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Our regular editor, Wilf Nodder, is having a well-earned rest (at least as far as producing this Journal is concerned), and so, for this issue, we will not trouble him. However, on your behalf as well as mine, I would like to thank him for his untiring efforts - and I know how hard he has worked.

This issue may seem rather patchy. I am writing it "as I go", which means that I answer the day's post and then add a bit to the Journal. I do ask your indulgence.

I am only introducing one innovation: "Letters to the Editor". It should give everyone a chance to report some item of interest or comment on some news-feature. Do please try it - no matter how short.

Whatever else you read, kindly study carefully the section on "Elections" and then write to me with your nominations. This is not something to be left to the next member. It's YOUR views we want, even if you are content with endorsing the present management.

When this issue appears I shall, in fact, also be on holiday: 2 weeks in sunny Corsica. No post is being sent on, so it will have to await my return early in July. So for any delay in replies you will know and, I hope, understand.

Lastly, membership. Naturally with the tremendous increase in enquiries at the beginning of the year, our total figures have reached a new high level. There are still a few overdue subs. and, believe me, these cause more trouble than you can imagine. In fact, in terms of postages, printed notices, and the time of Committee members taken up, overdue subs. almost become uneconomic. If, after reading these few words, you feel just a little twinge of conscience, please remedy it at once. Subs. to Stanley Blunt - and we'll even accept next year's in advance!

PAN-HELLENIC JUBILEE JAMBOREE, 1960

(I think the following report sent me by an English Scout (who is not a Club member) will be of interest and speaks for itself. We are all grateful to the author, MR. J.C. ARMSTONE, of London.)

Dear Mr Fears,

I have just read your article on Scout stamps of 1960 in 'Stamp Collecting', and it occurred to me that you might like to have some further details of the Greek issue. I am in a position to give you this information as I was a member of the 11 strong British contingent to the Pan-Hellenic Jubilee Jamboree (to give it its full title).

A special Jamboree cancellation was applied, I understand, on the first day (22nd July - or possibly 23rd, as that was the first full day) only; unfortunately, due to (1) incorrect information as to the dates of the camp sent in the first instance from the Greek Boy Scouts' Association to I.H.Q., and (2) the demands of school examination and holiday dates, we of the British Contingent did not arrive at the Jamboree until July 27th. We were met at Athens by two interpreter-guides, and I lost no time in enquiring about the postal facilities available at the camp site. In reply to my questions, one of our hosts told me that the special postmark had been used on the first day, that registration facilities were available - I never heard of this service being used and I did not feel sufficiently confident of my Modern Greek to ask for it myself! - and that there was even a telephone system in operation.

You should know that the camp site was near the town of Amphikleia, actually on the northern slopes of Mount Parnassós, 1200 metres up the mountain. The site, known as Perdhikóveysi (Partridge-Fountain), is one of the permanent camps belonging to the Greek Scouts, and was donated by the town of Amphikleia.

The 'Post Office' was only a square wooden booth, totally enclosed on two sides, and with a counter running the length of the other two. A box was provided for posting letters, and this was withdrawn at about 5.30 p.m. when the office was supposed to close - it was of the standard Greek pattern, much smaller than ours, with a slit on the front, below which was a table with the various postal rates, and a sloping roof with an eave. However, when one purchased stamps and stuck them on letters at the post office one could hand the letters to the

clerk, who would then chuck them onto a heap on the floor (definitely 'chuck' - 'throw', 'drop', or 'put' would not be accurate descriptions of his action!) Letters could also be handed over the counter after the box had been withdrawn at the end of the day.

The stamps on sale were, as far as I could see, exclusively the Jamboree issue - it seems that these values alone or in combination could make up all the necessary rates. The Clerk performed one unusual service when handed a letter, in that he checked the face value of the stamps to make sure that it was sufficient to prepay the letter to its destination. I heard him mutter something under his breath when a friend and I handed him what were obviously philatelic covers addressed to England!

The actual purchase of stamps was a somewhat hazardous task; the staff of the office consisted of more than one clerk, if my memory serves me right, but very rarely were two on duty together. None of these officials understood English, French or German - I tried them all with no success - and communications had to be in Greek, or sign language, or (as was usually the case) a mixture of the two, or (best of all) through an interpreter. Even if one did manage to procure any stamps, their condition could not be guaranteed - for the clerks tore up the sheets with gay abandon, holding them between dirty fingers and sticky thumbs!

Jamboree envelopes and writing paper were on sale at one of the shops on the site. I am enclosing a sheet of the paper, which I should be obliged if you would return to me, to show you the design; this was also printed on the envelopes, which measured 7.9" by 4.3".

After the first day, all mail was taken down the mountain, to be postmarked in Amphikleia. A cover I posted home on July 30th has the bilingual arrival postmark of Amphikleia 31 VII 60 cancelling the stamps, and on the rear, the Greek departure postmark 31 VII 60 11.O.A.M., and a transit mark from Lamia I VIII 60 3.O.P.M. This letter reached London on August 6th. Two letters posted to me from Putney on July 27th and Brighton on July 28th have the Athens airmail arrival postmark of July 29th. 11.O.A.M., and the Greek arrival postmark of Amphikleia July 30th. 11.O.A.M. - these I received on the evening of Jul. 30th.

I am afraid I cannot tell you the format of the stamp

sheets - no doubt this information is easily obtainable elsewhere in England. The only marginal mark I have seen takes the form of a cross printed in the colour of the frame of the stamp in BOTH margins, on certain values anyway, opposite the second stamp from the bottom. All my marginal copies have the left and bottom margins perf., the top with one hole, the right imperf. (vertical designs); the left with one hole, the right perf., the top perf., the bottom imperf. (horiz. designs). I also have two copies of the 50L. with the left perf. and the right with one hole, so it may be that a number of different combinations exist.

The last day of the Jamboree was Sunday July 31st, but I believe that the post office did not open again after close of business on Saturday; that would make the cover described above a last day one. Most Scouts remained in camp until some time on Monday, as there was an acute shortage of transport to convey them down the mountain, but there would have been little call for postal facilities after the closing ceremony.

Yours sincerely,
J. C. Armstone.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The development of S. S. C. C. has always resulted in our keeping abreast of anticipated needs, and when the existing organisers met in London early this year, they felt that a Club of our nature, with its continued growth, needed a Constitution. The draft for this was presented to you in the last issue of the Journal and now we come to an important sequel, the election of the Committee to handle the business of the Club.

It is obvious that this Committee will be a "working Committee" and that there will not be any nominal post-holders or sinecures. It is also important that this Committee shall commence to function as soon as possible.

The Committee will consist of 6, each with a designated task. Its size may later be adjusted. Elections will be held when needed but it is obvious with a Club as large and world-wide as ours that elections at frequent intervals would be unnecessary, as well as proving expensive.

Every adult paid-up Club member has the right to nominate

or be nominated. If you propose to nominate anyone, you must be sure that they are prepared to stand (which also implies their willingness to accept the duties attached to the post in question) and that your nomination is seconded. All existing post-holders have indicated their willingness to accept nomination for the posts they hold at present. The Committee posts (and existing holders) are:-

President	R. E. RHODES
Hon. Secretary-General ..	H. L. FEARS
Hon. Membership Secretary ...	F. S. BLUNT
Hon. Publicity Secretary ...	J. E. HOBBS
Hon. Journal. Editor	W. NODDER
6th member (responsible for distribution of Permanent List material)	W. T. HOLTON.

So that we may be a truly democratic organisation, we hope all members will take an interest in these nominations. Do not leave it to someone else: we need YOUR choice. Even all the above-named have only indicated their willingness to accept nomination - they have not actually been nominated. So please write to me (H. L. FEARS, at 11 SALISBURY ROAD, SEAFORD, SUSSEX) without delay with your choice. Ballot papers for elections will be included in the next Journal (except for posts which have only one nomination) so your letters must reach me in time for these papers to be prepared.

ADVERTISEMENT

SELL OR EXCHANGE: Two complete sets Ogden's cigarette cards in excellent condition. Each set consists of 50 different:

Boy Scout activities - 50 cards
 Boy Scout patrol badges and bird charts - 50 cards.

Each set is in full 4 colour process on the front and type copy on the back in green. Price for sale: \$18.00. Write: H. D. THORSEN Jr., 387 SUNSET ROAD, WINNETKA, ILL., U. S. A.

JUNIOR PAGE

By W. L. DEWHURST, 354 (age 14)

Dear Juniors,

How do you arrange your album? -

Collectors of solely Scout stamps usually devote a whole album to their collection, but some philatelists only devote a small section of their album to Scout stamps.

But back to the subject of this page. People who only slightly specialise in Scout stamps put them in a special section at the end of each country, others devote a section of their album to these stamps. For keen collectors a good way is to arrange one copy of each Scout Stamp in date order and beneath each stamp write a little about it - Why it was issued? Date of issue, colour, size and perforation, and in pencil the latest catalogue price. As well as the country of issue and catalogue number. Another way is to convert your collection into Thematic Sections which can include:- stamps showing a picture of B-P, stamps issued for Jamborees, Guide stamps, stamps issued to raise Scout Funds, health stamps, anniversaries of Scouting: both generally and for particular countries, and miscellaneous, including the 1938 Polish, 1954 Falkland Island Dependencies and the 1918 Czecho-Slovakia stamps.

For your covers one can buy special albums to hold envelopes or one can keep them in their own album, mounting them with photograph corners. These covers can be classified under the following headings; First Day Covers, Jamboree Covers, Cachet covers, covers with special postmarks, centenary covers and miscellaneous, e.g. 1955 G.B. Bob-a-Job, or simply under their country of issue.

If you have any ideas for the arrangement of your collection, send them to the Editor and he will probably consider them.

(I can say how delighted I am to have a Junior Member actually writing the Junior Page article. It's the first time we have achieved it so far, but I'm sure it would be grand if it could always be tackled in this way. H.L.F.)

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

by H. L. Fears

The Committee have been thinking about the expansion of the Club and the invaluable help which can be given by good regional representatives. Existing R. R.'s are:-

Canada	:	E. Edmondson
U. S. A.	:	O. K. Hunter and E. Hoffmeister
Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg)	:	W. Six
Scotland	:	S. K. Hunter
Manchester area	:	W. Swift

(This list excludes those in the U. K. who also have other duties).

Proposals have been made for several other R. R.'s and I have written to various members. However, I am happy to announce the appointment of A. H. Nicholson of 16 Munns Drive, Burgess Hill, Sussex, as R. R. for counties south of London, i. e. Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

MUDBOREE!

by R. E. Rhodes

That is what they called the 'Coming of Age' Jamboree, Arrowe Park, Birkenhead, Wirral, Cheshire. 31st July - 13th August 1929.

Back in the days before we were cursed with the deadly rash known as F. D. C. itis - when the Post Office was just a means of getting a message from A to B. The Official Programme and Guide merely says "POST OFFICE
ON KINGSWAY, EAST OF No. 4 SUB-CAMP".

The now rare camp postmark was a last-minute affair. Right up until 30th July it was anticipated that outgoing mail would be cancelled as fig. 1.

Fig. 2 shows cancellation on postcard posted on the site on 30th. It is still not known which cancellation was used on the 31st July.

The 'E' in Arrowe was inserted at the last moment, hence no gap in "Arrowe Pk".

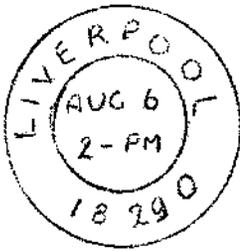


Fig. 1

Fig. 2



Fig. 3

An item of special interest was a set of 4 postcards of "silhouette studies" designed by Capt. H. L. Oakley, M. B. E., A. R. C. A. and published by the "Birkenhead Advertiser" at 3d. They were:-

1. The Pier Head, Liverpool
2. The Chief Scout of the World.
3. Scouting: the B.P. Way
4. Scouting: Traditional.

Another collectable item is a green label showing 3 Scouts with staves and inscribed "World Jamboree, Birkenhead" and the dates. There are also 2 other labels of French origin.

Registered mail bore a normal Birkenhead 'R' label.

By far the rarest item arising from this event is the Imperial Scout H.Q. meter franking with the Arrow design - perhaps Mr Len Bowen will illustrate it for us in the Journal if we ask him nicely.

JUST A STORY

by Howard L. Fears

Long before Whitsun I received a kind invitation to attend the French national camp at JAMBVILLE. Actually I also learnt that whilst the Catholic Scouts were meeting, at ORLEANS the Protestant Scouts would be celebrating their 50th Anniversary. So I planned to attend - and would have done so, but for the difficulty of getting a plane.

But I did learn that both camps would be having a special cancel and so I put the wheels in motion to obtain a supply of covers for Permanent List members and others. Club Member

CLAUDE MARCHAL kindly kept me informed of development. As he would only be able to attend one camp himself, he asked another Scouter going to the other camp (Orleans) to handle that end. At this stage I requested 200 covers from each camp - a total, of course, of 400.

With about 10 days to go before the Whitsun camps, Claude wrote and told me that he was very busy and hadn't time to write my address 400 times, so would I please prepare them myself and despatch with all haste. I dealt with the job at once. I purchased 400 envelopes and started to write. Can you imagine writing your own address 400 times - and how long it would take? Then 400 pieces of paper had to be cut up and a single piece placed in each envelope, and then each of 400 flaps tucked in. At one stage I applied a little "time and motion" study to the whole job, and found I could clear 25 envelopes in 20 minutes. By sticking at it, by the evening of the second day I had disposed of the entire job in my spare time and all the blank covers were parcelled up. At the Post Office, apart from paying, 7/6d. I also had to cope with a Customs Declaration - and how would you have described the contents?

All was done, the parcel was on its way, and now all I needed was the kind co-operation of my friends to produce a real snip for you, dear member. The days went by, Whitsun came and went - no covers. Then a note from Claude - "What happened to your covers, they haven't reached me?" A simple thought. Within a day or two of my despatch there had been a French rail strike (all parcels in France are handled by the railways), and this, quite obviously, had been the cause. Eventually Claude was able to tell me that my parcel had reached him, but far too late for use, of course.

There's an obvious moral, without doubt. You won't be receiving either of the special cancels through the Club. I have had to stand the loss of 400 envelopes and postage, apart from the time (which is even more precious). We live and learn, but I leave you with just one request; if you have a complaint about the service or the price of covers, please don't say a word unless you are at least willing to step forward and offer to write my address 400 times, at least to start with. (What's that you say, A Scout should be Prepared? - quite so, I'm buying myself a rubber stamp, but that won't discount the above).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

In the article by Stanley Hunter 'Scouting Personalities on Stamps' in the March issue it is stated that we have to thank King Rama VI of Siam for the "Wild Tiger" overprints on the Siam 1920 stamps. I presume this to refer to the fact of him being the reigning Monarch, and not to the fact that a tiger's head appeared instead of a fleur-de-lis as a Scouting badge. The connecting link between the Scout movement and the tiger's head makes interesting reading, and is quite definite, although I cannot now remember the corroborating evidence.

During World War I a Senior Statesman of France named Georges CLEMENCEAU displayed great vigour and determination in his conduct of the war effort against the enemy, in addition, his personal facial features included big bright eyes and a long drooping moustache, so it is not surprising that the grateful French nation popularly referred to him as "Tiger" Clemenceau.

When the war was over Clemenceau was appointed Governor General of French Indo China, and no doubt the French sphere of influence at that time had links with Siam.

In 1919 the Scout movement was either started or restarted in Siam and "Tiger" Clemenceau as Gov. General was invited to accept the Presidency of the Siamese Boy Scouts Association, which position he duly accepted. Whether the Siamese language official description of a Boy Scout means "Boy Scout" or "Wild Tiger" I do not know, maybe they were popularly referred to as "tigers" because "Tiger" Clemenceau was their Chief - but the tigers head on the 1920 stamps certainly is derived from the personal reputation of Mon. George Clemenceau, and as for the description "Wild tiger", well, tigers in the jungle are not very domesticated!

Yours faithfully
LEN BOWEN

ADVERTISEMENT

INDONESIA - 1955 used set 2/6 (or US 35¢), mint 1/- or 15¢.
FDC \$2.50. 1959 used set 1/6 (or U.S. 25¢), mint 8d. or 12¢,
FDC 3/6 or 504. All items postpaid. List of Malaya SCOUT
BADGES available for sale or exchange. LEONG CHEE KENG, 15B
KIM CHING STREET, SINGAPORE 3, MALAYA.

SALES BUREAU

Greetings!

A new line: Limited supplies now available of the 2nd Caribbean Jamboree issue. FDC of the 8¢ and the 25¢ together on one envelope, most refreshingly designed and a give-away at sh. 3/4 the pair (this price 17% below current dealer prices!)

Another new line: The "Sankt-Georg" 10pf. mint, in Scout green at -/4 each. Blocks of 4 available for those who order now.

For the specialist: Reference sheets on "Scout" cachets/cancellations of various countries during 1957-58-59, and a sheet on "Varieties of the J. I. M. stamps of the U. K." Very useful and well worth the 3d charge per sheet.

For the historian: Read how the S. S. C. C. has developed and acquire a wealth of feature articles all at once by obtaining copies of back numbers of the Journal. Only 4 copies of Vol. 1, No. 1 left, others have sold out, so don't delay further. For those who like to write: letters always welcomed.

Yours aye,
JOHN H. WILSON,
c/o 15 Paget Road,
----- Wolverhampton, Staffs.

HERE AND THERE

By the Secretary-General cum
Temporary Editor

If you think the following notes are a bit disjointed, don't complain: they are disjointed. I add a note each occasion when I have something to record and the time to do it.

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Publicity: It was very pleasing to record that the American Topical Association have asked if they can reproduce one of my articles from "Stamp Collecting".



However, one prospective member who wrote in the other day said that she had read about the Club in the "Nursery World" - I don't know how that got in there!

Donation: We know that the Club sub. doesn't allow much scope for indulging in whims and fancies, and if we think about producing any Handbooks, we have to make an appeal for money. It is, therefore, very pleasing to record a kind donation from member No.10, Mr JACK STEWART. This will be placed towards the fund to launch Handbook No.1: Scout and Guide material from Denmark. We are proceeding with this book, and hope to release it in the autumn.

Editions by Airmail: Now that we have had experience of several distributions, we are finding (to our cost) that we cannot send the Journal by air-post as cheaply as we had hoped. Sorry: for the present we shall have to raise the annual additional payment from 5/- to 7/6, subject to any further adjustment based on longer experience. Would members accepting, this part of the Service, please send an extra 2/6d now to Mr BLUNT.

Nicaraguan Scouts: Club member F.VALADEZ writes: 'March 1961 Journal, query page 34. The correct title of the Association is "Asociacion de Scouts de Nicaragua". By the time of the issue it was "Federacion Nacional de Boy Scouts (Exploradorer) de Nicaragua". As it is a small Association they do not have machine insignia; they are hand-made. Thus it may be that an error was made by the stamp designer and not supervised by Scout authorities, or it could be that it was used by the Scout who posed for the designer, as the person who made the hand-embroidered stripe made the mistake of writing "Scout de Nicaragua" and not "Scouts de Nicaragua" (Generally made by elderly persons not able to speak English and who do not know about Scouting)'

FRANCISCO VALADEZ also goes on to say that there are, in fact, other errors in the design, since the hat must have in front the oppressed part. The 'fastener' above the shirt, near the shoulders, is in the opposite direction.

Query and Answer: Following the query in the January Journal, FRANCISCO says that he had a talk with the ex-President of the Scouts de Nicaragua, PORFIRIO SOLORZANO, now living in Mexico, and he indicated that there was no special Scout cancel used at the 1st Central American Jamboree held in Chiltepe, Nicaragua in 1952. Thank you for all the "gen", FRANCISCO.

Approvals: If you think it is taking a long time for a selection to be sent you, please have patience. The supply of material on the market at anything approaching a reasonable price is very small indeed, and usually the only way of getting stocks is for me to "get around". So, please, we are nil doing our best, and if you succeed in getting a bargain, it's been worth waiting.

Glasgow: Scottish Regional member S.K. HUNTER reports that Glasgow members of the Club have just held their second display of Scout stamps. The first was held at the Glasgow County Scout Council meeting, while the second was shown at a large Group "Parents' Evening" on April 28.

I. H. Q. Meter Frank: Have you noticed the changed "slug" in the I. H. Q. Meter Franker? It now reads "the official story of the Scout Movement. B-P's SCOUTS." This refers, of course, to the recently published official history of the Boy Scouts Association called "B.-P.'s Scouts". It is priced at 21/-. Mind you, it's none of my business, but if you want a copy, send me enough cash to cover postage as well, and I'll ask I.H.Q. to send you one.

Donation: Since writing the previous entry, I have received a donation from Mr COLLINS, which will go to the same cause. Thanks a lot. By the way, don't forget to send material for the Auction Sale to Mr RHODES.

Scout Sets from Togo and Surinam: Club member BENNET D. KITTS writes: "Later on we are supposed to get a Togo set and one from Surinam. No doubt you know how these are controlled by a commercial agency in New York City. You must be on an approved list - order a large minimum and hope you aren't cut back by shady dealings. Hope all the 20 odd newly independent French Colonies don't decide to get on the wagon". (And me - for the sake of the Permanent List! H.L.F.)

Pakistan Covers through Permanent List: I have been very fortunate in obtaining a supply of 60 cards cancelled on the first day of a Divisional Boy Scouts Training Camp at MULTAN in Pakistan, on May 5th 1961. Only 500 cards were produced, and the majority of these were shipped wholesale to U.S. at 1/9 each. As the Permanent List price is only 1/- you can consider the price a snip! I endeavoured to obtain a further supply so that every member interested could be supplied, and have been promised other - perhaps even more interesting - ones with different designs. These may cost a few coppers more. My Pakistan

correspondent tells me that collecting cacheted covers has become a craze locally ... "The demand is so great that you can ask any price for them".

South Korea: On May 10th a 40h blue-green stamp was issued commemorating the 15th anniversary of the foundation of Korean Girl Scouts. The design shows a Girl Scout and camp with badge.

Member Peter Bowen: Our well-known London Region Junior Member Cub Sixer Peter Bowen "passed up" at a special initiation ceremony on 10th May 1961 and is now a keen Tenderfoot Scout of the 2nd Hornchurch (Essex) Troop. He has also just passed the 11+ examination for an Essex Grammar School.

Gilwell Meeting of Club Members: In connection with the annual Wood Badge Reunion at Gilwell in September, plans are going ahead for a meeting of Club members. We will see that you are all informed in adequate time and I, as Secretary-General, look forward to meeting many members indeed.

Philippines: More Scout Stamps. Have just been informed that on May 2nd, two of the 10th World Jamboree stamps were issued plus surcharges. The 6c + 4c has been surcharged 10c, and the 24c + 5c surcharged 30c. In addition, 100,000 tete-beche pairs have been issued. Can anyone tell me why the Philippines have jumped on the band-wagon again? Don't be too hopeful about covers through the Club; I had no warning of this.

CUBAN POSTAL CONCESSION

by PETER DUCK

Following the remarks on Marines Yeroulanos in the May issue of the Journal regarding the use of a special handstamp for official mail of the Greek Boy Scouts. I have in my collection three official covers from Cuba, each of which bear the handstamp of the Asociation de Scouts de Cuba. Two bear a purple handstamp of the "Oficina Nacional" and the other a blue handstamp of the "Consejo Nacional" of the two covers bearing the "Oficina Nacional" mark, one has no postage stamps and was sent to Jamaica, the other which was posted to London has two stamps affixed on top of the handstamp, almost completely covering it. The third of the covers has both handstamp and postage stamp, also a label

which readers might be interested to note -

"Our Revolution in NOT COMMUNIST.

Our Revolution is HUMANIST.

The Cubans only want the right to an education, the right to work, the right to eat without fear, the right to PEACE, JUSTICE, FREEDOM."

It is also interesting to note that the Asociation de Scouts de Cuba is part of the Ministerio de Defensa Nacional.

Can it be that the same sort of free postal system is in operation in Cuba as it is in Greece? Perhaps Club Members have other information on this matter, and maybe there are other Countries where this system operates. I am interested in collecting all official covers from Scout and Guide Headquarters throughout the world.

LIST OF MEMBERS

Early in 1962 the revised List of Members will be produced. As you will know, previous lists have been printed showing members in numerical order. However, the suggestion has been made that the List should be produced listing members by countries. The advantages which have been suggested include the ability for a member joining from, say, Canada, to know at a glance the details of all other Canadian members without having to read through the List from beginning to end.

On the other hand, there is always a point of view that existing practices should not be altered unless for a very good reason. So, in short, it's over to you. We want to know which you would find most useful, and how you would deal with the U.K. members. Divide them into England, Scotland and Wales (with the Isle of Man on its own?), would you say? Or sub-divide England itself? Please write to Mr BLUNT and let him know.

SCOUT STAMP BIBLIOGRAPHY - 1
By Stanley K. Hunter, Member No. 51.

As the popularity of our thematic topic grows, so does the related philatelic literature. I feel that it is now time to produce a handy listing, to enable us to use the "printed word" to help us in our hobby.

I have divided the following descriptive list into two distinct portions. The first part deals with periodicals, while the second will be concerned with Scout Stamp catalogues, hand-books, etc.

The first part is divided into three sections:-

1. Scouting in stamp periodicals
2. Stamps in Scout periodicals
3. Scout stamp periodicals.

1. - Stamp Periodicals

Articles on Scout stamps have appeared on numerous occasions in the philatelic press, although few are of lasting interest. The following is a list of the more recent ones which I feel will interest members:-

GIBBONS' STAMP MONTHLY Nov. 1959 "An Issue is Born ... NZ 3d Jamboree". (This article was reprinted in "The Scout")	Illus.
PHILATELIC MAGAZINE 10 Aug. 1958 "Cancellations & a Scout Jamboree" (1929). (by W. G. Stitt Dibden)	Illus.
1 Jan. 1960 "Stamps Commemorate World Jamborees" (by Allen Kay)	Illus.
STAMP COLLECTING 12 March 1961 "Scout & Guide Stamps & Cancels 1960" (by Howard Fears, our Sec.-General)	Illus.
STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL 1960 "World-wide Brotherhood". (by C. R. H. Parsons)	Illus.

2. - Scout Periodicals

"THE SCOUT" (Boy Scouts Association)
Our Secretary-General edits the stamp-collectors' page in

"The Scout", which appears in the issue at the end of each month. This is intended to be of general interest to all young collectors, but special attention is naturally paid to the Scouting angle. As readers possibly see "The Scout" regularly, I do not intend to list those articles. I would like, however, to draw your attention to the following issues:-

6 Jan. 1956 .. Special stamp issue. (As well as several features on stamps, the front cover was illustrated by a selection of Scout stamps.) Scout stamp-collectors are portrayed on the covers of the issues of 27 Feb. and 22 Oct. 1960.

BOY'S LIFE (Boy Scouts of America)

A column of general stamp interest appears each month and is contributed by Mr W. Art McKinney, Editor of the Journal of the "Scouts on Stamps Society, International" (SOSSI).

A special Scout Stamp issue appeared in November 1959, with a fine fall-coloured Scout Stamp cover and an article "Scouts on Stamps", by Mr McKinney.

WORLD SCOUTING (B. S. I. B.)

A series of six articles by Mr Harry D. Thorsen Jnr. appeared in this international Scout periodical, which now appears in bulletin-format. Mr Thorsen's articles have been reproduced in permanent form in his latest publication "Scout Stamps - Scout Seals", mentioned in Part II of this bibliography.

1959 - JAN, "Jamborees on Stamps"; MARCH, "B-P on Stamps of the World"; MAY, "Scout Mail Adventure", (Czechoslovakia).

1960 - JAN, "Early Scout Issues 1920-39"; MARCH, "Scout Stamps 1940-57"; MAY, "Jubilee Year in Scout Stamps".
(An article on the SSCC, entitled "Universal Scouting through Scout Stamps" by Howard Fears appeared in 1960).

3. - Scout Stamp Periodicals

S. S. C. C. JOURNAL

First published in July 1957, this bi-monthly soon expanded from its original 4 pages. In 1961 it changed its format and the March issue contained 25 pages of text. (Well done, Wilf Nodder, the Editor).

The first Index (2 pp), covered the first two volumes. I understand another Index is planned for issue in the near future (Note to Ed. Not to hand at time of writing)

S. O. S. S. I. JOURNAL

The first edition of this monthly appeared in November 1951, as the Journal of the "Youth Organisations on Stamps Society". It is now published under the title of the "Scouts on Stamps Society, International (SOSSI) Journal", under the editorship of Art McKinney.

SCOUT PHILATELIC GAZETTE

I have only seen passing references to this periodical, which is of Canadian origin. Should any reader have details, I would be pleased to hear about this Gazette.

I have only listed the periodicals in English that I have come across, but in order to produce a comprehensive list, I would be grateful of information on any Scout Stamp paper that I have missed.

(To be concluded)

Self-portrait: YE OLDE PRESIDENTE

A pre-historic veteran of Scouting aged 31 and doesn't look a day over 58. After many years of diligent study aspired to the dizzy heights of A. S. M. level. Must be potty - who else but a raving lunatic would sell a fabulous collection of Australia in order to raise sufficient wind to buy a handful of Indian Scout Rocket Posts?

Tears around in an ageing car with terrifying abandon in vain attempts to be in 4 places at once, in the hope of thus gaining an evening or two of peace and quiet at home in order to catch up on correspondence.

Likes stamps, jazz records, badges, Scout records, people who buy stamps from him, and bread and butter pudding.

Dislikes chamber music, motorists and pedestrians who are rash enough to get in his way, mashed swedes, porridge dixies and postmen who batter his mail to death.

Main ambition - to save some money.

Hope for future - to get collection fully mounted and written up (hollow laughter).

Lives too near to Gilwell for comfort and too far from Howard Fears to chivvy him.

Unmarried, outrageously spoilt only child who is the bane

of his folks life, who can't understand why their son is the dutiful Scout Leader one night and the next night playing clarinet in some unsavory jazz club. Obviously needs a good woman to keep him in order.

Dutifully catches the 8.15 every morning like all the other city Bank men, and has never quite lived down the day he dared to go to work in Scout uniform.

PAGES FROM MY CHIT-CHAT DIARY - PAGE 12

by LEN BOWEN

Once more into the breach, dear friends! - what shall we "stew-over" this time?

I've just been perusing the new German "St. George" stamp - quite a well produced item, with wording on it to link it up with Scouting - a great pity that the Scout Badge was not incorporated on it I thought - but one thing I noticed is really remarkable. The official title of the Western German State Post is "Deutsche Bund Post", consequently, the stamps are on paper watermarked with "D B P" - the letter "D" appears as a meaningless oval whilst "B P" stand out quite distinctly - another unwitting link up with Scouting! - the sort of watermark that ought to have been on the 3d value of the "Mafeking Besieged" local issue! I have acquired two First Day Cards of this stamp, posted at the Scout Camp at Brexbachtal, Bendorf, Germany, and the special cancellations are totally different, although both are official German Post Office cancellations - can any member from that part of the world tell us all the reason why, or give any farther information on these two cancellations?

Still on stamps - some members like to expand their collections by including stamps with a "Scouting" link-up - I've recently come across one myself which no-one yet seems to have "cottoned on to"! In 1953 Denmark issued a set of stamps to celebrate the "1000 years of Danish History" and the lowest value, 10 ore green, depicts a "Runic" or "Rune" Stone - ancient inscribed stone monuments, roughly hewn, which are still in existence and date back to the times of the Vikings and Norsemen - I believe the inscriptions refer to victorious battles, or successful explorations - certainly they have an historical aspect from which much useful information has been obtained as to the early history of Scandinavia. Now in 1956, the Salvation Army Scouts

of Sweden held a Jamboree at TIMARO and a special cancel was employed - the advance information reaching this country stated. "as token and emblem the camp will have a Rune-Stone and a Viking with his ship - probably the cancel will include something of these figures." Those of you who possess the officially issued cover for this camp will note that the camping scene cachet includes a Viking complete with horned helmet and sword, and that the centre of the special postmark is a "Rune Stone" on which is inscribed a Viking Ship. - thus the link of the stomp with Scouting!

Well folks, I try to help other members if I can, so perhaps I am qualified to ask somebody to help me! - referring to the 4th World Jamboree at Godollo, Hungary in 1933 and the Air Mail service by Flying Scouts operated between Matyasfold and Godollo. I have a cover which is signed by the four pilots on this service, but as the signatures are typical continental style flourishes I cannot decipher them with any accuracy. One of the signatures I have identified by reason of an article by Mr W. Arthur McKinney in the March 1961 Journal of S.O.S.S.I. as being the prewar crack Hungarian pilot FRIGYES UEFTY - please, can any member assist me to identify the other three?

Must be on my way now, but before I go, let me remind you all that if you "pick up" any Scout Covers yourself from dealers boxes of oddments don't forget to look inside the envelope - one envelope I acquired with a vary poor strike of the Greenbank Corroboree in Queensland, Australia (1957), for a mere 6d had as a "filler" an extremely useful sheet of specially headed notepaper which matched the cachet on the envelope! That's the lot! - Cheerio!

MARKET ADVICE

A leading article in a well-known English financial newspaper dealt recently with the subject of purchasing stamps for investment purposes. Let me say, at once, that I do not



intend to deal with that. I imagine that our interest in stamp collecting is, in most cases, limited to building-up a good collection without excessive cost, and if we ever think about the ultimate financial aspect it is because we might one day need some money urgently and we would then like to realise as much as possible on our collections.

Those who have been collecting Scout stamps for some years will know that interest in the subject has increased tremendously within the last few years, many collections starting in 1957 at the time of the Jubilee Jamboree. But each year more collectors take up the subject and, of course, the supply of material from early events does not increase. Hence the simple laws of supply and demand operate and prices rise.

But my immediate purpose in writing this article is to give advice applicable to the present. I think I could almost state it as a "law", that material is never as cheap as when it is first available. This applies to the stamps themselves, but even more so to covers. Imagine for a moment that a camp is being held in Ireland. Covers are printed at, say, 3d each, to which must be added postage of 3d. The organisers usually hope for a small profit and to allow for their expenses another 6d can be added. The price has now risen to 1/- per cover. At this stage the covers are received in bulk, but it is quite likely that between 5 and 10 per cent will be unsaleable for obvious reasons - e.g. damaged in transit, poor postmarks, etc. (In a recent consignment of 40 covers, I was unable to use 5 of them, i.e. 12½%). Still further costs have to be added to cover administration and postal expenses at this end, adding in total at least 33 1/3% to the cost. In fact, any cover from any event produced for sale at less than 1/4d. probably represents almost no profit. If a dealer is involved he has to allow for overheads, and he will perhaps retail the cover at 2/-.

Alright, the cover now costs 2/-. By buying in bulk from dealers I can perhaps obtain them for S.S.C.C. at 1/8d. and they are then sold to you at 1/9d. However very few people buy more covers than they need. The organisers probably know nothing about stamp dealing and only supply the exact number ordered - Any balance of covers in hand represents profit not readily available. For the same reason, few dealers hold more than a limited number of covers, and this has to cater for occasional sales to all sorts of people. Six months pass and any surplus has been "skimmed" off. What is the position of the collector

fresh on the scene? Quite obviously he can only hope to purchase from one of two sources - the dealer or collector who has spare copies) or from a collector who, for a consideration, will take the item out of his collection.

Here, then, lies the crux of the problem - supply and demand. If you bought a cover for 1/9d. and a friend asked you to sell it to him you might do so - but not at 1/9d. If you think you can get another easily, you might charge 2/6d. to take into account the trouble involved. However, when you approach the dealer, his stock has gone down from 20 covers to 3, and he sees no prospect of getting more, so he raises his price to 2/9d. If you buy at this price you will be out of pocket. But what will be your reaction if another friend comes along and wants to buy this further cover? Instead of asking 2/6d. you might say 3/6d. And when you go to replace it, the dealer who now has only 2 covers left realises that the market needs what he has to offer, and raises his price to 5/-. Within a year the price has grown 2506 and promises to keep going up.

Do you think I am being fanciful? I took the example of Ireland, since I have never seen a cover from Ireland. But the prices I have quoted are exactly true for Indaba covers from Holland 1960. And on the day I write this (early May), a dealer in Denmark has just offered me a supply of these covers at the wholesale price of 5/-. Need I say more? Well, perhaps one thing - let me repeat the "law" - material is never as cheap as when it is first available. And if you want to be sure, join the Permanent List.

H. L. F.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

I do hope new member J. J. BOTHA. (No. 368) won't mind me quoting from his recent letter. Apart from believing in the adage that a few words of thanks are worth a lot, there are one or two morals to be drawn from this letter:-

Dear Mr Fears,

I am most interested in becoming a member of the "Permanent List" which is operated by the Club.

This list seems to me to be a grand idea and of great help to members. I was rather surprised to read that out of somewhat

360 members, only about 50 are members of this service. For my part I am only too happy to join. Just think of the time and bother that is saved. I certainly do not mind the small extra expense. A pity that a new issue service is also not operated by the Club - I feel that this service could be profitable to the Club, not to mention the members.

As I have just started collecting stamps of this interesting subject (as a result of your article in "Stamp Collecting") I feel that the approval service, also operated by the Club, would be of great help in the building of my collection. So please be so kind and add my name to this list too.

Although I have only been a member since the beginning of this month, I have already received the three latest Club Journals and these have been avidly read from cover to cover. I'm greatly looking forward to future issues.

My thanks to all you hardworking fellow members who have made the Club so successful and who have made it possible for me and others to join. I am positive that there is no other stamp club which can compare to "The Scout Stamps Collectors Club".

Kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

J.J.Botha (Member 368)

DRAFT CONSTITUTION

Following the publication of the proposed Club Constitution, kindly note the following alterations:

Clause 3 (c): 4th line - substitute "must" for "muts".

Add: -

Clause 3 (e): Regional Representatives shall be appointed to hold meetings, initiate and extend publicity, encourage membership and generally to further the objects of the Club in their respective areas.

PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

1. Austria has popped up again with two new cancellations:-
 - a) 50 Jahre Pfadfindergruppe Wien favoriten "St. Georg" showing St. George thrusting sword down dragon's throat.
 - b) 50 Jahre Pfadfinder in Osterreich Jubilaums ausstellung 15-23 IV 1961.
(a) is in green numbers 1 & 2. (b) is in black numbers 1-4.
2. Germany have emerged with a new Bendorf Pfadfinderlager Brexbachtal cancellation showing Madonna with child in her arms.
3. Get your Trinidad & Tobago pair on F.D.C. with Jamboree B.O. cancel before they all disappear. Also keep sharp look-out for the pre-jamboree slogan postmark used in Port of Spain which reads simply "Visit Boy Scout Jamboree Trinidad April 4th - 14th" - it's going to be a tough one for certain.
4. Horrified to note that the two low values and the tete-beche pair of the 10th World Jamboree, Philippines has been over-printed for their 2nd National Jamboree, Pasonanca Park, Zamboanga City 2 - 8 May 1961 and that there is a special F.D. cancellation.
5. Unexpected "weirdie" turned up a dew days ago - circular green cachet on cover - "Peace - EIPHNH - SULH Jamboree" Limassol, Cyprus. Ordinary Limassol postmark.
6. HORRORS! A new rocket post is upon us! Germany. I have just acquired a cover bearing a block of 4 of the new St. George stamp and a 50 pfg. rocket stamp cancelled "BEFORDERT MIT RAKETE PAESMUHLE/STRAELEN 21.5.61". The rocket is call R3 "Alan Shepard".
7. Recently I have been bewailing the complete absence of pre-war material - someone must have heard because I have just got 1936 Roumania on cover and several Swedish prewar cancels - don't give up hope - there are still a few things around after all!

NEW MEMBERS

Naturally, since this issue is going to press much earlier than usual, we can't expect quite so many new members as usual. However we offer a very warm welcome to all our new friends:-

(J indicates Junior Member)

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| J | 360 | 18.4.61 | Lee Yaw Kong, P.O. Box 90, Labuan, N. Borneo. |
| J | 361 | 18.4.61 | Authur M. Shimmin, 6 Oxford St., Douglas, I.O.M. |
| | 362 | 20.4.61 | Bennet D. Kitts, 1516 Harrison St., Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A. |
| | 363 | 25.4.61 | Steel, 23802813 Pte. E.C., R.P.O. R.E.M.E., Prince Maurice Bds., Devizes, Wilts. |
| | 364 | 1.5.61 | Derrick East, 1 Fir Road, Sutton, Surrey. |
| | 365 | 3.5.61 | Brian Lamb, 19 Moss Vale Crescent, Stretford, Manchester. |
| | 366 | 8.5.61 | D. J. Marchant, 1 Teddington Park, Teddington, Middlesex. |
| | 367 | 8.5.61 | Eigil Kragh, Katarinavagen 18-VII, Stockholm, So., Sweden. |
| | 368 | 9.5.61 | J. J. Botha, 28 Geduld Mine, P.O. Dersley, Transvaal, S. Africa. |
| J | 369 | 9.5.61 | Rosli Osman, 4038-A Jalan Pasir Puteh, Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaya. |
| J | 370 | 19.5.61 | Joseph Sassan, 802 Fern Street, Yeadon, Penns., U.S.A. |
| | 371 | 25.5.61 | Henry Douglas Tucker, P.O. Box 3, Brown's Town, Jamaica. |
| | 372 | 3.6.61 | William G. Wells, 749 Hawthorn Road, East Brighton, Victoria, Australia. |
| J | 373 | 3.6.61 | Robert Michael Finnie, 8 Durrants Road, Berkhamsted, Herts. |
| | 374 | 5.6.61 | William W. Marsh Jnr., 5818 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia 43, Pa., U.S.A. |

Change of Address

- 85 J.H. Hicks, 42 Maryland Avenue, Ward End, Birmingham 34.
 328 Correct title: Dr. Walfredo Belliona.

PERMANENT LIST

I can't be sure whether the latest distribution will have reached you before the arrival of the Journal. It should include the W. German Scout stamp on 2 covers, one with the "Bonn" cancel and the other with the reputedly scarce "St. George" cancel. There are also registered covers available as far as supplies allow for the "Bonn" F. D. C. The Pakistan covers mentioned earlier in this Journal are also included, as well as registered and ordinary covers from the W. German Pfadfinderlager.

FROM THE CLUB SECRETARY : Notes about
new members.

- No. 362 Bennet D. Kitts, 1516 Harrison Street, Philadelphia 24, Pa., U. S. A. writes ... I have just received my first copy of our Journal and was greatly pleased. My only regret is that I didn't join sooner I would like to contact other members and do a bit of swapping. Please send me some application blanks so that I can introduce the S. S. C. C. to other members of our Liberty Bell Chapter Scouts on Stamps Society International.
- No. 372 William G. Wells, 749 Hawthorn Road, East Brighton, Victoria, Australia has Scouting philatelic material for exchange and would be pleased to receive Wants Lists from anywhere in the world.
- From a U. S. Scouter member to other Scouter members - Are any of your boys interested in gaining their World Friendship badge? As you probably know one of the requirements of this badge is the boy must correspond regularly with another in a different country. I have a list of boys who are interested in finding a pen-pal for this purpose; please write to me if you can help.
- No. 367 Eigil Kragh of Sweden is interested in First Day Covers of all Scout issues.
- No. 366 Douglas J. Marchant of Teddington is interested in collecting all types of Badges with the emphasis on foreign equivalents to all badges leading up to Queen's Scout, i. e. up to Eagle Scout etc.

P. S. If you are interested in corresponding with another member with similar tastes to your own, please let me know your interests and I will look through my records and find you someone of your own age group who would be interested to hear from you.

F. S. BLUNT

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And so we come to the end of the July Journal which (with any luck) most of you will be reading in June. For the next issue Wilf Nodder will have resumed his editorial chair and I know he would welcome a contribution for the next Journal from a Club member with your name. Do support him; having 'had a go' I now know what producing the Journal involves and even now I have to place myself in tender hands to hope that all my rough notes will appear as a finished product (thanks to Ramsgate Duplicating Service).

Just a few final points. If you have read the Journal straight through, please go back to "Elections" and send in your nominations NOW. Although I admit I am sometimes more than a little busy, I do like hearing from all members and I will always reply - even if this time I have to break my "reply within 48 hours" rule because I'm sun-chasing in Corsica. Lastly, I'm a bit worried about this issue of the Journal. I can't quite visualise the finished product. I don't know how it will come out for size and interest, and I can't bear the thought of the standard being dropped. So be lenient I beg of you!

My very best wishes to you all,

HOWARD L. FEARS.

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Jan H. van der Steen, Maredyk 13A, Leiden, Holland, S.S.C.C. Member 276, collects almost anything connected with Scouting like stamps, FDC's, badges, uniforms, pennants, journals, programmes, posters, records, books, photos etc. Large stock of swops available.