographing. I favour this idea, but John and others with wider knowledge of photographic process consider that this would have been quite a doubtful way due to the unnecessary expenditure of time and materials.

Bill and John and I have started the 'ball rolling' here, and I hope that we can deduce something from correspondence that we hope will ensue. Only with knowledge of the full details of sizes of YOUR copies of the large B-P head can we proceed further, so do measure them and send me the details. Measurements to be taken from the full width of outer thick line at the top and bottom and the vertical measurement between the similar frame-lines. If you are able to get your stamps photocopied by any process which gives a true 'same-size' image this would be of extreme help to us.

There are many other aspects of the Mafeking issues yet to be answered. Was the SMALL B-P head produced from the same set of twelve prints? How many sheets of stamps were printed from the 'Cracked' (or more correctly 'broken') plate? (This could be easily resolved if we had photocopies of all known examples of the various positions of the 'crack' and were able to 'plate' them according to perforations etc.) Will you help? Bill Bourke received so little response to his request in the last Journal that one wonders if there are any other members who will take the trouble to put the details down on paper for the benefit of those of us who like to get to the bottom of a fascinating subject like this. Be ye warned! Dates on postmarks do NOT prove anything with these issues. Many stamps are 'cancelled to order' with the date-slugs back-dated! How do we know? Some even have a date prior to the known date of the issue as announced in "The Mafeking Mail" and the unusual proportion of used stamps, stamps on small piece and those rare ones that exist on full cover gives rise to interesting speculation. It has been said that mint stamps were not sold as such, but only when affixed to a cover or similar sheet and cancelled! The mint stamps are scarcer.

SOME ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE MAFEKING STAMPS AND POSTS.

By The Editor.

It has been pointed out to me that I did not mention in the recent series of articles why some of the stocks of stamps held by the post office in Mafeking came to be overprinted and surcharged for use during the Siege. Again I am indebted to Dr. K. Freund and to the Editor of the 'South African Philatelist' for some of the details that follow.

Prior to the Siege, Mafeking was a town of some importance both as a commercial as well as a communications centre. The amount of mail from, to and through the town was quite heavy; during the Siege the need for postal facilities increased tremendously - the inhabitants as well as the British soldiers wanted to let their relatives know how things were with them; the war correspondents wanted to send reports to their newspapers regularly; the men who manned the forts and outposts for considerable periods wished to keep in touch with their families and friends in the town and lastly but by no means least, the military authorities had to deal with a much increased amount of official mail and despatches to the outposts, to the slowly approaching relief column and to headquarters in London. As previously mentioned, the only way of communicating with the outside world was by employing native Kaffir runners who had to pit their wits and use their native cunning and knowledge of the terrain against an enemy who was determined to prevent any communication from reaching or coming out of the town, by using patrols of men who had orders to shoot to kill on sight.

During the early days of the Siege only official despatches written in code and folded up small were carried. War correspondents and those who could accord to pay also employed these runners privately, usually writing their reports on thin rice paper and using small hand-made envelopes. Appropriately, these letters were called 'Kaffirgrams' and quite a number could be bundled up together and carried in a small pouch or hidden about the person of the runner. It has been said that letters were sometimes hidden in the soles of the runner's boot; this is somewhat difficult for me to believe - Kaffirs whom I saw in South Africa during World War I, rarely wore boots, preferring to travel barefoot; I cannot imagine them doing otherwise fifteen years previously!!

Very few of these 'Kaffirgrams' were preserved: as far as is known none had postal markings and because of their flimsiness and the rough usage they received during transit, any example that may now exist would be tattered and faded. Even so, they would be of great rarity.

As the Siege continued the military authorities permitted a small amount of mail to be carried by the runners. Although such letters were, by regulations, subject to censorship, it seems that the majority were posted at the post office in the normal way, some having current Cape stamps affixed, some without any stamps at all, but as the Siege dragged on it became obvious that these unsatisfactory arrangements had to be replaced by a better organised method. In the meantime, the War had taken a turn for the better; the Rhodesian Relief Force were, at the beginning of March 1900 about thirty miles from the outskirts of the town, Kimberley had been relieved and the Boers had been forced to withdraw some of their forces from around Mafeking. The runner had, therefore, less distance to travel and their journeys were not quite so hazardous. The military authorities, quite rightly felt that if the mail service were to be improved then the public should bear part of the cost. They therefore decided to adopt the method that had been used over the past sixty years - they would use postage stamps of their own. It was, however, impossible to obtain a supply from England or abroad; it was equally impossible, because facilities did not exist in the town to manufacture dies and paper, for them to produce their own stamps - the idea of an issue printed by a less conventional method came a few weeks later - furthermore, a good stock of stamps was held by the post office. But B-P would not resort to requisitioning them since they were the property partly of the Cape Government and partly of the Bechuanaland Protectorate administration; these stamps were still current in other parts of the country and he considered it unethical merely to requisition them: despite the Siege, the postmaster at Mafeking was still liable for submitting a proper account to the authorities at the Cape and in the Protectorate when the Siege was lifted.

The only alternative left to B-P and Lord Edward Cecil, who supervised the new postal arrangements, was to purchase at face value part of the stock. This was a most unusual procedure and one that to my knowledge has never been repeated.

Thought had to be given to the amount of surcharge that should be applied to the stamps to alter their face value, for it

was essential that the surcharge should not only be sufficient to pay for postage, but should also cover the wages of the runners. The overprinting and surcharging were done at the printing works of Messrs. Thomson and Son and the reason why such an assortment of different stamps were available at the post office is given below: -

- (a) Cape stamps were available because in 1895 the territory of British Bechuanaland in which Mafeking was situated had been annexed to Cape Colony;
- (b) Bechuanaland Protectorate stamps were available since Mafeking, having been selected as the Administrative capital of the Protectorate despite the annexation referred to in (a), was the distribution centre where stamps were held for issue to other places within the territory;
- (c) British Bechuanaland stamps were available because the Administrations at the Cape and in the Protectorate had decided to use up the remainder of these stamps replacing them when necessary by the current Protectorate stamps. Mafeking, as mentioned in (b), being the Administrative capital, therefore held the supply of these stamps.

I have, however, come across something of interest which has not been mentioned in the Journal: in a short letter to the Editor of the 'S.A.P.', Dr. Freund stated that in his opinion, three different plates were used to print the 1d. stamps and that he had been able to reconstruct complete sheets of each plate. In an article in the "American Philatelist" in Jan., 1949, a Mr. A. Lichtenstein wrote on the subject of 'Plating the Mafeking Bicycles' and showed the three reconstructed plates with a table of constant varieties that distinguish each of the 36 (3 x 12) stamps. All the previously known varieties such as the 'U'-shaped lines in the value-tablet, caused by the emulsion peeling away from the glass, are listed and identified, together with a reconstruction of the "OCEANA FINE" watermark which appears once per 96 stamps. Our Assistant Editor has a copy of this monograph and has been able to identify many of the positional varieties and plates by this table, and has been able to compare with the complete panes of twelve, pairs and blocks etc. in the collection of Member M.A. BOJANOWICZ.

Bill Bourke mentions he has a Mafeking cancellation of the same type as used during the Siege, on a pair of Cape 1/- stamps, the date being AU 23. Whilst the recording of this does not provide a

reason why the small '1900' type was used in the handstamp, it does

prove that either it was replaced by the large '01' type in the original handstamp after the Siege, or that a new hand-stamp of similar design was provided. I had hoped that my request to members asking them to examine any Mafeking cancellation they had used between January 1st and March 23rd, 1900, would have produced an answer. Up to now it hasn't, BUT I AM STILL HOPING. Come on, you fellows, do me a good turn.

I have seen a reproduction of a registered cover in the 'S.A.P.', it has a block of 12 1d. overprinted Cape stamps. Hope standing, cancelled with the usual Mafeking handstamp dated "AP 13 and having the following transit and receipt marks - 1900"

CROCODILE POOLS, SOUTH AFRICA, D.C. Mark, 25 APR 1900; BULAWAYO REGD. S.C. mark, 22 My in red; CAPE TOWN registered mark dated
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22 MY (on reverse side of cover); LONDON REGISTERED oval mark, 8 JU OO. I have yet to hear of a registered cover bearing the 1d. cyclist and/or the 3d. B-P stamps; perhaps one will turn up one day!!

Any additional information about these stamps and postmarks will be published in subsequent issues of the Journal.

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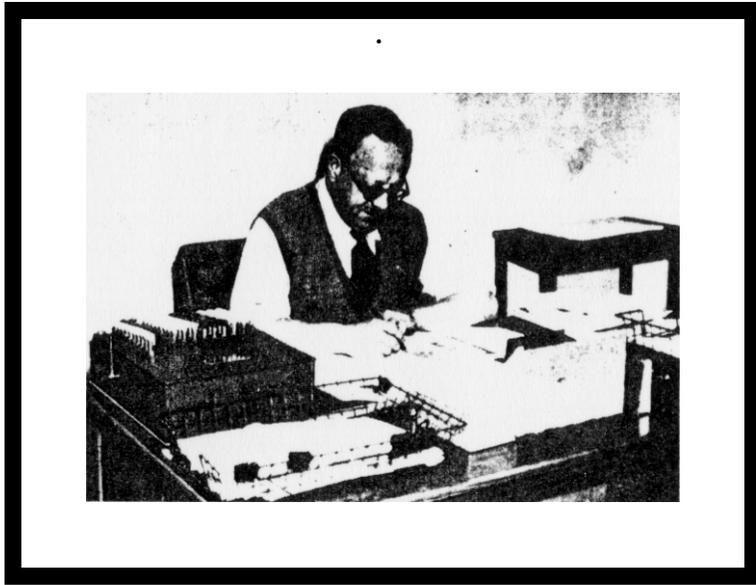
THE RESEARCH COMMITTEE.
by the Research Chairman.

I am sure members will be glad to know that our distinguished Editor has agreed to become a member of this Committee. Mr. Nodder is not only a member of the Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society (and a former Fellow), but is a recognised authority on the stamps of Rhodesia and British Central Africa. His membership of the Research Committee will certainly help us a great deal in trying to find and record the answers to the problems which remain in the field of the Mafeking issues.

I hope that other members will now let us have any information and ideas they may have, as Wilf suggests above in these articles, which he has been kind enough to show me before publication. As well as any more on the topics listed last time of course.

- Bill Bourke.

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The official title “Membership Secretary” suggests a post which could well be dull and uninspiring; the way in which Stanley tackled the task on behalf of the Club should leave in no one’s mind any doubts on this score. Very many members have learned to value and appreciate the outstanding personal service which Stanley rendered and his concern at all times was entirely selfless. He would go to infinite lengths in order to help a member with any enquiry and his handling of the duties involved can only be described as superb.

At the time of his death Stanley was only a comparatively short time off retiring, and it had been his intention to devote even more of his leisure hours to work on the Club’s behalf. It is so typical of him that he should have planned his retirement as an extension of his duties for Scouting generally, his District in particular, and for the benefit of the Club. In no sense did retirement mean to Stanley that he would give up activity; if anything, it merely meant that he would be replacing paid work for entirely voluntary efforts and those who knew Stanley well would agree that there was never any thought of personal gain in all that he did.

STANLEY BLUNT

S.S.C.C. Membership Secretary 1958–1965

On behalf of the committee and members of the Club and even more especially on behalf of the many friends which he had made in the Club and in Scouting, I would like to express our deepest sympathy and understanding to Mrs. Blunt. On all your behalfs I wrote to Mrs. Blunt and a party of Club officials was able to be present at the short cremation service.

It was Stanley's wish that his remains should be scattered at Gilwell Park and in his memory a Fund will be open for the next couple of months so that a contribution to the work of Baden-Powell House can be made in his name. Members who would like to contribute to this fund should send their donations to me as soon as possible, but it is not intended that any official list of contributions shall be published. The money raised will be handed to Baden-Powell House without any specific request regarding its use but if it is possible to devote it to any one particular cause it is felt that this would be most desirable.

I have known, valued and treasured the infinite assistance given over many years by Stanley. His memory will be its own lasting testament.

H.L.F.

Many have been the tributes and memories recalled by members all over the world who only knew Stanley from his letters to them, and his enthusiasm for the Club has been one of the main causes of its growth. Those of us who met with him at Club and other Scouting' functions will always remember the genial nature that he radiated to those around him, and be grateful to have shared his friendship.

R.E.R.

ROUMANIA - Second National Jamboree, 1932.

This camp was held at Sibiu in Transylvania for nearly four whole weeks, from the 5th to the 31st July, 1932, in beautiful wooded country sloping down to a lake which gave the Sea Scouts ample opportunity to show their (very good) watermanship.

About 2,300 Scouts were in camp. with Colonel Ulysses Simboteanu (soon to become their Deputy Chief Scout and be awarded the British Silver Wolf in 1934) as their Camp Chief. As well as the Roumanian lads there were some from Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Hungary and Poland. The financial depression in Britain had made it official policy not to encourage foreign visits by Scouts, even if any could have afforded the long journey, but from London there did come for a stay of several days Mr. Hubert Martin, the Hon. Director of the Boy Scouts International Bureau and British International Commissioner, to be greeted with great warmth by all, apart from the more formal honour of his reception with the whole camp paraded. Writing in "The Scouter" afterwards he said "Of the camp I cannot speak too highly. It was admirably organised on the Troop and Patrol system, each Troop running its own camp in its own way and doing its own cooking. The latter was excellent, as I had ample opportunity to judge, because I was required to sample it in most of the camps! I have never camped with a happier crowd than those Roumanian boys."

A special feature of this Jamboree was the carved woodwork and other camp decoration, some of the entrance gateways being wonderfully artistic and better than anything of the kind that Hubert Martin had seen before. There was also a scheme whereby each Troop was to construct something in their camp characteristic of the district form which they came, a Troop from a coal-mining area producing an excellent working model of a mine, while one from an historic town made models of its most interesting buildings. There was a series of competitions organised each day, both inter-Troop and inter-Patrol, providing severe tests of practical Scoutcraft - "But best of all was the splendid spirit which prevailed throughout".

Twenty years before, Scouting in Roumania had been founded by Crown Prince Carol when he personally started the first Troop at Sinaia. Now, as King Carol II, he came to inspect the Jamboree on a visit which lasted two days, taking the keenest technical interest in everything he saw. He was accompanied by his young son, Crown Prince Michael, both of them in Scout Uniform. At the Camp Fire on the 24th July the King publicly recited the Scout Law and himself assumed the office of Chief Scout of Roumania, amidst great enthusiasm, and Prince Michael re-affirmed his Scout Promise on being invested as a Patrol Leader in his father's old Troop.

This Jamboree was the occasion both of a special issue of six stamps and of the use of special cancels. One cancel was illustrated in our last Journal at page 181, its design showing a Scout badge with an arrow diagonally behind (similar to the camp badge - also shown - but reversed, the arrow very likely following the idea of the "Golden Arrow" of the World Jamboree three years before), surrounded by a double frame with "CERCETASII ROMANIEI / JAMBOREEA NATIONALA" (Roumanian Scouts' National Jamboree), while below is a shield with the arms of Sibiu and the camp dates. This has so far been seen only on items of a souvenir nature, not on actual mail, and as it lacks a specific date would presumably only be postally used in conjunction with a datestamp. Elsewhere in this issue, at page 196, FREDY SCHERB writes of an actual camp cancel, a single-circle date handstamp with the words "SIBIU / CAMP NAT." This is in black, unlike the other which is in dark red.

The first two Scout sets of Roumania include some of the most attractively designed stamps produced by our particular branch of philately (even if some of the colours and the paper leave something to be desired), and apart from the camp scene in the 1925 Hungarian set they were the first to picture either actual Scouting practices or portray Scout personalities. The first set, issued the year before to commemorate the Scouting Exhibition held in Bucharest to boost the Movement, had already shown us views of a camp (1 leu), a rescue from a river (2 lei) and an investiture (3 lei), while the two highest values show King Carol in his makeshift uniform of the pioneering days (6 lei) and his younger brother Prince Nicholas as Chief Scout (4 lei) - an office he held until it was taken over by the King himself at this Jamboree. The Sibiu set really continues the series, the 3 lei and 6 lei values bearing up-to-date portraits of King Carol, alone and with his son, while the four lower ones

show Scouting scenes, three at least probably typical of the Sibiu camp - the Patrol in front of their bell tent (25 bani), the Scout signalling by semaphore ("X" - and he should watch his angles a bit!) (50 bani), and the one of the two Scouts cooking (2 lei) which, besides being really beautifully designed, to me evokes the spirit of a Scout camp better than any other. The remaining value, the 1 lei, I am not so sure about: unlike the other three, which are reproduced from actual photographs, this is from a drawing - a Scout with staff and pack kneels in a rocky wood, observing with notebook and pencil (birds ?), while from the pack protrudes a cricket bat (to keep them off ?)...but perhaps this is meant to symbolise the hazards of the pioneer days All these Sibiu stamps with the exception of the 50 bani bear representations of the camp badge, and with the same exception their subjects are enclosed in a shield-like frame, which may possibly have some significance. Both these sets are of course semi-postals, being sold at double their face-value with the excess for the benefit of Scout funds.

King Carol's reign, and indeed most of his life, had many storms and difficulties and has been a good deal misunderstood. As Crown Prince he was forced to accept his father's annulment of his marriage to a commoner, his subsequent marriage to a princess was not happy, and his renewed association with his former wife (to whom he remained faithful for the rest of his life and ultimately remarried), caused great scandal and indeed delayed his accession to the Throne for some time. His country menaced by intrigue from within and danger from without, his devotion to Scouting's aims and methods made him try to spread them throughout the nation's youth by uniting all movements under government control, action which compelled the Roumanian Scouts to leave the World Movement in 1937 - though its members still remained true to Scouting principles and continued to be welcomed at international gatherings and its Scouters on training courses at Gilwell.

As the storm clouds continued to gather, under threat of war Roumania had to give up much of her territory to Russia and Hungary, and King Carol had to leave his Throne. But whatever his success politically, his support for and belief in the ideals of Scouting were lifelong and undoubted, and he deserves to be warmly remembered in particular by all those who collect the Scout stamps of his country - where we must all hope there will again be happy Scouts one day.

R A N D O M N O T E S - I V.
by Bill Bourke.

BRAZIL - International Patrol Camp issue, 1954.

You will all know the single blue 1.20 cruzeiros stamp issued to commemorate the first of the International Patrol Camps held in Central and South America (the ninth and latest of which was marked by the regrettable Paraguayan issues earlier this year), which took place at Interlagos on the outskirts of the city of Sao Paulo from the 27th July to the 3rd August, 1954. This stamp, which shows the statue of a Scout erected in Rio de Janeiro, a gift by the youth of Chile to the Scouts of Brazil in recognition of their help after the great earthquake of 1923, normally comes in ultramarine, and you may not know that it can also be found in a grey shade. This is evidently due to the faulty mixing of inks, as I have one specimen which shades from one colour to the other across the stamp!

The stamp was issued on the 2nd August, with a very handsome handstamp cancellation showing a Scout making the Scout sign. I have recently found that this exists in two forms, the easiest means of distinguishing them being that in what seems the most usual the date (in a circular frame below the Scout) is given as "2 / AGO / 1954", while in the other there is a stop after the "AGO". When one looks carefully however the whole figure of the Scout shows substantial differences.

In passing, it may be noted that all Brazilian issues have a signature printed in the top sheet margin, in the same colour as the stamps. Whether this is that of the Minister of Posts, the printer, or who, I cannot say, but it is rather interesting to see that in the case of the 1960 Scout stamp this signature has downward flourishes so long that one actually reaches the design of one of the stamps (No.4) in the top row, while the other stroke has damaged the surface.

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THE REASONS BEHIND CANCEL DIFFERENCES.

The variation in the Brazilian 1954 cancels raises the question why such differences occur, and also why there are sometimes several completely different forms of cancellation used at some Jamboree or other Scout event. I think the reasons can be summarised as follows:-
(i) On the first day of issue of Scout stamps there is these days a heavy demand for covers. Unless machine cancellers are used there

would be a need for several handstamps, and these are likely to show differences in detail. Examples of these are on the Brazilian issues, the Ryukyus ones and there are many others.

(ii) In a few cases there are first day cancels both from hand and machine cancellers (as in the U.S.A. issues of 1948 and 1950) with different languages or from different towns.

(iii) Where a Scout event coincides with a stamp issue there may be camp cancels as well as merely "First Day" ones, as happened with the Suriname issues, or in some cases first day cancels from the event may be of a special kind (as at the Marathon Jamboree of 1963), or with a fixed date (as was used to cancel first day mail submitted beforehand for the 1957 Sutton Park Jamboree - the machine cancels otherwise resembling those used for actual camp mail). In either case, the need was for an enormous volume of first day mail to be dealt with before the actual date. I think that this use of fixed-date cancellers (both machine and otherwise) may well account for some hitherto unexplained variations, for instance the two forms of the Austrian 1951 Jamboree cancel and possibly the ones from the 1962 Danish camp at Viborg as well.

(iv) At many larger Jamborees, where handstamps only or mainly are used, there is a need for quite a number. These may differ obviously as at the 1933 Hungarian and 1937 Dutch Jamborees, or only in tiny details as at the 1963 Greek Jamboree. And of course there are often different forms of cancel in use for such things as parcels, registered mail and so forth at such camps.

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DENMARK'S 1914 LABEL.

Following letters from CLAUDE MARCHAL and HARALD THOURSIE we have more information about the Danish label referred to on page 187 of the last Journal. This was one of 5 seals (the others non-Scout) all bearing the same text. On the backs are registration numbers 727 to 730 and it is stated that they were sold for 10 ore each, the number printed being 20,000. These were sold in aid of youth - but what "Friskoleborns Asylerne" was has yet to be discovered.

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QUICKIES : Pakistan - 1952-3, 1st National Jamboree. Two of the camp cancels (showing the "Camel" badge) I have seen are different, so there was more than one handstamp. Dates 30 DEC and 5 JAN - first and last days ? Brazil - the 1965 stamp was additionally printed on the marble surfaced paper, as happened with the 1957 issue. Iran - the recent Asian Moot stamp has a vertical perf. error resulting in the English wording appearing at the top. It is said that 150 of these exist.

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PETER'S POT POURRI

by Peter Duck.

DUBAI OVERPRINTS.

There appears to be more fun and games from Dubai!
 It is officially reported that a bogus overprint has appeared on the Marathon Jamboree issue of 1964. The overprint is a copy of the "Innsbruck 1964" with the five Olympic rings. Apparently the colours have been reversed - the name, date and rings are printed in red, and the shield in black and the overprint appears on all ten values of the set, whereas originally it came only on the top five values and the miniature sheets. The above information was culled from the Philatelic Magazine of 29 Oct. '65. By the way, had you noticed (do you care!) that the word "Innsbruck" 1964 and the Olympic rings are printed in black on the perforated stamps and in blue on the miniature sheets.
 The above Magazine also supplies information on the new issue from the Central African Republic - 2 values: 25 fr. (red-brown, blue & violet) Camp fire. 50 fr. (blue & brown) Scout & emblem. Date of issue: 27th September, 1965. Designed & engraved by Claude Haley.

UKRAINIAN SCOUT "CANCELS"

In addition to the listing of Canadian meter cancels, here is a list of slogans issued by PLAST, the Ukrainian Youth Association of Canada which incorporates the Ukrainian Boy Scouts in Exile,

- Toronto 1960 Shevchenko 1861-1961 Ukrainian Plast (in Ukrainian script) Head of Shevchenko with laurel wreath & Scout badge.
 1961 Taras H. Shevchenko 1861-1961 (in Ukrainian & English) (Head of Shevchenko)
 1961 Taras H. Shevchenko 1861-1961 (in English only) (Head of Shevchenko - different design)
 1960 wording not known - (Church)
 1962 -ditto- - (Bearded gentleman)
 1961 1911-1961 Ukrainian plast (50th Anniversary Scout Badge)
 1963 Rev. M. Verbytsky 1863-1963 (in Ukrainian & English) (Head of Verbytsky).

50th Anniversary of Flemish Catholic Girl Guides.

The above event was celebrated by an exhibition and the issue of a special cancellation on 10th October, 1965. Two labels were also issued. The cancel reads "Vlaams verbond v. Kath. Meisjesgidsen 10.10.65. LEUVEN" and shows the badge of the VVKM with '50' superimposed. A registration service was available, and numbers start with 160 from Leuven 1, and as the exhibition was held on a Sunday an extra 3 Francs was payable on all Registered and Express items.

The designs of the two labels are as follows :-

- (a) Navy blue background with a green circle and the 50 years badge of the VVKM, also a smaller light blue circle. The words "Jubel Jaar 65" with two large letters J appear at the bottom.
- (b) White background showing a 'pin-man' Guide made of us badge and holding a tab with "50" in the right hand.

My covers which were kindly sent to me by Jos Suy of Antwerp also bear a rubber stamp in red of similar design to the cancel.

VII Camporee Scout Centroamericano

this camp will be held at El Coyotepe, Nicaragua from Dec.10-20, 1965. Special envelopes and a rubber stamp are in use to publicize the event, and I believe there is the possibility of a stamp issue.

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USED BRITISH COLONIAL ISSUES.

Our American friends in their Journal remark that British collectors have a greater opportunity of getting used copies of the recent Bermuda 2/- 50th Anniversary stamp than they do. This is very true, and applies to any of the Crown Colonies issues, so if you see the extra copy offered for sale ... buy it up for exchange with our overseas friends. (...Roy Rhodes).

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ADVERTISEMENT : -

Members! If you will send me a first day cover and mint block of four of your country's new Scout/Guide issue, I will exchange or remit Vancouver Region Crests - Scout stamps - Photographs. Wm. TURNEY, 1306 Cottonwood Cr., North Vancouver, B.C. Canada. Member 458.

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The 1966 MELVILLE MEMORIAL COMPETITION

CALLING ALL JUNIOR COLLECTORS. The Melville Memorial Competition, organised by the philatelic Congress of Great Britain will again be held in 1966.

The Competition is open to all Junior Collectors in any part of the world under the age of 21, provided that the entry is submitted through a Society affiliated to the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain by March 1st, 1966.

Competitors unable to enter through a local Society may send their entry through the British Philatelic Association, 446 Strand, London W. C. 2.

There are four age groups, Class A. for those from 17 to under 21 (12-18 sheets); Class B. 15 to under 17 (9-12 sheets); Class C. 12 to under 15 (9-12 sheets); Class D under 12 years (6-9 sheets). Ages are reckoned as on May 1st, 1966.

A booklet designed to assist intending Competitors entitled "From the Judge's Angle", written by the late Wilfrid B. Haworth, is available on application from the Hon. Secretary: Mrs. D.M. Green, Flat 5, 31 Cliff Drive, Canford Cliffs, Poole, Dorset, from whom full details concerning the Competition may be obtained. MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATE AND DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE.

Here is an opportunity for you Junior collectors. I do know that some of our junior members in the past have entered not only for competitions in their local Philatelic Societies, but also for the Melville Memorial and have been successful in gaining awards. How about some of the present members doing the same?

Remember, the Melville Memorial Competition is open to any stamp collector under the age of 21 throughout the WORLD.

FURTHER NEWS OF METER CANCELS

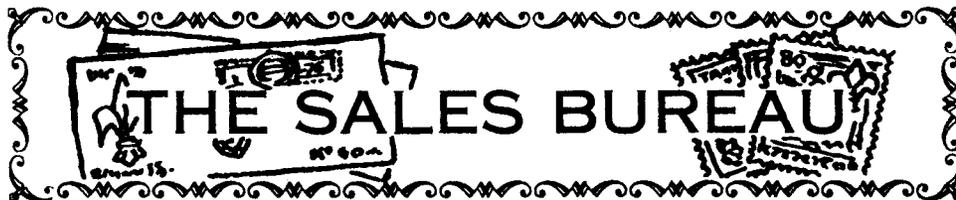
compiled by PETER DUCK.

- AUSTRALIA (Melbourne) 1964 A good Deed Everyday (still in use)
 1964 - Gang Show Friday 22nd May - Tuesday 26th May,
 Palais Theatre, St. Kilda.
 1965 - The Scout Shop for Scouting and Camping Equipment.
- CANADA 1962 - XXiemes journees federales Scouts. St. Roc de
 (Montreal) Meckinac 2-3 Sept 1962.
 (Vancouver) 1965 - Scouting in Action (Shows Scout dealing with
 forest fire and a Scout badge.)
- MEXICO 1965 - XX Conferencia Scout Mundial Sept. 1965
 (Conference Badge) seen with date 9th Oct. 1965.
- NETHERLANDS 1965 Fleur de lys in Oval) - Nederlandse Padvinders
 s'Gravenhage Kon. Goedgekeurd.
- SWEDEN 1959 - Stöd flickscoutarbetet (emblem)
 (Stockholm) 1960 Friluftsmagasinet har riktiga grejor. Scout-
 Varor ägs av Sveriges Scoutförbund.
 1964 - friluftsmagasinet har riktiga grejor. Scout-
 Varor Svenska Scoutförbundets utrustnings-
 service.
 The 'Vi Bygger Kjesäter' exists with three diff-
 erent licence numbers: 9043, 9707, and 10398.
- U. K. 1929 - Boy Scouts Association Imperial Headquarters,
 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1 (all
 in straight line)
 1939 - As above, but different die.
- U. K. 1956 - The Badge of World Scouting (World Scout
 (London) Badge) in use at the World Bureau.
- U. K. 1965 - Boy Scouts H. Q.
 Scouts World Friendship Year Oct. 1965 - Sep 1966.
 (two left hands clasped)

This last slogan has a particular interest to members in that it was designed by NORMAN ROWE, one of our members, who has also been responsible for the wonderful photographs connected with our hobby, that have featured on the outer covers of recent issues of 'The Scout' and 'The Scouter'.

My thanks to PHILIPPE VAN HILLE, HARALD THOURSIE, and D.C. JEFFERIES for the above information.

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