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Before you dive off the deep end over the late delivery of this Journal, I ask you to read and think over what I have written below.

The reason for its lateness is not due to illness of either John or myself as it was in the case of the last number, and for which John offered our apologies. This time I am not making any apologies; if any are needed they should be made to PETER DUCK and BILL BOURKE who came to the rescue to make this issue possible, when NO articles had been received by publication date.

Have YOU given any thought to the snags and problems that beset the Editorial staff every other month? Have YOU any idea how frustrating it is when no articles and items of news are sent in despite repeated requests being made in the Journal? Surely there must be some of you who could write something that would be of interest to other members? Why leave it to the small band of regular contributors? This is, in fact, what has been happening for some time now and whilst much of the credit for supplying most of the material that has been published must go to these stalwarts, it is most unfair that we should rely entirely on their contributions for the contents of each issue.

If the publication of this Journal is to continue every second month, then the Editorial staff MUST have the support of members; unless we can build up a surplus of articles from which we can draw, the time will come -- and come very soon -- when we shall be forced to cut down on the issues of Journals each year. This would be a retrograde step and one which I know the Club Committee would be reluctant to take, especially as it would not be due to financial reasons.

These are the hard facts. Will YOU help us?

W. G. N.

FROM THE EDITOR'S IN-TRAY.

My grateful thanks to

.....HAROLD THOURSIE (member 692) for his letter with which he enclosed a number of Swedish seals, including this year's as well as those issued some years ago by the General Post Office Savings Bank Department, all depicting various Scout and Guide activities. The envelope containing his letter also had a number of these earlier seals stuck on it as well as an example of the 1966 St. George's seal. I am sure label and seal collectors will appreciate having this information.

.....the unknown sender of "CAMPFIRE LIGHT", a bi-monthly publication of the 2106 (52nd. Scout Group) Catholic High School, Singapore. It would be no exaggeration to say that the layout and printing of this Scout publication by members of this group is one of the best I have seen and contains illustrations and articles on Scouting in both Chinese and English. It has an exceedingly high circulation figure of 1200 copies. I wonder if the Editor could be persuaded to include an article on "Scouting on Stamps" in a future issue?

.....JAN BERGQVIST (member 96) for answering my query in the October 1965 Journal concerning the cancellation used at the Stegeborg camp in Sweden last year. This included the word 'LAGREN' instead of the more usual word 'LAGRET' or 'LAGER' for 'CAMP'. The reason is simple -- 'LAGREN' is the plural of 'LAGRET' and was used because it served two camps, one on the Island of Eknon for Scouts and the other on the mainland at Kareholm for Guides, both camps being organised by the same Association.

.....R.D. ALLEN (member 320) for kindly passing on the information that he has an example of the Bob-a-Job meter mark referred to in the April 1966 Journal, page 38, which is dated 1950. Will meter mark collectors please note?

.....T.BAXTER (member 544) for letting me know of an early meter mark used by the Boy Scout Association -- Neopost Type N18, "G V R", dated 18.12.28. He is quite willing to let anyone interested see it under the usual guarantee of its safe return. In a later letter he mentions his further attempt to obtain information from Mr. Frank Godden about the postal arrangements at the 1920 Jamboree camp at Richmond Park and how Mr. Godden, after making inquiries at the G.P.O.

Head Office wrote him to say that unfortunately their records contained no information of any special handstamp being used. Perhaps one day one of our members will unearth a cover; after all, the age of miracles isn't over. What about the Darlington cover?

.....LEN BOWEN (member 27), who also wrote to say that he had an example of the meter mark referred to by Rev. BASIL BENNETT in the April 1966 Journal, his copy being some eight months earlier, viz. 18 Jan 1934, the town/date portion being in double circles. He has yet to see a copy of this slogan with a single circle town/date portion although it seems feasible such exist since his copy of the mark advertising the Arrowse Park Jamboree was this type from a Neopost N18 meter machine; whether this machine die with a different slogan portion was in use prior to and/or after this Jamboree is not known. He also gave me details of his 3d. B.P. large head stamp. This brings the total number of members who have taken the trouble to measure and pass on the information about this stamp to me up to four. Am I to conclude that only SIX members out of a membership of nearly 600 have a copy of this stamp? Verb sap.

.....HOWARD KAPLAN (member 528) for sending me particulars of SUNTRAPEX, the second annual exhibition of Scouts on Stamps, sponsored by the Sunset Trails, Chapter 10, of the S.O.S.S.I., which takes place on September 17th next. He also mentions he would please to hear from any member who would like to exhibit. I have a copy of the prospectus and entry form should anyone be interested. A special cacheted cover and souvenir sheet will be issued and advance orders can be sent to Howard enclosing 35c per set or \$1 for three sets.

.....MISS MARY LAMBE (member 774) for her letters in which she mentions how much the Journal is appreciated by members of the S and G.S.S. Australia and that it is hoped that either a stamp or special cancellation will be made available for the All-Australian Guide Camp to be held in Queensland next year. She raises an interesting point with regard to the following:- the date when B.P. painted the picture of "Athens at dawn" on the 1 Drachma value of the 1963 Greek 11th World Jamboree set has been given as 1872,

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THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

by ROY E. RHODES

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Well, here we are again, happy as can be ---- all good pals and jolly good company! What surprises are we having in the U.K., with four Scout cancels in one year, The sad thing about it has been that other than the Blair Atholl and Marlborough cancels, most of us knew nothing about them in advance!

This is simply ridiculous, and were it not for the prompt action of BILL VOURKE, the Sevenoaks cancel might have been a legend before it was a reality!

Other cancels we have seen and had reported are given below, although the list is not necessarily complete. News of these has been passed on to me from JOS. SUY and PHILIPPE VAN HILLE, two great collectors from Belgium.

- AUSTRIA: "40 years Scouting in Simmering." Apl. 9th to 11th. (Nos. 1-4)
 " Scout Stamp Exhibition at Mattersberg. Used June 4th to 6th.
 " with wording "Arge Pfadfinder im RoPhJ" (Nos. 1-6)
 " Another exhibition cancel from July 13-17th.
- BELGIUM: "50 years of Sea Scouting of the V.V.K.S." May 7th.
- DENMARK: "Metropol Jamboretten 1966 Ermelunden Gentofte" From Jul. 28th.
- FRANCE: Congress of Scouts and Guides of the E. D. F. at Montgeron from May 29th to 30th.
- GERMANY: Koblenz. "International conference of Catholic Scouting" depicting the Rhein Mosel Hall & Catholic emblems. May 28-30th. Konigsdorf. "Ringlager 1966 Ring Deutscher Pfadfinderbunde"
 " Fischbach - Wasgaulager 1966.
 " Cancel from Kettwig expected.
- ICELAND: Hredavatn. Landsmót Skata 1966. July 25th.
- NORWAY: Kretsleiren Øystese -- June 26th.
 " Landsleiren K. F. U. K. Tromøy. --- July 5th.
- SWEDEN: Enköping Utställningen. May 5th (Is this 'Scout' ?)
 " Rydnäs S. M. U. Scoutlagret. June 13th.
 " Fjäras Koitjärve. June 18th.
 " Bjuråker 50 Anniv. F. A. July 19th.
 " Habo Munkaskos M. K. U. Rikslagret Aug. 2nd (? Scout)
- SWITZERLAND: 6 Pfadfinder-Bundeslager Domleschg. July 27th.

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but this would mean that B.P. would have been 15 years old when it was painted; Lady B.P.'s Christmas card last year was also a reproduction of this painting and the date given on the card is 1883, whereas William Hillcourt in his book states that B.P. was in India from 1880 until 1884. Furthermore, Lady B.P. is reported to have given the original painting to the Greek Boy Scout Association in 1963, whereas Harry Thorsen Jr. in "Scouts on Stamps of the World" gives 1960 as the date! Can anyone be of help to our member in unravelling this mystery? Anyway, full marks to her for spotting all these discrepancies.

.....JOHN ANDERSEN (member 874) for sending me a cover from the Metropol Jamborette held at Ermelunden, Gentofte, Denmark from July 27th. to August 4th. Enclosed with the cover was a brochure giving details of the activities of the camp and on the cover itself was a Jamboree label presumably of the same design as the badge issued to each participant. The receipt of a cover from an actual camp is always very acceptable and much appreciated.

.....WILLIAM TURNEY (member 458) for his letter in which he mentioned that he hoped to be actively engaged as Postmaster at the first B. C. - Yukon Provincial Jamboree to be held at Penticton, B. C. from 9th. to 16th July last. I understand that special covers were to be available and I am sure any member who is interested in such covers would be able to obtain one from him at a cost of 15c, plus postage.

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Beginner or specialist --- there is sure to be something for YOU in my stock. Proofs, errors, imperfs.; as well as an unrivalled stock of mint stamps and F. D. C. s. Write to-day!

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THE SECRETARY – GENERAL

WRITES

BY HOWARD L. FEARS.

CLUB MEETING. All members are asked to note that a meeting of the club will be held at ROLAND HOUSE on Saturday, October 29th. at 2 p.m. Please come if you can, bring your friends, anything recently acquired, new items, swaps - the lot!

THE PERMANENT LIST and MINT SERVICE. In this report I would like to take Club members behind the scenes a little. this back-stage glimpse may assist in understanding the working of the services, and one or two other important functions.

Firstly, the successful operation of the services depends on information reaching me as soon as possible, and Club members are amongst the many persons in different places who send particulars. But I would like to emphasise that any members having news of a special Scout/Guide stamp or cancel will be performing a service for everyone if they let me know at once - even at the risk of having the same details from several sources.

Thus for recent events, and why copies may not be available via P.L.D. Take the Icelandic Scout cancel. I was advised of this about 3 weeks before the event by the official agency in Iceland and replied at once asking them to reserve covers, requesting also particulars of cost, type of envelopes, etc. so that I could send my remittance. After 2 weeks I got an answer saying that if I would specify the stamp to be used, and whether plain or cacheted envelopes were needed, the cost could be advised. Again I replied by return of post, giving exact details and asking them to be sure to reserve the items.

7 days after the camp finished I received a short note saying that it was regretted that my letter arrived whilst the office was closed for holidays, and thus nothing had been done and it was now too late for anything to be done. Apart from the time taken by me, result: NIL. I am still hoping to obtain a few copies in another direction, but how's that for frustration?

The English cancels have been even worse. The help of Stanley HUNTER covered BLAIR ATHOL without any difficulty: many thanks Stanley. The immediate effort by Bill BOURKE in dashing away to tackle the SEVENOAKS cancel should mean a copy for most, or at least some, collectors. We are most grateful to you, Bill. He also tried to help with the Wiltshire cancel and wrote letters direct, but without success. Even more frustrating was the Polish cam at OUNDLE. Bill wrote and I wrote - and wrote - and wrote. I wrote to the camp postmaster, the camp leader, the organiser, but for all the replies I received I might just as well have done nothing, saved my time, energy, and money.

The current P.L.D. releases are, in fact, including many items of interest, and it is against this background that I have to report the sort of incident which not only makes my blood boil but which involves me in a considerable personal loss. And if you doubt that the loss is personal, may I remind you that all items for the club are purchased by me in advance, and I only get my money back when remittances reach me after being cleared through the distributors. Why am I getting all hot and bothered this time? After all, there have been defaulting members before, and each has left me with a personal - if small - loss. This time it concerns a collector in America who has had items through P.L.D. and from myself and who, because his creditworthiness was thought beyond reproach, was allowed to "get away with it". On checking all the records, Alan MORRIS (his distributor) and I find that the total debit is almost \$100.00 - about £35, and despite many letters we have received no response at all - repeat: NO RESPONSE AT ALL. Who is £35 out-of-pocket? At the risk of repeating the obvious, it is your humble servant, the Secretary-General, who also spends a lot of time in securing bargains for the P.L.D. and Mint lists.

If any member in U.S.A. or anywhere else for that matter, thinks he can help in recovering the money, do please write to me at once. At the moment I feel rather sick about it.

Of course, not all the reactions are unpleasant. From JAN BERGQVIST I have received a very welcome expression of appreciation for the services and the work of the Club officials. Actually I have also heard on similar lines from several members, and it seems to me that those who are most grateful and most appreciative are usually those members who give the most.



by the Assistant Editor

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August 12th and Stanley Gibbons have published their latest catalogue of the British Commonwealth. The first page that I always look at is MAFEKING, and what surprises we have here! The latest prices are very much in line with auction realisations for very fine copies, and since Gibbons still make the arbitrary division between light and dark shades, the two prices given below are for each of these shades.

S.G. 17 & 18	1d. Goodyear.	MINT	£60, £60.	USED	£35, £30.
S.G. 19 & 20	3d. B-P (small)	MINT	£70, £75.	USED	£45, £50.
S.G. 21 & 22	3d. B-P (large)	MINT	£175, £175.	USED	£75, £75.

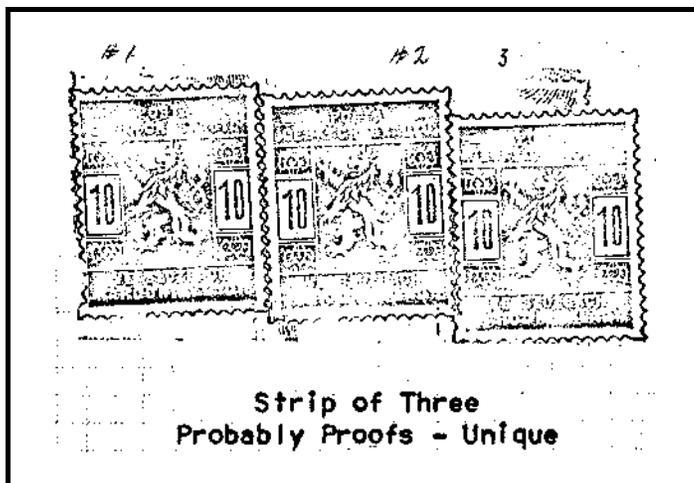
Well, what do you think about that? It is a continuing trend for these stamps to rise, and to all but the rich, the Mafeking stamps are 'OUT' as far as most new collectors of Scout stamps are concerned. Really they are only forerunners because of the B-P connection, and I have always considered that a chronological study of Scout Philately truly starts with the Czech. Scout Post issues of 1918.

Now what else can we learn from Messrs. Gibbons catalogue? Barbados increases fractionally to 16/7 mint and 20/4 used, but the 1965 stamp from Bermuda has rocketed to 6/- and 7/6! This is a stamp for short-term investment -- buy a few if you see them around. Another recent issue to be on the up and up is the 1964 pair from Fiji -- 5/6 and 7/6. G.B. 1957 follows the trend of all G.B. commemoratives and is rated at 17/- and 16/9 (see WILF's article on the Junior Page).

The 1965 Nigeria set has hardened to 5/2 and 7/- and the two sets of Trinidad and Tobago go up similarly. 1961 becomes 6/- and 6/9 and the 1964 set to 6/7 and 7/9.

It is interesting to note that fine used copies of all the Commonwealth stamps are rated dearer than the mint with the exception of the cheap and prolific issues from Australia, Canada, New Zealand etc.

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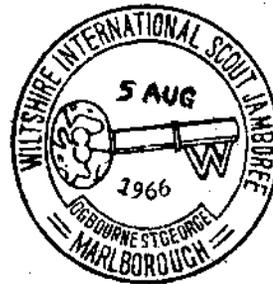
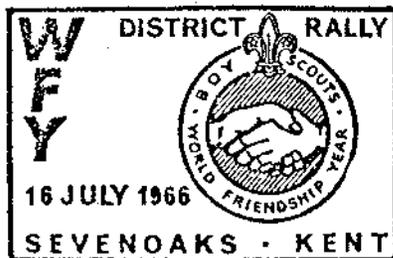
— ICELAND —



— DENMARK —



— SCOTLAND —



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Now why do I churn out all this information each year? Firstly to show that buying at new issue rates is always the best method of getting items for your collections. Secondly to point out the items that will be good investment for future exchange purposes etc., and to remind you of the earlier items that you must get now if you need them to complete a certain section of your collection.

In the last issue it was unfortunate that the title of the auction was omitted. The first 118 lots are all from the STANLEY Blunt collection, but I assume that most members realised this. Bids are coming in steadily but there are quite a few lots in the 'not-so-scarce' category that have not been bid upon. I therefore propose to close the auction on September 7th (to allow for any delays in mail from abroad) but to accept any further bids on the unsold lots up to the LAST DAY OF SEPTEMBER. This will give members an opportunity to buy up some 'swop' items quite reasonably.

News of prices of Scout stamps of other countries has recently come in to the editorial department. PHILIPPE VAN HILLE tells me that the Belgian pair of 1957 sell in Brussels at 30 B.Fr (4/3) unmounted, and FREDY SCHERB reports that the Swiss stamp sold this year at 1.20 Sw. Fr. each (2/-).

PHILIPPE also tells me that there are two distinct varieties of the Brussels cancel on the 1957 FDCs from Belgium, but as these are not special Scout cancels these differences are of academic interest for the specialist. A further bit of news is that the Morocco stamp of 1962 was an issue of 200,000 only. This is ridiculously low and this will be a stamp that will continue on a demand-rising price spiral I am sure.

In the last Journal I commented on the impossibility of there being a strip of three of the Czech. Scout stamp! For those who do not know, I would explain that the embossing, printing and cutting of the simulated perforations were done in ONE process of sunk-plate stamping and the die consisted of ONE design only of each value! Well, by return of post RUSS ELIOT sent me a photocopy of this item (illustrated on page 101) and the three stamps appear to be definitely attached to each other on the same piece of paper. The zig-zag effect shows that they were impressed singly --- but why did they not cut through the paper and lose the edging? I offer one suggestion. The value is the 10 heller blue and it is significant that this was used for the postal stationery card, and where the simulated perfs. did not cut into or through the card. Could the strip in RUSS's collection be proofs of the die used for the

postal card? I venture to suggest this is so and that the item is of great importance and rarity. Many thanks RUSS for your co-operation.

I have had several letters concerning international gatherings of our members as a result of our recent trip to Belgium. The folk of the Benelux Club tell me that their next get-together will be on Oct. 13th in Ghent, and another in Den Haag (The Hague) on Oct. 29th at the H.Q. of the N.P.V. at 3 p.m. Any of our members who are travelling in Europe and who can get along will be assured of a very sincere welcome. How many of our U.K. members would like a week-end trip to Belgium in the late Autumn or Winter? If we could make up a party large enough to prove economical on transport, I'm sure something could be arranged. Drop me a line if you are interested.

In Switzerland, on the occasion of the 6th National Camp, there was a fabulous exhibition of Scout Philately which was the responsibility of our old friend FREDY SCHERB. Reports in the most glowing terms of the excellence of the layout have filtered through, and there was a large gathering of Scout Philatelists at which REG. MORRIS represented the U.K.

I have heard from MURRAY FRIED of Canada that he suggests an international merger of the three English-speaking Clubs, SOSSI, SSCC and S&GSSA. Whereas SOSSI has the largest membership, he claims that SSCC has the best Journal (!) and that mutual benefits could be derived from such an amalgamation. The respective committees will have to consider this, but I will make a point concerning Journals. SOSSI are very valiant in producing a MONTHLY issue, but if their Editor has the same experience as WILF and I, it must be a headache each time to try and keep up an interesting series of articles. (see WILF's editorial which I echo and endorse.) The real need is for internationally-produced monographs on special subjects, which could be sponsored by all the clubs concerned. However, of the two produced by SSCC, one is long since out of print, and REG. MORRIS's excellent book on the Scout Philately of Greece has not even sold enough copies to cover the cost of production. Is it true that there are only about 100 really serious collectors IN THE WORLD?

GREAT BRITAIN'S "SCOUT POSTMARK YEAR"?

by BILL BOURKE.

Several events of importance have combined to produce this year the quite unheard-of total of four new British Scout Postmarks - an astonishing one indeed when one remembers that only seven events in all the years before this have produced their special Scout cancels, so far as is known.

The four cancels, in the order of their appearance, are:-

(i) Sevenoaks & District World Friendship Rally. 16th July. This is a large and extremely well designed rectangular cancel, incorporating the World Friendship Year emblem. It was in use on one day only, the date of the Rally held during an international week-end camp - an astonishingly ambitious and effective event staged by a single Scout District at Sevenoaks, Kent. No registered post.

(ii) Blair Atholl Scottish International Scout Camp. 20th to 29th July. The 10th Scottish International Jamboree, held at Blair Castle, Blair Atholl, with a rectangular cancel showing the castle at its foot and a Scout badge at the top. These Jamborees are held every two years but this is the first time there has been a special cancel - the only Scout one Scotland has produced, apart from the very rare "Mobile Post Office / B" mark applied to some of the mail from the World Moot at Monzie in 1939. No special registration labels.

(iii) Wiltshire International Scout Jamboree. 29th July to 7th August. Held at Ogbourne St. George, a village four miles to the north of Marlborough, this was another of the events held as part of the Scout World Friendship Year. It produced (a) a rectangular publicity label printed in black on pink and used before the camp, and (b) a circular cancel. Both of these bear the emblem of the camp, a key with a "W" as its operative part. The position as to registration labels is at the moment uncertain.

(iv) Poloniae Millennium Jamboree. 6th to 15th August. This is an international camp for Polish Scouts being held by the Z.H.P., the Association of Polish Scouts and Guides (in exile - but is this the same organisation as that which re-started functioning in Poland in 1956 under the same title?). This camp is at Lilford Park, near Oundle, Northamptonshire and is being held as part of the events to celebrate the one-thousandth anniversary of Christianity in Poland. This seems likely to be all for this year so far as British Scout cancels are concerned - which is just as well, considering all the correspondence needed to try to cover each one and obtain

all the facts of interest to record. We hope to be able to give fuller accounts of all these camps and their postal arrangements in due course. Illustrations of their cancels are given on page 103.

OTHER BRITISH CAMPS OF 1966.

There have been quite a lot of other international events held in Britain as part of the Scout World Friendship Year (which started at the beginning of October last and continues to the end of September this year). The Commonwealth Chief Scout toured many of these, beginning with the Bucks County Rally on the 23rd July and finishing with a visit to Wiltshire camp on the 3rd August. None of the other events is known to have produced any distinctive Scout cancel or registration label, but one at least has given us some interesting labels of the publicity kind. Two events of particular interest are :-

'A M I K A R O' - Warwickshire Boy Scouts International Patrol Camp. One of a series of these camps held every few years (the name Esperanto for "A Gathering of Friends"), in Packington Park, the home of their County Commissioner the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Aylesford. The dates given were the 21st to the 28th July, but the Camp Post Office was open at least a day before and after this, camp mail receiving only the local "MERIDEN / COVENTRY. WKS." cancel and the ordinary "MERIDEN" label. Two different Scout labels were produced in connection with this camp:-

(i) Printed in light brown on white, with "AMIKARO" in its usual rustic lettering across the centre, its sub-title and the place and dates above and below respectively. Rectangular, measuring 65x38mm. with straight-cut edges, these were used on correspondence before the camp.

(ii) Printed in red on white, also with straight edges and measuring 60 mm. square, these show Lord Aylesford's Coat of Arms in the centre, "AMIKARO" at the top and the place and dates along the other sides. These labels were affixed to outgoing covers in the manner of a cachet.

Lakeland International Camp 1966. Organised by the Scouts of North-West Lancashire and Westmorland, this camp was held from the 26th July to the 5th August at Wray Castle, near Ambleside and on the edge of Lake Windermere, the largest in the Lake District. Purposely limited in size to about 450 English Scouts and 150 from

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2 & 2a.

ITALIAN SCOUT CANCELS
by PETER DUCK.

The Federazione Esploratori Italiani consists of two member Associations, The A. S. C. I. (Associazione Scautistica Cattolica Italiana) and the C. N. G. E. I. (Corpo Nazionale Giovani Esploratori Italiani) both of which have been responsible for a number of Scout cancels and labels. The labels are too numerous to mention, but I should be interested to discover exactly how many there are. However, here is a list of all the Italian Scout cancels known to me. If there are any others, I should be interested to have details. (Illustrations on pp. 106 and 111)

- 1956 3rd National camp of the CNGEI.
Circular hand cancel of the double circle type inscribed "Poste Italiane 30 Campo Naz. G. E. I. - Rasiglia" (Fig. 1) with the date and the name Perugia in the centre. This cancel was in use each day from 26 July to 10 August and I have an example of all dates on cards showing a different cachet for each day as follows:
- 26 July Totem pole and Scout blowing horn
 - 27 July B. -P. giving a yarn to Scouts and a Cub
 - 28 July Scouts erecting a tent and Cubs around the Council Rock
 - 29 July Opening Ceremony
 - 30 July Cubs on a hike
 - 31 July Camp scene
 - 1 Aug. Scout cooking
 - 2 Aug. Wolf overlooking a camp
 - 3 Aug. Canoe and Tent
 - 1 Aug. Cubs sitting around flag
 - 5 Aug. Cubs kneeling in prayer
 - 6 Aug. Picture of Assisi
 - 7 Aug. Flags of Nations & cubs tracking
 - 8 Aug. Cub saluting
 - 9 Aug. Camp among fir trees
 - 10 Aug. Caricature and signature of B. -P.

There is also a FDC of 26 July showing the badge of the Camp, which is blue, green, red, white & yellow depicting a camp-fire, tent, trees and fleur-de-lys.

- 1956 3rd National Congress of A.S.C.I.
Circular hand cancel of the double circle type inscribed "Poste Italiane III Congresso Nazle Capi Dell' ASCI" dated 1.11.1956 and reading ROMA EUR in the centre (Fig. 2a). There also exists a slogan-type cancel which appears on same covers reading "30 Congresso Nazionale Capi dell' ASCI. Palazzo dei Congressi - Roma EUR 1-4 November 1956" Also with the A.S.C.I. badge (Fig. 2b)
Although the Congress lasted from 1st - 4th November, I only know of the first day cancel. The cachet on the cover depicts the Palazzo dei Congressi.
- 1958 4th Incontro di Primavera Seniores GEI and 1st International Convention of Old Scouts in Italy. This joint Conference in Trieste took place from 31st May to 2nd June '58. Circular hand cancel dated 31-5, 1958 of the double circle type inscribed "IV Incontro Primaverile Sen G. E. I." with Trieste and the date in the centre.
- 1959 2nd National Rover Moot
Circular hand cancel of the double circle type reading "20 Campo Nazionale Rover ASCI Poste Italiane" with the date and Bracciano in the Centre. (Fig. 3)
The badge of the Rover Moot on the card gives the dates of the camp. as 9th - 16th August 1959. My cancel is from 14th Aug.
- 1960 Spring Camp of the A.S.C.I.
Circular cancel of the double circle type reading "Poste Italiane. Campo Scout San Giorgio A.S.C.I." Dated 25-4, 1960 and inscribed Bracciano in the centre. The cachet on the cover shows St. George on his horse surrounded by Scouts waving their hats and flags.
- 1961 National Congress 1961 CNGEI.
This Congress took place in Rome on 28 January 1961, and once again a double circle type hand cancel was used. "Poste Italiane. Congresso Naz. Giovani Esploratori Italiani" (Fig 4). Dated 28-1, 1961 with Roma in the centre. The cachet depicts two Scouts shaking hands and saluting.
- 1961 Spring camp of the ASCI.
Hand cancel of the double circle variety inscribed -"Poste Italiane 2a Festa Primavera ASCI Emilia Romagna". Dated 30-4, 1961 with Castrocaro in the centre. (Fig. 5). The design of the cachet is exactly the same as in 1960 but in blue instead of green with the appropriate wording for

each year.

- 1961 1st National Convention of the ASCI
Circular hand cancel of the double circle type reading "Poste Italiane. I Convegno Nazionale Capi Riparto ASCI". Dated 12-5, 1961 and reading Bracciano in the centre. The cachet shows that the Convention took place from 11-14 May, and depicts the badge of the ASCI plus a carrick bend.
- 1961 National Congress of old Scouts CNGEI
Circular hand cancel of the open circle type inscribed "Giovani Esploratori Italiani. Congresso Naz. Seniores" around the edge and "Italia 61 16-9, 1961 Post Torino" in the centre. The cachet shows the badge of the Old Scouts together with their motto "Alere Flammam". Strangely enough no further cancels seem to have appeared since 1961, the only other covers from Italy which I have found since that date are as follows:
- 1962 National Scout Day 1962, 22 February.
Cover with supplementary cancel or cachet depicting a caricature of B.-P. and reading "Giornata Nazionale Dello Scautismo 22.2.1962."
- 1964 ASCI Campo Riparto Falconara. The cover bears a supplementary cancel reading "Val di Castro. 6-17 Luglio 1964 Posta del campo" and showing the badge and flag of the ASCI.
- Finally, a very interesting cover was issued by the CNGEI on St. George's Day 1957, this was posted from the Vatican and the design of the cover shows the head of St. George. A Vatican City stamp was used and the cancel is in red.

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- 537 Hungary 1934. Scout Air-Flight card "Elso Repulo Posta"
- 553 Sweden 1938. "Tullgarnslagret" clear strikes on cover.
- 555 Switzerland 1931 International Rover Moot cancel. clear strikes on card dated Aug. 14th.
- 560 Netherlands 1932 National camp Wassenaar. C. D. S. dated Aug. 9th.

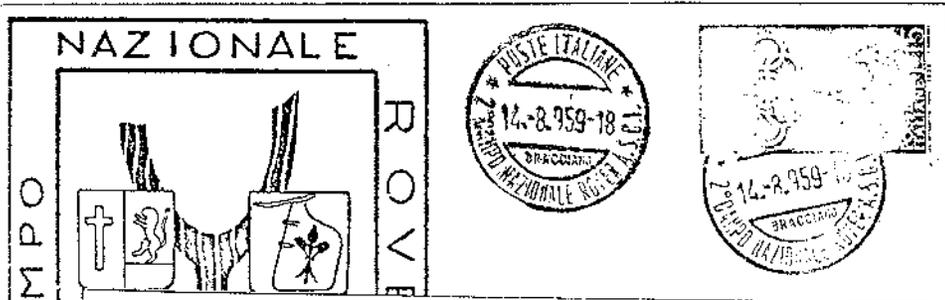


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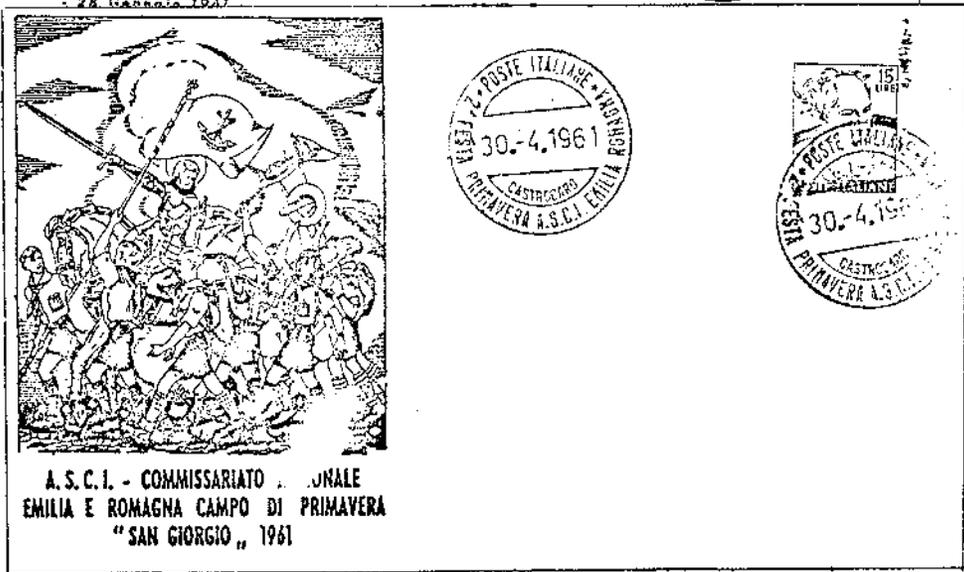


Fig. 5

PETER'S POT-POURRI. by PETER DUCK

There are in existence three International Hostels for Girl Guides, namely OUR CHALET (Adelboden, Switzerland)

OUR CABANA (Cuernavaca, Mexico)

OUR ARK (now called Olave House, London)

Each of these Hostels has produced a few items of philatelic interest to Scout & Guide collection.

OUR CHALET uses a rubber stamp cachet of oblong shape showing the Girl Guide trefoil and reading "Chalet Mondial des Eclaireuses 'Our Chalet' Adelboden". There are also special covers depicting the Guide flag and the name in three languages.

OUR CABANA has two different types of covers printed with the name and address, and I have one of these used with last year's Mexican Scout stamp.

There are also covers issued in 1962, and showing a picture of the Cabana. These were issued by Girl Scout Troop 65 from Long Island, USA, and are also found linked with the Girl Scout Roundup of 1962 at Button Bay, Vermont and have both Mexican and USA (Girl Scout) stamps on them. In 1965, Girl Scout Troops 2024 and 2065 visited Our Cabana and a special cover was issued which was also linked with the Girl Scout Roundup at Farragut State Park, Idaho. The Covers have both the Cuernavaca cancel and the Roundup 1965 hand cancel. Another cover was issued on Founder's Day, 22 February 1966 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the dedication of Our Cabana. If any Member is interested in the items from Our Cabana, they should contact Mr. George Hassen, 895 Centennial Avenue, Baldwin, Long Island, N. Y., USA.

From OUR ARK, I have two items of interest, one is a cover with a rubber-stamp cachet reading "Olave House" and the address. The other is a large circular label reading "Our ARK, London" and showing the trefoil with an Ark superimposed. I should be interested to know if there are any other Girl Guides' Hostels or similar places issuing items such as I have mentioned.

20th International Scout Conference, Mexico, 1965.

In my collection, I have a FDC which has been actually sent through the post, and the cancellation is in black. All others I have seen have been in blue. Another of my covers has a block of 4 stamps with first day cancel, but was posted two days later on 29th September.

METER CANCEL NEWS.

Recently I have obtained from Canada, 3 new Meter Cancels all used in May, 1966.

Vancouver, - Scouting Ventures in this Modern Age into the Land, Water, Air and Space. Slogan in Green.

Prince George, B.C. - Better Citizens Through Scouting.

Montreal - 50th Anniversary of Wolf Cubs 1916- 1966.

2085 Bishop St., Mtl.25, P.Q.

My thanks to Henrik Wirzenius for sending me translations of Finnish Meter cancels as follows:

Aloita Itsestäsi - Begin from Yourself.

Muista Muitakin - Näe Laajemmin - Remember other people too
- Look Wider.

Muista Muitakin - Näe Naapurisi - Remember other people too
- See your Neighbour.

MEXICO - a new meter slogan from the Inter-American Scout Committee Office. The slogan reads MAS SCOUTS MEJORES CIUDADANOS in a scroll. Under the scroll are the words AHORRE TIEMPO ENVIANDO SU CARTAS POR CORREO AEREO which I believe has postal significance.

Thanks also to Members who have written about Registered items from the New Zealand Progress Jamboree 1966.

I have recently been fortunate enough to find the entire Saudi Arabia Scout issue commercially used, one stamp from each of three different dealers in London.

How about this for the story of a 'Fiddle'?

In order to get used copies of the Central African Republic Scout issue of 1965, I sent mint copies of the stamps to the British Embassy in Bangui with a request for them to be posted to me direct. A few weeks later the cover arrived at my old address, but the stamps were uncanceled. So I duly sent the envelope back to Bangui stating what had happened and with a further request for the cover to be posted again. A few more weeks passed and the cover returned, still uncanceled! In the meantime, I had got married and moved, so my father re-addressed the cover and sent it on to me. Consequently the stamps received the hand cancel of the Chiswick, W.4. Branch Office. Can these stamps be considered genuinely used or not?

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MORE LETTERS FROM MAFEKING

by BILL BOURKE

Following my article in the February Journal about the mysterious dark lettering I had discovered on examining a marginal Mafeking "B. -P. Large Head" against the light, several members were good enough to send their marginal copies for examination.

As the result of much scrutiny of these, and of others I have been able to see, the following facts now seem clear:-

(a) that these letters exist on all the B. -P. 3d. stamps, both "Large Heads" and "Small Heads", but occur only in the bottom marginal strip. In the case of the 1d. Cadet Cyclist stamps, as there is a band of dark colour normally extending from the base of the stamp to the edge of the paper it would be unlikely that anything would show. Anyway, none has been submitted to me.

(b) The lettering is always grey in appearance, resembling pencil, but in no case is there ever any sign of its existence on either the face or back of the paper.

(c) The intensity of the lettering seems to vary with the darkness of the particular stamp, being clearer on really deep blue copies and very indistinct on the pale ones. My "Large Head" on which I first noted these letters is a very dark copy - but unfortunately the ones I have seen since have nearly all been pale.

(d) The letters, as I mentioned originally, are all in a regular, slightly sloping script, parallel with the edge of the paper. They also appear to bear a regular relationship to the stamp designs and are of course scaled to the different sizes of the "Large Head" and "Small Head" stamps.

(e) As to the actual wording, I think it is almost certainly the same on the two sizes of the stamps, but cannot yet be certain. It extends the full width of the bottom of the sheet and seems to be "H / SIEGE OF / (MAFEKING) / B.P.'s post 1900 / FEB.... / G". The oblique strokes indicate the lines of perforations between stamps - and it should be noted that only the "H", the "G" and the "B.P.'s post" do I consider as fully established. I have seen no copy of a stamp with the word "MAFEKING", which is inferred from the words "SIEGE OF" (though these are themselves uncertain). As to the fourth stamp, this too is not clear as I have seen only one copy on which the postmark obscured most of the margin. If this

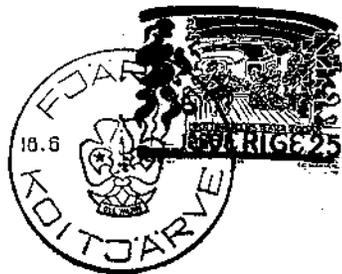
indeed bears the word "FEBRUARY" then that is an important development - showing as it would that these stamps in fact preceded the similarly produced £1 notes dated March, whereas I for one had always thought that it was the experience gained on the production of the banknotes that led to the adoption of the same process for the stamps. The letters "H" and "G" in the extreme corners are the initials of Captain Grenner, the Chief Paymaster who designed the B.-P. Head stamps and who would seem to have been having a good deal of fun!

As will be seen above, a great deal of uncertainty still remains though there is now at least a sort of skeleton visible of what has so strangely passed unrecorded all these years. I give this "interim report", both because I think it will interest members and to show that we still need more information. This can only be gained if anyone else who has one of these lower marginal copies will either look at it carefully and send me their findings, or will send me the stamp itself to examine.

Another side which still requires information and ideas from anyone who can help is the question of how these letters are visible in the paper in this way. Clearly they must at some stage have been carefully written out, presumably on the card bearing the twelve positive prints of the design arranged to form the plate when the card was duly photographed. Perhaps these letters were only written in pencil and their writer then thought better of it and rubbed them out - still leaving residual traces of carbon in the paper, which can show later on reproduction as with present-day copying machines. However, this would still not explain why the letters are invisible on the surface, unless indeed something in the photographic printing process removed such traces from the surface. From the variation with the darkness of the stamp it seems clear that the intensity of the lettering is bound up with either the exposure of the plate to light or the degree of impregnation of the paper with potassium ferrocyanide, probably the former or a combination of the two.

In conclusion, I mention with some trepidation that there are in fact some letters visible on the surface of the marginal strips when viewed against oblique lighting! These are smaller block capital letters such as "A W L", slightly impressed into the surface and I suggest made by lettering on the printing frame.

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KOITJÄRVE OFFICIAL SOUVENIR COVER





By the Editor

If you subscribe to one of the stamp periodicals you will probably have noticed how popular G.B. commemoratives have become over the past few months and that many dealer's advertisements now include prices they are prepared to pay for unmounted mint copies of these stamps. These prices, as well as the selling prices, vary considerably between dealers and you may wonder why this is so.

During the past few years the Postmaster General has issued an ever increasing number of different sets each year: most of these issues get press and T.V. coverage and the discovery of any major variety usually gets world wide publicity. All this has helped to create a great deal of public interest and many people who collected stamps when young have taken up the hobby again, and, having done so, wish to obtain some of the earlier G.B. commemoratives. This has created a demand far in excess of supply, for one must remember that the 'investor' has been very active with regard to purchasing in bulk many of these sets and will continue to be so just as long as there are people who will pay more than face value when the stamps are taken off sale. This creates a false buying price by the dealer which in turn pushes up the selling price and the vicious circle goes on. Again, far too much importance is being made of minor varieties caused by faulty printing, bad registration of the plates and indifferent checking with the result that these 'varieties' are changing hands at absurdly high figures.

Now our advice to the young collector has always been -- Buy the stamps you are interested in when they are current. --- Let me add to this -- Don't buy minor varieties of these stamps unless you can obtain them at 'round about normal. --

For those of you who are interested in Scout issues I have given a list of the buying as well as the selling prices of the 1957 Jubilee set of the G.B. commemorative stamps issued for the World Jamboree at Sutton Park. These prices have been taken from the adverts. that have appeared in four different philatelic

magazines during the past three months:-

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	(max.)		commemorative
	cylinder Bls.		cancel, but not
	of 6--70/- (min)		registered.
	£5; £6; (max)		

The face value of this set was 1/9½d and was sufficient to send a letter with the full set stuck on it by registered post!!
Be with you again in October.

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U. K. CANCELS - 1966

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elsewhere, camping in about thirty Troops with Patrols of mixed nationalities and organised in four sub-camps - with climbing, hiking, swimming, water-sports and a Challenge Competition. The Camp Postmaster was Mr. Boyd, the Postmaster at Wray, who impressed all camp mail with a double-circle "WRAY CASTLE/ AMBLESIDE. WEST-MORLAND" cancel and used "WRAY CASTLE" labels on registered mail. It seems almost certain that these are what are normally employed for a Sub-Post Office, though this would still be of some interest since while the Castle itself is now a Merchant Navy training school, part of the park is a permanent Scout camp site (which indeed formed the site of one of this camp's sub-camps). However, the cancel looks so attractive on my registered cover from the Camp P.O. (bearing one of the camp's badges in navy and gold on white, based on the World Friendship Year emblem of the clasped hands across the globe) - that I wrote for confirmation of its status, so far without reply..... The cancel really does look very like the one from the Mount Edgcumbe camp of 1936, and whether distinctively a Scout one or not, used from this camp it will probably be just about as scarce!

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THE CLUB'S RESEARCH COMMITTEE

by the Research Chairman.

It has been decided, mainly in the interests of flexibility, to alter the composition of the Research Committee - and in fact to do away with the present fixed membership of named persons (which results inevitably in some people keen to be involved being excluded), in favour of a much looser system which I am sure will serve us better.

In future, therefore, the Research Committee will be regarded as comprising all Club Members who at any time wish to take part in the business of trying to find out, and record for us all, the many facts and items of background information affecting every part of our hobby which can add so much to its interest, and I have no doubt to its value.

One of my functions will now clearly be to try to see that there is as little overlapping as possible in members' researches, while at the same time "like minds" are put in touch so that they can be of help to each other. This in turn means that the best plan for anyone who wants to start enquiring into (or sorting out) something will be to get in touch with me first, so that I can both do what I have just described and also try to help by passing over any information I may have myself and indicating any other sources known. I hope we may have many coming forward - and I could always suggest subjects for you to look into!

The other functions and uses of the Research Committee remain as before, as I described in the Journal in October last, and may be summarised shortly as follows :-

(i) Research in turn into specific topics or problems, circulating information to people knowledgeable or interested, finalising the results and publishing them.

(ii) Helping members with facts for an article or checking or vetting a draft one so that as far as possible mistakes are avoided (this would be done either by me or someone - probably more knowledgeable - to whom I referred it).

(iii) Helping members with queries, again with the help of others as necessary - BUT.....please do remember what I also said

before, that if you do send in any research query, also send me three fourpenny stamps (or more if the rate goes up - overseas three of the Commonwealth or two of the International Reply Coupons). Why three? For postage, etc., back, postage or telephone costs to someone else I shall probably consult, their postage to me..... while any profit in one case would certainly be offset by loss on others (and by the cost of quite a lot of "research" matters).

- BILL BOURKE.

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SOMETHING TO YOUR ADVANTAGE!

by BILL BOURK.

Actually that is true, though I admit I put that heading to make you read this, as an alternative to calling it "Information Wanted".

The best time to buy anything is almost always when it first appears - and you need to know about it. In the same way the best time to get the facts and set them out is at the time, with the aid of items acquired at the time - AND IF THE CLUB IS TO SERVE YOU TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE, BOTH IN ORGANISING SUPPLIES FOR YOU AND IN GIVING YOU THE FACTS, IT IS VITAL THAT ADVANCE NEWS OF ISSUES AND EVENTS REACHES US.

A classic illustration of this is the four new British Scout cancels. Blair Atholl we knew about, and all has been in the safe hands of STANLEY HUNTER, but the other three have been very difficult and it is only by chance and the skin of our teeth that we shall either have adequate supplies or have been in on the ground floor to get the facts. Chance? I was listening to the B.B.C. South-East News (I very rarely do) at 6.15 p.m. and heard about the Sevenoaks Rally then in progress - with special cancel. Two hours later I was there, finding the place partly by listening, met the Camp Postmaster (who was also the Sevenoaks Head Postmaster), and he, partly because my dash down to the Rally impressed him and partly because he was also Treasurer (!), agreed to have a further supply of their cards cancelled - bending the regulations, as the Camp P.O. was long since closed. Just one dealer had known - and ordered 200, so you can judge what our chances of acquiring any would otherwise have been. The Polish Jamboree we heard of a week before it started - from PHILIPPE VAN HILLE.... in Belgium!!!

(from other sources we should have known only two days beforehand).

The moral in these cases is obvious - more and earlier news. In these particular instances the explanation of the difficulty is lack of official information, even the Post Office Bulletin for some reason not including them, though I understand their Radio & Press Releases did so. What is quite certain is that in both cases there was quite a lot of local publicity. In the case of the Wiltshire International Jamboree several members did know about it some time before - but it seems they all must have thought HOWARD FEARS must know, do there again there was a last minute panic.

So please, everyone, do pass on any news you may come across, about stamp issues overseas (and the reasons which give rise to them), and of all events which are going to produce anything of interest to the Club and its members. It doesn't matter at all if the news comes several times over (indeed that's the only safe way).

I think the best person to tell is Mr. FEARS, since it is he who organises the Club's supplies, and he can in turn record the news of forthcoming items and events in the Journal for us all to see and use. At the same time I also need to know before the event to make my arrangements, both for information and for things which will themselves give it, in the way of material. So if time is at all short, please tell me direct also. I think the advantage I mentioned must be clear!

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