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Well, here we are again - and in two colours as well. You will also find that we have illustrated some more cancels and given as up-to-date a picture of the issues and events of the year.

Wilf Nodder is taking a rest from this issue, so you have got to put up with my ramblings again this month, and those of a few regular contributors, with a couple of additions. From the United States we have a welcome article from our member HARRY D. THORSEN Jr. Mr. THORSEN is also the founder and first President of the SCOUTS ON STAMPS SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL, our fellow society with headquarters on the other side of the Atlantic, and has also produced the THORSEN catalogue of Scout Stamps and seals.

Our second new contributor -- well, we did have some advance notes from him in the last issue -- is PETER DUCK, a London Scouter who spent a fortnight at the Greek Jamboree.

As noted in the last Journal, we are commencing trade advertising of Scout stamps, and advertisers can obtain the details of rates from the Assistant Editor. Only adverts from reliable dealers will be accepted, and only for material that is offered at fair market prices. Whilst the S.S.C.C. cannot guarantee the merchandise offered, and cannot enter into any possible disputes between buyers and sellers, it is felt that through the advertising columns, members will find details of sources of scarce items etc., that are not readily available at their local dealer's shop.

May I echo WILF'S request in the last issue for more items for the Journal - more news of latest 'finds', new research into old subjects, listings of cancels from countries not yet featured etc., etc.

And finally, a very Happy Christmas from WILF and JOHN

THE SECRETARY SPEAKS

Arrangements have been confirmed for the Annual General Meeting at Baden Powell House on Saturday December 7th. The Warden, Mr. Rapley, has told me that he will place the Library at our disposal for the whole day. It is hoped that members will attend this meeting at least in the same strength as last year.

If lunch, or a meal in the evening is needed at B.P. House, please write to Mr. Rapley (the address of B.P. House is Queen's Gate, South Kensington, London, S.W.7), indicating your own needs. Also, if you hurry, it may be possible to book overnight accommodation but here also, please make your own arrangements.

The A.G.M. will start at 2.30 p.m. and once formal business has been completed the rest of the session will be taken up with displays and thereafter the inevitable chat, swop, talk and the like. There will not be any Committee Meeting and thus, all committee members attending will be available for button-holing. Several members have promised material for display and I would particularly request those attending who are able to do so, to bring half a dozen sheets, especially of items which may be unusual in one's own collection.

B.P. House is prepared to supply us with a Buffet Tea at 2/6d. or Tea and Biscuits at 1/3d. per head, but we must order in advance. If you wish to have tea, please send me a postcard distinguishing which variety you need. At the same time, if you have any items for discussion at the meeting, a note also must come to me in advance. We do not intend to extend the business part of the meeting any further than is absolutely necessary. Do please come, and bring anyone who might be interested, whether a member or not: by the time they leave perhaps they will have paid us 14/- for twelve months subscription!

VALIANT SERVICE

As members will have known, JACK WISHART has performed a stalwart service in handling Renewals Subscriptions, but the pressure of duties associated with his task has now compelled him to vacate this honoured position. MR. MITCHELL will follow him and we are grateful for the ready help which has been offered. However, the day for transfer is January 1st and JACK is particul-

arly anxious that the accounts shall be in superb order. I know that we often ask you to keep the funds moving by paying your subs but on this occasion there is an even better reason for asking. If your conscience pricks even a little, send the money now to JACK. And to him in particular, we all offer our grateful thanks.

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IT'S SAFER TO BE SURE

By HOWARD L. FEARS

As many members will know, I have a very close connection with the insurance "industry" and it is a favourite hobby-horse of mine to stress the protection which can be obtained from adequate insurance.

Presumably, all members reading this have a stamp collection; do you know, however, that at a rate of 4/6d. or 5/- for every £100 value, you can have peace of mind?

The Stamp Collectors "All Risks" Insurance can be arranged with little difficulty and cover can be made operative from the date of your enquiry. Please, therefore, write to me at once if your own collection is un-insured and I shall be pleased to send a Proposal Form or give any further particulars as required.

In case you have forgotten, my address is 11 Salisbury Road, Seaford, Sussex.

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PEN-PAL WANTED

An overseas G.S.M. (English speaking) enquires whether a fellow philatelist would like to correspond with him. If you are interested please write to me (Hon. Sec.). Temporarily I have mislaid the G.S.M's address: would the originator of this enquiry be so kind as to write to me again.

Any similar enquiries will be gladly entertained if respective members would like to write to me.



THE PRESIDENT'S NOTEBOOK

(Dig that crazy two-colour-job stuff!)

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One of the trials and tribulations of being President of this outfit is that I am expected to write some sort of rubbish each and EVERY time this Journal is published, whether inspiration drops from the ceiling or not. Perhaps this is why nobody else wants the job. Okay, so I write a load of guff at times - but what about some of the rest of you having a go, and then I would have to write only ONE page. Get your name in lights as it were. If you are unhappy or maybe puzzled or have something to tell the world - write to Uncle WILF NODDER or Uncle JOHN ROAKE about it.

And now back to the subject of material for our fantastic collections. At the recent Roland House meeting, my attention was drawn to the two Japanese issues overprinted "MIHON" (in Japanese) in either black or red. Since then the Cyprus trio has appeared overprinted "SPECIMEN". I hope this is not yet another new way of making dents in our piggy-banks!

Our friend, Mr. PETER DUCK, seems to have returned safely intact from the Jamboree at Marathon, having done vast amounts of work in the Jamboree Post Office, to the great advantage of our members by way of stamps and covers for the P.L.D. Well done, Peter lad, you've done us proud. However, I still need some cancels myself - any offers? Bill Bourke, with his microscope eyes, has made a study of the cancels, and the results will be found elsewhere. As the next Jamboree is to be held in the United States, we'd better start saving now for the 57 varieties (or, no doubt, more) of covers that will emerge from the event. I wonder if anyone in the Club is wealthy enough to go there, anyway!

I, for one, am looking forward to the next stupendous meeting of the Club at Baden-Powell House in December. A great opportunity to see this magnificent building and meet some of the more flamboyant denizens of our membership at the same time.

Without referring to any specific instance, the matter of emphasising the international aspect of the Scout Movement to our boys (or girls, as the case may be) crops up from time to

You know the kind of thing - some chap starts raving about parochialism, introverted Groups, etc. Now, fellows, this is something we can do; put on a display in your District; give illustrated talks to Scouts, Seniors, Rovers, Ladies' Sewing Guilds, the local Football Club - in fact, anyone!

We, as members of the Club can do more about this than most other people. Our worthy Vice-President, General Dan Spry is very keen on this, and it was for this reason, as much as any other, he did so much to encourage the growth of the Club from the outset. The dark evenings are upon us, that is to say, those of us in the northern hemisphere, so it is the right season for putting on a philatelic display.

The results of my auction in May have now been finalised and the proceeds passed to our Treasurer. Thank you, folks, for your support, which resulted in bids being received on all lots. Unfortunately, I made a slip-up which means that Lots 7, 16 and 17 have not been sold, so I am offering them again as a single lot. If they don't sell, I shall keep them to the next auction.

Apart from the crop of new issues, and the many varied cancellations that appear each year, I still manage to find the odd item for my fabulous collection (!) I was very pleased to find a pair of proofs of the Czechoslovakian 1918 Scout Post stamps for £7. 10. 0. recently. That's a lot of loot to spend but we must move with the times, chaps, and realise that unless the international trends change rapidly, any money spent out is an investment. There are some fakes, copies, reprints or whatnot of these Czech issues about, and even in the magazine of another Scout Stamp Club in Belgium they have printed a picture of a fake as a genuine! However, they are just as scarce as the genuine, but if you want to know which is which ask one of our illustrious experts.

One of the members recently had part of his collection stolen, including Mafeking and Siam. Now, I don't know whether it was insured, but it makes one think that it is better to be insured for many years without needing to claim, than not being insured for the one minute you need it! Write to HOWARD FEARS if you are not insured.

And that's all, except to wish you a HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

from ROY E. RHODES.

Japan - 1961 - Aug. 6 Tokyo, Western Japan
Jamborette, BP in Scout uniform.

- CANCELLATIONS: Showing the words or initials of Baden-Powell, of which some examples are:-
- Brazil 1957 - Aug 1, Rio de Janeiro, "Lord Baden-Powell" Founder of Scouting, and the Girl & Boy Scout badges of Brazil.
 - Cuba 1957 - Feb 229 Havana, "Centenario Lord Baden-Powell 1857-1957" and their Scout Badge.
 - Formosa 1957 Aug 11, "B-P" 1957, 1907, 1857 and inscriptions.
- METER SLOGANS: Printed by postage prepayment meter machines:
- England 1957 - Nov 5 London "1857 BP 1957" enclosed in box.
 - England 1961 - July 3 London, "the official history of B-P's Scouts. The Scout Movement".
- SEALS:
- Fund raising seals and advertising labels:
 - Austria 1957 - set of three, one with "BP 1857-1907-1957" and one with line drawing of BP and name.
 - Iceland 1957 - BP in Scout uniform, name, dates and the word ISLAND (two colours green and red)
 - Israel 1961 - set of ten per sheet, one with BP, Scouts, tent & badges. (four colour process)
 - Italy 1957 - Profile of BP, Scout badges, inscriptions (two colours brown & black)
 - Union of South Africa - 1957, set of eight, one of BP, Jubilee Jamboree, Sutton Park, Warwicks, England, August 1957 (Four colour process)
 - U. S. A. - 1958 caricature of BP and his autograph by the Scouts on Stamps Society, Baden-Powell Chapter No. 1
 - Portugal 1930 sheet of twelve designs, one showing BP and the words "General Baden-Powell" (printed in black ink on pink paper.

Already, Robert Baden-Powell is well on the way to being the one man in history that will be shown on the greatest number of different countries' stamps. For it was he who inspired the idea of the Scout "Good Turn" without any thought of pay, his motto for Scouts to "Be Prepared". In times of national emergency, in peace or in war; fire, flood or famine, the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides have earned the respect of their people. It is for these reasons that free nations of the world honour him, and will do so for many years to come.

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11th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE - MARATHON
1st-11th AUGUST 1963

by PETER DUCK

When I arrived at Marathon on Saturday July 27th, feeling very tired and hot, my first impressions were a little muddled. Not a blade of grass to be seen, just dry sandy soil and a few scrubby plants here and there. A Greek gentleman, rejoicing in the name of "Pelican" was in charge of administration, and had a group of British Scouters in charge of reception, with an Australian as the organising genius. After some difficulty in persuading everyone that I was there officially, I managed to get my staff scarf and badge, although the Greek lady Cubmaster in charge of these took a whole day to issue the former, and two days for the latter!

I also had to supply two photographs for an identity card to be used when going out of and into the Jamboree. Mine arrived to me in England a week after I got home! I was allotted a place in a tent with the Greek Commissioner in charge of the Scouts working at the Post Office, our only method of conversation being in French!

I reported to the Post Office on the Sunday, and was told that my duties would be sorting the incoming mail into sub-camps and the outgoing mail into groups, i.e., Greece, United Kingdom, U.S.A., Rest of Europe, Asia, Africa, etc. All incoming mail was back-stamped with a roller-cancel, and outgoing mail was cancelled with this roller or with one of the three hand-stamps. Sometimes the Postal Clerk in charge of the roller-canceller forgot to change both of the time-slugs or the date-slugs, and I have specimens showing both dates August 7th and 8th, and on the 6th August, a cancel with both "06" and "08" being 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. respectively.

The roller-canceller was a large heavy piece of apparatus, consisting of many wheels and cogs, operated by a handle much as one would use the old-style mangle. The letters went through at

great speed, and due to the antiquity of design, a few letters were well and truly "mangled". Where stamps were not in a line at the top of the envelope, and where the mail was registered, the hand-stamps were used. The Post Office was open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, and those of us on the staff were on either a morning shift up to 2 p.m. or from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. We changed shifts each day, except for August 1st, when we were on duty all day! One of my first duties was to tear up hundreds and hundreds of stamps into single sets, which were put into packets for sale on the day of issue. This was done under the strict watch of the Postal Clerk who counted them all afterwards and locked them away in a safe. The Post Office staff from the Greek authorities had come from Athens, and they all seemed very pleased to be away from the heat of the city, and to have the chance of a lot of swimming.

Incoming mail arrived at about 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day, so there was a full mail to be sorted by each shift. The outgoing mail was collected from the letter-boxes by Greek Scouts on bicycles, rather reminiscent of Cadet Sargeant-Major Goodyear at Mafeking, and this was cancelled on arrival, ready for sorting into the groups I have already mentioned.

And so to August 1st, and the official opening by H.R.H. Prince Constantine. And then the rush started! The official First Day Covers arrived at Marathon in boxes of 500 and were already cancelled with the special F.D. cancel incorporating the Scout arrowhead. But they were not on sale at the Post Office (!) - only in the sub-camps, and were valid for posting without further cancellation. I was unable to get any until late in the day, and it was galling to see dozens being handed in for transmission by registered post and seeing the serial numbers creep higher and higher. When I did get mine it was almost too late to address them before the Post Office closed, and so I only sent a few registered letters, but these did get the Marathon hand-stamp on the back. My ordinary FDC's were run through the roller-canceller until the clerk realised that this was incorrect, but not until quite a few had the roller-cancel on the back. If you had a Marathon F.D.C. from the Permanent List you may be lucky enough to have one of these.

There were no Registration labels, as the normal method in Greece is to endorse the serial number in ink. The number is preceded by "R" and has "Marathon" written underneath in either Greek or Roman lettering. Actually, 426 pieces of Registered Mail were sent from Marathon, the last ones on August 11th. As I had to leave before the last day, I left two covers to be sent

on the last day, but my friend in the Post Office omitted to apply the Marathon hand-stamp!! However, the Registered Mail transit and arrival marks on the back prove it to be authentic.

The third hand-stamp was brought into use on August 1st, and for most of the day a Greek Stamp Dealer sat in the Post Office canceling his own mail! These covers and cards were available at his shop in the Greek village at the Jamboree from August 2nd at no mean profit!

As the Jamboree progressed I had more time to spare, and managed to make contact with various contingents that were sponsoring philatelic items, and also met several of our members who had previously only been signatures at the bottom of very friendly correspondence. To all of them I send my very best wishes and thanks for the time I spent in such glorious sunshine amongst so many friends from all over the world.

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Details of the Stamps, Cancels and Postal
Arrangements at the 11th World Jamboree
by PETER DUCK, D. E. BOURKE & OTHERS

STAMPS: Five values, printed by offset lithography in up to six colours on paper watermarked with the Greek Crown. The crowns appear in diagonal lines, and can be found inverted. The designer was A. TASSOS and the printers were Spioti-Elka Graphic Arts Co., Athens. They will be on sale until July 31st 1964 unless sold out at an earlier date. The quantities printed were:- 1.50 Dr. (3 million), 1. Dr., 2.50 Dr., and 3 Dr., (each 2½ million) and the 4.50 Dr. (1½ million). The subjects of the five stamps were described in our July issue.

CANCELLATIONS: The official First Day cancel was only applied to the official FDC's and were produced at Athens. The design is the Scout Badge encircled by a rope tied with an impossible reef knot (!) and the wording "11th World Scout Jamboree - Marathon 1.8.63" written in Greek.

The roller-cancel, comprising two circular date-stamps, 26mm diameter, separated by five wavy lines, and a further five wavy lines to complete the roller. The date-stamp has the name "MARATHON" in Greek and Roman lettering and moveable date and time-slugs on the centreline.

The three hand-stamps are each 24 mm. wide and have the wording and date/time lines as in the roller cancel.

Description of the three types of cancel:-

Type A The figure "6" in the date "63" has a curled back, (in the other two types the back is straight), and the "3" is

similarly curled. The lettering is narrow, particularly the two "M"'s which are narrower than tall, and the "P" in the Greek inscription which has a small loop.

Type B The figures "63" have a straight back and straight foot respectively. The lettering is broad, particularly the "M"'s. The "P" has a large loop.

Type C The figures "63" again with straight back and foot, but with mixed lettering. The Greek is broad with an extra-large loop to the "P". The Roman lettering is fairly narrow but with a distinctive second "A", which leans over to the left. (All 3 types illustrated on page 151)

As there is no Post Office at the village of Marathon, the cancels used at the temporary P.O. at the Jamboree can clearly be classified as "Scout Cancels".

Dates of Opening and Registered Mail:

The Post Office was set up on July 25th and the last known date was August 17th. Registered mail was accepted up to August 11th. The earliest known registered letter to the U.K. was dated July 30th at 9 a.m. and numbered 'R-15'. August 1st probably commenced at 'R-19' or soon after, and some 270 or so items of registered mail were despatched on August 1st. On August 6th the serial numbers reached 'R-362' and the last item on the closing day was numbered 'R-426'.

General Information:

There appeared to be no notice taken of mail which was under-franked either inwards or outwards; Greece no longer uses Postage Due stamps, and the normal method is to apply ordinary postage stamps and collect the due from the recipient.

After the Jamboree closed, the camp Post Office handled returned mail up to August 17th, but after that date mail was returned to sender from Athens, marked "Retourné a l'Expeditieur" and "Parti" in French and Greek. (Illustrated on page 151).

Errors in the cancels can be found - mixed dates and times in the roller cancel, inverted "8" in the Type A hand-stamp persisted for several days, examples have been seen in the "08" time-slug for August 1st and the "18" time-slugs of the 5th, 6th and 8th August.



by JOHN D. ROAKE

Since last writing these notes there have been dramatic changes and developments. The Cyprus issue of August 21st comprised a set of three stamps and a limited issue of 30,000 miniature sheets. It is the sheets that have caused all the bother. Original orders were cut by 25% and almost immediately the prices began to rocket. They have been sold in London at prices up to ten times the original cost of 5/-, but at the time of writing, the price seems to have settled at around 20/-.

Only 500 of the sheets were on sale in Cyprus, and it is thought that First Day Covers of the sheet will be very scarce. FDC's of the set will also prove a difficult item in the future. If you interest yourself in all varieties, remember that the watermark can be found normal and inverted, as can the watermark of the Greek issues. These can be found easily, but the philatelic trade (and Gibbons catalogue) do not generally segregate watermark varieties of the modern Greece and Cyprus issues.

The October issue of Gibbons Stamp Magazine refers to the Cyprus issue as marking "The 50th Anniversary of the Cyprus Scout Movement and the 11th World Scout Jamboree, Marathon". The second part of this is incorrect since the issue coincided with the opening of the Third Commonwealth Scout Conference, and the official FDCs refer to the Conference as well as the 50th Anniversary.

The 19th World Conference was held at Rhodes, and a hand-cachet was applied to mail, which also has the "RODOS" hand cancellation in Greek and Roman lettering. (I wonder if anyone will discover that there were three hand-cancels in use here!!!)

The Japan Girl Scout stamp to commemorate the Asian Girl Scout Camp at Togakushi Heights from August 1st - 7th 1963, is an attractive one, being printed in four colours by photogravure.

It was designed by Mr. Hitoshi Otsuka and shows a Japanese Girl Scout in front of the International Girl Guide (or Girl Scout) Flag. Sheets comprise twenty stamps, and also exist with the "Mihon" or "Specimen" overprint in red or black.

Sales in the auction rooms of Mafeking items have been fairly consistent, and on September 17th, Messrs. Robson Lowe sold a threepenny "B-P" (small format) with First Day Cancel for £22. This was not on cover of course! A fine copy of the one penny made £13. 10. 0. and a good 21 mm "B-P" went for £26.

Our President refers to the "Specimen" overprints of Cyprus. I have neither seen these, nor know of the circumstances under which they appear on the market. Certain British stamps and high values of British Colonials exist in "Specimen" state, and they do not merit so much attention as the mint stamps themselves. One can draw a comparison if one wants; I know of one who won't give them house-room! Colour trials, epreuves de luxe and the like are a different kettle of fish though, and if you have bottomless pockets - then this is the field for you.

Since my brief for this column is to write about the various markets, let me draw your attention to the very best source of material - the Club itself. DAVID START, who runs the Approval Service has some very nice items in stock. I noted some of the Swedish cancels for the last few years that you may have missed. Also, some American cachets and German cancellations. CHARLES SEATON has more new items listed on Page 160.

Whilst on the subject of "cachets" - let us make it clear what a cachet is. In the U.K. we have always understood a cachet to be a marking on a cover that is not a cancellation, and can be 'official', in that it is a postal authority 'cachet', such as "Return to Sender" or "Ship Letter". Examples of unofficial cachets are the rubber-stamped markings that appear on covers that emanate from private sources. Some of the Formosa covers and Cuba FDCs come in this category. In the United States, the term 'cachet' also refers to the commemorative printing that appears on the left-hand portion of the cover, which is generally applied to blank envelopes, but examples can be found where the 'cachet' is printed on covers that have already passed through the post. How do we know? It is quite simple - when the cachet extends over the stamp(s) instead of being underneath - it's obvious!

3RD COMMONWEALTH SCOUT CONFERENCE
21-22 AUGUST
IN CYPRUS

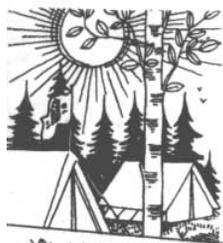
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50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCOUTING IN CYPRUS



LATEST CANCELS AND F.D.C.



VÄTTERIKS

Swedish Scout Camp

August 1963





TYPE - 'A'



TYPE - 'B'



TYPE - 'C'

(ENLARGED ONE AND A HALF TIMES)



ROLLER CANCEL AND RE-DIRECTION MARKINGS

(ACTUAL SIZES)



REGISTERED F.D.C.

GILWELL REUNION - SEPTEMBER 7/8 1963

For the third consecutive year, the SSCC exhibition at the Gilwell Reunion attracted the crowds, and many new members were recruited at the time. To all of them we extend a warm welcome and hope that through the Club they will be able to derive more news about their hobby.

The Secretary-General and the Assistant Editor of the Journal arrived on the Friday evening and set up the exhibits which comprised a complete mint collection of Scout Stamps, and pages from the President's collection, showing the postal history of earlier Jamborees. On the Saturday evening a Club Meeting was attended by some twenty or so members, including two members from the other side of the Atlantic, DAVE COLLINS and FRED OPLIGER. Fred did valiant work in manning the exhibition over the week-end as did STANLEY BLUNT, TOM HOLTON, DOUG. WALTON and others. The President, ROY RHODES was unable to attend the Club Meeting and joined us for the rest of the week end.

A couple of suggestions that came out of the meeting were to have a small permanent exhibition of frames to be available to members to use at district and county events, etc., and a film-strip or set of slides to be accompanied by a tape recorded or written talk on the subject of Scout Stamps for similar purposes.

Special souvenir labels in sheets of four were on sale and those of you who did not manage to be there can still get them from the Secretary-General.

(JDR - Asst. Ed.)

ROLAND HOUSE MEETING - October 12th 1963

The main feature of the meeting was a most interesting first-hand account of the Jamboree at Marathon from PETER DUCK. Illustrated by many examples of inwards and outwards mail and coloured photos, Peter brought to life the trials and tribulations of a postal official at a Jamboree, and covered the postal arrangements from A to Z (or should it be Alpha to Omega?). BILL BOURKE added a few notes about his correspondence to and from the Jamboree, that resulted in the very full details of postal arrangements given on pages 144-147 of this Journal.

(JDR - Asst. Ed)



by the ASSISTANT EDITOR

I thought that I might have been able to hand over this column to a Junior Member to write this time, but it didn't work out! At a recent Club Meeting, I was having an interesting chat with Master PETER BOWEN, who told me how he managed to get a few of the gems for his collection. He would look through his father's collection and suggest that a certain item was too 'tatty' for a specialist's collection, and "How about letting me have it" tactics. That's how Peter got his items from Mafeking! If your Dad is one of the 'big Five' collectors you can probably manage it. Anyway, what I was about to say was - Peter suggested he might write an article for us, and here and now, I will tell him that I have reserved the space in the next Journal for it!

Talking about sub-standard stamps, I do dislike seeing torn and creased stamps in the collections of youngsters. If a common stamp is damaged, there is only one place for it - the waste-paper basket. However, there is the opposite view to be taken with scarce stamps, and I would rather have a badly thinned copy of a rare stamp than no example at all. But the aim should be to replace it as soon as financially possible.

And now for a competition, with a choice prize for the winner - that is if anyone enters! - I want you to take all the Scout Stamps (including Guide ones), issued in 1960, 1961 and 1962 and calculate out the face-value in pounds, shillings and pence, (some research necessary), and then say what you would spend the money on to benefit your collection. Exclude all Souvenir sheets from the calculations, and use current rates of exchange. Entries to the Asst. Editor, JOHN ROAKE, by Dec. 10th.

Finally, it is hoped that many juniors will come to the A.G.M. at Baden-Powell House on December 7th. They will be made very welcome indeed.

"GLASGOW SCOUT POST" IN LIECHTENSTEIN
An Eye-Witness Report by STANLEY K. HUNTER

While this SCOUT POST perhaps lacked the drama of the 1918 Revolutionary Czech Scout Post, it certainly had its moments.

The Postal Service was set up - without ceremony - on Sunday July 28, 1963 at the camp-site of the First Glasgow Group at Dux, then a rural suburb of Schaan in the Principality of Liechtenstein. The outstanding feature of the service was its lack of same. The theory behind the system was ideal - all mail placed in the postal-box would be lifted by the first Scout leaving camp and handed over to the Princely Postal Administration for onward transmission. With 105 members of the Group in camp, a very speedy service could be envisaged.

However, I must admit that all did not go strictly according to plan. All mail placed in the post-box - appropriately painted in screaming pillar-box red - was duly cacheted and left ready for collection for a latter-day Mafeking cadet messenger. In their anxiety to reach the flesh-pots of the Principality, everybody forgot about the mail and it frequently lay for a couple of days before I would slip it out of the box and secretly creep down to Schaan Post Office.

The more astute Scouts point-blank refused to use the box, considering it a blatant form of censorship. What nonsense! The Secrecy of the Mail was Inviolable! Still, I'm glad I just happened (?) to have a squint at that one by Alastair ... and that one by Hamish ... !

More alarming, however, were the delays incurred by over-conscientious junior mail-men. A boy would grab a pile of cards and stuff them in his sporran (very handy, non-Scottish Scouts please note), and then he would promptly forget about them. They would come to light quite accidentally, days later on some mountain top or a "far country". Rather than be caught with such incriminating evidence, the mail would be dropped in some obscure post-box, regardless of nationality. The late Dr, Heinrich Stephan of the U.P.U. would have been proud of our impartial use of foreign stamps. I just hope that the Postmaster of Bregenz appreciated the sentiments of our internationally-minded Scouts. If not, he must have a fine collection of Liechtenstein stamps by now.

I am pleased to say that most of the mail eventually got through, although we were back for at least a week before the last of it trickled home to Scotland. All one had to do was to sympathise with the recipient and point out how inefficient these Continentals were with letters.

One novel feature of the Service was the issue of a special label to mark the camp. The label could be purchased in sheets of nine and added to envelopes or postcards. The label was very popular with the more idle Scouts, who found it convenient to stick it in the middle of the card and add "from your loving son" at the bottom. The "stamp", in the Scottish colours of blue and white, depicted the badge of the Princely Scout Association of Liechtenstein and was inscribed "The First Glasgow Group Boy Scouts - Liechtenstein Camp, 1963".

Sheets of the "stamps" were presented to his Serene Highness Prince Emanuel, Chief Scout, and the International Commissioners of Liechtenstein and Scotland.

The sheets were perforated, although some sheets were found in imperforate form. These were retained as souvenirs. A cachet was applied to all mail posted in the Camp. As the Group also operated a temporary camp-site over the frontier inside the Austrian fortress of Tosters in Feldkirch, a special cachet was employed when Scouts camped there.

As a personal souvenir, I had covers bearing the labels posted from each of the countries we visited with a Scout postage stamp: England (G.B. 1957), France (1947), Switzerland (1963), Austria (1962) and Germany (1961). Ironically, the only country I could not get a properly cancelled Scout stamp was Liechtenstein. The 1957 pair have been invalidated. With typical Liechtenstein courtesy, however, the postal clerk added a current stamp to the card and cancelled this for me.

While the labels were intended for use by Scouts attending the Camp, some sheets have been kept for any S.S.C.C. members who might be interested. The labels and cacheted cards can be obtained from me:-

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"PLAN EVERGREEN"

Collectors of private Scout and Guide cachets will be interested in this Australian hand-stamp employed by the Girl Guides Association of Victoria.

The cachet is 65mm x 25mm and shows the Guide Trefoil with the inscription PLAN EVERGREEN. It is naturally struck in green ink. It is used on all mail from the Victorian Guide H. Q. during 1963.

The plan, which has the support of the State Prime Minister, combines Conservation with an active campaign against litter. In addition to the cachet, coloured car transfers ("decals"), are also being used. The Chairman of "Plan Evergreen" has kindly sent me some sample strikes of the cachet and I will forward one to any interested collector, on receipt of return postage and a small donation to the Plan.

Stanley K. Hunter, 34 Gray Street, Kelvingrove, GLASGOW C. 3., Scotland.

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AT THE AUCTIONS

By Howard L. Fears

I do not know whether members will be in time to have an opportunity to bid in the sale of the 9th November of the Plymouth Philatelic Auctions Ltd. An item in the sale is a Mafeking Cover with a strip of 4 of the first 3d. overprint on Cape of Good Hope one penny value (one stamp damaged), cancelled "Mafeking, 9th April 1900". Continuing the description of this item, it is considered of sufficient importance to illustrate, and the Auctioneers mention that the cover is in transit to Great Britain showing 'Crocodile Pools' transit c.d.s. alongside, b/s 'Bulawayo' transit (23rd April) and 'Cambridge' arrival postmark (25th May). This is considered to be a very scarce Siege cover and the estimated value or reserve is given as £20.

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Scout & Guide appear in Easter SealsBy MURRAY FRIED - Canada

Many Scout Seal collectors were not aware that the 1963 Canadian Easter Seals included a Scout & Guide seal. The Easter Seal sheet contained 40 different seals depicting crippled children participating in various activities. One seal shows a Scout with crutch saluting. Another shows a Girl Guide in a wheelchair. Now that these seals have been brought to the attention of Scout seal collectors, they will become valuable additions to many collections.

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THE S. S. C. C. JOURNAL

The Assistant Editor apologises that this edition is a few days late, but extra time was needed to have the pages of illustrations made. It is hoped that the membership will not mind the delay. It was suggested at the Club Meeting in September that it would be appreciated by new members if some of the details of early Scout issues could be re-printed in the Journal. Another member has asked for details of the printing, perforation, quantity issued, watermark details etc., of each issue to be given. This has been done this month in respect of new issues, but it may be felt that details of the earlier issues is wanted, as well. But what do members want?

If every member were to write to the editorial staff to say what they would like to see in the Journal, the right emphasis could be given to those subjects. It would be of special interest to have criticism of the recent issues, to hear what has interested you, and vice versa. One hundred and sixty-four pages have been written in the year, and of these, there must be something that invites your comment!

The Journal is the main link between the membership, and the editors want to hear more from those of you who have not yet put themselves in print. What about some news from Australia and New Zealand! What about some news from Asia! What about coverage of the postal arrangements at other Jamborees, regional or world ones! What about advance news of new issues of stamps or events where special cancels are to be issued! Send the news and it will be printed!!

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SCOUTING PERSONALITIES ON STAMPS

(Continued)

by Stanley K. Hunter

FIJI: Ana Ramacake is depicted on the recent South Pacific Games (2/6d) set issued by Fiji. Miss Ramacake (pronounced "Rama-Thaki") is an assistant Cubmaster of the 1st Suva Cub Pack. Mr. D.C. Jeffries (Member 394), who has recently returned from Fiji on a training scheme, tells me that Scouts performed various duties at the Games. Next year's special Scout commemoratives will show other members of the Scout Movement in Fiji. The photograph from which the design of the stamp was made appears on page 17 of the October issue of Gibbons Stamp Monthly.

LIECHTENSTEIN: H.S.H. Prince Franz Josef II, the reigning Prince, is Patron of the F.L.K.P. Scouts while H.S.H. Princess Georgina is Patron of the Guides.

MONACO: H.S.H. Prince Rainier is Patron of the "Scouts de Monaco" now an independent member of the World Scout Conference.

NETHERLANDS: H.R.H. Prince Henry (1876-1934), Consort of the late Queen Wilhelmina was enrolled as a Scout in 1918 and did much to bring unity to the Dutch Movement. Queen Wilhelmina performed the opening ceremony at the 5th World Jamboree.

REPUBLIC OF TOGO: Daniel Mensal, leader of the Togolese branch of the "Eclaireurs de France" is shown on the 10f. value of the 1961 set. The 25f. stamp depicts Daniel Wilson, Chief Scout of the Togolese "Scouts de France". The beloved Dan Beard (1850-1941) is shown on the 50c. value. Daniel Carter Beard, an Indian, founded the "Sons of Daniel Boone" a woodcraft organisation for boys but after consultation agreed to assist the newly-formed Boy Scouts of America.

YUGOSLAVIA: Prince Tomislav was made head of the Scout Movement in 1934. The Movement left the International Conference in 1940 following the German invasion. Prince Tomislav, however, continued his interest in the Movement. His Royal Highness recently presented me with a photograph of him inspecting a contingent of Refugee Scout Leaders in Great Britain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STANLEY K. HUNTER (that prolific writer and expert on research) writes to tell us that there are three Scout Stamps depicted on the new cover design to Gibbons Stamp Monthly. Two are easy to identify, the third needs a trained eye to identify!

REG. LEWIS seeks to find examples of all the pre-1957 J.I.M. slogans cancels of the U.K. Anyone help? His new address is given elsewhere.

MIGUEL DOVAL of Palma de Mallorca (Member - 584) writes to give a short history of Spanish Scouting, and details of some of the leading personalities, past and present. As these details are of specialist interest, the Editor will loan them to those members who wish them. There must be many of our members who will spend their holidays in Majorca - I am sure that Miguel will be pleased to have a visit.

MRS. JOHN BRIDGEWATER (Member - 468) writes to say that the Tanasi Girl Scout Troop 312 have sponsored an FDC of the Cordell Hull issue (Oct 5th), and this shows the silhouette of a Senior Girl Scout saluting. Enquiries direct to Betty Bridgewater.

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