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Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 5th August, 1961, to the 5th November, 1961. For the previous list see our October Notes.

Postage Stamps.

- $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 10431.28. On an order for 40,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 1,000 sheets was made on the 18th August, 1961, the total delivery to the 19th October, 1961, being 53,300 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 2 and 34 Int., 9 Ext.
- 1c—Job No. 9512.18 continued. On an order for 1,750,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 15,000 sheets was made on the 27th April, 1961, the total delivery to the 19th October, 1961, being 806,900 sheets. Same Double Die Cyls. Nos. 25 Int. and 26 S Ext., with Pane A on the right and Pane B on the left hand.
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 14930.83. On an order for 20,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 11,000 sheets was made on the 15th August, 1961, the total delivery to the 17th August, 1961, being 19,400 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. S 24 Int., S 19 Ext.
- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 15432.80 continued. On an order for 1,486,180 sheets (the balance on order against Job No. 9515.21) a delivery
- of 5,100 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet was made on the 4th July, 1961, the total delivery to the 17th August, 1961, being 620,228 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. S 15 Int., S 18 Ext.
- 3c—Job No. 9516.22 continued. On an order for 160,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 21,000 sheets was made on the 18th April, 1961, the total delivery to the 17th August, 1961, being 120,594 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 21 Int., S 26 Ext.
- 3c—Job No. 17767.92. First Aerial Post. On an order for 80,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 8,500 sheets was made on the 19th October, 1961, the total delivery to date being 67,000 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. 104 Int., 58 Ext.
- 5c—Job No. 9517.23 continued. On an order for 110,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 34,000 sheets was made on the 13th April, 1961, the total delivery to the 17th August, 1961, being 71,960 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 31 Int., S 1 Ext.
- 10c—Job No. 9519.25 continued. On an order for 110,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 29,675 sheets was made on the 11th April, 1961, the total delivery to the 17th August, 1961, being 64,743 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 114 Int., 101 Ext.
- 20c—Job No. 9521.27 continued. On an order for 50,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 8,100 sheets was made on the 18th April, 1961, the total delivery to the 17th August, 1961, being 23,706 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 29 and 103 Int., 97 Ext.

Air Letter Cards.

- 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c—Job No. 14928.81 continued. On an order for 300,000 cards, a delivery of 9,000

cards was made on the 20th July, 1961, the total delivery to the 18th October, 1961, being 300,250 cards. Same Cyls.

2½c—Job No. 18692.07. On an order for 300,000 cards, a delivery of 36,000 cards was made on the 24th October, 1961, the total delivery to date being 66,000 cards. Same Cyls.

5c—Job No. 9599.04 continued. On an order for 2,880,000 cards, a delivery of 54,000 cards was made on the 4th April, 1961, the total delivery to date being 2,925,000 cards. Same Cyls.

5c—Job No. 14929.28. On an order for 2,880,000 cards, a delivery of 33,000 cards was made on the 1st November, 1961, the total delivery to date being 78,000 cards. Same Cyls.

Picture Post Cards.

1½c—Job No. 9730.34 continued. On an order for 1,296,000 post cards, a delivery of 40,000 cards was made on the 2nd May, 1961, the total delivery to date being 1,527,000 cards. Same Cyls. Nos. 168 Int., 171 Ext.

1½c—Job No. 14931.84. On an order for 1,296,000 postcards, a delivery of 20,000 cards was made on the 5th October, 1961, the total delivery of 280,000 cards being made to date. Same Cyls. Nos. 168 Int., 171 Ext.

First Aerial Post Commemorative Stamp.

A 3c Postage stamp, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the first occasion on which mail was conveyed by air in South Africa, namely the 27th December, 1911, was put on sale at all post offices on the 1st December, 1961.

Issued in horizontal sheet format of 5 x 20 (100) stamps, the right and left hand margins of which are perforated through and carry single line broken bars, while the top and bottom ones are imperforate, and each contains a central blue arrow of the solid type. Four figure red sheet numbers appear twice on the bottom margin of the sheet.

The cylinder numbers, 104 and 58, are inscribed in Red and Blue, the colours comprising the composition of the stamp, at the bottom of the sheet's left margin, opposite Row 5 stamp 1. A prominent blue dot may appear on the edge of either the left or right hand margins, opposite Row 4, or it

may be bisected, depending upon the manner in which the individual sheets are guillotined from the web.

The stamps, of vertical format, are inscribed bi-lingually, and portray two types of aircraft in flight—the old Bleriot Monoplane, originally used on the inauguration flight, and the Boeing 707, the latest addition to South African Airway's fleet.

The inscriptions are made in red on a blue background which latter colour is intensified over the lower fifth of the stamp, and on this portion, Table Mountain is outlined in white. The details of the design are emphasised in red, and contribute, along with other factors, towards the making of a stamp of an appropriate nature and a pleasing appearance.

The printing which was well made, possesses a characteristic in the form of a thin red "margin" outlining the tip of the left wing of the Boeing 707 on those stamps comprising the top right corner of the sheet. This colour effect may be attributed to the fact that the carbon tissue to form the red portion of the stamp was probably stretched to a very small degree in this area during the process of bedding on to the copper printing cylinder.

The following are some of the cylinder flaws which may be noted:

Row—

2-12. Blue dot below 3c.

4-15. Small dot slightly above right wing of the monoplane.

5-17. Tiny dot below left wing of the monoplane.

Recent Observations.

A reprinting of the 20c value, from the same cylinders, Nos. 29 and 103 Int. and 97 Ext., has been made bearing five figure black sheet serial numbers twice on the bottom margin.

An unusual type of offset has been found on some sheets of the 12½c denomination, printed from the previously used cylinders, Nos. 118 and 106 Int. and 30 Ext.

The offset takes the form of a series of green dots, occasionally accompanied by red ones, on the gum surface of the sheet, and forms a pattern covering an area similar to that of the green leaves of the protea. It is not constant in distribution, being present on some stamps and absent on

others of the same sheet, nor does it appear in the more usual form of a smudge or a blob.

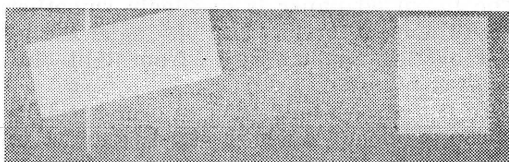
Accompanying this characteristic, the printed surface of the affected stamps also presents a pattern of greenish-yellow spots on the leaves of the protea approximating the area covered by the offset. In effect it would appear as if the paper were porous in those areas and that the ink had been drawn in globules through the paper onto its gummed surface, leaving the printed surface denuded of colour. Upon closer examination it can be determined that this is not the case for no signs of porosity of the paper may be determined, and the offset does not coincide exactly with the affected surface.

It may be suggested that the offset on the gum surface was the result of stacking the newly printed sheets under pressure before the ink had dried completely, but if this were so, was the hot air blower on the printing machine defective, and also why should the offset be in the form of dots? A very baffling condition!

A printing of the 2½c value from Cyls. Nos. S 15 and S 18, has appeared in which the small hole multiple-row perforator had been used. The perforation holes are smaller than previously, and also the "Drunken perf" characteristic of the earlier issues is absent.

5c Albino Aerogramme Form.

About half a dozen Albino 5c Aerogramme Forms of the August, 1961, issue have recently been found at various Johannesburg Post Offices, in the packets of normally printed ones.



The specimen, shown, is not only an interesting characteristic of an aerogramme but also illustrates the stages of the preparation of the form.

The sheet is prepared from paper of a light grey colour on to which an onlay, conforming to a particular pattern, of a darker colour has been applied so as to render the aerogramme obscure, while certain areas were left un-masked to receive the imprint

of the stamp and the etiquette which are printed at a later stage, along with the relevant inscriptions which the aerogramme carries.

A Reprinting of the 10c Denomination.

A reprinting of the 10c value from the cylinders previously used, but on unwater-marked paper, appeared during the latter part of November.

Four figure red sheet numbers are inscribed on the sheet's bottom margin, below stamps 6 and 7, and also 17 and 18, and the perforation has been carried out with the large hole multiple-row perforator exhibiting the "Drunken Perf" characteristic.

The margins of the sheets, viewed to date, are devoid of the brown smudges which aspect was commented upon in our December Notes, and this condition may be taken to indicate that this printing on unwater-marked paper had been made previously—possibly very early in currency of the 10c stamp—but issued only recently to Post Offices.

STOP PRESS

Information has been received that an issue to commemorate fifty years of Folk Dancing will be made on 1 March. Further particulars later.

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CAPE FOUR PENNY RECONSTRUCTED SHEET

As some readers doubtless know the complete reconstructed sheet of 4d. triangulars which was offered for sale at the dispersal of Capt. Emerson Huston's collection some months back, did not find a buyer.

It is understood that the executors are not anxious to break up the complete plate. Here is a fine chance for the Government or the Cape Town Museum to obtain a very fine item for South Africa.

AIR MAIL NOTES

(I. H. C. Godfrey)

AEROGRAMMES REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

(The most interesting news this month (November) is the discovery of revised printings of the 2½c and 5c Republican Aerogrammes by Mr. J. M. Weinstein of Pretoria).

Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Types of the Definitive "Baobab" Aerogramme—November, 1961.

Three new printings of the 5c Overseas Aerogramme were put on sale at some of the smaller Post Offices in the Transvaal during November and about which the Philatelic Bureau, in Pretoria, had no knowledge until after the event.

The first of the three sheets described is printed in Royal blue and the others in light blue on blue paper WITHOUT OVERLAY and, therefore, with no simulated perforations around the imprinted stamps. That is the most obvious visual difference from Types I, II and III, but in the last two instances other modifications have been made, the most noticeable being:—

Types V and VI.

- (a) The folding guide-lines consist of small dashes—15 to the inch. In Types I to IV they comprised dots spaced at 17 to the inch.
- (b) The address lines and the texts on the reverse are heavier.
- (c) The sheets now appear in both language arrangements: English or Afrikaans first.

5c Type IV—(Issued late November, 1961).

Identical to Types II (a) and III (a)—cracked plate varieties (blue horizontal bar at right of stamp etc).

Royal blue on blue paper with no overlay. English wordings first—e.g. "Air Mail/Lugbrief/Aerogramme."

5c Type V. (Earliest reported date of use 24th November, 1961).

Guide lines consist of small dashes. Pale blue on blue paper with no overlay. English wordings first—e.g. "Air Mail/Lugbrief/Aerogramme."

5c Type VI. (Earliest reported date of use 22nd November, 1961).

As Type V, but Afrikaans wordings first—"Lugbrief/Air Mail/Aerogramme."

Note: This is the first time that Aerogrammes for Overseas use have appeared with Afrikaans inscriptions taking precedence over English, since the establishment of the Republic.

Fourth Type of the 2½c Definitive "Doorway" Aerogramme—November, 1961.

The new issue is very similar to Type II—printed in magenta on blue paper WITHOUT OVERLAY and, ergo, without simulated perforations. The sheet has been completely re-drawn and the imprinted stamp shows signs of retouching.

Main Characteristics of Types I, II and III are:—

- (a) Folding guide-lines consist of dots—17 to the inch.
- (b) Short hyphen—2 mm.—between "Tweede vou—Second fold."

Main Characteristics of Type IV:—

- (a) Guide-lines comprise short dashes—15 to the inch.
- (b) Longer hyphen—3 mm.

2½c Type IV. (Earliest reported date of use 27th November, 1961).

Magenta on blue paper, without overlay. Afrikaans inscriptions first.

Note: All "Inland" Aerogrammes issued since December, 1959, (the first "Rhino" type) have been exclusively printed in the one language arrangement, with Afrikaans first.

Paper: Two sorts of blue paper, at least, have been used since September for Republican Aerogrammes: the first made in Sweden and the second on the East Rand. The imported paper is decidedly smoother than the local product and of a paler shade. The overlay applied varies from light blue to gray-blue.

To list these would tend to over-specialization, a trend which should be curbed in this comparatively new side-line of philately in which growing interest is being evinced both in South Africa and abroad.

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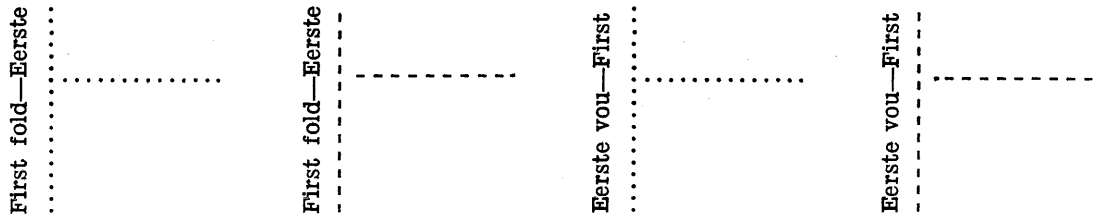
PROVISIONAL OVERPRINTS AND SURCHARGES ON 6d. "GREETINGS" AEROGRAMMES

Further research has brought to light a third Type of Republican overprint in which the wordings and "5c" were applied in one operation. The recent seasonal de-

mand for these illuminated sheets has resulted in at least two new overprint formes being used. It is too early yet to chronicle these as further discoveries may be made.

Synopsis: Apart from the numerous Provisional overprinted sheets, no less than ten different printings have been made of the 2½c and 5c definitive Aerogrammes during the past six months. This brings one to the

conclusion that the Post Office is still trying to find a standard form which will be acceptable to the general public. Criticisms have been made in the Press about the poor texture and transparency of certain papers; about the dark blue overlay which makes blue ink writing difficult to read, etc. etc. The Authorities are, therefore, to be commended on their efforts to find a satisfactory solution to the problem.



Hyphens between Second Fold wordings.

Long A	Long B	Short C	Long D
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DIAGRAMS DEPICTING THE FOUR VARIETIES OF FOLDING GUIDE LINES.

Aerogrammes with English inscriptions first:—

5c "Baobab" TYPE I	—	Gray overlay on white	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A
II	—	Same with longer wordings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A
III	—	Blue overlay on blue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A
IV	—	Blue paper, no overlay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	A
V	—	Blue paper, no overlay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	B

Aerogrammes with Afrikaans inscriptions first:—

2½c "Doorway" TYPE I	—	Gray overlay on white	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	C
II	—	Blue paper, no overlay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	C
III	—	Blue overlay on blue	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	C
IV	—	Blue paper, no overlay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D
5c "Baobab" TYPE VI	—	Blue paper, no overlay	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	D

U.S.A.

Two stamps in the regular series have appeared with very little preliminary notice.

(a) An 8c on 17th November featuring General J. J. Pershing. He is featured in uniform and the stamp is khaki coloured.

(b) A 4c Nursing stamp was issued on 28th December in four colours. It features a nurse lighting the traditional candle.

Seven commemoratives have been announced for the first half of 1962, probably

all of 4c denomination. Subjects and dates of issue are:— (1) 50th anniversary statehood of New Mexico, 6 January. (2) 50th anniversary statehood of Arizona, 14 February. (3) The second stamp of the series marking the Civil War, for the centenary of the battle of Shilok, 6 April. (4) Centenary of birth of Charles Evan Hughes, 11 April. (5) 150th anniversary of Louisiana's statehood. (6) Centenary 21 Exposition (International), April 21. (7) Centennial of the enactment of the Homestead Act, 20 May.

PORTRAIT GALLERY XXXVIII

The sixteen new portraits in the Gallery, bringing the total to 3,893, are as usual of almost bewildering variety, including an Indian, an Arabian, a Belgian, a Greek, three Poles, a Spaniard, four Indonesians, three Jews and a Syrian.

The Indian is the distinguished scientist Prafulla Chandra Ray, whose centenary the stamp celebrates. He lived to the ripe age of 83. It is an excellent portrait in the modern style which dispenses with all fussy borders and ornaments, but it fails to get full marks on account of its extremely dull gray colour, giving it the effect of a much underprinted photograph.

The Arabian is Ahmed bin Ali al-Thani, the ruler of that territory that has managed to get a foothold in Part I of the Catalogue by virtue of its having a British Postal Administration, Qatar, a very hot place by all accounts even if it sounds like a bad cold. Harrison and Sons have made a very nice photogravure job of the portrait..

The Belgian is a very distinguished cleric, Cardinal Antonius Perrenot de Granvelle, first Archbishop of Malines (illustrated), born at Besancon on August 20, 1517. He studied at Padua and Louvain and at 23 became Bishop of Arras. Charles V made him Chancellor of the Empire, in which office he showed a rare talent for diplomacy, settling the peace terms after the defeat of the League of Schmalkalden in 1547. At 33 he was made Secretary of State and attended the Emperor in his war against the Elector of Saxony. Three years later he negotiated the Marriage of Queen Mary of England and Philip II of Spain. Later he became Prime Minister to Margaret, Regent of Parma, Archbishop of Malines and, the year after, Cardinal. Indeed we are never quite certain which is in the ascendant, Prelate or Statesman! His keen, ruthless face gives us the key to his character, and we are not surprised to read how his repressive measures roused fierce hostility. However there is no doubting his supreme ability, and in his later life he became Viceroy of Naples and President of the Council for Italian Affairs. At 69, in Madrid, he died of a lingering disease.

The Greek is the famous Democritus, perhaps the greatest of all physical Philosophers, who appropriately appears beside an atomic symbol. He was born in Thrace about

the year BC 460 and was reputed to have lived at least a century. A devouring thirst for knowledge, coupled with considerable wealth, enabled him to travel extensively in the East studying the learning of his day, and Magi had a large influence on his writings, which numbered over 70 works. His fascinating theories on the nature of matter, which he resolved into incompressible, indivisible particles, anticipated the general conception of atoms a century ago. Not content with a merely physical basis for the universe Democritus evolved an ethical system that foreshadowed the teaching of Epicurus more than a century later. A giant intellect.



The Poles include King Miesko I of the 10th century, who, converted to Christianity, ruled wisely over his great territories which then extended to the furthest Southern shores of the Baltic, and Casimir III, "The Great," (rule 1333-1370) who by skilful alliances and administrative and economic reforms greatly raised the international status of his country.

The Spaniard is Luis de Gongora y Argote, 1561-1627, the lyric poet-priest, greatly praised by Cervantes. Lesser imitators of his fantastically elaborated style brought it into disrepute.

The four Indonesians, Sultan Hassan Uddin, Captain Pattimura, Iman Bondjol and Pangeran Diponegoro are named "Independence Heroes,"

But what they did, or when, or why,
I cannot tell you; no, not I.

The three "Heroes of Israel" however are of much wider fame. They come in that fascinating "stained-glass" form of which we have already had examples in Kings Saul, David and Solomon. This time we have Samson, the "judge" of fabulous strength and less conspicuous wisdom, complete with fox and firebrand; Judas Maccabaeus (illustrated), ca BC 206-166, the greatest of the famous brothers who delivered their people from the tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes, and Bar Cochba, "Son of a Star," a hero of the last Jewish struggle against Rome under the Emperor Hadrian. His real name was Simon, and he was evidently a man of exceptional strength and military genius. He perished with most of his followers in the Fortress of Bethar, 135.

Last, the Syrian poet Abou Tammam, 807-846, born at Jasim, north-east of the Sea of Gallilee, and best known as the compiler of a collection of early poems known as Hamasa. In fact this brilliant collection has rather overshadowed the real excellence of his own poetry. It is in 10 Books and contains 884 poems, mostly excerpts chosen with great skill, illustrating the manly virtues of constancy, valour, patience in adversity and cheerfulness under reproach and temptation.

So here in the 16 portraits we have an enthralling cross-section of human life, ancient and modern.

—W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS.

SOUTH AFRICA IN ANTARCTICA

Queen Maud Land.

It has been announced, but unfortunately with very short notice beforehand, that the relief ship for the continental Antarctic party will be leaving Cape Town on or about 5th January, but mail to go by it must reach the Postmaster there by 3rd January. Covers must be fully addressed, stamped, and sent under cover to the Postmaster with a statement that they are to go by the "R.S.A.". This will be the first trip of South Africa's new ship, the "R.S.A.". There has been no official statement of the meaning of these initials, but the Publicity Office takes them to stand for either "Republiek van Suid Afrika" or "Republic of South Africa".

There will be no calls en route and it is expected that the ship will be at the base for at least a month, as there is a big programme of new buildings to be erected.

A new canceller is to be used, not the old S.A.N.A.E. one. This will show an outline of the ship, an outline map of South Africa and a dotted line from it to the Antarctic continent.

N.B.—The ship actually sailed on the 6th. **Marion Island.**

After the return of the ship with the party which has been on Antarctica for rather over a year, it will proceed with reliefs for the meteorological stations on Marion and Gough Islands.

The former is once again to have its own canceller, the use of which has been discontinued since March, 1958. Whether the previous one is to be brought back into use or it is to have a new one is not yet known.

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POSTMARK CORNER

Roberts Heights.

This was the name given to the central garrison camp and training centre in the Transvaal for the British troops in that colony subsequent to 1902.

The name and purpose of the camp remained after Union and British troops left.

During World War II there was still a civil Roberts Heights P.O. for the use of the Union troops there. The postmark used was a double-circle one of 25 mm. full diameter, the name being between the circles and the date in one line across the centre.

Changes in the name began to be made in the early 1940's. With dates ranging from 1940 to 1944 I have three varieties:—

- (a) Roberts Heights Roberts Heights—running continuously round.
- (b) Roberts Heights at the top, Roberts-hoogte at the bottom—not continuous.

(c) Robertshoogte Roberts Heights—running continuously round. This specimen is on a cover with a cachet "Central Air Force Training Depot / Voortrekkerhoogte / P.O. Roberts Heights."

Roberts Heights and Robertshoogte P.O.'s went out between 1946 and 1950 and now there is only Voortrekkerhoogte P.O.

—J.H.H.P.

Mr. C. I. Calitz of Mossel Bay has forwarded several covers with markings which he thinks might be of interest to readers of "Postmark Corner." Among these are:—

(a) An O.H.M.S. envelope posted at Uniondale in 1947 with the slogan printed in purple from a rubber stamp "Hou die dood van die pad af/Keep death off the roads." The lettering is 2½ mm. high, all caps. Roman type.

(b) Cover sent to Oudtshoorn, with "not known at" in M/S alongside the address, also a handstamp in red "UNKNOWN/ONBEKEND." Presumably returned to senders, whose address on the back has red ink crosses marked.

(c) Cover sent from Mossel Bay to Walvis Bay in 1956. Has a handstamp in red with six reasons for return; the first one "Vertrek/Left" being ticked off. There is also a notice in red "Back to sender/Terug na af-senders".

(d) Cover sent to an officer in the S.A.A.F.—M.E.F. in 1944 with the brief endorsement in blue pencil on the front "Killed." On the back is "Return to" with an arrow pointing to the sender's name and address.

(e) A cover posted at Oudtshoorn on 9.III.61 without stamps. There is what may be a temporary T mark—a circle of 34 mm. diam which is partly, but not completely all black but with a T 17 mm. high left white in the centre. The recipients were not taxed on receipt of it.

Mr. S. L. Crozet reports the recent introduction at Germiston of a new type of machine postmark; this has a double-circle die of the same overall diameter as the previous single-circle one (22 mm.). The wording and numerals are as before.

Last Day Union T.P.O. Covers.

Mr. J. J. Wiid of Richmond, C.P., reports that he has two commemorative covers of the last day's of the runs of the Transvaal T.P.O. in 1950.

It may be remembered that the last complete T.P.O. service in the Union was be-

tween Cape Town and Johannesburg, but this was operated in two sections, the Western between Cape Town and De Aar, and the Transvaal between De Aar and Johannesburg. The Western section was withdrawn at the end of May, 1950, but the Transvaal section carried on till the end of July, 1950. (In the S.A. Ph. Vol. 26, 1950, p. 167 the date is wrongly given as end of June, 1950).

Mr. Wiid's covers appear, from a sketch he has submitted, to be decorated with a pillar box with a wheel behind it—symbolic presumably of a travelling post office. The postmarks on the last trip south are "T.P.O. SOUTH/2" with dates 28 JUL 50 and 29 JUL 50. The marks on the last trip north are "T.P.O. NORTH/3" with dates 30.VII.50 and 31.VII.50. Both covers are endorsed by the three postal officials who travelled with the T.P.O.'s Messrs. C. Sandow, C. J. S. Petsman and E. A. Steyn.

Mr. Wiid is desirous to know whether other collectors have similar covers.

New Slogan.

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REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Commonwealth Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth Stamps, published by the Commonwealth Stamp Coy., 7 Leather Lane, Liverpool. Price 8/6d. (Postage 9d. extra).

This 1962 edition, issued on 27 October, 1961, is very considerably larger than the previous one, there having been so much new material to add. But it is very well up-to-date with the matter included.

The prices given reflect not merely the publisher's stocks, but the current market prices. As in the past there is quite a lot of information not readily otherwise findable—e.g. booklets, prices for F.D.C.'s numbers issued, etc., etc.

The illustrations of stamps, varieties, overprints, etc are numerous and very well produced.

All in all, highly recommended to all collectors of this interesting group of stamps.

Bolaffi's Specialized Catalogue of Roman States, Romagna and Vatican City, published by the Philatelic Publishing Co., Via A Genovesi 2, Torino, Italy. Price \$1.25 (12/6d.) post free.

A 2nd De Luxe edition, beautifully produced, with 50 pages, 275 illustrations and 2,100 prices. The catalogue is in English with pricings in U.S.A. currency; the prices are for stamps in very fine condition and it may be said that owing to the great demand there have been increases for practically all quotations in the previous edition.

Union Animal Series Pamphlets, by the South African Study Circle. Price 10c each.

A fourth pamphlet has appeared still dealing as was foreshadowed in our December issue, with the 1d. Wildebeest. This one is concerned with stamps originating from multipositives C and D.

We suggest to the publishers that it would be a convenience from a reference point of view if the pamphlets were serially numbered. (N.B.—We are not certain that this has not already been done; there is a possible "No. 4" in the top right corner of the front page of this issue, but it is so faint that we cannot be certain of it).

Stanley Gibbons "Simplified" Catalogue, 1962, Price 25/- net.

This marvellous production is in the format adopted last year, but there have been

3,959 stamps and 918 illustrations added. As before it is meant for the collector who does not worry about perforation, watermark or other varieties and where such exist the prices given are for the cheapest varieties.

As a matter of curiosity we checked up on several items given in S.G. Standard Catalogues Parts I and III; we could not find any mention at all of "Long Island," "Madagascar British Consular Post" or the more or less local issues of the "Peru-Chile Wars" and "Tierra del Fuego." Are their omissions part of the space-saving economics which have been adopted in resetting the catalogue?

Switzerland Catalogue 1962 Ed. Published by Amateur Collector Ltd., 27 Westbury Road, Woodside Park, London N12. Edited by L. N. & M. Williams. Price 13/- post free.

An excellent little catalogue in English. Catalogue numbers are those used by Zumbstein. Prices have again gone up in some instances but not in so many, or to such an extent, as in European Continental catalogues. It claims to be the only catalogue in the world listing the "T" overprints of Postage Dues. Altogether this is a first class production of 78 pages.

Katalogo D'Asta.

The Italian Ambassador has sent us this catalogue, which we think is something quite new in the Philatelic Auctions line.

The Italian Ministry of Posts is selling off their supplies of obsolete stamps by a series of public auctions. The stamps range in character and date from 1867 Papal States to Kingdom of Italy 1925 and Commune di Campione 1944. The quantities in each lot vary from one through tens, hundreds and thousands, up to as many as 150,000 in some cases.

It is fairly obvious therefore that the sales will appeal mainly to wholesalers. The first sale was billed for 12th December and we fancy they will go on for months. Bids may be made by post, but the arrangements are rather complex.

EXCHANGE WANTED

The Johannesburg Director of Publicity has forwarded a request for exchange of stamps from Miss B. Weichmann, Bandstrasse 6, Wappenthal-Elberfeld, Western Germany.

BECHUANALAND

VARIETIES IN THE "PROVISIONALS"

It was suggested in our November issue that now when the main types of the various overprints are agreed on, that the time had come for a listing of the varieties to be found in these stamps.

A start in this direction has been made by Mr. P. N. Bullivant in "Stamp Collecting" of 29/9/61, p. 99. The Mafeking and Bechuanaland Philatelic Society have responded valiantly to our suggestion and have forwarded the following list of varieties, which are additional to those in Bullivant's list.

It should be mentioned however that in one or two of the varieties here mentioned the variant is in the basic stamp itself, not in the overprint.

1c. Type II (2nd Setting).

The overprint is down through the name panel, the base of the figure 1 and the lower curve of the C resting on the lower frame line, while in others they rest in the white margin above the perforation. Only one sheet seems to have carried this variant.

2½ cent/3d. Blue.

There were three shades of the basic blue stamps due to reprintings while the stamp was a definitive issue. When supplies were called in for overprinting they included the three shades. They are not of much interest.

In the overprinting some haste was apparently used when setting the type. It is possible to see on a sheet of the stamps three different arrangements of the fraction and the letter C.

Generally the fraction is set higher than the base of the digit 2 but in places the base of the fraction is on the same level as the digit 2, while in other places the fraction is set lower as is seen in the 2½c Brown type II.

The overprinting did not take evenly over the whole range of stamps and there are examples of spoilt fractions. These however are not constant on each sheet. The variation seems to have occurred where the overprinting was applied to stamps which had rather more than the usual coating of blue ink.

3½ cent Types I and II.

Stamp No. 3 on the 9th row—Type II has a thick C, the thickening being on the inner side of the C.

5c. Type 1.

Stamp No. 4 on the 10th row has the hollow C which has been noted as on the 2c and the deterioration in the type face ended in the appearance of a broken C as has been reported on the 1c type I.

10c. Thick Paper.

Examples have been seen where the overprinting taken horizontally falls out of line. It is also much more to the right on the face of the stamp. In a strip of three the first 10c rests on the top of "Bechuanaland," in the next stamp it drops lower, while in the third stamp the base of the overprint rests on the word "Protectorate."

Examples have been seen of the Vignette being raised and leaving a thin white bar above the name plate.

Another variation is the tilting of the vignette upwards and to the right so that the twigs of the Baobab tree enter the Portrait space and a white bar appears vertically against the left frame line.

12½c. Type II.

One Sheet was seen with the overprinting falling from the horizontal line across the rows of stamps. On the first stamp in the row the base of the 12½c is on the word Protectorate while at sixth stamp the base is down to the bottom of the name panel.

50 cent.

The overprint has been seen with major displacement. In some cases part of the figure 5 is on the white margin at the left of the stamp while in others the movement was toward the right and the tips of the letter C are in the margin at the right of the stamp.

R1. Type II.

A displacement of overprint takes part of the letter R over the left frame line on to the white margin of the Stamp. This apparently occurred on the lower half of one sheet.

R1. Type III.

All collectors know that this stamp was a reprint of the basic stamp and is on thinner paper. The job was apparently rushed by Waterlows (not de la Rue as was sometime reported) and the finish of the product left much to be desired.

Some of the stamps came in sheets and some in half sheets. On the latter the stamps are for the most part poorly centred the perforations on one side touching the frame line. Three half sheets were seen

which ought to have been rejected by the Printers and possibly the condition of these may be the reason for the half sheets—the other halves having been rejected and destroyed.

The first variant is a tilting of the vignette upward and to the right. The twigs of the Baobab tree penetrating into the portrait space and leaving a white vertical bar at the side of the left frame line.

The second variant is a dropping of the vignette which carries the grass of the foreground into the name panel.

The third is a marked drop in the vignette towards the left. This leaves a space between the twigs of the tree and the frame of the portrait and the Baobab tree has moved left on to the frame line.

A Mystery.

A Mystery surrounds the 2½ cent on 3d. Blue. According to the Government Printer 120,000 were printed while of the 5c Type I only 30,000. Comparatively the 5c is a scarcer stamp yet in the London Market the prices quoted for the 2½c are from 7/6 to 10/- and for the 5c 5/-. It appears that in fact to the trade the 2½c is the scarcer item. So far as one understands a quantity of the 2½c was sent to the Printer about September, 1960, but following an increased demand in the Protectorate Post Offices for the "Tickey" Stamps a large quantity was recalled from Pretoria for the general use. Can it be that the Government Printer has used the number delivered to him in the first instance and that this differs markedly from the number overprinted? If not where did the 120,000 stamps go? The 2½c blue were not on sale for long in the Post Offices. They were soon sold out.

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Mr. R. Brownlow, the Hon. Sec. of the "M. and B. Phil. Soc." informs us that he is preparing what promises to be a fairly lengthy article on the overprints of the 2½c on 2d. brown.

Meanwhile one or two other reports of varieties have been sent us and we quote here those referring to Bechuanaland.

(1) 3½c on 4d. Mr. R. Adersor of Johannesburg has found on Type III that the first and second vertical rows show a raised "3" also that on the same sheets stamps 3 of row 7 has a thick "c". (This last has been noted in Mr. Bullivant's list).

(2) 10c. Mr. Sydney R. Wood of Cape Town corroborates the occurrence of the tilting of

the vignette with the Baobab twigs entering the portrait and the white bar inside the frame line. Note that there is a similar occurrence in the R1 Type III stamps.

(Now we are ready for more comprehensive listings of varieties in Basutoland and Swaziland.—Ed.).

NORWAY

On 10th October two stamps, 45 and 90 öre, were issued commemorating the centenary of the birth of Fridtjof Nansen; they feature his portrait.

On 10th November another two stamps of the same denominations were issued in honour of another polar explorer, Roald Amundsen, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of his South Polar Expedition. One stamp bears his portrait with his ship and a dog-sledge team in the foreground; the other shows a tent with the national flag flying over the South Pole, and his party standing at attention nearby. They were actually at the Pole from 14 to 17 December, 1961.

ISRAEL

The ministry of Posts announces the issue of two stamps (IL 0.25 and 0.30) honouring the achievements of afforestation in the land; also one of IL 0.50 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Dates of issue not given.

SWEDEN

30 öre and 1.70 kr stamps are due on 29th January, commemorating the centenary of the first delivery by postmen.

GOUGH ISLAND

A small mail brought by the "Tristania" received a Paquebot cancellation at Cape Town on 20/12/61.

FRANCE

Two semi-postals (0.20 and 0.25), with surtax of 0.10 for Red Cross, were issued on 4/12/61.

EUROPA—1961

This set of stamps seems to have taken the front page news for some weeks in the overseas philatelic press, the excitement about South African decimal overprints having faded out.

In 1960 all nineteen members of the C.E.P.T. (Conference of European and Telecommunications Administrations) issued a set of stamps; in 1961 from Nordic countries (Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Finland did not. Austria and Eire also abstained). To make up for it there were sets from Liechtenstein and San Marino, to say nothing of the local overprints from Herm Island for the private post to Guernsey.

Collectors experienced difficulties in obtaining complete sets. In Luxemburg and Liechtenstein the stamps were sold out on the day of issue, the rush at the local post offices being fantastic; in Iceland the supplies appear to have been cornered by local interests, and their prices soared; Turkey apparently genuinely underestimated the demand.

A comment in one paper is "It is to be deplored that these stamps are developing from publicity for international postal communication to purely speculative gambling counters."

ST. HELENA—TRISTAN RELIEF

Tristan da Cunha was, very nominally, a Dependency of St. Helena. A small supply of Tristan stamps was kept there for the convenience of visitors, just as stamps of Ascension are obtainable there. (See "S.A. Ph." Vol. 34, 1958, p. 132 and Vol. 35, 1959, p. 25).

In October, 1961, when the story of the Tristan eruption broke, four denominations of Tristan stamps (2½, 5, 7½ and 10 cents) were overprinted locally "ST. HELENA/Tristan Relief" with a + and additional values for the relief fund; these surcharges were respectively 3d., 6d., 9d. and 1/-.

Information as to how many were so overprinted and surcharged is not yet available, nor is it known how many were actually sold. It so happened that a Union-Castle liner called at St. Helena and some stamps were certainly bought and brought to South Africa.

A set of the four stamps, all cancelled "ST. HELENA/OC 18/61" was put up for

auction at Mildenhall Associate's sale on 4th December with a reserve price of £200. It is understood that the highest offer was £100, but it has not been disclosed whether or not this was accepted.

It is understood that after the overprinted stamps had been on sale for a few days the reserve stock of Tristan stamps was impounded under instructions from the Crown Agents. Whether this applied also to the overprinted stamps (which would appear to have become St. Helena stamps) is not yet clear.

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SOCIETY NEWS

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

October Meeting. President's Cup Competition. Ten exhibits were entered for this and the show was as good as could be expected at any National exhibition.

Dr. K. Freund's exhibit of "Rembrandt on Stamps" was judged to be the best and he therefore became the holder of the cup for the coming year.

New issues and acquisitions were shown by Mr. H. E. Roux, Mrs. Gray, and Dr. R. van Zyl-Smit.

GERMISTON P.S.

At the **November meeting** the following exhibits were shown: Mr. H. P. Helmes—Federal Germany from 1949 onwards; Mr. A. C. Rix—Ghana, Great Britain and New Zealand; Mrs. A. M. Adams—Birds on stamps; Mr. J. Bogner—N.Z. Healths.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

November. Ons is terug in Johannesburg na Jubilex-1961, om te getuig dat ons lede met groot welslae uit die stryd getree het. Verskeie lede het hulle deeglik laat geld en ons is trots om te sê dat een van hulle dan ook met die Grootprys weg geloop het, en dit met 'n Unie-versameling. Voorwaar 'n dubbele prestasie. Dit is dan ook die eerste keer dat 'n Unie-versameling met die hoogste roem kan spog. En die man wat dit vermag het . . . niemand anders as lid M. J. Raal van Heidelberg in die Kaap.

Drie puik uitstallings het ons gaste van die Wesrand vergesel en nie minder as twee van hulle het met Jubilex met twee hoë onderskeidings uit die stryd getree. Mnr. I. H. C. Godfrey het ons sy Lugbriefvorm-versameling waarmee hy die American Philatelic Society se spesiale toekenning en 'n vergulde silwer medalje gewen het, kom wys en Mnr. J. H. Bruwer die versameling van die Unie se Dierereeks wat die Blum-trofee en 'n vergulde silwer medalje verower het. Die derde uitstalling was 'n studie van die 2½c uitgawes van die Republiek, deur Mnr. S. A. Milford—'n kort maar buitengewone groepie wat alreeds propvol interessante goedjies is. 'n Saamgestelde uitstalling wat deurgaans boeiend was en wat met groot waardering ontvang is.

PRETORIA P.S.

November. Competition for the Society's Premier Award, the "Lecky-Watson Trophy." There were four entries: Mr. D. J. C.

Reynders—S. Rhodesia, 1890-1960; Mr. Slagt—Netherlands, 1852 issues; Mr. J. M. Weinstein—Turkish P.O.'s from 1896; Mr. L. J. Dodd—Union Revenues from 1913. Dr. Reissner, the leader of the judges, commented on the exhibits and named Mr. Reynders as the winner for 1961.

Among members of the Society gaining awards at Jubilex only one will be mentioned by name, viz. Mr. J. M. Weinstein, our worthy Chairman; he was awarded the special "Royal Medallion" and a Gold Medal for his "Palestine Forerunners."

Other members obtained altogether one Gold, five Silver and five Bronze medals, also four Certificates of Merit. It must be mentioned, however, that some of these winners were also members of other Societies and were probably included in their reports also.

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

November 9. This was the Simenhoff Cup evening when the ladies competed. There were some interesting exhibits, the winner being Mrs. Hilda Jeidel with her "Belgian Congo." The runners-up were Mrs. Coe (Australia), Miss R. Polchett (South Africa since 1910), Mrs. A. Bergman (Airmail covers of the World and Pre-Union Covers). After tea there was the presentation of the Jubilex Awards to members as also to the Committee Members. The President took his leave as he was due to go overseas for several months.

November 23. This was unusual as it was a wife and husband evening. Mrs. H. Jeidel showed "Israel" which was a collection covering all the issues with varieties, followed by Mr. R. Jeidel who showed "Egypt." This collection was indeed interesting as not only were the first issues well set out but there were proofs etc. Needless to say both exhibitors gave interesting talks. Mr. R. Putzel, the Vice-President, gave his usual new issue and information talk. —M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB CAPE TOWN

November 13. There were three exhibitors. Firstly Mr. D. Shevelew showed his "Belgian and Holland" for the first time. This general collection was well commented on at the meeting. Then also the members were able to see the whole of Mr. R. Castignani's (Pretoria) collection "Nudes on Stamps" which had been exhibited at JUBILEX. This was a surprise exhibit which was more than appreciated by the members. It is always pleasant to see exhibits from other centres and especially one such as this. The third exhibit was a collection by Capt. M. F. Stern of flown covers 1960-1961, illustrating the rapid development of Luft Hansa's jet services to all parts of the world—namely South and North America, Europe, Middle East, Russia, and Far East.

November 27. This was a dual showing of "German Inflation Period and the Stories behind it" by Mrs. H. Jeidel and Mr. R. C. Steinbauer. Mr. Steinbauer showed the stamps from 1919 up to 1925 and gave a long talk on inflation and how it operated in Germany, with its history. This was followed by Mrs. Jeidel, who showed many interesting covers of the period and a short interesting talk on her personal and family experiences during that period. —M.F.S.

EAST LONDON P.S.

December Meeting. The President's Cup Competition was won by Mr. G. H. Immelman, with a wonderful showing of Cape Postal History, which recently secured a Silver Medal at Jubilex. As the President remarked, members had never seen so many stamps on display at a meeting. Mr. Leo Hellman came a very close second, with his remarkable collection of Philatelic Terms Illustrated.

Messrs. Paviour and Shingler also displayed Christmas Seals Stamps. One new member was elected.

The Exchange Superintendents reported that the missing packet had been found locally, carefully tucked away in the drawer of a desk! If certain members had sent in their report sheets, this would not have happened. —J.P.S.

MAFEKING & BECHUANALAND P.S.

The Mafeking Society is making fine progress, the membership having reached 29. Of these, three irreplaceable members in Lichtenburg, 30 miles from Mafeking and 80 from Lobatsi, created so much interest in their Town that J. L. Harrison and R. W. Brownlow were constrained to take over "Exhibits," the former showing a fine lot of G.B. 1d. Blacks and the latter a varied assortment of stamps.

Some thirty grown-up and as many teenagers came to the MOTH Hall and were entranced with the exhibits and delighted with the witty and informative talk given by R. W. Brownlow.

In November an Open Forum was held in Lobatsi when a display was given for the benefit of the Townspeople who are becoming collectors as a result of the publicity created by the Society which has had numerous letters of thanks from Collectors all over the world for the assistance given to them in making their decimal overprint sets complete.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

November 27. In absentia Mr. and Mrs. E. Hunt showed us some fascinating sheets from their awe-inspiring collections. How fortunate we are to have such members in our midst who are so generous in letting us

share in the treasures that they have accumulated. In their notes covering the display, the Hunts described the show as "a variety of small selections from their many collections and oddments." The emphasis was on France, with a Balloon Letter from the siege of Paris of 1870; an original cover with the 20c blue of 1853-1860 with serpentine roulette (a probably unique item); the only known copy of the 80c of 1853-1861 double impression (SG 74a) on cover; some very fine French covers all 100 years or more old, and an unusual item, an official letter to the lost Dragoon written in 1801. Amongst the Transvaal shown were some sheets of the early issues from the collection of the famous Anthropologist, the late Dr. Broom. One sheet showed the designs of the proposed issue for President Paul Kruger for the Z.A.R.

Colour Trials of the Transvaal Edwardians; Die-proofs of Great Britain and unissued designs and proofs of the Oxford and other College stamps; British Consular stamps of Madagascar; sheets of unusual Stellaland; two mint sheets of Griqualand West from the Ferrari collection; sheets of Cape Triangulars—including some wood-block error of colour; some sheets of Sperati reproductions with genuine examples for comparison; a strip of four of the Mount Currie Express showing the four types of the stamp, and a block of four of postally used Bechuanaland overprinted on Transvaal fiscals were some of the other interesting items which rounded up a fascinating evening.

December 12. Ladies' night, and there were three exhibitors. Firstly Miss Anna Smith showed an interesting olla podrida of "Firsts." A few of these were No. 1's according to catalogue but others, to mention only a few, were the first coloured stamp, was it the 1d. black or the 2d. blue? Well, that depends on your definition—is black a colour or is it an absence of colour? An interesting advertisement from the London "Times" of 1842 revealed what appeared to be the first lady collector, who had a collection of 270,000 1d. blacks. Just think of it!

There was shown the first miniature sheet, the first mourning stamp, the first of various forms of printing, etc., etc. One thing Miss Smith failed in (like many before her) was to discover the name of the Frenchman who first used the term "Philately." Perhaps she will be able to track that down yet—good hunting to her.

Mrs. Koralek shewed selections of her very beautiful collections of stamps from various countries, showing the masterpieces of a number of world-famous artists reproduced on the country's stamps. As a sideline she told of a "collection" of an Austrian Baron who had the wall of his study decorated with 350,000 stamps showing the Emperor's Head, all arranged in the shape of the Austrian eagle. She actually saw them, but admits that she did not check up on the quantity said to be on view.

Mrs. Joseph showed a selection of Swiss "Soldiers' stamps." These are interesting colourful productions but it is admitted that

they have no postal value. All soldiers called up for training have free postage allowed them so that stamps on their letters are unnecessary if they are so marked. The so-called military stamps are labels sold in aid of the regimental funds.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

7th November. The quiz on the stamps of Africa—rather a stinger—was won by Mr. R. Lavanbe. Mr. R. Mills displayed stamps and first-day covers of the U.S.A.

21st November. The quiz this time resulted in a tie between Mr. A. Waddington and Mr. R. Lavange. Mr. Waddington also gave an excellent display of modern British Colonials.

In future the Society is only to have one meeting per month and it is hoped this will raise the standard. The Society is now operating its own Exchange Packet system.
—R.F.N.

EAST RAND P.S.

November Meeting was the Combined Meeting with the Springs and Germiston Societies. There was an excellent turn-out of 55 and Mr. H. Behrandt, chairman of the East Rand, thanked Mr. T. G. Earnshaw of Springs for his idea of this combined meeting, which meeting was agreed would take place annually, namely November, 1962, at Springs. Mr. Retief, Chairman from Germiston, responded saying this was a brilliant idea to encourage philately amongst members. Mr. L. Feinstein suggested that a non-competitive competition be held, displays not to exceed 20/30 sheets. Displays: Springs—Mr. Isaacs, Israel; Mr. A. Orlikowski—Poland; Mr. T. G. Earnshaw—Netherlands. Germiston — Dr. Kaplan — Early France; J. S. Stolk—Moravia and Bohemia; Mr. S. L. Crozet—Tristan de Cuhna. East Rand—Mr. S. Legator "The Cape." The exhibits were of good standard, illustrative and many elusive items.
—H.N.

S.A. COLLECTORS SOCIETY


This Society held its 10th A.G.M. on 21st October, 1961, in London. The following were elected for the ensuing year: **Chairman**, Mr. R. D. Allen, Snr.; **Hon. Sec./Treas.** and **Hon. Editor** of "Springbok," Mr. C. E. Sherwood, 105, Marford Crescent, Sale, Cheshire; **Committee**, Mr. E. Lauder, Mr. D. V. Parker and Mr. W. A. Page (also London Hon. Secretary—138, Chastilian Road, Dartford, Kent).

A member donated an Award, to be held annually by the member publishing the best article or work in the year, on S.A. Philately.

An auction and a bourse both did good trade and there was held the 8th annual exhibition, at which a big range of exhibits was displayed.

U.N.O.

The United Nations Children's Fund was honoured by the issue on 4 December of three stamps (3, 4 and 13c). The design is three chicks in a nest, being fed by the mother bird.



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CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

The main feature in the December number is a brief history of the stamps of the territory of Tanganyika, with illustrations of the independence issue of 9-XII-61.

A separate pamphlet gives a very brief history of the island and its earlier stamps. The new definitive issue of 12-XII-61 is fully described and illustrated.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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Fourth Issue of the 2½c Denomination.

During the latter part of December, 1961, a new Issue of the 2½c denomination made its appearance at Post Offices, much to the surprise of collectors as following so closely upon the previous one, and also for its method of preparation.

Printed upon unwatermarked paper by the Albertinia Machine, in similar manner to that of Issue I, in sheets comprising four panes each. The former were guillotined horizontally into halves and then perforated by an external appliance, the halved-completion of which operation, the halved-sheets were further divided into single panes.

The panes of sheet format 5 x 20 (100) stamps, follow a similar pattern, the general characteristics of which are recorded here, the sheets being positioned so that the image on the stamp appears upright.

Centrally positioned mauve arrows of the premanufactured type occupy the top and bottom margins which, including the right hand one, are imperforate, the left margin only being perforated through. The perforation of the sheets was carried out by the Grover Two Row Perforator, bestowing upon the stamps a perforation gauge of 14 x 14.

Mauve single line broken bars, with a central gap, occupy the right and left hand margins, while the cylinder numbers, Int. 3

and Ext. 5, are inscribed in green and mauve respectively, on the sheets' left margin, opposite Row 5.



The Panes are lettered A, B, C or D, which denomination is prefixed to a six figured black serial number, the digits, 4.5 mm. high, being of a greater size than those previously used. The combined Letter and Serial Number is imprinted as a unit on the sheets' left margin, opposite Row 4, and indicates that the particular type of cyclo-meter possessed a specially incorporated "sheet letter." The position of the panes has not been determined officially as yet, but an observation based upon the marginal position of the punched-out holes used for perforation purposes, suggests that Pane A occupies the top left, Pane B the top right, Pane C the bottom left, and Pane D the bottom right quadrants respectively of the original sheet.

The purpose of the marginal punched-out holes, referred to, is to assemble the sheets of stamps suitably on the Grover Perforator by fitting over protruding pins on it. The holes, surrounded by mauve concentric circles and pierced by a vertical mauve line, are made at the time the sheets are printed, and

appear on the top margin of Panes A and C, above stamps 13 and 14 of Row 1, and on the bottom margin of Panes B and D, below stamps 13 and 14 of Row 5. The bottom margin of Pane B also carries the Printer's double vertical and inclined lines, in mauve opposite Row 17, and in green opposite Row 18. These marks appeared on Pane A of the previous series.

The printing follows the style and format of its predecessor, and has been well executed in the previously used colours for the 2½c denomination, green and mauve. Screened cylinders, in quadrant format, were employed, each quadrant having been formed from the same multipositive as had been used for the previous Issue from Cylinders S 15 and S 18, thus bestowing upon the latter and each pane of the former the same multipositive flaws. Fine cross-mesh screening had been used, but due to ink-density, this may appear mosaic on certain portions of the stamps which are of format 14 x 14 mm., and prepared from the Redrawn Design used for Cyl. No. S 15/S 18 printing.

Common Multipositive Flaws:

Row:—

- 1-9. Vertical line on Gable, above horizontal lines and in line with 2½c.
- 1-11. Dot on Gable, and another left of window above door.
- 1-13. Dot on top frame in line with K of REPUBLIEK.
- 1-20. Dot to left of window above door.
- 2-5. Dot in top gutter-margin, above P of REPUBLIEK.

Some of the Cylinder Flaws, selected mainly as those which would appear on a miniature sheet assembly, are listed hereunder:

Row:—

PANE A.

- 1-1. Mauve dot right of bunch of grapes.
- 1-10. Mauve smudge above large 2 of 2½c.
- 2-1. Tiny mauve dot left of bunch of grapes.
- 2-17. Mauve dot in right corner of gable, also mauve dot below K of AFRIKA.
- 3-14. Several mauve smudges below KA of AFRIKA.
- 4-10. Mauve smudge in gable.
- 5-10. Small mauve scratch mark left of bottom right window.

PANE B.

- 1-1. Small mauve dot in Gable.
- 1-2. Tiny mauve dot in top right corner of parapet wall.

- 1-19. Mauve smudge above door.
- 2-2. Tiny mauve dot at bottom of left doorpost.
- 4-20. Tiny mauve dot right of figure in gable.
- 5-1. Tiny mauve dot left of figure in gable.
- 5-18. Small mauve dot left of figure in gable.

PANE C.

Apex of top arrow has a small horizontal smudge.

- 1-1. Mauve dot left of bunch of grapes, also various dots on gable.
- 2-1. Tiny mauve dot left of figure in gable.
- 3-11. Various dots in figure of value.
- 4-19. Dot left of figure in gable.
- 5-1. Tiny mauve dot, left of figure in gable.

PANE D.

- 1-2. Mauve Smudge left of large 2 of figure of value.
- 2-9. Mauve dot in top right corner of stamp.
- 4-2. Mauve dot on right margin of stamp, opposite A of AFRIKA.
- 4-3. Mauve dot in gable.
- 4-14 and 15. Marginal scratch mark between these stamps.
- 5-17. Tiny mauve dot left of top frame of top window.

Recent Distributions.

5c—The 5c denomination has now appeared on unwatermarked paper. Printing conditions remained the same, and the original characteristics were present. An unusual feature of the printing is that of the Baobab Tree showing through on the gummed side of the sheet.

10c—An issue of the 10c value, printed on unwatermarked paper, has been made to post offices, and this should be tabulated along with those recorded in our December 1961 Notes, as: (d) 4th Distribution—November 1961. No watermark. Red sheet numbers, and various stages of the origin of the marginal brown flaws.

A small brown flaw, in different stages of development, may be detected positioned astride the marginal perforation, near the bottom right corner of stamp 20, Row 5. Its origin may be considered to give support to the theory that the printing on unwatermarked paper had been made between two printings on the watermarked variety, but not issued to post offices in that order.

Paper.

It has not been possible, as yet, to obtain any official information concerning the types of paper which are being used for stamp printing purposes, and further, as recent issues are appearing on the unwatermarked variety, it would appear that the "unwatermarked printings" are the result of old or odd rolls of paper being brought into commission so as to consume them. If this were so, those printings made on unwatermarked paper would appear to be the more desirable, and this assumption is supported by the fact that the 1c value printed on unwatermarked paper is, up to the present, a scarce item, particularly Pane A.

Incidentally, an examination conducted upon the paper used for the 1c denomination, determined that three different types of paper, of two thicknesses, .003 and .025 mm., have been employed.

Sheet Numbers.

As recent issues of the Republic's Stamps are appearing with sheet serial numbers, it may be concluded that this practice will continue.

If this were so, the unenumerated printings of the various denominations will probably be the more desirable, and according to the adage "out of issue, out for ever," readers may be well advised to see to their requirements while stocks are available.

This note applies particularly to the 50c and R1 values, of which, due to their limited usage, small printings are normally made and rapidly become in short supply. Unfortunately, a strip of ten of these stamps, required to prove the observer of sheet numbers, is costly, and may mean scraping the bottom of the philatelic barrel for their acquisition.

"Volkspele" Commemorative Postage Stamp.

A 2½c Commemorative Postage Stamp will be issued on the 1st March, 1962, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the start of Volkspele (Folk Dancing) in South Africa, namely in 1912. The stamp will show two Volkspelers (Folk Dancers) in traditional costume and the caption "1912 Volkspele 1962". The colours of the stamp will be orange and brown, and the size 24.2 x 40.5 mm. They will be printed in vertical format in sheets of 100 stamps each.

First Day Covers, for registration and date stamping may be handed in at Post Offices on the 1st March, 1962.



A special commemorative date stamp, of fixed date "I.III:1962" and of a suitable design, will be used at Bloemfontein on the 1st March, 1962. Persons who desire to obtain an impression of this special date-stamp on commemorative covers, must send addressed envelopes, not wider than 4 inches, to the Postmaster (Philatelic), G.P.O., Bloemfontein. Such orders must be accompanied by the necessary remittance (not in cheque form) to pay for the stamps to be affixed to the envelopes, and must reach the Post Master, Bloemfontein, not later than the 26th February, 1962.

CRIPPLES' CARE

Every year in March, and for several months afterwards, our post offices handle envelopes with gay little messages of "Hope for Cripples" affixed to them in the form of Easter Stamps.

These are sold by the National Council for the Care of Cripples in its annual drive to maintain its Easter Stamp Fund for Cripples.



The artist Reg. Friendenthal, planned his design for the 1962 stamp using bright colours and more effective lay-out with a view to conveying to the public at a glance the fact that "Easter Stamps help Cripples" and to do this he endeavoured to portray a brighter mood.

The actual stamp has been printed in red, gold and black on a light background with reverse lettering. The basic design can be seen in the accompanying illustration.

RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RHODESIA-LONDON AIR MAIL SERVICE

By I. H. C. Godfrey

Before the issue on 6th February of the three stamps to commemorate the Rhodesia-London air mail service, the Ministry of Posts for the Federation supplied the following interesting information in the form of an official circular:—

The London-Rhodesia Air Mail Service.

Aviation has developed at a phenomenal rate in the last 30 years, and these developments have had as much effect on Africa as on any other part of the world. The first Britain to South Africa flight, by Lt. Col. Pierre van Ryneveld and Capt. Quintin Brand, was made in 1920. It occupied a total of 109 flying hours, spread over a period of 46 days. Twelve years later the first scheduled flights were introduced between Britain and the Cape.

At first the scheduled time from the Cape to London was 10½ days, and the journey involved two sectors, from Cairo to Alexandria, and from Brindisi to Paris, that had to be covered by train. The first flight took even longer than this, owing to a mishap to the aeroplane that left Salisbury on the 29th January, 1932. This force-landed in a swamp near Broken Hill, and the mails did not reach Broken Hill until the 4th February. A relief machine picked up the mails at this point and left the territory of what is now the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on the 6th February, 1932, arriving in London on the 16th February. D. H. Hercules aeroplanes were used as far as Kisumu, Short "Calcutta" Flying Boats to Khartoum, "Argosy" air liners to Cairo, followed by Short "Scipio" Flying Boats from Alexandria to Brindisi and Handley Page "Heracles" aeroplanes from Paris to London.

New, faster types of aircraft were introduced on the route at frequent intervals. The first change took place in 1933 when Armstrong Whitworth "Atalantas" appeared, followed by Empire "C" class Flying Boats which operated from 1937 to 1945, and are probably the best remembered of the earlier aircraft. Since the war the aircraft used have been the Avro York, Short "Solent" Flying Boats, Handley Page Hermes, D.C. 4, Constellation, Argonaut and

Britannia, followed by the D.H. Comet and Boeing 707 jet airliners currently in service, which complete the journey between Salisbury and London in 16 hours, making it possible for a letter to be delivered in London the day after posting in Salisbury.

The inauguration of the first Rhodesia-London air mail service, and all developments since then, have been matters of great importance to the Post Office and to the public generally who use air mail services. The 30th anniversary of the first service is therefore an occasion worthy of commemoration by means of the issue of a special set of postage stamps.

The date chosen for the release of the stamps—6th February, 1962—may cause a certain amount of confusion to collectors who include First Flight covers in their hobby. For instance, many covers exist postmarked mid-December 1931, which bear official or private cachets such as "BY FIRST AIR MAIL FROM N. RHODESIA." Official markings, however, which were applied to mail in Bulawayo and Salisbury reading "EXPERIMENTAL FLIGHT," clarify the position of these covers.

The opening of Imperial Airways' London to Cape Town service had been fixed for January 20th, 1932 but on November 30th, 1931, the British Postmaster General issued a notice stating that in order to provide an opportunity for sending Christmas mail by air to Southern Africa, a flight would leave Croydon on December 9th. Mail for the three countries now forming the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was carried on this "Experimental" flight.

In connection with the inauguration of the first REGULAR air mail service, official souvenir envelopes were issued to the public and many privately printed covers exist. Practically all these mementos are postmarked between 23rd January (Nyasaland) and 28th January, 1932, (Southern and Northern Rhodesia) and the majority bear the official Post Office cachet "FIRST OFFICIAL AIR MAIL." To the writer's knowledge no covers emanating from Southern Rhodesia bear the postmark of 6th February, 1932, the date selected for the release of the 1962 commemorative stamps. The reason for the anomaly is explained in the Postmaster General's circular quoted above.

1s. 3d. denomination: An Empire "C" Class Flying Boat, just after take-off from the Zambezi River, near Livingstone.

No evidence can be produced that **Imperial Airways'** or **BOAC Flying Boats** of the Empire "C" Class, as depicted on the stamp, ever entered the Federation. All Rhodesian and Nyasaland airmail carried under the "Empire Air Mail Scheme" at 1½d. per half-ounce, which commenced so far as the Federation is concerned on 22nd July, 1938, and continued until the outbreak of war, was flown by the **Rhodesia & Nyasaland Airways (RANA)** to connect with these flying-boats at Beira, the aircraft used being De Havilland "Dragon Rapides."

ROLL OF HONOUR

DISTINGUISHED SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELISTS

WILLIAM NEWLANDS

Born in Pretoria on 1st September, 1907, and had all his schooling there in various institutions. After leaving school he entered the service of the S.A.R. & H. and was in various clerical posts, mostly in the Transvaal Lowveld area until 1932 when he left to join his father in the building industry, on the office side. He later became a director in the firm, serving also as a local director of the Natal Building Society from about 1950 until he left Pretoria for England late in 1959.

He left South Africa mainly for health reasons, and has also given up the building business. He has settled in Southport, Lancs., and makes the local inhabitants stare when he tells them that the winters in Pretoria and Johannesburg can be quite as cold as in England. He is married and has five children and one grandchild. All the children have names beginning with the letter "D," but he does not confide the reason for this little foible.

Now to come to his stamp activities.

Like many he started as a schoolboy; nearly gave up when he sold his first collection for £5 to a dealer who went broke before paying up. However, he got over it and carried on, firstly as a general collector but gradually concentrating on Southern Africa. Favourites in this zone were: O.F.S., Zululand, Anglo-Boer War material, Union Postage Dues, Nyasaland cheque stamps and N.F. Opt's., C.S.A.R. and N.G.R. Opt's. and perforated, also the T.P.O.'s connected with all these services.

Always interested in general history and geography, he almost inevitably turned to the postal history aspects of his favourites. He has published various articles of this type, including one on the P.O.'s and Pmks. of Zululand; one on the T.P.O.'s of O.F.S. and O.R.C. and another, involving much original research, on the Post Offices and Postal Agencies of the O.V.S., giving their opening (and where necessary) their closing dates. He has not been in the best of health recently but still keeps up his interest in philately; subjects he has taken up recently are Ireland, Channel Islands and the Faroe Islands.

Whilst in South Africa he was a member of the Pretoria, Johannesburg and Pretoria Railway Philatelic Societies. He also served as a member of the Federation's Expert Committee and behind the scenes on the "Stamps of South Africa" Handbook/Catalogue.

In England he belongs to "The Royal" and the Southport Societies, also to the Anglo-Boer War and the O.F.S. Study Circles.



Those who knew him in South Africa will see from the photograph published here that he is thinner in the face than he used to be. Compare it with the illustration in the "S.A. Ph." Vol. 32, 1956, p. 199, taken when he was being presented with the Certificate of Incorporation in the Roll of Honour of Distinguished South African Philatelists. This slimming is not due to his recent illness but is the result of the self-imposed dieting which has reduced his weight from 215 to 175 lbs. in four months. He states that he is willing to reveal his diet-sheet to any fellow Philatelist. Actually it consists mainly in But no! We will not give it away here.

THE VOORTREKKER MONUMENT

By **Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.**

Towards the end of the eighteenth century, the colonists in the Cape of Good Hope—who later became the Voortrekkers—sought pastures new and, within a comparatively short time established themselves some hundreds of miles to the east of Cape Town.

Isolated from their fellow countrymen, these settlers were compelled to fend for themselves and thus a tendency towards independence became a characteristic of this isolated community. With the passing of time these wayfarers began to cast their eyes beyond the boundaries of their adopted land and, between 1835 and 1838 various groups of "trekkers" left the eastern precincts of the Cape Colony and formed the Great Trek. Some soon found contentment and established themselves in what is now known as the Northern Transvaal. Others made their homes in Natal and the adjacent Portuguese territory.

However, when Piet Retief and his party arrived in Natal in 1837, they obtained a grant of land from the Zulu chief Dingaan, the despot who, after murdering Tshaka in 1828, had succeeded him as ruler.

In the following year Dingaan treacherously massacred Retief and seventy of his companions. This great calamity fell heavily on the survivors of the party and they solemnly vowed to the Almighty that if He granted them victory over their enemy they would consecrate that day and keep it holy every year as a sabbath.

On December 16, 1838, this band of Voortrekkers joined battle with the Zulus at Blood River. Here they vanquished their foe and broke the power of the tyrant. For many years the anniversary of this episode was known as Dingaan's Day and became established as a public holiday, but recently its designation was altered to that of "The Day of the Covenant."

The Conception of the Monument.

In 1931, with the approach of the centenary of the Battle of Blood River in 1838, the Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuurvereniginge—the Federation of Afrikaans Cultural Associations—arranged a congress of organisations interested in the erection of a monument to the Voortrekkers, to be held in Bloemfontein.

At an early date it was obvious that the memorial would not be completed by December 16, 1938, and it was decided that the foundation stone should be laid on that date. After a momentous ceremony, which was attended by many thousands, hopes were envisaged that the work would be completed on the aforementioned date in 1943.

Unfortunately this proved impossible on account of the outbreak of World War II in 1939. Construction of the project was almost brought to a standstill and it was not until December 16, 1949, that the shrine could be inaugurated.

Before the commencing of this vast undertaking, various sites were considered for the location of the edifice and, after long and careful consideration the choice fell on a property near Pretoria. This is situated on the Johannesburg main road three miles from the centre of the capital city and holds a commanding position which enables the structure to be seen from as far afield as 36 miles.

Architectural Description.

The architect, Dr. Gerard Moerdyk, in his design, embraced a religious character as it was felt that this theme would have been adopted by the Voortrekkers. The memorial is constructed of granite which was obtained from the Zoutpansberg in the Northern Transvaal.

Surrounding the base, fashioned from granite, is a wall of ox wagons. The Voortrekkers, whenever danger threatened, used this method of defence, drawing their vehicles up to form a laager, within which they felt safe.

At the main entrance, on the North side, is a statue of a Voortrekker woman protecting her two children from the dangers of barbarism. At the four corners of the base are immense granite figures—three times life size—of prominent leaders of the Great Trek.

The monument comprises three distinct yet homogenous sections. The first is the basement which is a large chamber 130 feet square. In the centre of this is located the sarcophagus, hewn from a huge block of granite, on which are engraved in gold let-

ters, the words "ONS VIR JOU SUID-AFRIKA" (We For Thee South Africa). These words are taken from "Die Stem van Suid-Afrika," the national anthem of the country.

This is the only cenotaph in this hall, the walls of which are faced with marble. A torch, lit by the rays of the sun at the foot of the statue of Jan van Riebeeck in Cape Town in 1938, was carried by bearers who arrived at the scene on the eve of the laying of the foundation stone. This torch has been kept burning in a niche of dignified red marble and during the period of construction the flame was housed at the University of Pretoria. Adjoining this Hall there are several rooms which have been set aside as a museum for Voortrekker relics.

From the basement a staircase leads upwards to the Hall of Heroes which is 100 feet by 100 feet and 100 feet in height. From here one may look downwards through an opening onto the sarcophagus. This immense chamber, with its historical frieze around four walls, is the largest unit in the monument. This lavish marble carving, comprising 27 panels, depicts in bas-relief the most important events which occurred during the Great Trek.

Four South African sculptors were commissioned to model the frieze and six years were taken to complete the gigantic task. Full scale models were made and these were sent to Italy to be hewn in marble. The result was that the largest historical frieze in the world was created; its length being 302 feet and the height 7 feet 6 inches.

An interesting feature of the Hall of Heroes is the reinforced concrete floor which spans a clear hundred feet without intermediate supports.

Above this Hall, also reached by a staircase, is a dome which covers the entire internal portion of the structure. In this dome there is a small circular opening through which, annually on December 16—precisely at Noon—a ray of sunlight penetrates this aperture and falls onto the cenotaph, far below in the basement.

The construction of the monument took eleven years to complete; from 1937 to 1938 and then from 1940 to 1949. The total cost was £359,000, portion of which was subscribed by the public while the Union government contributed £338,000.

Commemorative Stamps.

In order to assist in the collection of funds for the erection of the monument,

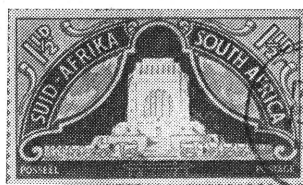
the Government produced four series of commemorative stamps. On May 3, 1933, the 1d., 2d. and 3d. values were issued and on January 16, 1936, the ½d. denomination was released. These stamps, known as "The Voortrekker Memorial Fund Set" were officially on sale until October 31, 1938, and were demonetised on December 31, 1938. The stamps bore two values, one for postage and the other for funds for the monument and they were the first semi-postal stamps which emanated from the Union of South Africa.

On December 14, 1938, another semi-postal set, known as "The Voortrekker Centenary Memorial Fund Set," consisting of four values, ½d., 1d., 1½d. and 3d. was released. Again half of the amount realised from their sale accrued to the funds for the monument.

On the same day a fully postal set of two values, 1d. and 1½d. was also issued and this was known as "The Voortrekker Commemorative Set." Both of these issues were on sale until February 28, 1939.

Then on December 1, 1949, a series of three postage stamps, known as the Inauguration of the Voortrekker Monument set, was issued to commemorate the opening ceremony of the Monument at Pretoria on December 16 of that year.

Designed by the South African artist, W. H. Coetzer, these stamps depicted incidents in the life of the Voortrekkers during the years 1835 to 1838.



The design of the 1d. stamp showed the Voortrekkers approaching Bingham's Berg—in the Drakensberg range—near the Natal border. The Monument was depicted on the 1½d. value and the 3d. stamp portrayed a Voortrekker man and woman within sight of Natal. The Bible and the lighted candle, surrounded by Zulu shields and assegais, symbolised the Voortrekkers' faith and aims, and the ever present danger of an attack by the Natives. This issue was on sale until January 31, 1950.

Special arrangements were made by the postal authorities for the cancellation of stamps on commemorative covers on the

day of the official opening of the Monument. A distinctive VOORTREKKERMONUMENT circular date stamp was used for this purpose and all covers posted at the Monument on that day received this cancellation.

Thus in all, four different and distinctive "Voortrekker" sets of semi-postal and postage stamps have been issued.

Recently a post office was opened at the Voortrekker Monument and mail matter posted there received a special postmark in which the outline of the edifice is depicted. Philatelists who wish to obtain this special cancellation can do so by forwarding correctly franked and addressed covers or postcards to the Information Officer, Voortrekker Monument, P.O. Box 1575, Pretoria.

NETHERLANDS

On 5th January two stamps (12c and 30c), portraying Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard, were issued in honour of their Silver Wedding. They will be available for use up till May 12th, or longer if supplies last.

We received news of this issue both from the Embassy in Pretoria and from "Dill Reports the News," but in neither case unfortunately in time for us to publicise it early enough for readers to arrange for First Day Covers.

U.N.O.

The first commemorative stamps for 1962, of 4c and 7c denominations will appear on 19 February. They are being issued as propaganda for activity in the field of Housing and other related Community Facilities. These stamps will be printed in seven colours (if it is allowable to count black as one of the colours).

A special memorial stamp featuring the U.N. buildings and their flag flying at half mast, will be issued on 17th September 1962. This is the first anniversary of the date on which the late Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, and his party were killed in an aeroplane accident while engaged on a mission of peace. The stamp will have a black border with "United Nations" inscribed on it in English, French, Spanish, Russian and Chinese. It will also bear the date XVII-IX-MCMLXI.

It was reported in our November issue that Surinam was about to issue two Hammarskjold memorial stamps.

We are now informed by Mr. C. A. Frost, that Sweden (the country of his birth) is to honour him with a memorial stamp.

The latest proposal is a Flag Set, with 1c stamps for each member nation, to be issued on 24 October, 1962.

As things are at present this would mean a set of 103 stamps, but there may be more, or less, member states in the UNO at that date. Who knows?

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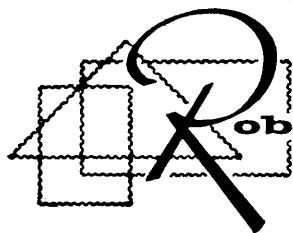
Mr. G. H. Immelman, of Queenstown, writes in as follows:—

"While sorting through a large quantity of Great Britain stamps of King George V and VI, I was looking for sideways watermarks in these issues. I noticed a phenomenon which I had not found recorded in any magazine and which I thought might prove of interest to your readers.

"When one breathes on stamps, they tend to curl. Now, in these issues, with stamps of normal watermark the left and right hand sides curl over, while with sideways watermark stamps the top and bottom curl over.

"Even without breathing on them, stamps tend to curl over, so one is able to tell whether one has a normal or sideways watermark without even looking at the watermark!"

We would be interested to hear from readers whether they can confirm or not Mr. Immelman's findings as regards British K.G. V and K.G. VI stamps. Also whether or not similar states of watermarks and curling apply to stamps of other countries.



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PORTRAIT GALLERY

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There are but nine fresh faces to report this time. Of these, three are the men reputed to have written the first three Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke, on the 3 franc, 5 franc and 10 franc definitives of Switzerland. The 20 franc completes the quartet, with a "portrait" of John, but this son of Zebedee has already appeared on a stamp of Liechtenstein (SG 307). All four Gospels, like many other books of the Bible, are anonymous, and assigning authors to them is a matter of scholarly conjecture. These four fascinating stamps are reproductions of carvings, and abound in symbolism. Each shows a book, open or closed, and in addition one of the "living creatures" seen in a vision first by the prophet Ezekiel and later by his successor the writer of the Book of Revelation. These sculptures follow Ezekiel's order, not that of "Revelation" or of Augustine later still. Thus "Matthaeus" has a winged man, "Marcus" a winged lion, "Lucas" (illustrated) a winged calf, and "Johannes" an eagle, looking much more like a peacock, and John appears with a curly wig like a Georgian divine. The conjecture that Luke wrote the third Gospel is the most highly probable of the four conjectures.



Luke is one of the most interesting of all the Bible characters. A native of Philippi in Macedonia (I will avoid the continual and irritating use of the word "probable") he became a physician of rare skill and devotion. Called in to attend the apostle Paul, lying sick at Troas, he heartily embraced the Gospel and became one of Paul's most devoted companions and helpers, giving us in "Acts" a particularly vivid description of the apostle's voyage as a Roman prisoner from Caesarea to Italy, including the shipwreck on Malta figured on several

of that island's stamps. Luke, himself a Greek, dedicated both the third Gospel and the Book of Acts to a Roman official named Theophilus.

Next in both time and interest is a really enthralling stamp put out by Greece, portraying the Byzantine Emperor Nikephoros Phokas, 912-969. No less than eight different colours are blended in this wonderful reproduction of a medieval design. It is a very tall stamp, 42 mm. high, showing this worthy standing precariously on a hassock, brandishing a wicked-looking curved sword, of which he holds the scabbard in a most ladylike fashion. The stamp, printed by the Aspioti-Elka Graphic Arts Company of Athens, will remain on sale till March 31, unless the million copies printed are exhausted before. Nikephoros Phokas ("The Conquering Seal") came of a noble Cappadocian family and had a successful, if ruthless, military career. The exploit celebrated by the stamp was his liberation of Crete just 1,000 years ago from Arab pirates who had been terrorising the whole of the Aegean. When the Emperor Romanus II died, Phokas used a revolution to make himself Guardian of the Throne. Then he ensured his succession by marrying the late Emperor's widow, but his enjoyment of his dignities was but brief, for he was murdered on December 10, 969, in one of those all-too-frequent palace revolutions.

For the rest, we have the Indian musician Vishnu Narayan Bhatkande, 1860-1936, a pleasant-looking person flanked by a sort of mandoline and two small drums; Ecuador has found one Hugo Ortiz Garces to be worthy of philatelic recognition, and Hungary one of its Ministers of Communications, Jeno Landler, but whatever virtues he may have possessed he is a most repellent-looking man with his bulbous nose and huge double chin.

Then, as we might have expected, we have the intrepid Commander Alan Shepard with the Redstone Rocket in which he made his historic space-flight on May 5, 1961. The pair of Surinam stamps celebrating this event will put you back anything from 25 cents to two rand or more, according as your luck is in or out!

Last, but by no means least, there is the one and only Melba (illustrated) of the golden voice. A century ago she was born Nellie Porter Mitchell at Burnley, near Melbourne, the daughter of a contractor of Scotch descent. Even at 6 she was delighting audiences at local concerts. In 1882 she mar-

ried Captain Charles Armstrong. She kept up her musical education, studying in Paris under Mathilde Marchesi. In 1887 she made her operatic debut and thereafter scored one triumph after another in most of the world's musical centres, recognised more and more as Adelina Patti's successor. In acting perhaps she gave the impression of coldness, but what a divine voice was her's! The ovation she received the last time I heard her in the Albert Hall, London, remains an unforgettable memory. She was made a Dame of the British Empire in 1918 and died in 1931.

—W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS.

[The Padre has intimated that he and Mrs. Chamings purpose going overseas for a visit about the end of May and to be away for several months. The "Portrait Gallery" will therefore have to close down for a little, but we hope it will only be temporarily; meanwhile we wish Mr. and Mrs. Chamings bon voyage, a lovely time while away, and safe return.—Ed.]

PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Meeting of the Executive Committee.

The first meeting of the new Executive was held on 19th January under the chairmanship of Mr. E. Baer, the new President. The new Secretary, Mr. S. J. Vermaak, was unfortunately unable to be present but Mr. J. Michelson (well accustomed to the duties) deputised for him.

Minutes of the last meeting and of Congress were dealt with.

The application of the South African Stamp Study Circle to affiliate was approved of and then the various committees and sub-committees were elected.

Reports of committees showed the Federation to be in good order.

The President stated that the date of the next Congress, in Port Elizabeth would be 18-20 September and applied for permission to hold a National Competitive Exhibition from 17th to 22nd September. This was agreed to.

Under "General" one important item was a decision to ask the P.M.G. to stop the practice of putting large blue crosses over incoming registered mail and so ruining many stamps.

W. N. SHEFFIELD

It has been very pleasant to see "Bill" back on the Reef once again. He looks very well, but says he is not really so fit as he may look, and that he has to retire every evening about 8 p.m.

This pretty well cuts him off from organised philately and he has intimated that he cannot undertake any more committee work.

Also both he and Mrs. Sheffield find living conditions more suitable at the coast and he purposes giving up his flat in Germiston about the end of April and returning to live at Margate, Natal.

He has not lost interest in philately and he hopes to continue doing some work quietly during the day-time. We echo this hope, for a man unable to follow his hobby can be miserable indeed.

Congratulations to him for having Congress elect him the first holder of the W. E. Lea cup. No better choice could have been made.

AUCTION SALES

Messrs. H. R. Harmer Ltd. report that their year closed on 13th December. At the end of the 39 sales for the year, the turnover was £412,135, a figure only twice before exceeded in their history. The combined amount for their London, New York and Sydney houses was again over £1-m. A number of fine collections are already being arranged for the 1962 season.

Their 36th Annual Resumé gives a detailed account of their activities, and illustrations (some in colour) of a number of the choicest items sold.

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REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Philatelic Societies' Year Book 1961-62 Edition. Published by the B.P.A., 3 Berners St., Oxford St., London W1. Price 2/6d. plus postage.

This useful Annual lists practically all the Philatelic Societies and Study Circles in Britain, also Associated Societies and Dealer members in various parts of the world.

One of the advantages of a Society belonging is the privilege its members have of obtaining special terms for getting an expert opinion on stamps submitted.

Stamp Collectors' Annual, 1962. Harris Publications Ltd., 27 Maiden Lane, Strand, London W.C.2. Price 4/-.

This 100-page handy annual contains, as usual, a lot of good reading matter. Keeping right up to date there is a basic listing of some 135 "space" stamps.

Little-known countries are high-lighted by the designs of North Korea and in the new African republics. For British Commonwealth collectors there are articles on Zanzibar, St. Kitts, and on the Southern African decimal overprints.

Those more interested in Europe will find out-of-the-way stories dealing with Greece and Vatican City. There is a section dealing with stamps depicting various aspects of Forestry, so that thematic collectors are not forgotten.

Mr. L. E. Scott picks out what he thinks are the 10 best designs of the year. Probably no one will entirely agree with him, as everyone has their own ideas on this subject. He puts Mr. Jean Cocteau's new "Marianne" stamp as No. 1, but even here a lot of Frenchmen wish to quarrel with him.

More prosaic, but very useful, items are a World Currency Guide and a list of all European Philatelic magazines.

Stanley Gibbins "Two Reigns" Catalogue. Price 9/6d. net, postage 9d.

Enough has happened in the Commonwealth since the publication of the 1962 Part I Cat. in September, to allow of quite a few new issues and price changes to be made in this 1962 Two Reigns Cat. The price changes are mainly upward, including some in the South African Decimal Sur-charges and in those of the Pakistan pro-

visionals. Only a few drops in prices are to be noted.

Antarctic Map Stamps.

In an article in "Stamp Collecting" by Mr. Alec A. Rosenblum of Melbourne, he states that at a recent Conference in Canberra of the Antarctic Treaty Powers it was decided to prohibit the use of stamps making claims to ownership of Antarctic territory. This, if fully observed, will entail the withdrawal of several Australian stamps also some of Argentina and Chile.

Union Animal Series Pamphlets, by the South African Study Circle, No. P5. Price 10c.

This number deals with the 1½d. Leopard's Head design, and as there was only one issue, with two printings, it has not required such a lengthy description as the 1d. needed. All the necessary details are given in a 4½ page pamphlet.

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

Bahamas.

This is the main feature in the January number. It shows a map of the archipelago and a brief general history; then illustrates the sixteen stamps of the current issue (½d. to £1), and the two commemoratives (8d. and 10d.) due for issue on 30th January honouring the centenary of Nassau, the capital of the colony. They feature the Cathedral and the Public Library.

Seychelles.

The centenary of the first P.O. in Victoria, the capital, was honoured by the issue of three stamps (10c, 35c and Rs 2.25) on 11th December, 1961. In addition to the portrait of the Queen and a St. Edward's Crown, the stamps feature a 6d. blue Mauritius stamp with the B 64 cancellation originally used in the Seychelles.

Fiji.

During the past few months the current series has been gradually improved and standardized; the 2½d. has been withdrawn, the 10/-, which had been withdrawn, is being re-introduced, and seven values have had new designs substituted.

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DECIMAL OVERPRINT RARITIES

The prices of the rarities amongst the overprints do not appear as yet to be quite stabilised. At one of Harmer's recent sales the following items were sold:—

- (1) S.G. 61a, $\frac{1}{2}$ c on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (Surch. inverted), Unpriced. Is being advertised @ £150. Estimated to fetch £100+, but actually fetched £125.
- (2) S.G. 66a, 1c on 1d. (Surch. double) unpriced. Is being advertised @ £125. Estimated to fetch £100+, actually fetched £105.
- (3) S.G. 73a, 10c on 1/- (surch. double) unpriced. Is being advertised @ £150. Estimated to fetch £100+ and actually fetched £155.
- (4) S.G. 75b, 50c on 5/- Type III and is catalogued @ £150. It was estimated to fetch that amount, but it actually went for £82-10s.
- (5) S.G. 76b, R1 on 10/- Type III, catalogued @ £20. Estimated to fetch £15 but actually went for £11-10s.
- (6) S.G. 77, 77a and 77b, R2 on £1, all three types, catalogued at £27. Estimated to fetch £17 but actually went for £15-10.

A "SWEAT" BOX

In the Nov.-Dec. issue of "The Spring-bok," R.D.A. describes a useful gadget which he demonstrated in action at the October Exhibition held by the S.A. Collectors' Society in London.

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Ghana Miniature Sheets.

According to "Stamp Collecting" none of the Miniature Sheets of four 5/- stamps which were issued for the recent Royal Visit, were sold in Ghana. Their sale was exclusively through the Ghana Philatelic Agency in New York. Dealers could however have the sheets postmarked in Ghana, but it was not suggested as necessary that they should be put on envelopes and passed through the post.

1961 Europas.

There has been much dissatisfaction expressed by both dealers and collectors at the methods of distribution of these stamps in various countries, notably Ireland, Turkey, San Marino and Luxemburg. Apparently many speculators tried to corner supplies and this upset official plans for distribution. Reprinting has been suggested, but this (?) solution of the situation has been generally turned down.

Auction of Italian Reminders.

The news of this official selling off of stocks of obsolete stamps by the Italian Postal Administration has not been received with great enthusiasm by collectors of Italian stamps. The values had become more or less well stabilised, but the sudden flooding of the market with what is said to be about 9 billion lira worth of stamps is pretty well bound to bring values down considerably and collectors would appear to have a real grievance.

St. Helena—Tristan Reliefs.

Here is an issue of stamps about which there will probably be argument for many a long day, especially about the action of the Crown Agents. Have local authorities no rights at all, or must everything they do first have the imprimatur of the Crown Agents?

If so, why was action by them not taken a bit quicker over the Overprints on the High Commission Territories in South Africa?

Our view is that the St. Helena postal authorities did a good action; the stamps were available and the object for which they were overprinted was an admirable one.

The Crown Agents were of course right in withdrawing from sale all unoverprinted Tristan stamps. But in withdrawing the overprinted stamps after they had been on

sale for only a few days was, in our opinion, a mistake. Due notice of their issue had been given, but this untimely withdrawal has only resulted in giving them highly artificial and unnecessarily exaggerated values to collectors. This might have been avoided had they allowed the issue to be sold out, while at the same time the Tristan Refugees might have been benefited to a considerably greater extent.

Stamps to Order.

Dr. E. Clive Smith tells us how one evening when twiddling his radio he happened on a broadcast from Sweden in English. This was describing how the people occupied their long dark cold evenings and philately was referred to. Some recent commemoratives were described and then it stated that for 45/- sterling the postal authorities would supply commemoratives to that value yearly, even if they had to be specially made for that purpose.

But isn't this, and various other forms of collecting made easy rather taking the fun out of collecting? This sort of thing together with other forms of commercialization makes one very dubious sometimes about the future of our hobby. —J.H.H.P.

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SOCIETY NEWS

EAST RAND P.S.

December Meeting. Small attendance due to the Christmas holidays. The Chairman, Mr. H. Behrandt, commented on the Combined East Rand Meeting and stated that it was a great success and it is now to become an annual event. There were two exhibits for the Sam Legator Trophy, namely, J. Bogner, Snr.—West Germany, and C. Waner—Queen Elizabeth II. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 23rd of February, 1962.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING (JOHANNESBURG)

Die gewone **Desember-opkoms** was Vrydag 1 deser aan die orde en die aanwesiges het van 'n genotvolle aand kon getuig.

Lid J. M. Hattingh het verras met 'n mooi versameling van „Kuns en die Posseël.” Dit was 'n uitstalling in die reeks om die Rembrandt-wisseltrofee en u word gewaarsku dat u nog net twee uitstalgeleenthede in die huidige reeks het.

Die tweede uitstalling van die aand is deur lid S. J. Vermaak verskaf (Unie-interprovinsiaal). 'n „Soek die indringer-” wedstryd wat aan die uitstalling verbonde was is deur lid J. H. Smith gewen. Die prys ('n vergrootglas) is deur lid Smith aan die vereniging geskenk.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

November Meeting. (1) Mr. G. N. Gilbert showed his Basutoland Overprints, the three phases being: K.G. V officials, the recent 4d. on 2d., and the decimal overprints. Everything known was there.

(2) Mr. A. L. Meyburgh displayed Section A to H of his Philatelic Terms Illustrated.

(3) Dr. v. d. Merwe of Vilienskroon showed a comprehensive collection of Republic of South Africa items, accompanied by an explanatory paper.

(4) New issues and recent acquisitions were brought forward by Messrs. van Ee, A. H. Scott and N. Mountfort.

PRETORIA P.S.

December 4. This, the last meeting in 1961, was nearly not held. A record attendance turned up at the Technical College but found it completely shut up. Other accommodation was found and although the room was filled to capacity, President's night took place.

Mr. Weinstein at first gave a short talk on the subject being shown and explained the various points of interest in this particular field, namely, “Unusual Aerograms and Air Mail Stationery” (a Silver Medal collection at Jubilex).

The Members present were very much interested in this new field of philately, and browsed along taking their time in studying the exhibits. Mr. Weinstein also tabled a second collection, something very modern and very much in the news lately. This was a collection of the Overprints of Swaziland, Bechuanaland and Basutoland. An outstanding collection which included the very rare items, and various varieties.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

The **20th November Meeting** was the occasion of a visit from the Germiston Society and three fine exhibits were shown by: Mr. B. Eilers—Finnish stamps; Mr. R. Fisher-Hill—Q.E. II stamps with special reference to Graphite markings; and Mr. S. J. Hagger—Printers errors in S. African stamps.

The report on SIPEX, the non-competitive exhibition staged at Milner Park in conjunction with Galilee Nights organised by the Women's Zionest League, November 22—December 2, showed that it had been received very well and the catalogue indicated what a fine show it had been.

P.S. OF NATAL

December Meeting. A welcome New Year gift came from the Mayor of Durban in the form of an intimation that the Society had been allocated a room in the City Hall for their future meetings, as from 3rd January, 1962.

After the auction and general business a discussion was held on the pricing of stamps for auction. Exhibits were shown by (1) Mr. A. Leslie Leon—‘Animals of the Union’, which had gained an award at Jubilex and which contained a number of very fine items. (2) Mr. R. C. Booker who displayed his ‘Scouting on Stamps’; this was a maiden effort at exhibiting, but was an excellent first attempt.

COPPERBELT P.S.

November Meeting. Mr. Kelly Congratulated Master Walton-Evans, Miss Janice Hartley and Mr. N. P. Hartley on their success at the Cape Town Exhibition. The awards and winning entries were all on display.

Janice Hartley entered her Swiss Pro Juventute collection as an entry for the Thematic Cup. After the tea break members carried on an active exchange until well after 11 o'clock.

The **December meeting** of the Society was well attended. Mint copies of the three recent issues of Great Britain were distributed and a few Bechuanaland Postage Dues.

Samples of the First Day Covers which have been prepared for the Air Mail Commemoration issue on 6th February were displayed, and should add to the Society's reputation for producing exceptionally attractive covers.

[These covers were advertised in our January issue and are certainly most attractive—Ed.]

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

December 14. This was the usual President's Evening and consisted of a competition—the best-liked 12 pages from a collector—and the boards were filled with entries, all of which proved interesting. The prize went to Mr. C. G. Mummery for pages from his "The Spirit of Christmas."

December 28. Although late in the year and during the time when most members are holidaying, there was a large gathering to see Mr. M. J. Rall's "Union Specialised." The first half of this exhibit was shown and members were able to enjoy fully seeing up to the end of the London Printings. Needless to say even Union collectors were amazed at the rare items shown and also by the very clear and concise talk given by Mr. Rall on his outstanding items. Members are now looking forward to the second half which will be shown during 1962.—M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

December 11. A true Christmas evening was enjoyed, and the showing by Mr. C. G. Mummery of "The Spirit of Christmas" was in keeping. This fine thematic collection was shown for the first time and proved something really outstanding. It covered the whole gamut of Christmas and included covers, special cancellations, stamps dealing with all aspects, and in addition was beautifully set out. It is a collection which should be shown at Societies throughout Southern Africa. —M.F.S.

GERMISTON P.S.

December Meeting. Those who did not attend missed a great intriguing film in colour, with sound. Its title was "Dutch Miniatures," it ran for some twenty minutes depicting the social, cultural and historic life of Holland. These aspects were illustrated by stamps in full colour. We are deeply grateful to Henry van den Ham for arranging this cinematograph show.

Mr. R. Fisher-Hill tabled an outstanding collection of Great Britain Q.E. II stamps.

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The 1c Marginal Red Flaw.

At a recent meeting of the South African Stamp Study Circle, Mr. J. J. Smit, of Germiston, propounded a theory which offers an explanation of the origin of the 1c Marginal Red Flaw which has attracted much attention in the past.

He suggests that the condition is a Doctor Blade Flaw, and NOT a cylinder characteristic, and further it is not of a developing nature as the "Drakensberg" variety.

Following upon the lead given by Mr. G. H. Legge in his article "The 1c Republic of South Africa Stamp," S.A. Philatelist, November, 1961, that a foreign body, transported by the paper-web from the black-printing cylinder, No. 26 S, marked the red one, A 25, Mr. Smit then departs in another direction, and offers the following suggestion which is recorded here in an abbreviated form.

The marginal black mark is the result of a deeply recessed cylinder flaw on the black-printing cylinder, No. 26 S, caused probably by a puncture or a laceration in the carbon tissue which allowed excess etching to take place at the time the cylinder was being prepared. This "well" was filled with ink during the normal process of inking the cylinder, and notwithstanding its quick drying nature, a portion of the ink remained in a tacky state, and was picked up by the paper-web and deposited on the surface of the red-printing Cylinder, No. A 25, which prints after the black one.

This deposit is minute, but by a repetition of the process, it builds up as the printing proceeds, until a "hillock" of dried black ink arises on the red printing Cylinder, No. A 25, and comes under the attention of the Doctor Blade during its scavenging action, when it must either rise over the deposit or remove it. Both these functions are performed however, but at different periods during the printing process.

When the Doctor Blade "lifts" over the obstruction, which is adherent to the cylinder, the action results in the formation of the Marginal Red Flaw. The degree of "lift" is dependant upon the tension of the holding-down springs of the Doctor Blade onto the cylinder, and also upon the extent of the deposit, and thus regulates the size of the red flaw, which has been found to vary from a speck to one about 9 mm. in length.

The deposit or dried black ink does not extend indefinitely, for when it has grown to offer sufficient resistance to the Doctor Blade, it is removed. The red-printing cylinder is thus restored to a "clean" state, and it is during this period, until the deposit rebuilds, that sheets of stamps printed then, are devoid of the marginal red flaw. This condition thus accounts for the elusive nature of the flaw, for the characteristic is found to be present and absent in a series of consecutively printed sheets—a condition earning for itself "The Scarlet Pimpernel" Marginal Red Flaw designation.

This flaw has not been viewed, as yet, on the 1c unwatermarked paper printing, which condition may be accounted for by the suggestion that the tension on the Doctor Blade springs may have been increased at this period, thereby allowing the Doctor Blade to remove each small deposit of black ink as it was made, or that the unwatermarked paper is more absorbent than the

watermarked variety, and so accelerating the drying action of the black-ink.

Items of Interest.

(1) New Registration Envelope.

An issue has been made of a new (small size) Registration Envelope, printed in both language settings, and bearing no imprinted stamp, but the Republic's Coat of Arms appears on the fold overlap.

(2) Albino Post Card Stamp.

A used 1½c post card of the Republic series has been viewed, showing an albino background to the stamp.

The post cards are printed from two cylinders, Nos. 168 Int. and 171 Ext. One of these prints the view, the inscription on the card and the stamp, and also the Africaner Bull's head, the other, the background to the stamp.

It was the latter which failed to function, probably due to a stoppage of the printing machine, and thus caused an interrupted printing condition of the stamps wherein part of the stamp is absent.

(3) Smaller size 2½c stamps, Cyls. S 15/S 18.

Attention has been directed to the fact that the stamps of the recent printing of the 2½c stamp, Cyls. S 15/S 18, on unwatermarked paper, are very slightly smaller than those of the earlier ones on watermarked paper—the overall difference over 20 stamps being about 1 mm. This condition may be observed by super-imposing strips of the two printings, and is impressive as the stamps have been prepared from the same multipositive and perforated by the same gauge.

It is considered that the "deficiency" was probably due to shrinkage of a different type of paper comprising the unwatermarked variety, under different temperature and humidity conditions.

(4) An Oversea Colleague Honoured.

Readers will be pleased to learn, and also add their congratulations that, at the Fifth Annual Doctors' Hobbies Exhibition held recently in London, Dr. Gordon Ward, of Britain, was awarded first prize for authorship of his book "The Ship Penny."

3c Marginal Marks.

Referring to our December Notes, Mr. G. N. Gilbert, of Westminster, reports that the Ghost Marginal Marks, commented upon, also occur in the last printing of the 5c value on unwatermarked paper, in the right hand margin but more particularly between

the bars opposite Rows 4 and 5, and also very plainly to the right of the bottom arrow's right wing. Faint signs of this marking may also be found on the first printing of the 3c denomination, and there is a similar screened shadow on the 7½c arrows.

Mr. Gilbert suggests that these characteristics may be due to a condition wherein the bars and the arrows are on a transparent screened strip which is attached to the multipositive before the cylinder is prepared, but he is at a loss to understand why they should be clearer on some printings than on others. Is it a matter of wear, inking, or pressure, or a combination of these factors?

South West Africa 12½c Printing.

Mr. H. C. Nockler, of Windhoek, writes that an issue of the S.W.A. 12½c value (Fort Namutoni) has appeared in a lighter yellow shade. A distinguishing feature is that the cylinder numbers, 119 and 37, are unaltered, but, whereas previously, the black sheet numbers appeared alongside the 3rd and 4th stamps from the bottom margin bearing the cylinder numbers, there is no sheet number on either margin of the lighter yellow sheets.

New Printing of the 1c Denomination.

A new Issue of the 1c value, closely resembling its predecessor in design, sheet format, and printing characteristics, made its appearance at Post Offices during the last week of January, 1962, and comprises two panes, A and B, in vertical format of 20 rows x 10 stamps each, with probably Pane B positioned on the left, and Pane A on the right, according to the custom of the Government Printer in naming them thus.

Printed upon Arms watermarked paper from irregular screened cylinders in the same colours as previously used, red and olive grey, the colours being of a dull shade while some sheets present a pinkish hue. A new multipositive was probably used for no characteristics common to the two printings have been observed, and also, upon closer examination, the flower design may be seen to be positioned slightly to the right of the stamp in the S 11/S 7, Panes A and B, printing as compared to that of the earlier one. This is indicated by a comparison of the positions occupied by the tips of the two lower petals of the left hand flower. They appear above S and E of POSTAGE in printing S 11/S 7 and above OS and GE of printing 25/26 S respectively.

Red single line broken bars, with a central gap, and accompanied by Ghost Im-

pressions, particularly on Pane B, occupy the top and bottom margins of both panes, which are perforated through, while the side margins are imperforate. Screened red arrows of the solid type are placed centrally on the four margins of each sheet, the tip of the right prong of the B Pane bottom arrow being blunted.

Four figure red sheet numbers appear twice on the right vertical margin of Pane B only, opposite Rows 3 and 14. The cylinder numbers are inscribed on the bottom margin of each sheet, below stamps 9 and 10 of Row 20, in their respective colours: Pane B, S 11 B red; S 7 B, olive grey; Pane A, S 11 A red, and S 7 A olive grey.

Pane B presents three cylinder characteristics which may assume interesting aspects in later printings—a grey dot on the right vertical margin, opposite Row 15; a heavily inked grey oval mark, with a suspicion of a grey doctor blade smudge at its apex, on the margin above stamp 1 of Row 1, and a red horizontal line on the left margin at the base of Row 15.

The following are some of the cylinder varieties present—

- Row: PANE A.
- 1-1. Minute dot between OU of SOUTH.
 - 6-1. Grey dot above AN of VAN
 - 13-7. Minute dot between flowers, under A of AFRICA.
 - 16-3. Red dot under D of SUID.
 - 16-9. Grey dot between flowers, below first A of AFRICA.
 - 18-1. Red dot between SU of SUID.
 - 19-10. Two grey dots over and above stem of right flower.

PANE B.

- 4-2. Red dot on left margin.
- 9-9. Dot below C of AFRICA.
- 11-7. Red horizontal smudge at apex of the two flower stems.
- 12-7. Red dot below U of SUID.
- 12-9. Dot in top gutter margin above R of REPUBLIC.
- 18-9. Horizontal red smudge left of 1 of 1c.

VOLKSPELE—FOLKDANCES
1912—1962

By Sylvester L. Crozet.

On March 1, 1962, a 2½c commemorative postage stamp was issued to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the commencement of Volkspele—Folkdancing—in South Africa.

The stamp, illustrated last month, is printed in orange and brown.

Folkdancing had its origin in 1912 when Dr. S. Henri Pellissier, a young South African who held a teaching post at Naas, in Sweden, undertook a study of Swedish national costume, folksongs and folkdances.

He became so enthralled with this facet of Swedish culture, that one day he confided to a companion his innermost thoughts.

"I could creep into my shell with shame," he said, "on account of the apathy of my own nation towards a culture; a culture which in a country as Sweden, is the pride of the folklife; while we live in a distant background and only gather together at occasional farmers' meetings in the country districts.

"I will take it upon myself, when I return home, to elevate to a place of honour our own national dress, our own songs and our own folkdances."

In these few words lie the birth of the graceful folkdances as they are performed by South African men and women today.

Early in 1914, on his return to this country, Dr. Pellissier inaugurated folkdancing in the village of Boshoff in the Orange Free State and, for the purpose of the inception, translated a number of Swedish folkgames into Afrikaans and presented these to the young people who were interested in the innovation.

The introduction of these movements, which were gracefully executed with the utmost dignity, found great approval and contributed considerably to the already known, so called, Afrikaans dances, which were then little more than games played at picnics.

It is of significance to note that Dr. Pellissier felt that folkdances and folksongs could not progress without the careful study and making and wearing of folkdress by the participants.

Therefore on December 16, 1915—the Day of the Covenant—he persuaded twenty-five men and some fifty women to attend the celebrations in Voortrekker dress. This in all probability, was the first occasion on which celebrants attended such a festival in national costume.

From this time onwards, folkdances were regularly practised by the scholars of the school at Boshoff and later at Ficksburg, also in the Orange Free State. It was not

long before the innovation spread far and wide, and in a short while the nation became interested in the advancement of the art.

As time passed folkdancing gathered momentum and, with the advent of the centenary of the Great Trek in 1938, this form of entertainment in South Africa became firmly established. Throughout the country classes in folkdancing were held and every possible precaution was taken to ensure that this, the youngest branch of our culture, would be established on a sound and methodical footing.

Exhaustive research was undertaken in regard to the attire of the Voortrekkers and the costumes of folkdancers were modelled on the early festive raiment of these pioneers.

Time, as always, has brought with it variations in the dress which was the vogue nearly a century and a-quarter ago. Hence, so as to assist both men and women to garb themselves properly for folkdancing; which now-a-days takes place at cultural gatherings on public holidays; the Uniale Raad vir Volksang en Volkspeler has established a code of correct dress for both sexes of performers.

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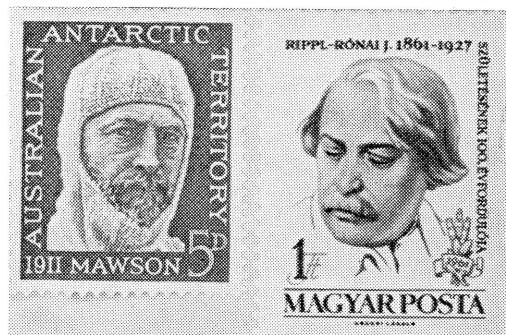
The monthly arrival of "Gibbons' Catalogue Supplement" is quite an event for the collector. He presumably (for which of them these days tries to collect everything?) has some special interest, and he scans the columns generally, some 20 of them, marking down his own particular requirements. This scribe, hunting for new portraits, often has had prior notice of them in the philatelic press, but others burst suddenly on his sight without warning. There are 16 of them this time, about equally divided between the two categories.

One of the most successful of recent portraits shows us Sir Douglas Mawson, 1882—1958 (illustrated), on a stamp of the Australian Antarctic Territory. His strong, weather-beaten features look out at us from a knitted Balaclava helmet, and the intrepid explorer is evidently about to relate to us, with no unnecessary words, one of the many tales he could tell of discovery and adventure in the Antarctic. Born in Yorkshire in 1882, he accompanied his parents to Australia as a boy and graduated in Mining Engineering at 19. His first geological explorations were made in the New Hebrides in 1904, and the same year he graduated in science. From then on his career was a series of exploits, many of them extremely hazardous, but carried out with cool determination and skill, whereby many of the secrets of Antarctica were laid bare. With Dr. Alistair Forbes Mackay and Prof. Edgeworth David he made the first ascent of Mount Erebus, 13,325 feet in 1909, and the three became the first men to reach the South Magnetic Pole. They are shown on Australian Antarctic Territory SG 2. For the rest, Mawson's Australasian Antarctic Expedition, 1911—13, and the British Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Expedition, 1929—31, have become almost legendary. Mawson was knighted in 1914 and received many other honours. He died in Adelaide at the age of 76.

The ruler of Zanzibar, Abdulla bin Khalifa, who succeeded his aged father in 1960, appears on each of the new series of 14 stamps. Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co. have given him a singularly uninspiring face, but maybe they have done their best.

As a contrast, the engraving by R. Achrén of the Finnish writer Juhani Aho,

1861—1921, shows a face full of character. Aho's real name was Brofeldt, and he excelled in satirical and realistic novels, often with a historical foundation.



The rather crude series of German celebrities, some on ordinary, some on fluorescent paper, continues to appear in bits and pieces, for use in either West Berlin or West Germany. Two new faces appear this time. The first is of St. Albert Magnus, alias Albert Graf von Bollstädt. Born in 1206 (or thereabouts) in Suabia, entered the Dominican order in 1223 and early distinguished himself for wide scholarship, named by Roger Bacon, no friend of his, "the most noted of Christian scholars". After teaching in various schools and colleges, Thomas Aquinas being one of his pupils, he became Bishop of Ratisbon, and for the last years of his life gave himself to literary and scholastic pursuits. The stamp does no sort of justice to him, making him look more like a hunting trophy than a world-famous scholar. The other German portrait is of the Baroness Annette Elisabeth von Droste-Hülshoff, 1797—1848, a poet who has just had a quite outstanding hair-do.

East Germany gives us three more young victims of Nazi brutality—Carlo Schönhaar, 1924—42, Herbert Baum, 1912—42, and Liselotte Herrmann, 1909—38, excellent portraits, one would say, each one.

Two more Hungarians appear, also eminently successful as portraits. One is József Rippl-Rónai, 1861—1927, painter and graphic artist (illustrated). An exponent of modern Hungarian art, he included pastels, etchings lithographs, designs for painting on glass, Gobelins and bookbinding in the astonishing range of his work. He resembles James McNeill Whistler in that the portrait of his mother is one of his most famous works.

The other Hungarian is Sandor Latinka, 1886—1919, a very handsome youth, with strong, clear-cut features. He does not look in the least like the revolutionary he is proclaimed to be. Indeed I think the word "pioneer" would more aptly describe his life and character.

Iceland has celebrated the Jubilee of its University by issuing portraits of two men closely associated with the University's history. Benedikt Sveinsson (this another outstanding portrait) and Bjorn Olsen, an older man with a white moustache and the most curious quiff that has yet appeared on a stamp.

Russia finds a companion to the "war hero", Sergeant Miroshnichenko who appeared in February 1961 in the person of D. M. Karbishev; Turkey celebrates another jubilee, this time of the Kandilli Observatory, Istanbul, with a set of four stamps, one showing the Old Observatory, another the Observatory Emblem, and another the Modern Observatory, and another the portrait of the astronomer Fatin Gokmen; Costa Rica marks the centenary of one of its most notable men, Professor Miguel Obregon, with a little too small to be a successful portrait, and last, Nicaragua indulges rather belatedly, in another centenary, that of Rigoberto Cabezas, who could wield both pen and sword. Born on the 4th of August 1860, he was assassinated at 36 on August 21, 1896.

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CANADA

We are indebted to the Canadian Trade Commissioner for the official list of Canada's 1962 Stamp Programme. There will be 7 new stamps altogether, 3 in the regular series, 4 specials.

(a) The 3 in the regular issue are two in the 1-5c range and a \$1.00 stamp of new design. The portrait of the Queen used in these will be a new one.

(b) The 4 specials, all of 5c denomination, will be: (1) Illustrative of the importance of education. (2) Honouring the 150th anniversary of Winnipeg. (3) For the Centennial of Victoria B.C. (4) Honouring Jean Talon (1625-1691) the first Intendant of New France.

DECIMAL SURCHARGE VARIETIES

Following up the suggestion in our Nov., 1961, number that collectors should send in listings of varieties in their possession, the following have been received from Mr. E. J. Sharpe of West Rand.

BASUTOLAND.

- (1) 2c Row 3/1: Top of 2 has a slanting tip instead of ending square. Perhaps not constant.
- (2) 2½c Type II: Bar of ½ joined to C.
- (3) 2½c Type II Row 8/4: Bottom part of 2 in ½ broken off.
- (4) 3½c Type I Row 1/6: The ½ is thick.
- (5) 3½c Type I Row 4/5: O'pt. 9½ mm. wide as against normal 8½.
- (6) 3½c Type I Row 6/5: The 3 is larger than normal.
- (7) 5c Type II Row 1/4: O'pt. is thinned.
- (8) 12½c Type II. Thick and thin 1's in 12.
- (9) 25c Type I Row 4/4: About 1 mm. of the top end of the 2 is missing.

Mr. R. Adersir of Johannesburg records the following:—

- (1) 2½c Type II: Fraction bar touching the C.
- (2) 5c Type II: Pairs from centre two rows show thick and thin figures. Vertically constant at top of sheet.

BECHUANALAND.

Mr. E. J. Sharpe supplies the following notes:—

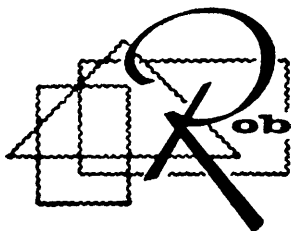
- (1) 1c Type I Row 5/4: The C almost cut in half in centre.
- (2) 1c Type I Row 7/4: Pointed top of 1 cut off, making it flat.

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AEROGRAMMES REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

5 cent Definitive "Greetings" Air Letter— 1st February, 1962.

The first definitive issue of Republican "Greetings" Aerogrammes was put on sale at Pretoria on 1st February, 1962. The illuminations on the inside of the sheet are almost the same as those which originally appeared on the "Flying Springbok" Air Letter of 1958 but, at the top right under the scenic view the words "BEIT BRIDGE/BEITBRUG" have been added.

The form itself is identical to Type IV (English inscriptions first)—blue paper without overlay, with short dashes around the address panel.

It is probable that the companion sheet with Afrikaans inscriptions will soon make its appearance.

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NOTE: Now that the provisional Surcharged/Overprinted "Greetings" Aerogrammes are obsolete, the various known types which have appeared since 14th February, 1961, will be listed in detail shortly.

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Provisional Surcharged Aerogrammes of the High Commission Territories.

Figures have now been officially released of the number of six-penny Air Letters surcharged "5c" by the Government Printer, Pretoria.

Basutoland. (Three Types known)—Total printing 13,750. This figure is very different from that given in certain philatelic magazines some months ago: "Only 500 sheets overprinted."

Bechuanaland. Total printing 48,000.

Swaziland. Figures not yet available.

S.A.N.A.E.

After having been held up for a little by pack-ice, the research ship "RSA" arrived off the barrier on the morning of 25 January and started off-loading stores.

As already stated in our January issue, p. 7, the ship will probably be there for

several weeks as new buildings have to be erected for the new wintering party.

Later. A radio message received on 10th February states that the R.S.A. is expected to leave the base about the middle of February on its return to South Africa. The message states that the radio operator on the ship died suddenly from a heart attack.

Later still. Soon after starting on the return voyage the R.S.A. was beset in heavy pack ice and also had damage done to the propeller. News received up to the 18th March indicated that there was no immediate danger or any talk of deserting the ship. But at the same time it was said that there was little hope of the ship getting out under her own efforts.

Communications have been established with New Zealand where there are two U.S.A. Icebreakers, "Glacier" and "Eastwind." They are now on their way to help the R.S.A. but do not expect to reach her until 29th March.

MARION ISLAND

The P.M.G. announced on 13th February that facilities would be provided for cancellation of mail at the Postal Agency to be re-established there. Dates cannot yet be definitely given as that depends on when the R.S.A. gets back from the Antarctic. It is expected, however, that this ship will probably leave Cape Town about the end of March.

In view of what has happened to the R.S.A. the relief for the staff on Marion will probably be somewhat delayed.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

On Monday, 22nd January, the S.A. frigate "Transvaal" sailed from Simons-town, having on board the members of the expedition organised by the Royal Society of London to report on the present state of affairs on Tristan. They arrived there on the 28th and will remain there studying the causes of the eruption and the effects it has had. They expect to be there for about two months and to be taken off by H.M.S. "Protector" on 22nd March.

The leader of the expedition is Prof. Ian Gass of Leeds University and Mr. A. B. Crawford of the S.A. Meteorological Service

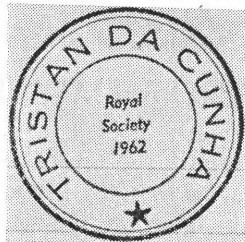
has been appointed Deputy Leader. With the scientists are two Tristan Islanders, Mr. Adam Swain and Mr. Joseph Glass.

The expedition is **not** going specifically to report on the possibility of resettling islanders. That is a matter largely for the Colonial Office to decide on, but doubtless they will be influenced by the report of this scientific expedition.

Expedition Philately. The question may well be asked—"Can it have any?" The answer is in the affirmative, although no letters can have any Tristan postmark, as there is no post-office there.

Whilst the expedition is there conditions will have practically reverted to pre-1952 days when there were no Tristan stamps and no official postmaster. But there was an unofficial postmaster and he marked letters with what are commonly referred to as "postmarks," but are better described as "cachets" which showed the place of origin of the letters. Such early letters are avidly sought after by Tristan collectors.

Members of the Expedition will doubtless want to write letters while on the island. Mr. A. B. Crawford has undertaken to be unofficial postmaster and has provided a rubber stamp with which to apply the cachet here illustrated. It is in the old



Tristan tradition, being practically identical with a mark used there in the period 1928-32, but with the addition in the centre of the words "Royal/Society/1962." He regrets that no publicity could be given about such a cachet beforehand, but the decision to have one at all was only taken about a couple of days before sailing. Collectors wishing to have a cover thus marked may have it done, but only if they can arrange to have it sent to Tristan and not even a suggestion can be made as to how this can be accomplished.

Later. The S.A.S. "Transvaal" returned to South Africa, bringing some mail from

Tristan, all of which received a Cape Town Paquetbot mark dated 7-II-62. The covers had a cachet of the Transvaal as well as that of Tristan as shown above.

Some covers had South African stamps, others were marked "No stamps available," but all came through without any charge being levied; one cover seen was actually marked "T 1c" but the tax was not collected—the others has no tax markings.

Information was given that the expedition was established in the former hospital and administrator's quarters of the settlement. The volcano is still moderately active and lava is still spreading slowly, mainly northwards. No tremors have been recorded. The cattle all seem to be flourishing.

Later still. It was announced in the public press that the "Protector" was expected to arrive at Simonstown on 26th March with the members of the expedition.

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DECIMAL SURCHARGE VARIETIES

(Continued from page 38)

- (3) 1c Type II: Two printings, first with rough figures, second with fine, clear cut figures. In the first, all the O'pts. on Row 2 are misaligned to the right. In the second the misalignment has been partly corrected; on Nos. 4, 5 and 6 it is correctly placed, on Nos. 1, 2 and 3 it is slightly to the left.
- (4) 2½c on 2d., 1st printing. Row 9/1 and 10/2: Tip of foot of the 2 rounded instead of pointed.
- (5) 2½c on 2d, 1st printing. Row 7 Nos. 1 and 2 have the top end of the 2 rounded instead of square.
- (6) 2½c on 3d. Row 5/5: Similar to (4) but not quite so pronounced.
- (7) 2½c on 3d. Row 10/3: O'pt. 10 mm. wide instead of 9 mm.
- (8) 2½c on 3d. Row 10, Nos. 1-6. O'pts. all 2 mm. misaligned to the right.
- (9) 3½c Types I and II: In the last vertical row all the O'pts. are wider except in horizontal rows 3 and 10. The "spaced C" variety. In rows 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 the O'pt. is Type I; on rows 4, 8 and 9 it is Type II.
- (10) 3½c Type III. Row 7/3 has a thick C.
- (11) 3½c Type II. In row 3/4 the 2 of the ½ is broken.
- (12) 3½c Type III. In the first vertical row the 3 is raised above the ½ and C; elsewhere they are all on the same level.

Mr. R. Adersir states as follows:—

- (1) 3½c Type III: The raised C is in both the 1st and 2nd vertical rows.
- (2) Row 7/3 has a thick C.

Mr. Sydney R. Wood, of Cape Town, reports:—

- (1) 10c. A stamp obtained on day of issue with the brown-olive misplaced upwards so that the baobab tree projects into the frame of the portrait and a white strip of about 1 mm. wide shows inside the outer frame line (a variety of the basic stamp, not of the overprint and rather similar to that reported in our July issue p. 124, on the R1 Type III).

SWAZILAND

Here only three listings have been sent in, the first two by Mr. Adersir, the third by Mr. Wood.

- (1) 2½c on 3d. Type I: Corner pair with very thin ½.

- (2) 4c Type II: Surcharge misplaced on to frame at left.
- (3) 25c Type II, but in the lower left corner as in Type I.

Mr. Wood wonders if this can be the 4th printing, of which there were only 10 sheets originally printed. Can any reader answer this query? From a note in "Gibbons' Stamp Monthly" of January '62, p. 64, it sounds as if it were.

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It is interesting to note from the minutes that last year's Congress has been pressing on the British P.M.G. the same thing as our Philatelic Federation did at the Cape Town Congress. That was: "That this Congress invites the G.P.O. to reverse the position of the date-stamp and slogan in automatic cancelling machines using slogan obliterations."

O.R.C. NUMERAL POSTMARKS

(Continued from December, 1961 issue page 232).

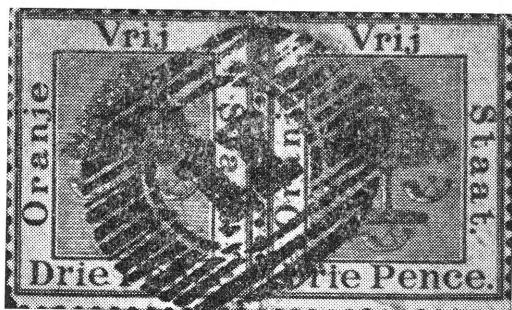


FIG. I

Fig. 1 shows the type 1c of the oval 11-bar cancellation described in our December 1961 issue.

Note the sharp segmentation of the circle opposite each bar of the grid.

There is one series of numeral postmarks used in the O.R.C. which very badly needs clearing up as regards the places of usage of the various numbers.

This series is similar to the Cape type of 1864, being a vertical oval with 9 bars surrounding a boxed number of which the figures are 5 mm. in height. The type is illustrated in Fenn's book, p. 6 as No. 18 of his "A" group of markings; he figures the number 126, but has nothing to say about the total of the numbers or their places of usage.



FIG. II

Fig 2 shows the "Cape" type of a 9-bar vertical oval with a boxed numeral in which the figures are all only 5 mm. in height.

The 5 mm. height of the numerals is the distinguishing feature of these O.R.C. marks. Only one mark in the Cape has such small numerals (No. 227, Kimberley) and even that is unique in being arranged horizontally in the oval bars. (See A. A. Jurgen's book, p. 66).

I have two cancellations (Nos. 56 and 63) with 5 mm. figures on Cape 1d. and ½d. Edwardians, but I also have them on O.R.C.

Edwardians. I regard this as showing usage in the Free State on Inter-provincial (or later) date. The fact that the postmarks on the Cape stamps are both coloured (one violet and one blue) is very suggestive of Free State usage, where coloured postmarks are common, whereas in the Cape they are distinctly rare.

My collection now has 38 of these 5 mm. 9-bar vertical oval grid cancellations; here is the list:—

17	47	65	96	110	125
23	48	72	97	112	126
24	53	74	100	113	129
32	54	84	103	117	
40	56	86	105	118	
43	63	87	107	121	
44	64	89		122	

To these Mr. G. D. Buckley has added Nos. 7, 37 and 79. (See Bulletin No. 29 of the O.F.S. Study Circle).

Mr. A. G. M. Batten adds Nos. 3, 21, 27, 28 and 33, thus bringing the grand total to 46 recorded numbers.

As regards places of usage, the only one known with any degree of certainty is No. 126—from Bloemfontein, on a newspaper wrapper. (See note by Mr. Buckley in Bulletin No. 31 of the O.F.S. Study Circle). I may say I have specimens of this on a piece of newspaper wrapper and also on a 4d. Edwardian O.R.C. stamp.

I can only end with the cry, as I did in 1940, "Oh, for covers with place-date cancellations as well as numeral postmarks." But I have already waited twenty years in vain.

—J. H. HARVEY PIRIE.

TANGANYIKA

According to the "Philatelic Magazine" a major error occurred on the 30c of the new Independence issue. The 10th stamp in the 10th row Plate 1 C read UHURU 196 instead of UHURU 1961. The mistake was recognised early and most of the sheets showing it were withdrawn, but a few were used on first day covers before notice of withdrawal was received.

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

Seychelles. On 11.XII.61 three stamps were issued for the centenary of the first post office in these islands. The values are 10c, 35c and Rs.2.25. They are all of one

design, including the Annigoni portrait of H.M. the Queen and featuring the 6d. blue Mauritius stamp with a B 64 cancellation originally used in the Seychelles.

The main item in the February Bulletin is a short history of the islands since their first reported discovery in 1505 up to the start of postal services in the 1850's, then an account of the various series of stamps used up to the present time. This account ends with illustrations and descriptions of the features of the new definitive issue which was scheduled to appear on 21st February.

Zanzibar. The second paragraph in the Crown Agents Bulletin Note in our January issue p. 16 should have been under the heading "Zanzibar," but this was omitted. The paragraph makes no sense as it stands.

British Honduras. In October, 1961, this colony was struck by a severe hurricane which completely devastated large areas. As one measure to assist in relief work and to bolster the economy of the devastated areas an issue of 4 stamps (1, 10, 25 and 50c) was overprinted "Hurricane Hattie" and released on 15th January.

U.N.O.

Dag Hammerskjold.

Collectors of U.N.O. stamps will no doubt be interested in stamps and other items referring to the late Secretary-General, whose tragic death occurred in September, 1961. We illustrate here a photograph of



him with a souvenir folder of the 3c and 8c stamps issued on 9 February, 1955 honouring the International Civil Aviation Organization. He is presenting it to M. Leon Boussard, Chief of the Public Inform-

ation Office of ICAO. On the left is Mr. Reidar Tvedt, Chief of the UN Postal Administration.

Several memorial stamps honouring Mr. Hammerskjold have been issued in various countries, and a statement has appeared that the U.S.A. will be issuing one later this year, but in which particular series of stamps has not yet been announced.

Unesco.

Mr. C. A. Frost draws our attention to the issue in Egypt (not actually by U.N.O. itself) of a 10m. stamp in connection with one of the activities of Unesco, which is a subsidiary of U.N.O. This stamp, which bears the inscription "Help to preserve Nubia's Temples" is the latest of several in connection with the threatened loss of these temples under the waters of the Nile.

W.H.O. and Malaria Eradication.

The World Health Organisation is another subsidiary of U.N.O. It is sponsoring, although not actually itself issuing, a more or less world-wide issue of stamps in support of an anti-malarial campaign. Over 80 countries have already promised their support and it is hoped this figure may rise to 100.

The idea is that each country issuing such stamps, in addition to selling them locally for propaganda will donate so many free to W.H.O. This body will in its turn pass them over to the Philatelic Agency, 225 West 34th Street, New York, for disposal to collectors and dealers. The money so obtained will be given to W.H.O. for its campaign.

The plan is an ambitious one, but it is attacking one of the world's most serious diseases and deserves all the support that stamp collectors can give it. It should appeal to Thematic collectors as a new subject for them.

A motif of such stamps is suggested to be on the lines of one to be issued by U.N.O. on 30th March. This shows a globe with an Aesculapian staff, sharp pointed and directed at a mosquito. This will be in two values 4c and 11c. The U.S.A. is understood to be issuing one on the same date. Designs need not be stereotyped so long as they carry some indication of their purpose.



CORRESPONDENCE

S.W.A. PLACE NAMES

1. Mr. L. Simenhoff writes:—

In reply to Mr. Lamont Smith's query about the postmark "AR--OAB" (with a 2-letter gap), this is one of the adapted sector dies used by our troops during the G.S.W.A. Campaign period (1914—22), the gap caused by the letters A and H having been deleted. I refer to my articles on the "Occupational Postmarks of the Mandated Territory of South West Africa" appearing in the "South African Philatelist" of January, 1939 (page 6) and on page 71 of the issue of May, 1939, on both pages mention is made of "Ar--oab."

In my new series to appear shortly in the "S.A.P.", it will be classified as Type 8, "Sector with S. W. Africa". Diameter is 28 m.m.

The Germans also had a metal die cachet of the sector type wherein "Aroab" had no gap, but this die did not fall into our hands during the occupation, otherwise the "gap" type would not have appeared.

May I also take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. van Rooyen for his researches on the place names in the postmarks of S.W.A. He certainly is a pioneer here, but research has been done into the derivation of native (Hottentot and Bantu) names by several persons, perhaps not all philatelists, during the past three decades. I refer to "Africanderisms" by the Rev. Pittman and to newspaper articles.

I, personally, have quite a collection of such postmarks with their origin and derivations. I hope to send an article to the "S.A.P." one day!

Other interesting postmark topics (excluding slogans, T.P.O.'s, etc.) can be collected depicting **Animal names** (both European and Native) e.g. Zebra, Kwagga, Inxu Drift (for which Tsolo would be a substitute), Lead-Gamka, etc.; those referring to **Industrial Undertakings** (e.g. Alexander Bay, Odendaalsrus, Sasolburg, Vanderbylpark); and **Exotic names** (e.g. Ceres [Greek], Baroda [Indian], Agulhas and Natal [Portuguese], Berlin [German], Siberia [Russian]).

2. Mr. G. H. van Rooyen has also written about Mr. Lamont Smith's AR - - OAB postmark and tells the same story as is given by Mr. Simenhoff.

He also sends quite a lot of information about other postal matters such as Bahnposts train travelling times, etc. which it is hoped may be published later. Here we will only mention one other "adapted, sector" mark, viz. that of "R.L.S. WINDHUK". (Registered Letter Section). This is mentioned by Mr. Simenhoff in his 1939 articles, but the fuller story as given by Mr. van Rooyen is interesting. In the German period there was a post office in the Windhuk district called FAHLGRAS BZ WINDHUK. This was "adapted" by turning the F into an R, cutting out AH and GRA, also the BZ. "Deutsch Südwest Afrika" was altered by cutting out the Deutsch altogether and altering the Südwest Afrika to S. W. AFRICA.

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POSTMARK CORNER

New Mobile P.O. Mark.

Mr. S. L. Crozet reports the appearance of a new mobile P.O. mark sometime during December in **Port Elizabeth**. It is a double-circle mark, the circles being of 30 and 21 mm. diameter. The wording between them is at top "MOB PO/PK No 15", at bottom "PORT ELIZABETH"; date is in one line across the centre.

Customs Paid.

Mr. Crozet also notes the following items in connection with Customs.

(1) A "CUSTOMS PAID" machine date stamp has been put into use in Pretoria.

This date stamp is similar to those which have been in use at Cape Town and Johannesburg for some time. It consists of a c.d.s. with variable date and the word **PRETORIA** at the top. To the right, in two lines, appear the words **CUSTOMS PAID** at the top and below **DOEANE BETAAL**. There is a horizontal line at the top, in the centre and at the bottom of the wording.

(2) Customs Cachets.

For the first time a two line rubber stamp cachet, in purple, has been seen on advertising matter emanating from Europe. In the top line are the words **CUSTOMS FREE** and below **DOEANE VRY**, both with stops. The overall dimensions are 14 x 51 mm.

A variation of this type has the selfsame wording, without stops, but it is set up in a box. The dimensions are 19 x 60 mm.

Cango Caves.

A postmark has been issued for use at the Cango Caves, a tourist resort near Oudtshoorn. It is a double-circle mark, of 39-5 mm. full diameter. Between circles it reads "Kangogrotte—Kango Caves" at the top and "Oudtshoorn" at the bottom, with dashes on either side between the top and bottom letterings. In the centre it features stalactites and stalagmites with the date in one line across the centre thus -6 I 62. The 6th January was the first day of usage.

(See note by D. Allison below).

Mr. David Allison of Cape Town has sent in a miscellany of notes about marks which have come his way.

(1) **Hand roller cancellations** from at least three places, viz. Durban, Port Elizabeth and Pretoria, the earliest seen being in each case April, 1961. The general appear-

ance of the date-stamp and the wavy lines makes him think they are made by the same firm which produces the current German ones. He has been informed by Mr. J. Walker of Durban, that they were introduced at Durban, then withdrawn but were re-introduced.

(2) **Decimal Meter Marks** are providing points of interest, especially as regards the form in which the value is given in the U machines. Machines of the F, H, N, R, S and U types have been converted, but apparently not yet the M and X types. (Mr. K. Lydall states that he possesses a few copies of the M 25c, but has not yet seen the X).

(3) **Adhesive Parcel Label**. What appears to be a new type has come into use at the Caledon Square P.O. It is upright in form.

(4) **Cango Caves**. Attention is drawn to the fact that the spelling of the name in the postmark (as described above) is good Afrikaans but bad English. The English spelling of the name is always with a capital C, not a K.

(5) **CUSTOMS DUTY PAID/AT KIMBERLEY**. A rubber stamp mark 42 x 7 mm. used on advertising matter. The specimen was sent Mr. Allison by Dr. J. F. Fick.

(6a) **Continuous Postage Paid marks**. Before decimalisation the amount of Postage Paid was shown on a minority of the machine marks but on a good proportion of the handstamps. Since decimalisation there seems to be little or no change. Two marks—Grabouw and Vredendal—continue to show amounts in the old currency, and of course there may be others unknown to the writer.

(6b) **Non-continuous Postage Paid Marks**. When introduced in 1946 these marks had **PAID/BETAALD** fixed vertically sideways in the middle of five wavy lines. Later these seven wavy lines with the centre part removable. The Afrikaans version was sometimes spelt with a D, sometimes without. There seemed to be two varieties of the latter—one in which the D had been removed, and one in which the die had evidently been manufactured without the D. In August, 1961, there appeared a new type at Cape Town, five wavy lines again, words not removable, Betaal without a D. So far this type has not been seen from elsewhere.

(7) **Swaziland Machine Postmarks**. Those from both Mbabane and Manzini are continuous marks with five wavy lines. Does anyone know whether they were introduced while Manzini was still Bremersdorp? If

they were, Bremerdsdorp marks will be hard to come by.

(8) Mr. Allison ends up with the somewhat cryptic remark — "Some recent East London machine postmarks are worth keeping. Do you know why?"

An answer may be forthcoming sometime!

REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Cinderella Philatelist.

We have received Vol. 2, No. 1 of this publication of the Cinderella Stamp Club. Since we reviewed Vol. 1, No. 1 in our issue of April, 1961, the membership has risen to over 200 and the magazine is now in proper printed form. The club is interested in all sorts of sideline collecting, such as fiscals, locals, telegraph and railway stamps, etc., etc. You may join the club and receive the magazine by sending £1 to Mr. D. W. Waters, 257 Pettits Lane North, Rise Park, Romford, Essex, England.

Union Animal Series Pamphlets, by the South African Study Circle. Price 10c each.

No. 6 of this series has now appeared and it is concerned with the 2d. Transvaal Zebra. There were five issues of this stamp and these printings have been tabulated in the form of a genealogical tree, as was done for the 1d. Black Wildebeest. Two multi-positives were used for the five printing cylinders.

New Zealand Chalon 2d. By Robson Lowe. A Supplement to the "Phil. Jour. of Great Britain."

Robson Lowe has been a student of the Chalon Heads of New Zealand for nearly forty years, but until quite recently has never been certain about the identification of the two plates used for the Two Pence.

Now he seems to have solved the riddle and, as he says "It is so obvious—why have I not recognised it before?" The secret seems to lie in the words "Plate I is **Short** and **Wide**, Plate II is **Tall** and **Narrow**. True, the differences only amount to fractions of a millimeter, and stamps will still need careful study. But we must leave the problem for those interested to get this pamphlet and read it.

OBITUARY

R. H. MORLEY

We regret to have to report the death of Mr. R. H. Morley, aged 78, at the end of January. He was well known to stamp collectors on the Reef some 25-30 years ago, but probably only to a few to-day, as he lost interest in the hobby quite a while back. He had always been a general collector rather than a specialist, but one aspect appealing particularly to him in anything he had to do with was the organisational side. This is evidenced by the fact that he had served as Chairman of the Commercial Exchange and as President of the Johannesburg Chamber of commerce. In Philately he was President of the Philatelic Society of Johannesburg for 1935 and was also the first chairman of the newly formed West Rand Stamp Club in Krugersdorp in 1939. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and family.

AUSTRALIA

The P.M.G. announces the issue of two new stamps on 21st March. A 2d. denomination will bear the portrait of H.M. Q.E. II, thus completing the present Royal Portrait series and replacing the 2d. Queen Mother stamp which has been in use since 1951.

A 1s/2d. stamp, of horizontal format, will depict the Tasmanian Tiger. This completes the present fauna series.

Two new 5d. commemoratives are officially announced to appear later this year. One is for the Centenary of the first crossing of Australia from south to north by Stuart. The other is for the World Conference of the Associated Country Women of the world, to be held in Melbourne in October.

Three denominations (5d., 1/- and 2/-) are to be issued in Papua and New Guinea on April 7, in connection with the W.H.O. Anti-malaria campaign.

SWAZILAND

The new definitive series will be issued on 24th April. The 16 values (½c to R2) will be as described in our issue of January, 1960.

EARLY TRANSVAAL NUMERAL POSTMARKS

[**Editorial Note:** By the same post recently we received two listings of these Transvaal postmarks, one from Mr. L. Simenhoff, Cape Town and the other from Mr. C. S. Rosenberg, Johannesburg.

There would appear therefore to be more than a little interest in these particular postmarks but we have decided on a rather unusual procedure, viz. not to publish either listing, but instead to republish an article written by the late A. E. Basden and appearing in this magazine of June, 1941, p. 64.

Obviously neither of the two writers mentioned had seen Basden's article in which he lists the places of usage of all numerals up to 43, with one possible query, No. 31. His information came from official sources, as is explained below.

Neither of the listings we received were anything like so complete, but the writers have been given an explanation of our action and they are welcome to make their comments thereon.

Mr. Basden was so thrilled when he found his list in Jeppe's Transvaal Almanac of 1877 that he called his article "Eureka," with "A Story of Early Transvaal Numeral Cancellations" only as a secondary title. Well, here it is].

EUREKA.

On pages 90 and 91 of Curle and Basden's "Transvaal Postage Stamps" the authors describe their efforts to attach name-places to the early Transvaal numeral cancellations—numerals in concentric circles. They were able to piece a few together from covers; and made a guess at some of the others. The information they sought had been searched for for 30, 40 or more years in vain; largely because of starting on the wrong track, viz., the endeavour to fix the first twelve numbers to the twelve post offices mentioned on page 435 of the London Philatelic Society's "Africa." On page 386 of "Africa" will be found the results of Mr. Yardley's attempts to identify the numbers.

Now it has been the present writer's good fortune to come across a little volume which actually gives the information so long sought after; it is a little work compiled by Fred. Jeppe (previously Postmaster-General of Transvaal) entitled "Transvaal Book

Almanac and Directory for 1877," Printed by P. Davis and Sons, Longmarket Street, Pietermaritzburg; and it is the first number of a succession of Transvaal directories published by Jeppe from year to year. I cannot refrain from quoting one paragraph of his preface:

"I hope that my personal supervision of the proof sheets will prevent similar mistakes as appeared in my Dutch Almanac for 1876, such as the insertion of two Ascension Days, and placing Good Friday on a Saturday. But mistakes will happen and can hardly be avoided in a publication of this kind."

On page 63 is the "Postal Directory" giving the days and time mails are received at and despatched from Pretoria, and including the names and office numbers of the several post offices, as follows:

Bloemhof	5	Marabastad	16
Bushman's Spruit	19	Maquassi and	
Christiana	6	M. Sp.	29
Eersteling	17	Nylstroom	15
Emigratie	23	Newcastle (Natal) —	
Grange, The	18	Potchefstroom ...	2
Heidelberg	9	Pilgrim's Rest ...	14
Jacobsdal	28	Pella	30
Klerksdorp	4	Rustenburg	3
Komati	25	Rolfontein	22
Krugerspost	27	Roodewal,	
Klipheuvcl	34	Rhen. P.	35
Kroonstad		Stander's Drift ...	20
(O.F.S.)	—	Strydkraal	21
Lichtenburg	7	Sterkfontein	26
Linokana	—	Spelonken	
Lydenburg	13	(Zpnsbg.)	32
Lake Chrissie ...	24	Steelpoort	36
Luneburg	33	Utrecht	11
W.M. Stroom ...	10	Zeerust (Marico) 8	
Middelburg	12		

It will be noted that the figures run to No. 36, and that Pretoria (No. 1) is not included as the information relates to Pretoria arrivals and despatches of mails. On page 64 is given a similar list, in which Pretoria No. 1 appears, relating to the arrival and despatch of mails at Potchefstroom (No. 2).

So there we have the complete list of the distribution of the 36 numerals received by Jeppe early in 1874, except 31, which is unaccountably missing. (Probably Kalekaleskop, Makapanspoort, as this is the name of the one additional post agency given in another part of the Postal Directory and not shown in the mail arrival and despatch list referred to above).

There were postmasters at numbers 1 to 17 inclusive; numbers 18 to 36 inclusive were postal agencies. There was also a postal agency at Kalekaleskop, Makapanspoort, mentioned above.

Unfortunately Jeppe's almanac for 1878 is unavailable among the Africana at my disposal, but I have come across an interesting work entitled "Guide to the Transvaal" by C. J. Becker, of Pretoria, printed in Dublin in 1878 by J. Dollard, 13 and 14 Dame Street. This gives a similar list to that quoted above, but has the following additional offices with numbers:

Brayton (Lead Mines)	39
Croc. River	42
Houtbosch	41
Jakhalsfont	40
Linokana	37
Upsal (Sterkloop)	43
Ventersdp (Schoensp)	38

thus adding seven new numbers to the previous list.

(To be continued).

ETHIOPIA

A "Sports" set of 5 stamps (10, 15, 20, 30 and 50 cents) was issued in January. The two low values feature local sports—"Guks," a form of warlike horsemanship, and "Ganna," a form of hockey; the other three feature Cycling, Football and a Marathon Race. It will be remembered that an Ethiopian (Abbebe Bikila) was the Marathon winner at the Olympic Games in Rome, 1960.

ISRAEL

The Ministry of Posts announces the issue of an additional air mail stamp, top value to the third definitive series. The denomination is IL 3.00 and it shows a view of Etat, Israel's Red Sea port. Exact date of issue not given.

INDIA

"Asiatic Hobbies" of Ghatkopor, Bombay, has informed us that India will issue eleven commemorative stamps during 1962, covering a wide variety of subjects. These are in addition to a start being made in October with the long awaited set dealing with the Wild Life of the country.

Z.A.R. OCCUPATION OF NATAL 1899-1900

Postmarks of Newcastle.

In the December Bulletin of the "Anglo-Boer War Philatelist" Mr. K. Griffith has an extensive study of the postmarks of the Boer occupation from 15-X-99 to 17-V-00. Rich gives only six different types of marks but 13 types are here listed; all but one, the double circle "Newcastle, Natal" mark of the P.O. there, are from specially made rubber handstamps.

He gives the earliest and latest dates of usage of all the marks in his collection; these run from 21-X-99 to 14-V-00.

SOUTH AFRICA

During the last few years my business has expanded rapidly as more and more Union/Republic collectors appreciate that I am likely to have some of their wants or something to interest them, having dealt in only these issues.

Yes, even collectors in South Africa are writing for supplies of new issues! You should be a subscriber to my S.A. "Gnus" for information and offers, only 2/6d. (25c) a year.

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FINLAND

Three stamps, of 10, 30 and 40 mk., were issued on 31st January in commemoration of the centenary of the Finnish State Railways. They feature three different types of locomotives.

A 30 mk. stamp was issued on 15 February for the 600th anniversary of the peoples' obtaining political fundamental rights. It features the MORA stone, the scene of the historic occasion.

ITALIAN REMAINDERS

According to the 'Philatelic Magazine' dealers are not at all worried about the official auctioning of Italian remainders of obsolete stamps. (See reference in our January issue, page 9.) They say the lotting has obviously been done by civil servant with little knowledge of either philately or stamp dealing. The sale is little more than a collection of oddments, with a few good stamps and with huge quantities of others only fit to help make up cheap packets. They do not anticipate that the sale, which is to be spread over three years, will fetch anything like the estimate of £1½ million.

SOCIETY NEWS

S.A. STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

This body became affiliated to the Federation at the meeting of its Executive Committee on 19th January.

It has its meetings at Dr. T. B. Berry's house and correspondence may be addressed to there, at Box 31, Bryanston, Tvl.

PRETORIA P.S.

January Meeting. Dr. de Kock showed a good collection of Hungary from 1871 to 1952, covering the issues of the various regimes of that period. The early issues included some covers of interest.

Mr. R. Cron, our American friend of the the missile tracking station showed a number of slides and films of missiles being fired, also a number of picturesque slides of various American countries. —D.J.C.R.

P.S. OF THE WESTERN RAND

18th January. This was the Society's A.G.M. Mr. J. Keet was elected Chairman for 1962 and Mr. O. C. Kylander as Secretary/Treasurer. After the business part of the meeting seven members displayed 10 pages each of their favourite country.

Krugersdorp will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in March. Included will be a hobbies Fair, from 12th to 17th, run by the S.A. Women's Federation and held in the Town Hall. Our Society is sponsoring a philatelic Section for both Seniors and Juniors, but entries are limited to residents in the Krugersdorp area. —J.K.

EAST RAND P.S.

January Meeting. A fairly good attendance with two Union displays by Mr. H. Behrandt of King George V and Mr. H. Suklje showing the complete setting out of booklets of the ½d. springbok, 1d. ship and 2d. Union Buildings, also varieties of King George V 4d. value. The 42nd Annual General Meeting took place on the 22nd of February, 1962, at the Regent Hotel, Benoni. —H.N.

MAFEKING & BECHUANALAND P.S.

January Meeting. Mr. R. J. F. Anderson showed part of his historical collection dealing with South African commemoratives and also some from Tristan da Cunha.

There were included a number of beautiful F.D.C.'s, the work of Mr. H. J. de Wet of Cape Town. A descriptive talk accompanied the display and both were much appreciated.

Mr. C. Beaumont exhibited selections of New Zealand and of U.S.A. commemorative. His commentary on them gave most useful hints as to the setting out of such collections.

The Society had produced special art covers in connection with the new definitive Bechuanaland issue. They had received a number of appreciative letters about these from a variety of countries, also Christmas cards and letters of thanks from collectors whom the Society had helped in making collections of the decimal overprints.

—R.W.B.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB (CAPE TOWN)

January 22. The year started off well with a popular All Members' Night. The exhibits shown were as follows: "Tristan da Cunha, Gough and Bouvet Islands" by Mr. L. Simenhoff, F.R.P.S.; "Liechtenstein" by Mr. R. F. Putzell; "Birds on Stamps" by Mrs. V. R. Coe; "Recent Miniature Sheets" by Dr. P. L. Vautier; "Olympic Saga" by Mr. H. N. Beinart. Among the Island covers were some very unusual items. The Liechtenstein stamps were a really fine lot and more than attractive. It is not often that such a country is exhibited. Mrs. Coe's Birds were seen for the first time and was a well written-up collection. She followed the international rulings in doing so. The Miniature sheets created much interest. Finally Mr. Beinart also showed his thematic collection for the first time and showed the start of what will turn out a real story illustrated by stamps. He was able to give certain pertinent points, e.g. the distance of the Marathon which was new to members. —M.F.S.

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

January 11. A two-man show proved of great interest, both members being prominent dealers. Mr. E. Blum showed what he termed "Bits and Pieces," features of this were: 1911 Allahabad First Flight; a full set used of the Protectorate Overprints; Post-War German Provisionals; Pre-Cape Covers; Colour proofs of the 1929 Union Airmails; Harrison Union Essays; 1948 Tristan Venture letters. The boards were then filled by Mr. D. Roth with "Reprints of the World." This was part of his private collection of five volumes of which only 150 sheets were shown. In some cases the original was also shown with the reprint. Outstanding were some whole sheets including the first New Zealand issues, and also the proof of the Penny Black, rare reprints of Lübeck and Marshall Islands. This is a fine reference collection and in the talk

he gave the various reasons for reprints. Mr. Blum likewise gave interesting sidelights of the material shown by him. A more than interesting evening.

January 25. This was the evening for the Jacob Cup, given for the best collection shown in 1961. The Committee selected four exhibits: "Rhodesia" by J. G. Figov; "S.W.A." by Mr. R. C. Steinbauer; "Venetia Republic" by Mr. W. G. Combrink; "Egypt" by Mr. R. Jeidel. All four collections were of a very high standard in their respective sections. A vote of members was taken and the Cup went to Mr. R. C. Steinbauer, who is to be congratulated. —M.F.S.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

7th November. This evening meeting was entirely devoted to the auctioning and exchange of stamps between members. The latter was a novel feature and can certainly be counted as a success worthy of repeating in the future.

21st November. Dr. J. W. Harris showed us something most of us had never seen before, viz. "Disinfected Letters," which aroused very considerable interest. He prefaced his exhibit by an informative talk, which explained the existence of these letters, which, it was believed at the time, prevented the spread of such deadly diseases as Cholera and the like. Vinegar and Sulphur fumes were used *inter alia* to achieve the desired results. A study of the letters proved most revealing. The earliest one bore a Venice mark of 1787, others dated from 1795 to 1820 and carried on to examples from the first World War 1914-1918. Mr. J. K. Forbes thanked Dr. Harris for the unusual showing. One new member was enrolled.

5th December. As this was the last get-together of the year the privilege of showing stamps descended on the President, Mr. E. Baer. He had chosen Denmark and a very excellent exhibit it proved to be, especially as we were given an insight into the stamps of Denmark by means of a well prepared paper. The collection was especially strong in the fascinating early issues and many choice items could be studied. To mention just a few S.G. No. 1 and No. 3, the blue 2 R.B.S., the unissued 16SK rosy mauve of the 1854/59 issue and its successor S.G. No. 21. Of the issues of the 1870 decade all sets were practically complete and many of the inverted frames could be seen. A beautiful marginal mint copy S.G. 100a 1 öre graced the collection and it is certainly not seen every day. The 20th century issues were all there. Truly it was a treat and words of thanks came readily to Mr. G. Bülbring when called upon at short notice to convey the members appreciation.

16th January, the first meeting of the new year. As our President, Mr. E. Baer, was in Johannesburg to attend an Executive Meeting of the Federation, Mr. G. Bülbring took the chair. A number of members had brought about 10 sheets each in order to

make up the display of the evening. Very interesting and varied material was on view such as Australia (R. W. Pearson), S.A. Air Mails (L. Bergmann), Bechuanaland (A. F. W. Pavitt), Cape Triangulars and a study of Union Silver Weddings and World Refugee Year (E. Nagel), Britain and Commonwealth (W. Harmer), Holland (J. F. Slabbert), Works of Art on Stamps (C. G. Tomlinson), Early France (G. Bülbring). A number of members combined useful talks with their exhibits, a feature which was much appreciated. An auction concluded a very pleasant and instructive evening.

—W.P.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

9th January. The first meeting of 1962 made a fine start with Mr. J. E. Frankland showing, to put it in his own words "a portion of my Edwardian collection, which I did not exhibit at Unipex" a pity perhaps, as judging from the display of rare blocks and proofs, trials and errors, specimens and postal stationery which were on view, he might well have been on the road to the Grand Prix at the Exhibition. Anyway, the heartiest of congratulations to Mr. Frankland for an outstanding display, even if only a small portion of the whole. I hope that we will be able to see the whole some day.

22nd January. "Committee Night." It was amusing to hear all the apologies made for what turned out to be very good collections. They covered a great variety of subjects and it is regretted that space does not allow more than just the names of the exhibitors and their subjects: B. Glassman—current issues of Israel; K. Lydall—Gambia embossed; S. Boss—Monaco; W. F. Tilney—Canada; B. Joseph—Sports on Stamps; J. Michelson—Latvia; Dr. J. Varendorff—Albania; G. D. B. Williams—Rhodesia Posts; C. Cilliers—Swaziland. —C.C.

P.S. OF NATAL

The first meeting of the month was held in The George Cato Room, of the City Hall. It was well attended, 58 members and visitors being present. There was a good array of material offering for the Auction and Mr. Ray Walsh did very well to dispose of most of them. The Business did not take very long, and this was followed up with the reading from the various stamp magazines by Mr. F. King.

The exhibit for the evening was one shown by Mrs. B. Bevis and she had chosen a selection of British possessions of Central & North Africa. Unfortunately the exhibition boards were not available for this meeting therefore the exhibit had to be laid out flat on the tables. However it made a very attractive exhibit and was enjoyed by all.

The Second Meeting held on the 17th January again attracted a large number of members which was most gratifying. It is evident that the new quarters are pleasing to all. There was the usual auction and during the evening many items changed hands.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

January 9th. A rather small meeting The display was provided by Alf. and Robert Waddington; the former showing complete mint sets from various British Colonies and the latter selections from Nicaragua, Belgian Congo and Katanga.

MASHONALAND P.S.

At the **January meeting** Mr. Walters showed classic stamps of Great Britain. He is moving to Redcliffe and will be a great loss to the Society.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

January 15th. Mr. C. Wainer gave a display of Israel Flight covers.

The interesting news is given that a Sister Society was due to be inaugurated in Cape Town on 14th February.

FRANCE

11 January. A 0.30 NF stamp featuring the paquebot FRANCE on the occasion of its start on its initial voyage to New York.

27 January. Two stamps, of 0.30 and 0.50 NF featuring skiers on the occasion of the world championship races at Chamonix in February.

LAST DAYS ON TRISTAN

In "Stamp Collecting" of 5th January, p. 549, the philatelic story of the last few days on Tristan is told by Mr. Wheeler, the Administrator (who also acted as Postmaster).

He had about £10,000 worth of the old sterling sets immediately before the arrival of the decimal set; he received instructions to burn them all and did so.

He was inundated with orders for the decimal stamps and spent hours cancelling covers. Then came the eruption; the post

office was closed on the 10th October and the mail bags transferred to the **Sealion**.

After a day on Nightingale Island he returned to Tristan. The remaining stock of the decimal stamps was in a steel filing cabinet along with Post Office equipment and other documents. The cabinet was manhandled down to the boat and as he had not got the keys with him decided that the best thing to do was to sink it. It was heaved over the side in water fathoms deep, a few shots fired into it from a revolver and there it sank.

When asked about last day covers from the island he said: "The skipper of the **Tristania** was a keen collector, but even he didn't get one. I had personally made a few for friends who had helped Tristan in the past. A raffle was held on the **Sealion** on the way to Cape Town and I chipped in with ten last day covers. They fetched a few pounds. When I arrived in Cape Town I was told they were worth £100!"

(BRITISH) O.F.S. STUDY CIRCLE

It may be noted with pleasure that Mr. W. Newlands has been elected President for 1962.

The December Bulletin is the largest ever issued, and is crammed full of meat. The circle is now getting under way with the preparation of a Handbook. Volume I will deal with the Republican period, from 1868 to 1900, including the pre-stamp era, and authors for sixteen chapters have been agreed on. Good luck to their efforts—this should be a fine bit of work.

TRANSVAAL RARITIES—PRICES

"Stamps" reports the following prices obtained at a recent auction by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., New York.

Transvral error (S.G. 116a, Cat. £65) \$360.

Lydenburg. Unlisted V.R.I. 3d. on S.G. 225, with Royal Certificate, \$275.

Lydenburg 1/- (S.G. Cat. £25). \$175.

Rustenburg 2/6. Unpriced by Scott or S.G. \$160.

K.E. 1d. with anchor watermark (S.G. 274a Cat. £50) \$115.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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Recent Printings.

The Publicity Officer, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, has kindly supplied the following information concerning the period 5th November, 1961, to the 5th February, 1962. For the previous list see our January, 1962, Notes.

Postage Stamps.

- 1c—Job No. 9512.18 continued. On an order for 1,750,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 15,000 sheets was made on the 27th April, 1961, the total delivery to date being 1,268,208 sheets. Same Double Die Cyls., Nos. 25 Int., 26 S Ext.
- 1½c—Job No. 20946.39. On an order for 50,000 sheets of 200 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 9,000 sheets was made on the 28th December, 1961. Same Cyls., Nos. S 24 Int., S 19 Ext.
- 2½c—Job No. 15432.80 continued. On an order for 1,486,180 sheets (see Job No. 20260.60 for balance of order) of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 5,100 sheets was made on the 4th July, 1961, the total delivery to the 28th November, 1961, being 875,020 sheets. Same Cyls., Nos. S 15 Int., S 18 Ext.
- 2½c—Job No. 20260.60. On an order for 611,160 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 18,400 sheets was made on the 12th December, 1961, the total delivery to date being 220,400 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. 3 Int., 5 Ext. Double width Panes, B and D left hand side, A & C right. Double Comb Grover perforator. (Albertini Printing Machine).
- 2½c (Volkspele)—Job No. 121341.31. On an order for 500,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 10,500 sheets was made on the 23rd January, 1962, the total delivery to date being 57,500 sheets. New Cyls. Nos. S 22 Int., S 34 Ext. Double Die printing, Pane A right hand side, Pane B left.
- 3c—Job No. 17767.92 continued. First Aerial Post. On an order for 80,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 8,500 sheets was made on the 19th October, 1961, the total delivery to the 28th November, 1961, being 76,475 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 104 Int., 58 Ext.
- 5c—Job No. 9517.23 continued. On an order for 110,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 34,000 sheets was made on the 13th April, 1961, the total delivery to date being 103,460 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 31 Int., S 1 Ext.
- 10c—Job No. 9519.25 continued. On an order for 110,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 29,675 sheets was made on the 11th April, 1961, the total delivery to date being 79,743 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 114 Int., 101 Ext.
- 20c—Job No. 9521.27 continued. On an order for 50,000 sheets of 100 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 8,100 sheets was made on the 18th April, 1961, the total delivery to date being 35,206 sheets. Same Cyls. Nos. 29 and 103 Int., 97 Ext.

Air Letter Cards.

- 2½c—Job No. 18692.07 continued. On an order for 300,000 cards, a delivery of 36,000 cards was made on the 24th October, 1961, the total delivery to the 1st Feb-

ruary, 1962, being 325,000 cards. Same Cyls., Chambon Printing machine.

5c—Job No. 14929.28 continued. On an order for 2,880,000 cards a delivery of 33,000 cards was made on the 1st November, 1961, the total delivery to date being 1,647,000 cards. Same Cyls., Chambon Printing machine.

5c—(Greetings). Job No. 20992.25. On an order for 100,000 cards, a delivery of 6,000 cards was made on the 23rd January, 1962. New Cyls., Chambon Printing machine.

Picture Post Cards.

1½c—Job No. 14931.84 continued. On an order for 1,296,000 cards, a delivery of 20,000 cards was made on the 5th October, 1961, the total delivery to date being 1,200,000 cards. Same Cyls. Nos. 168 Int., 171 Ext.

Postage Due Stamps.

5c—Job No. 21614.27. On an order for 12,000 sheets of 50 stamps per sheet, a delivery of 13,200 sheets was made on the 13th January, 1962. Same Int. Cyl. No. 116, New Ext. Cyl. No. 40.

The 2½c "Volkspele" Commemorative Stamp.

Further to our February Notes, the issue of the 2½c "Volkspele" Commemorative Stamp was printed on Arms Watermarked paper, from fine irregular grained screened cylinders, Nos. S 22 A/13, and S 34 A/B, in Double Die Format, comprising two panes, A and B, the relative position of these on the printing machine being as yet undetermined officially—but probably Pane B on the left of A.

Each pane conforms to a horizontal format of 5 rows x 20 (100) stamps. The left and right hand margins are perforated through, and carry brown single line broken bars with a central gap, while the top and bottom ones are imperforate, and have a centrally placed brown arrow of the solid type. The relevant cylinder numbers in their respective colours are printed on the left margin of each sheet, opposite stamp 1 of Row 5. The perforation of the sheets was made with an eleven row perforator.

Four figure red sheet numbers are inscribed twice on the bottom margin of Pane B only, below stamps 6 and 7, and also 17 and 18, of Row 5, Pane A being devoid of these numerals.

The bilingually inscribed stamps are of vertical format, and depict two Volkspeleers

(Folk Dancers) in traditional costume in orange colour on a brown background, the caption "1912 Volkspele 1962" being uncoloured.

The printing is moderately free of flaws, some of which are recorded:

Row:— PANE B.

- 1-1. Small brown smudge to right of man's face.
- 1-13. White smudge effect and white dots below AFRIKA.
- 1-18. Brown scratch marks under man's left foot, and also to the right of last A of AFRICA.
- 2-1. White dot on edge of women's dress, near man's foot.
- 2-4. Tiny brown dot at one o'clock to large 2 of figure of value.
- 3-1. Tiny brown dot near edge of woman's dress, towards man's leg.
- 3-9. White smudge near lower border of woman's dress.
- 3-10. Tiny brown smudge below woman's right arm.
- 4-1. Tiny brown dot above man's left forearm.
- 5-16. Tiny brown dot left of large 2 of figure of value.

PANE A.

- 2-5. White cloud between man's head and C of figure of value.
- 3-3. White spot above 1 of 1912.
- 3-9. Brown streak below large 2 of figure of value.
- 4-17. Brown smudge on top of right outline of large 2 of figure of value.
- 5-1. White cloud effect on bottom left corner of stamp.

Note.—A small brown dot appears below FR of AFRIKA on many stamps, and may in consequence be a Master Negative Flaw. Due to the restricted supply of material at the period when these notes were prepared, a complete investigation of the characteristics was not possible, and is left over.

Coil Stamps.

The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs has announced that automatic stamp vending machines were not being used for the time being. The suspension followed the introduction of decimal coins, as the penny was of less value than the one cent stamp issued by the machine.

As soon as pennies went out of circulation the machines would be brought into operation.

Joined Paper.

Attention has again been drawn to Joined Paper items, the quest for which continues as keenly as ever among collectors of these printing characteristics. They may originate from two sources—the paper manufacturer's join and the printer's join.

A recent tender put out in connection with the purchase of stamp-printing paper specified that there should not be more than ten joins per reel which shall contain at least 5,000 (approximately) and not more than 5,500 yards (approximately) of paper. The joins are to be 2 inches wide, securely fixed, and shall be clearly marked on the surface or gummed side, across the whole width of the paper.

Sometimes these paper-maker's joins are not marked and occasionally escape the notice of the Sorter at the printing works. They may thus be acquired by a fortunate collector of these items and be recognised by the ragged edges of the paper forming the join, the larger join, and the fact that the gum used to form the join is the same as that on the sheet.

With a printer's join, the edges of the paper are cut straight, and the overlap is narrow, possibly only half an inch. A dark mucilage is used, and the join is thicker than that of a maker's. No identification indicates the join.

Paper-joins are responsible for leaving telltale varieties on the stamps, for it occasionally happens that the printing has been made on that paper which has picked up the red ink from the paper-makers' join, and this red mark is present on the stamps. Also, due to increased thickness of the paper forming the join, stamps printed on this portion have a different appearance. This condition may be controlled to a certain extent, if the machine operator is able to regulate the tension on the Doctor Blade, or the pressure of the pressure roller, when the join passes over the printing cylinder.

5c "Greetings" Aerogramme.

A new 5c "Greetings" Air Letter Sheet has been issued. Printed in the same format as the previous one but on blue paper instead of grey, bears an imprinted 5c "Baobab Tree" stamp, the sheet is slightly shorter, and the words "Beit Bridge/Beitbrug" have been added under the picture of the bridge.

THE AEROPHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

This Society serves all those who are directly or indirectly interested in airmails. During the two years of its existence members have received free quite a number of interesting covers and cards of flights in South Africa—all in the small subscription of 50 cents entry fee and 50 cents annual subscription. When the membership warrants it, a Magazine will be produced giving information in regard to airmail matters. In the meantime, regular bulletins are issued and overseas covers (first flights) arranged for members through the allied Societies overseas. The Society is affiliated to FISA.

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A National Philatelic Exhibition, to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society, will be held under the Style P.E.N.A.P.E.X.—P.E.N.A.F.U. (Port Elizabeth National Philatelic Exhibition — Port Elizabethse Nasionale Filatelistiese Uitstalling) in the Feather Market Hall, Castle Street, Port Elizabeth, from the 17th to the 22nd September, 1962.

The Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society will be the Host Society under whose auspices the 24th Annual Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa will also take place from the 18th to the 20th September.

The Exhibition will comprise two sections, a non-competitive and a competitive, and will be open to all members of societies affiliated to the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa, and to all philatelists who are bona fide residents in the area covered by Federation, viz., Africa, south of the equator.

In addition, a Junior Section is available to all young collectors in Africa, south of the equator, in two age groups, (a) up to 15, and (b) 16 to 18 years of age.

Various "Invitation Exhibits" from overseas and locally, are being arranged for, to be displayed in the Court of Honour Section. A prospectus, setting out the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the Exhibition, and enclosing a provisional entry form, details the comprehensive groups under which entries of all tastes may be made in the Competitive Section. This pamphlet may be obtained from your local Philatelic Society or from the Exhibition Secretary, Box 255, Port Elizabeth; it draws attention to the 1st June, 1962, as the final date for acceptance of the Provisional Entry Forms. By observing this request, exhibitors will assist the Exhibition committee in completing their preliminary arrangements prior to the receipt of the final entries a month later.

The Feather Market Hall, situated in the centre of Port Elizabeth and one of the largest in the Republic, has been secured for the Exhibition. Provision has consequently been made for ample room for the Exhibits, and the Exhibition Committee does not anticipate to have to refuse any entry on account of lack of space, nor to restrict unduly the number of frames re-

quired by exhibitors. In this manner, a cross section of the finest collections in Southern Africa may confidentially be expected to be on display.

Various entertainments and diversions are being contemplated. A temporary Post Office will be in commission during the period of the Exhibition, and mail matter posted there will be marked by a special canceller. The Host Society will supply and service First Day Covers, details of which and other relevant matters, we expect to receive later.

Meanwhile now is the time to brush up your exhibit, and to make your arrangements to spend an enjoyable philatelic and family holiday at hospitable Port Elizabeth during September. Should you require any assistance as regards hotel reservations etc., the Exhibition Secretary will be pleased to assist you, but remember, P Day is the 1st June, 1962.

JAPAN

On January 16, four stamps (two of 5 yen and two of 10 yen) were issued as the first of the second National Parks series.

On February 15 a 10 yen stamp appeared, this being the eleventh of the Quasi-National Parks series.

On February 20 a 6 yen stamp was put on sale in the ordinary stamp series. This was a new value necessitated by a revision in postal rates. It features a shrub "Nanten," an evergreen with red berries prized as a garden plant.

ST. HELENA—TRISTAN RELIEF

Some of the stamps of Tristan Da Cunha, locally overprinted in St. Helena with "St. Helena/Tristan Relief" are now coming on the market. A mint set of 4 auctioned by Messrs. Harmer Rooke & Co. fetched £210. The set of 4 on registered cover, postmarked OC 18, fetched £170 at Harmers. Mint blocks of 4 have now been seen, and others are reported as about.

Figures published by the Crown Agents confirm earlier reports that 434 complete sets of the St. Helena Tristan Relief stamps were sold before arrival of the Colonial Office order for their withdrawal. The top value (1s. on 10 cents) sold to that figure. There were slightly more sold of the other

values, but not sufficient to create a market upset. The figures are: 3d. on 2½c, 527; 6d. on 5c, 469; 9d. on 7½c, 441; 1s. on 10c, 434. —(From "Stamp Collecting" of 9.III.62).

ITALIAN REMAINDERS

The first official auction sale of Government Reminders is reported as being a complete flop. It was held on 12.XII.61, when two lots were put up; only one bid for each had been handed in and no further bids were made by the audience. In both cases the bids made were much under the official reserves, announcements received with loud ironic applause. The Director-General of Posts then informed the meeting that in no circumstances would his government destroy these reminders. He did not (and perhaps could not) say what would happen to them, but the latest seen philatelic papers from overseas indicate that two more lots were to be put up for auction on 13th February.

U.S.A.

On 14th February there was due for issue a 4c stamp honouring the 5th anniversary of the statehood of Arizona. It features a flowering arm of the giant saguaro cactus bearing the beautiful state flower.

Something really new in U.S. postal history—a stamp issued with no previous intimation whatsoever. This was a 4c stamp entitled PROJECT MERCURY and with a smaller heading U.S. MAN IN SPACE. Stocks were issued to post offices but held in secrecy until word was sent from Washington to release them. This was done as soon as it was known that Col. Glenn's flight had finished successfully.

FRANCE

Two commemoratives were issued on 17th February.

(a) One of 0.30 NF, honouring Maurice Bourdet, a journalist who became a leading light in television programmes. He joined the Resistance Movement, but was captured and executed in an extermination camp in 1944.

(b) One of 0.50 NF, commemorating the centenary of the death of Pierre-Fidèle Bretonneau. He was the 8th in a long line of medical practitioners; his own outstanding work was in the direction of infectious diseases and public health.

On 24th February a 0.20 NF stamp was issued in honour of the city of Loyal in North-West France. It features a bridge and the donjon.

VIETNAM

We have received from the Philatelic Department of the P.O. in Hanoi a list of the stamps proposed for issue in 1962. They number 60. It is mentioned that 14 of these should have appeared in 1961, but there was some delay; as a set-off however it is added that a few issues not listed, may be further released.

EIRE

On 26 March two stamps of 3d. and 1s. 3d. denominations were issued in commemoration of the centenary of the deaths of John O'Donovan and Eugene O'Curry. These were the acknowledged the greatest scholars in the fields of Irish literature, history and law.

SWEDEN

On 21st March two stamps of 30 öre and 2 kronor were issued for the centenary of the promulgation of municipal laws.

EXCHANGE WANTED

Mr. M. Ramanathan, of 16 Ranganathan Road, Villupuram, Madras State, India, wishes to exchange stamps of the British Commonwealth on the basis of Stanley Gibbons Catalogue. He is a business man of 35 and also collects First Day and First Flight covers.

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DECIMAL OVERPRINTS

BECHUANALAND 2½ CENT

By R. Brownlow—Lobatsi

The Government Printer, Pretoria, reported that 31,260 sheets of 60 stamps were overprinted 2½c. These were designated 2½c Blue; 2½c Brown Type I and Type II. In Stamp Collecting No. 2500 of 29th September, 1961, the reference is to 2½c Brown and a "second setting." In order to assist collectors to sort out their specimens it is considered advisable to adhere to the ideas of Type I and Type II.

Type I 2½c Brown 10,000 sheets of 60.

Criteria: the base line of the digit 2, fraction and letter C is on the same plane 2½c. Overprint is a clear face type no smudging and the letters C of good round shape. The digit 2 is sharply pointed except that the recorded Catalogue variety "Blunt 2" occurs on Row 9 No. 1 and Row 10 No. 2. The line of overprint across the stamps varied in height from the base frame line probably because different formes were used in printing 10,000 sheets. Minor displacement occurred on a few sheets, the C touching the right vertical frame line.

Type II 2½c Brown (part of 19,260 sheets).

The quantities overprinted in each batch are not known. **Criteria.** The base of the fraction is ½ mm. below the base of the digit 2 and the letter C retains the same level as digit 2 thus: 2½c. The overprinting is a clear face type with the letter C of good round shape. The blunt 2 does not occur on these sheets. A variety occurs in the line of overprint on one sheet dispersed at Francistown the height is 14 mm. above base frame line and this brings the curve of the digit 2 just under the chin line of the portrait.

Grand Rarity. Missing 2½c.

It is from this Type II group that a sheet of stamps was secured in which the overprint is missing on the top row of six stamps. The sheet apparently was drawn out of position, the overprinting slipping down missing the top row, and appearing just under the perforation separating the rows of stamps and ending in the base margin. The height above base frame line is 29 mm. and the overprint rests on the crown above the portrait. This Variety is akin to the "missing 10c" reported elsewhere but

with the difference that the 10c overprints were in the normal position while the 2½c is displaced and is at the top of the stamps.

Type II 2½c Brown—2nd Setting.

Later supplies from the Printer produced sheets of stamps with a "blobby" overprint. There is a general thickening of the type, a filling of the angle in the digit 2, fractions badly formed and some thick C's. Comparing stamp with stamp in the earlier supplies it is clear that there has been a "second setting."

Criteria: The digit 2 has varied shapes, the fractions poor and rather irregular; the letter C varies in thickness and outline.

The line of overprint is at three levels, the base of the digit 2 being 5 mm. or 8 mm. or 9 mm. above base frame line. There seems no possible way in which the type face of type II (original) could deteriorate into the condition represented in this setting. Personal enquiries were made in Pretoria as to what happened during the printing process but although the printer was shown a Sheet of these stamps he was unable to provide an answer. The printers were of course being pressed to provide supplies urgently for the three territories and the operative could but do his best with any types available.

Type I—2nd Setting.

In a later supply there was a return to Type I, digit, fraction and letter C on the same plane. The base of the digit 2 is 8 mm. above the base frame line. The line of overprint inclines upward across the row of 6 stamps the variation being 2 mm. In the right vertical row the letter C is lifted thus 2½c. This obviously is a "second setting." The blunt 2's have disappeared and the oddities in figures and fractions appear to indicate that chronologically this group was processed after Type II 2nd setting.

Type II 2½c Brown—3rd Setting.

The last supplies were another lot of type II. This time the type face had further deterioration. Figures appear incomplete, the ink not taking evenly. The letters C more out of shape. Looking at the backs of the stamps one sees a deep impression coming through like "braille" and it has an inky look. Considerable pressure must have been exerted in the printing process and indeed there is an outline round the digit 2 which looks like "doubling." No answer was received to enquiries as to what happened to

this lot. One is left with the feeling it was a hasty job; that the plates were not inked and the sheets came through with only an impression; that the whole lot went through a second time with ink and with consequent running of the ink in the impression. (See editorial comment below).

Distribution.

The system in being allowed each Post Office to requisition direct on Pretoria for Stamps required. No clear record was kept there as to what quantities had been released from each batch. The 19,260 sheets were not all processed at the one time. It was the erratic demands of the Philatelists which repeatedly upset forecasts of requirements and caused the repeat demands upon the Printer. Under the circumstances Philatelists must be thankful that the Varieties in the most common denomination in use were so few in number.

Editorial Comment. In a personal letter Mr. Brownlow informs us that there were a considerable number of sheets in this batch, not merely the one which he sent us for inspection. We did not feel happy over Mr. Brownlow's explanation of the appearance at the back of the pane he submitted of Type II, 3rd setting, viz. going through the machine twice, once without ink and once with ink. Several persons who are familiar with the Government Printer's methods (including Dr. T. B. Berry) were consulted and all agreed on the following as a more probable explanation: There was no obvious difference in the paper of the pane seen from the paper of panes from other settings, but even on these the backs of some showed the "braille"-like effect, although without the ink showing through. It was felt that the chances of there being such perfect registration if a pane were put through twice, were about a million to one against.

The most probable explanation appears to us to be (a) that the pressure in printing was greater than usual, (b) that this heavy pressure fractured some of the paper fibres, and (c) this allowed some of the ink to pass through and show up on the back.

PORTRAIT GALLERY

XLI

Quite the most impressive of the 19 portraits to be recorded this time are four more Spanish conquistadors (gorgeous

word) in the same effective tall format of which Spain and her colonies—if I dare use that wicked word—has given us many examples of late. They are Nuflo de Chaves, Blass de Lezo, Sebastian de Belalcazar and Rodrigo de Bastidas. These gallant gentlemen appear in pairs on a set of eight, and are described as "Explorers and Colonisers" (another naughty word!) "of America." The last two are illustrated herewith.



Rodrigo de Bastidas, born about 1460, a handsome fellow if there ever was one, with his well-trimmed beard, and clubbed hair surmounted by a most becoming beret, is chiefly remembered by his expeditions along the northern coast of South America, and it was he who founded that flourishing seaport town of Santa Marta that looks across the Cienaga Bay to Barranquilla, chief commercial centre of Colombia. There is frequent air and sea communication between the two towns.

Sebastian de Belalcazar's real name was Sebastian Moyano, and he was born at Estremadura about 35 years after Rodrigo de Bastidas. He voyaged to America in his early youth, was given high military command, and conquered Nicaragua in 1524. Eight years later he took part in Francisco Pizarro's conquest of Peru. Turning north he defeated the Inca Chief Ruminahui at Quito the following year and established the cities of Quito, which became the capital of Ecuador, and Guayaquil, 150 miles S S W, which developed into its chief port. Still pushing north "in search of El Dorado" he invaded Popayan, now capital of the Province of Cauca in S.W. Colombia. The golden vision faded, and Sebastian settled down as Governor of Popayan, 1538. As is evident from his portrait (from a monument, surely) he had more than a little of the ruthless-

ness of his leader Pizarro. But they were turbulent days, and pioneers had need of a firm hand and a stout heart.

The story of the Pitcairn Islands has often been reflected in the stamp album and cannot be retold here. There is an excellent account in "The Strand Stamp Journal" for February. Three not very successful stamps mark the centenary of the return of the islanders from Norfolk Island. Of these the 6d. value shows the two chief islands of the groups, with a medallion portrait of Queen Elizabeth II in between, the 1/- "Migrant Schooner Mary Ann" which carried the islanders, and the 3d. a view of Pitcairn from the sea, with medallion portraits of both the Queen and Simon Young. The clipper-yacht schooner "Mary Ann," then the swiftest craft in the Australian seas, was formerly the notorious "Louisa" doing a big trade smuggling spirits into New South Wales. Her captain however thought it wise to change her name to "Mary Ann" and his own from Stewart to Wilson, and the transfer in 1856 of 43 islanders, homesick for the island of their birth, from Norfolk to Pitcairn was honourably and peaceably carried out by this queer character. Five years later the main body of islanders followed under the leadership of Simon Young, grandson of the mutinous midshipman of the "Bounty." For thirty years this excellent man presided over the island's affairs as teacher, pastor and patriarch, dying of typhus at 70 in 1893.

Of the others the most notable is Arvid Järnefelt the Finnish writer. A fine engraving of this distinguished man in his old age, in a pleasting shade of purple, was issued on November 16 to mark the centenary of his birth. On October 30 a much cruder portrait appeared, to mark the 50th anniversary of the birth of Milosh Nikolla the Albanian poet.

Several stamps have already appeared to honour the space-flight of Gherman Titov on August 6-7. Russia issued the first the very next day! It shows the cosmonaut (one of the few successful recently-coined words) with an impression of the "capsule" hurtling through space. How many more are going to figure on the world's stamps? Three other recent Soviet emissions commemorate S. I. Vavilov, scientist, the centenary of Vasha Pshavela, Georgian poet, and the bicentenary of A. D. Zaharov, architect.

Lastly Indonesia, which seems to have an inexhaustible supply of them, brings us two

more batches of "National Independence Heroes," and I can but name them with bated breath: Tengku Tjhih Di Tiro, Heuku Umar, Djenderal Sudirman, who burst upon an astonished world on October 5; Abdul Muis, Surjopranoto, Raden Adjeng Kartini, Mohammad Husni Thamrin and Ki Hadjar Dewantoro, who caused an even greater sensation, if possible, on November 10.

—W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS.

POSTMARK CORNER

Roggebaai—A name 300 years old.

The postal authorities are to be commended on their farsighted action in the perpetuation of the name of an historic place by the designation of a new post office, Roggebaai. This modern office was opened a few weeks ago in one of the multi-storied buildings recently erected on the foreshore at Cape Town.



ROGGEBAAI 1850.

It is situated a mere stone's throw from the locality where a small bay of that name once existed. Roggebaai (Skate Bay), the name given to this small cove in the coastline of Table Bay by early Dutch mariners—has a deep rooted historical background which is irrevocably entwined with the colonisation of South Africa. For here it was, during the afternoon of April 7, 1652, more than three centuries ago, that Jan van Riebeeck, the first governor of the Cape of Good Hope, set foot on the soil of this country.

The actual place where the landing took place was a small indentation, situated immediately to the west of the pier, now demolished, which projected into the sea from the lower end of Adderley Street.

During the administration of the settlement at the Cape by the Dutch East India

Company, a storage shed was erected in the vicinity of the bay, where for many years the homes of the fishermen stood. Later, however, the original fish purveyors were ousted with the influx of the Malays, who gradually took possession of the site and of the fish trade which has been in their possession ever since.

Early in the Eighteenth Century a small battery was constructed bearing the same name as that of the cove, and this formed part of the defences of Table Bay. But a hundred years later this redoubt, having served its usefulness, fell into decay.

Later another building was erected close by to house the fish market. This contained pumping equipment for the supply of water to the fish storage tanks.

With the passing of time, however, owing to the extensions of the harbour and other civic developments, a gradual silting up of the little inlet took place. In an endeavour to obviate the unpleasantness caused by stagnant water and the accumulation of garbage, the local authority commenced the reclamation of the bay by the dumping of refuse and ash.

Gradually the profile of the fishermen's haven was eliminated; the dilapidated old cottages and other buildings razed and today, with the march of time, Roggebaai and its surroundings has been engulfed in the vast foreshore development scheme.

The postmark in use at the post office is of the large double circle type, having an outer diameter of 31.5 mm. and an inner diameter of 20 mm. The word ROGGEBAAI occupies the upper portion of the canceller and the date appears in Arabic numerals across the centre.

AFRICAN FLIGHTS APRIL, 1932

By **Capt. M. F. Stern, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.G.S.**

I was asked for further particulars recently by Mr. Wotherspoon of England in connection with the flight of Oscar Garden from Cape Town during April, 1932. No information was available in connection with this attempted flight from Cape Town to London, but on doing a check of papers etc. the following information was obtained which also brought to light a record flight by the French from France to Cape Town during April, 1932.

Oscar Garden left at 12.17 a.m. in a light Spartan Hermes biplane from Wynberg,

Cape, on April 21st, 1932. The idea was to fly to London via Bulawayo, Salisbury, Mpika, Lake Victoria, Juba, Khartoum, Cairo and South of France. His plane on leaving Cape Town was taken for the French record flying plane due and piloted by Capt. Marcel Goulette and M. Andre Salel. Kimberly was reached at 6.00 a.m. and left at 7.12 a.m. en route for Bulawayo. No further news was received except that he had arrived at Broken Hill at 10.30 a.m. on Friday, April 22nd, 1932. The next news and final news was of the crash at Abercorn on April 22nd and that the flight had been abandoned. 20 covers were carried and these received a three-line cachet "Accident- at Abercorn / 22 April 1932 / Flight abandoned" and datestamped "Abercorn, N.E. Rhodesia 22 Apr 32". Garden ran the first South African Flying Circus, catalogue of which is in my possession signed by Garden.

The interesting point however of the further research was the flight of Goulette and Salel. These two famous French airmen are well known for previous famous flights. It seems that their flight to Cape Town has been omitted by Wyndham and Muller owing in the first place to the fact that the flight was not from England and further that apparently no mail was carried. They left Le Bourget Airport (Paris) at 5 a.m. on Sunday, April 17th, 1932 and landed at Cape Town at 12.40 a.m. on April 21st, 1932, doing the trip in 3 days 17 hours 15 minutes. The plane utilized was a Farman F.190 monoplane. They arrived at Niamey on Monday at 6.30 p.m. and Libreville at 11.50 p.m., while Walvis Bay was reached on Tuesday at 1.50 p.m., April 20th. All previous records were broken and the fliers received a big welcome on arrival at Cape Town. They remained a few days in Cape Town but apparently attempted no record breaking on their return flight.

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FLYING BOATS IN RHODESIA

Mr. G. H. Legge of Johannesburg writes:

"In his notes on page 20 of 'The S.A. Philatelist' of February, referring to the 30th anniversary of the Rhodesia-London air service, Mr. Godfrey states that there is no evidence that Imperial Airways or B.O.A.C. operated flying boats of the 'Empire C' class in the Federation.

"On two occasions, April and June, 1950, I travelled on 'Solent' flying boats from Vaaldam to Livingstone, landing on the Zambezi river above the Victoria Falls. It is my impression and recollection that at those flying boats between Vaaldam and Southampton, operated by B.O.A.C. I also recollect that the service was changed shortly afterwards to land-based Hermes aircraft, on the grounds that the flying boats were too slow and uneconomical. It was in many ways a great pity, as there were no other aircraft to compare with the flying boats for leisurely comfort, but no doubt the change had to be made in the interests of progress.

"I am unfortunately unable to be dogmatic, but I strongly suspect that the 'Solent' craft were in fact of the Empire 'C' class. If so, the 1/3d. airmail commemorative stamp just issued by the Federation is in order.

"Perhaps somebody can give an expert comment to clear up the matter."

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COMMENT BY MR. I. H. C. GODFREY

I was very interested in Mr. Legge's letter under this heading which was passed to me by the Editor for comment. Actually as I have been asked the same question by other collectors since my article appeared in the February issue, who have confused the Imperial Airways' "C" Class Empire flying-boats with the "Solents," I give below an abbreviated chronology of the fifteen year period—1937 to 1952.

Great Britain introduced the first stage of the stupendous "Empire Air Mail Scheme," by which ALL first class mail was to be conveyed by air, without surcharge, at 1½d. per half ounce to and from British ter-

ritories in Africa, namely South Africa, S.W.A., Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Sudan and, by compliance, Egypt, on 25th June, 1937.

A completely new fleet of thirty-two flying-boats was ordered by Imperial Airways to accommodate this freight, together with passengers. They were the "C" Class Empire flying-boats, built by Short Brothers, the first of which was delivered in 1937 to supersede the "Atalanta" land planes. That fleet of flying-boats, all with classical names beginning with "C," sadly diminished by enemy action, were still, after the fifth year of war, flying efficiently on some Empire routes. On 9th September, 1939, the Empire Air Mail Scheme was suspended and all British aircraft were utilised for that country's war effort. Imperial Airways ceased to exist in 1940 and "B.O.A.C." was born.

The first "Empire" flying-boat to reach South Africa—the RMA "Centurian"—arrived at Durban from Lourenco Marques on 3rd July, 1937.

As soon as possible, after the cessation of hostilities in Europe, BOAC in partnership with South African Airways re-opened the air service between Great Britain and South Africa utilising "Avro York" monoplanes, the route being: Johannesburg-Salisbury-Nairobi-Khartoum-Benghazi-Europe, in 63 hours. The first flight left London on 9th November, 1945.

On 11th May, 1948, B.O.A.C. withdrew the "Avro York" planes and introduced "Solent" flying-boats (much larger craft than the "Empire" class). The service was from Vaaldam (near Johannesburg) to the Victoria Falls (Livingstone), Lake Victoria, Khartoum, Luxor, Alexandria, Augusta, thence to Southampton. The voyage was purposely made a leisurely and comfortable one taking five days, and everyone who flew on the "Solents" regretted the cancellation of the service on 9th November, 1950, when land planes were again introduced: Handley-Page "Hermes Speedbirds" flying between Johannesburg and London via Livingstone-Leopoldville-Kano and Tripoli in just over 32 hours. These propellor-driven aircraft were again superseded in May, 1952, when the world's first civil Jet planes were put on the African service—the famous first "Comet" which covered the distance in 21½ hours.

To revert to the "C" Class **Empire** flying-boats of 1937-1944, these aircraft had a very limited range, the longest stage flown on the Southern Africa section being from Beira to Lourenco Marques, some 450 miles. The distance from Beira to the Victoria Falls is about 650 miles.

In conclusion I should say that my assertion that no "C" Class **Empire** flying-boat ever "landed" near the Victoria Falls is supported by certain **B.O.A.C.** officials, who cannot recollect them having done so, and by the Postmaster General's Office, Salisbury, who confirmed that no evidence actually exists on this subject and that the 1s. 3d. Airmail Commemorative stamp includes Federation scenery in the design so as to give the flying-boat an appropriate environment.

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Seychelles. In February there were issued brochures describing and illustrating the new definitive issues of Seychelles which appeared on the 21st.

Honduras. The main article in the March issue is a short general history of British Honduras, with a brief description and illustrations of the new bird issue scheduled to appear on 2nd April.

Various new portrait designs are reported for a number of the **Malayan Federation States**, and **Singapore** is gradually replacing its stamps with a series depicting fishes.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

(1) **PRAGA 1962.** The Commissioner in Southern Africa for this Exhibition (Capt. M. F. Stern) to be held in Prague, August 18 to September 2 sends us the following notes which will interest anyone who has entered an exhibit. (Entries were due by 15 February).

The exchange rate fixed has lowered the cost per frame to R1.00. Remittances can be sent by the exhibitors' bank on the account of No. 300-5328 on address "Statni banka ceskoslovenska, Praka 1 (Prague), Czechoslovakia." Frames have been re-arranged to take 16 normal sheets, instead of 12 as originally stated.

Visitors to the exhibition should apply to any travel agent who co-operates with the Czechoslovak Travel-office re all formalities. Visas will take about 14 days to obtain, and if desired they can be obtained direct from the Czechoslovak Embassy.

(2) **ARGENTINA 62.** This Exhibition is being held in Buenos Aires from 19th to 29th May. Mr. Boris G. Cassman, P.O. Box 10, Johannesburg, has been appointed commissioner for South Africa and is now in a position to give information to anyone interested as an exhibitor or a visitor.

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EARLY TRANSVAAL NUMERAL POSTMARKS

(Continued from page 49 of March issue)

On page 92 of "Transvaal Postage Stamps," Heidelberg is shown as No. 4 and Christiana as No. 9. Jeppe's list shows Heidelberg as No. 9, Klerksdorp as No. 4, and Christiana as No. 6. The last I have recently verified from a cover. No. 9 must have been appropriated by the authors to Christiana in error owing to the full-stop after 6 not showing; the 6 and 9 being alike but for the stop. No 4 has been appropriated to Heidelberg by many collectors for years; but I am unable, at the moment, to explain how the error arose. Reasonably No. 4 might well have been allotted to Klerksdorp when it is remembered that that town was much older than Heidelberg, some writers even holding the former to be the first township to be established in Transvaal.

On the assumption that many of the place names given in this list of post offices will be unfamiliar to readers, (many of them having disappeared from the "Supplement to the Post Office Guide") the following is an effort at enlightenment:

Bushman's Spruit. Post Agent—J. A. Preis. Shown on map as Preiss Store. About 15 miles W. of Standerton.

Brayton (Lead Mines). Marico district About 50 miles S.-E. of Zeerust.

Crocodile River. Between Pretorius Kop (now in Game Reserve) and Komati River; an old road to Delagoa Bay.

Emigratie. Post agent—H. T. Buhrmann. Farm De Emigratie. An old road from M. W. Stroom to Lake Chrissie. About 40 miles N. of Rolfontein.

The Grange. Post agent—F. S. McHattie. Between Heidelberg and Bushman's Spruit on road to Standerton.

Jacobsdal. District Marico, between present Ottoshoop and Zeerust. About 8 miles S. of Zeerust.

Jakhalsfontein. "Old M.S. Matibe" Between Maquassi Spruit and Klerksdorp almost due N. of present Wolmaranstad. Road now keeps closer to Vaal River.

Klipheuveld. Between Krugers Post and Pilgrims Rest. About 20 miles N. of Lydenburg and W. of Pilgrims Rest.

Komati. Present Steynsdorp.

Linokana. Post agent—Thos. Jensen. Marico District About 17 miles W. of Zeerust, on Western boundry of Transvaal.

Lunenburg. On Pongola River. Some 40 miles N.-E. of Utrecht on road to Piet Retief. W. of present Paulpietersburg.

Pella. Post agent—W. Springhorn. Shown as Sprinkhorn in Merensky's map of 1875. About 27 miles E. of Zeerust. Rustenburg district; E. of Marico River.

Rolfontein. Post agent—C. G. Robertson. About 18 miles N. of M. W. Stroom, on road to Lake Chrissie.

Roodewal, Rhenoster Poort. About 10 miles N. of Upsal (Pietersburg).

Standers Drift. Now Standerton.

Strydkraal. Post agent—D. Fraser. Between Standerton and M.W. Stroom about 35 miles E. of Standerton.

Spelonken. Post agent—W. Grieve. About 75 miles N.-E. of Upsal.

Upsal (Sterkloop). Now Pietersburg.

M.W. Stroom. Marthinus Wessels Stroom, now Wakkerstroom. Also shown as Wesselsstroom. Wakkerstroom was name of district, and chief town now has same name.

Lake Chrissie. Cancellation was "Chris-siesmeer.

For convenience of reference, here is the list of the 43 offices in numerical order:

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| 1 Pretoria | 25 Komati |
| 2 Potchefstroom | 26 Sterkfontein |
| 3 Rustenburg | 27 Krugerspost |
| 4 Klerksdorp | 28 Jacobsdal |
| 5 Bloemhof | 29 Maquassi and |
| 6 Christiana | M. Sp. |
| 7 Lichtenburg | 30 Pella |
| 8 Zeerust (Marico) | 31 ? Kalekaleskop |
| 9 Heidelberg | 32 Spelonken |
| 10 M.W. Stroom | (Zoutpansberg) |
| 11 Utrecht | 33 Lunenburg |
| 12 Middelburg | 34 Klipheuveld |
| 13 Lydenburg | 35 Roodewal, |
| 14 Pilgrim's Rest | Rhen. P. |
| 15 Nylstroom | 36 Steelpoort |
| 16 Marabastad | 37 Linokana |
| 17 Eersteling | 38 Ventersdorp |
| 18 Grange, The | (Schoensp.) |
| 19 Bushman's Spruit | 39 Brayton (Lead |
| 20 Stander's Drift | Mines) |
| 21 Strydkraal | 40 Jakhalsfontein |
| 22 Rolfontein | 41 Houtbosch |
| 23 Emigratie | 42 Crocodile River |
| 24 Lake Chrissie | 43 Upsal (Sterkloop) |

My thanks to State Library, Pretoria, for use of old books and maps, from which this information has been culled.

[Who is now going to find, or compile, a list of the series of numbered postmarks introduced in 1889? These are triangles with letters Z A R in the corners and a number in the centre. The numbers run up to at least 90 but so far only 11 have had the places of usage identified.—Ed.]

FIRST POSTAL GUIDE PUBLISHED IN CAPE COLONY

By **Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.**

The other day I came across a rare and very interesting item of Africana—the first Postal Guide to be published in the Cape Colony. It was in 1859 that this little book came off the press of the famous Cape Town firm of printers, Saul Solomon & Co., of Longmarket Street.

Printed in English the booklet comprised 100 closely printed pages together with a score or so given to advertisements at the end. The publication was dedicated to Public Officers, Men of Business, Travellers and others.

Details concerning the establishment of the first inland letter post by the Government make interesting reading, and this took place after the occupation of the Colony by the British under Sir David Baird in 1806.

Information is also given in regard to the methods of the conveyance of the mails at that time and as the quantity of mail matter increased, the post contractors were requested to provide vehicles with water-proof boxes in which the mail packets could be placed for protection from the weather.

Scanning the list of post offices then established, it is curious to note that many settlements, now familiar enough to us, were then known by quite different names by the authorities. Cradock was known as Blaauw Krantz, Mamre as Groenkloof, Kowie East as Port Frances, Fort Beaufort as Leeuwfontein, Knysna as Newhaven, Caledon as Paardeberg and Somerset West as Hottentots Holland.

Even in those days the public were exhorted to post all mail matter as early as possible and to address all articles fully and legibly: shortcomings which despite repeated pleas for over a century, are still indulged in by a forgetful public.

Rates of postage at that time for letters forwarded to post offices within the Cape Colony, British Kaffraria and the Orange Free State were 4d. per half-ounce and, exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. but less than one ounce 8d. for every ounce or part thereof.

The registration of letters was then not unknown and by the payment of a fee of 6d.—which had to be made by affixing stamps—a letter could be registered.

Money orders were also obtainable but persons to whom they were issued had to have them signed by the postmaster and countersigned by the Civil Commissioner of the district, otherwise the person to whom they were forwarded would not be able to have them cashed. There was a restriction, however, that not more than £5 could be paid to any one person during any one week.

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With reference to the note in our January issue p. 3 about this unsold sheet from Capt. Emerson Huston's collection, Messrs. Harmer Ltd. now inform us that it (and a few other unsold items) have now been sold. The sheet went to a private collector and is being kept intact at any rate for the present and will be available for future research.

As this was the biggest Cape sale on record it may be noted that the final total fetched was £46,424-10-0.

SOCIETY NEWS

This month we have largely Annual General Meetings to report.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

The **February Meeting** was the Annual General. Reports from the various officers showed the Society to be in a satisfactory condition.

The office-bearers were re-elected to serve for the ensuing year practically en bloc, with Mr. E. Walker as Chairman and Mr. W. Kriste as Hon. Secretary.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The best ever Annual General Meeting was held late in **January** in the Society's new quarters in the Museum Hall, which are being much appreciated.

After the Presidential Address by Mr. J. P. G. Eksteen, the office-bearers for 1962 were elected. In most cases it was simply a matter of re-election, with Mr. Eksteen as President and Mr. A. L. Meyburgh as secretary.

The exhibit for the evening was Mr. G. H. van Rooyen's award-winning collection of S.W.A. This was followed up by some eight members showing New Issues and/or Recent Acquisitions; these as usual were of a very varied nature.

EAST LONDON P.S.

At the A.G.M. in **January** Major C. Hasted was elected President for 1962 and Mr. John W. Hodgson as Secretary.

The **February Meeting** was a "Members' Night" at which everyone had to table a 10-page exhibit or pay a fine of 5c. The Society did not make a fortune from fines but it enjoyed a "feast of fat things" in the displays shown by eleven members. These ranged pretty well the world over (even including a couple of Thematics!).

PRETORIA P.S.

February 5. The A.G.M. Reports showed the Society to be financially sound and buoyant. Mr. J. Weinstein was re-elected Hon. President, with Mr. R. N. Castignani as Hon. Secretary.

Following the usual A.G.M. custom, the Hon. Curator of the Society's collection showed a portion of it. This year Dr. T. B. Berry chose the 3rd Definitive Issue of the Union and the 1st Definitive Issue of the Republic of South Africa.

SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

Much of the work of this latest addition to the list of Societies affiliated to the Federation, is to be found in the "South African Notes" column, but a notice here may not be amiss.

The Circle was founded in October, 1959, by a few enthusiasts, but as membership increased the meetings soon became regularly monthly. The object of the Circle is the study, the collecting, and the dissemination of knowledge about the stamps of the Union and of the Republic of South Africa.

Membership at R2.00 per annum, is open to adults interested, irrespective of their place of residence. The present membership is about 80 and the average attendance at meetings about 22. The meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month in the afternoon.

Progress in 1961 includes the starting of a series of pamphlets on the Union Animal Series. These are on the lines of the Handbook, but more fully set out. About 180 of these pamphlets are distributed for each issue. There has also been started a Monthly News Letter and both of these items are issued free to members.

These pamphlets and the News Letter keep members resident at a distance and unable to attend meetings, up-to-date in the Society's deliberations and aware of the latest developments, new issues, discoveries, etc., while the relevant printings are still current and readily obtainable.

Any one interested may obtain further information from the President, Box 31, Bryanston, Transvaal, or from the Hon. Secretary, Box 378, Krugersdorp, Tvl.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

6th February. There was an excellent attendance and an excellent display at the meeting. Young Mr. B. M. Bothma showed his collection of the recent Decimal Overprints of the three Protectorates which created such great interest among collectors all over the world.

Mr. Bothma's display consisted of both mint and used copies with a wonderful array of blocks, strips and multiples, all of which were keenly studied by members. Many of the rarer items were included such as Bechuanaland Postage Due 1c on ordinary and chalky paper, .12½c in wide and narrow setting and the three types of R1.00. Of Basutoland we saw the .25c Type II and again the three different types of the R1.00 Value.

In all Mr. Botha is to be warmly congratulated on bringing together such a very nice collection, which feat we were given to understand was largely achieved by "hitchhiking" through the Territories at the crucial time.

WESTERN RAND P.S.

Our **February meeting** which was held on the 15th, at the Krugersdorp Town Hall, had an attendance of fourteen members, including our old friend, Dr. Berry.

After the formal business was discussed, Mr. Bruwer displayed his collection of the Union Hyphenated Series, this outstanding collection was complete, including many major varieties, such as the halfpenny with the arrows of the sixth issue, the cross hatch, the penny halfpenny waffle plates, the small twopenny with the paper makers' join and also the interrupted printing of the small twopenny.

On behalf of the society Mr. Brey Vermaak thanked the exhibitor, and mentioned that this collection had been built up only during the last nine months. —J.K.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

13th February. The A.G.M., at which Mr. W. Oppenheim was elected an Honorary Life Member. After the reports of the various parts of the Society's work, the various awards given by the Society annually, some eight in all, were presented to the winners for 1961. Also there was presented to Mr. W. N. Sheffield on behalf of the Federation, the first award of the W. E. Lea Cup, which had been awarded to him at the meeting of Congress in Cape Town.

After the address of the retiring President, Mr. B. Glassman, the election of office-bearers for 1962 took place, with Mr. K. E. W. Lydall as President and Mr. C. Cilliers as Hon. Secretary.

Mr. B. Glassman displayed an amazing exhibit of Israeli postmarks, something quite out of the ordinary.

26th February. The exhibitor for the evening was Capt. M. F. Stern of Cape Town. Unfortunately he was unable to come up in person for it, but had provided notes which were read. The wonderful selection he sent, dealing mainly with Flags on Stamps and with Architecture, was very much enjoyed.

GERMISTON P.S.

January meeting. Display by the President. A most interesting display of the stamps of Austria was exhibited by the President. In all there were three collections—postal issues from 1854; two sheets of "Air Mail Stamps" and a collection of Charity issues. The display was well received and Mr. S. J. Hagger thanked the President for his exhibition.

21st February. A.G.M. Reports from the sectional officers were read, and the state of the Society was found to be satisfactory.

For 1962 Mr. C. E. Adams was elected President and Mrs. T. W. Drake the Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. S. J. Hagger displayed his collection of "Printers Waste."

P.S. OF NATAL

7th February. Nominations were made for the A.G.M. to be held on 7th March; Mr. G. J. Kriste being proposed as President and Mr. R. C. Booker as Secretary/Treasurer.

The exhibit of the evening was a study of one stamp, The First Definitive issue of the Kingdom of Italy. We were greatly indebted to Mr. W. G. Combrink, of Cape Town who so kindly sent us this exhibit. The paper accompanying it was read by Mr. F. King and members were then able to view the exhibit. It was surprising to see what could be done with the study of one stamp and Mr. Combrink is to be congratulated on getting together this very fine study.

21st February. Swopping evening and Auction. A good turn-out with numerous items changing hands.

It is with great regret that the deaths of two of our Hon. Life Members have to be reported; Mr. R. G. Webb was a foundation member, and Mrs. E. H. Reed was for long an active member in the running of the Society.

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

8th February. The evening was devoted to a showing by Capt. M. F. Stern of airmail flight covers up to the end of 1929. All countries with African airmails in more detail. Capt. Stern gave a talk first on African mails, their history and development, and then on flights in other parts of the world. Some 500 covers were shown mainly the firsts from each country, including the first Zeppelin and Transatlantic flights.

22nd February. The A.G.M. At this meeting Office-Bearers were elected for 1962, the two most essential being Mr. R. F. Putzell as President and Mrs. Joan Hall as Hon. Secretary.

The various cups awarded by the Society for 1961 were then presented, with the exception of the Jurgens Cup for 1961 which was not awarded.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

February 12. Mrs. Hilda Jeidel showed her fine collection of United Nations. The first part was the stamps of United Nations and subsidiary organisations and the second part was the stamps issued by other countries for United Nations and subsidiary organisations. The showing was one enjoyed by all members and Mrs. Jeidel gave a short talk of her personal experiences at UNO which both she and her husband had visited.

February 26. Mr. W. G. Combrink showed "Ireland." This was in two sections from his collection of that country. The first portion

was a showing of Great Britain stamps on cover illustrating the postmarks used and also covers during the period before and shortly after independence issued from F.P.O.'s.

The second part consisted of the commemorative stamps and also the pictorial Irish definitives. Mr. Combrink gave an interesting talk not only on the stamps but also on the country itself. Those members who were not present missed something not often shown at the Club. —M.F.S.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

February Meeting.

(1) One of our younger members, A. Wilson, presented his maiden exhibit—Varieties and Flaws of the Federal Issues. He showed just what can be done with common stamps if one has a little patience.

(2) The second offering was entitled "Airmails of Greece and related Territories" and Dr. Mavros came specially all the way from Shabani to show this—and a 120 mile journey back after the show! The quality and completeness of this exhibit has not been seen for many moons: early covers, strips imperf. inbetween, rare high values etc. all beautifully written up.

7th March. The A.G.M. Details not yet received.

COPPERBELT P.S.

22nd February. This meeting was well attended. The Chairman thanked all those who had helped with the F.D.C.'s of the recent Air Mail issue.

Cups were presented to the winners (both juniors) of the 1961 competitions; Martin Walton-Evans for his used Q.E. II collection, and Janice Hartley (for the 2nd time) for her thematic collection of Swiss Pro-Juventute stamps.

Mr. N. F. Hartley put up a collection of Canadian stamps as the first entry for the 1962 competition.

MASHONALAND P.S.

February meeting. Mr. King showed his fine New Zealand collection before a very good audience. This was followed by a successful auction.

14th March. The A.G.M. Details not yet received.

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THE PRESIDENT'S BADGE OF OFFICE



When the Twentieth Annual Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa was held at Germiston in 1958 an offer was made by a philatelist to donate a presidential badge in gold. The donor wishes to remain anonymous.

This magnanimous offer was gratefully accepted by the Federation and Mr. F. C. Ferguson, a member of the Executive Committee, very kindly prepared a sketch for the proposed device. After minor alterations were effected to this, the badge was made by a firm of engravers in Pretoria.

As will be seen from the illustration, a Protea and a Leopard have been engraved on a map of the southern portion of the continent of Africa. The former is representative of the Republic of South Africa as its national flower, while the latter is emblematic of the more northern territory of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The first president of the Federation to wear this insignia of office was Mr. A. G. Versino, who was president of the Royal Philatelic Society of Cape Town, when the Twenty-third Annual Congress was held there during October, 1961.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

Hon. Associate Editor: **Dr. T. B. BERRY,**
Box 31, Bryanston, Transvaal

Recent Re-printings.

The following re-printings, from cylinders previously used, have recently been made:

½c—with five figure black sheet numbers under stamps 5 and 6, and also 16 and 17 of Row 5.

5c—with four figure red sheet numbers under stamps 6 and 7, and also 17 and 18, of Row 5.

7½c—printed on thin, unwatermarked paper, four figure red sheet numbers appearing opposite Rows 7 and 18.

R1—Recently issued sheets are shorter than the previous ones. The top marginal bar has been trimmed off with the result that the orange smudge on this margin has disappeared, and the bottom margin has been treated in like manner. No official information is available for this departure.

The item is not recommended for inclusion in a collection as it can easily be "faked."

The "Dropped" Double Noughts of Sheet Numbers.

Items of the Republic Series, showing the "dropped" double noughts of the sheet serial numbers, have been viewed in all values.

The four red figures of the sheet number, instead of being aligned horizontally, appear in an arc of a circle. This condition is to be found only when the sheet ends with double O's, and is due to the time lag in the cyclometer change-over mechanism relative to the fast moving paper through the printing machine, the sheet numbers not being able to assemble and assume their normal horizontal positions. Consequently, they make their imprint on the paper in their rotary path of movement in the form of a curve.

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Pane Allocation of the Recent Albertini Issue.

The Government Printer's current Job Sheet, which we were privileged to view, states that Panes B and D of the 2½c Albertini printing, Cyls. Nos. 3 and 5, are positioned on the left hand side of the quadruple set up, with A and C on the right.

This positioning of the panes puzzled collectors, for if the panes are viewed with the image upright, as is customary, the "peg holes" for perforation purposes appear on the bottom margins of Panes B and D, and on the margin of A and C. Indicating that the two former panes should be on the right hand side, with the latter two on the left.

The answer to the riddle was obtained from observations carried out on a prominent Doctor Blade smudge on the margin of a B pane. The manner of the smudge indicated the direction in which the pane (panes) had been printed, namely, from the bottom margin, bearing the cylinder and sheet serial numbers, to the top one, and when the panes were so assembled, the layout conformed to that given in the Government Printer's Job Sheet. The printed sheet of stamps thus leaves the printing machine with that portion of the sheet bearing the Cylinder (and sheet serial) numbers last, and not leading, in accordance with the method previously in vogue.

Colloquially, the sheets of this Albertini issue were printed "upside down."

Further, the Job Sheet relegates the panes of the 1c Cyls. 25/26 S, and the 2½c "Volkspele," Cyls. S 22/S 34, printings to their normally accepted positions, viz.: B on the left and A on the right hand side.

FRANCE

The following issues are reported:—

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By Capt. M. F. Stern, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.G.S.

(This is a curtailed section from the book being published overseas by the author "The Expansion of Portugal and Development of its Colonies")

From the 24th century B.C. such Empires as Chaldea owed their wealth and influence to the trade from the East. Alexander the Great founded Alexandria which became the commercial port for the Eastern trade passing up the Red Sea. The first project to build a canal was by Ptolemy Philadelphus from Arsinoe on the Red Sea to the Pelusiac (eastern branch of the Nile). After the Romans conquered Carthage, Hippalus, captain on the eastern route, abandoned the slow coastal route along the Persian and Arabian coasts and sailed direct across the ocean to Cranagore on the coast of Cochin India. Under the Arabs, Alexandria became practically closed to Europeans and a new route for eastern goods opened via the Caspian Sea to the Black Sea and thence to Constantinople. The power of the Romans was waning and at the close of the 10th century A.D. refugees sought out a place of safety in small islands in the Adriatic Sea near the mouth of the Brenta. This became the independent Republic of Venice. Genoa and Pisa followed Venice in becoming commercial states. The Venetians established a regular trade direct with Constantinople, but, after being expelled there, with Rosetta and Alexandria. At the close of the 15th century the commercial prosperity of Venice began to decline; the final blow being the Portuguese discovery of the route to India via the Cape.

Herodotus wrote about a Phoenician ship (600 B.C.) which in the employ of the Pharo Necho had sailed through the Pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar) and returned after three years around the continent of Africa to the Red Sea. The shape of Africa was partly known and Arabs must have penetrated to Portuguese East Africa and possibly even further south.

To really understand events in Africa it is necessary to study something of the history of Portugal. In the 14th century Dom Diniz (Portugal S.G. 1128) founded the Order of Christ and also was the first to establish a royal navy for Portugal under the Genoese, Manuel Pessanha.

On March 4, 1384 was born a son to King Joao I, at Oporto, Dom Henrique (known to us as Prince Henry and seen on various stamps of Portugal and her Colonies). He was a great-grandson of Edward III of England. He had quite an exciting history before starting on his sailing ventures, among which was the expedition against Ceuta and after turning down offers to take command of armies for the Pope, the Emperor of Germany and Kings of Castile and England.

He had his mind now solely on exploring the African coast and the conquest of Guinea. He had hopes of finding the route to India by way of the south point of the continent. Prince Henry sent every year two or three vessels to examine the coasts beyond Cape Non, then the limit of Spanish exploration. Hostilities during the Crusades cut off Eastern luxuries and this was one of the great stimulants in search for the passage to India by sea. The considerable revenues of the Order of Christ (of which he was the head) enabled Prince Henry to carry out his expeditions and he took up his abode at Sagres in Algarve. This he called Terca Nabal (short for Naval Arsenal), but later it was called Villa do Infante. Here he devoted himself to the study of astronomy and mathematics and thence despatched vessels on explorations. His brother, Dom Pedro, visited many lands over a period of 12 years and these helped Prince Henry.

The first voyages were devoted to rediscovery rather than pioneering. Genoese ships had discovered the Canaries, the Madeiras and probably the Azores. The Catalans had gone down the African Coast, certainly beyond Cape Bojador, which in Prince Henry's time was popularly supposed to mark the limit of the known world. In 1402 Norman adventurers, Gadifer de la Salle and Jean de Bethencourt, commenced the conquest of the Canaries in the name of Juan III of Castile. In 1418 Joao Gonzales Zarco and Tristao Vaz Teixeira rediscovered the islands of Porto Santo in the

Madeiras and this was settled. In the 1420's Jafuda Oreques, a renowned Jewish cartographer from Majorca, arrived and influenced Prince Henry as also Pedro, on his returns from his travels in Europe and the near East, where he had picked up much geographical knowledge and brought back a world map and a copy of Marco Polo's famous travel narrative (stamps of Italy).

In 1431 Gonsalo Velho Cabral rediscovered the Formigas Rocks (easternmost Azores) and in 1432 Cabral found Santa Maria (Azores). This was colonized and stocked. In a few years the rest of the Azores was discovered. Cape Non was passed and in 1434 Gil Eannes (seen with other early navigators on stamps of Portugal), succeeded in doubling Cape Bojador (Portugal S.G. 969 and 1952 Navigators issue for Cape Verdi). Other captains reached Rio do Ouro which they took for the river of gold but this was the Senegal much further south. Here the Portuguese encountered their first natives south of Morocco. In 1438 Alfonso V came to the throne and Prince Pedro became Regent It was during this Regency that much advance was made in exploration.

(To be continued).

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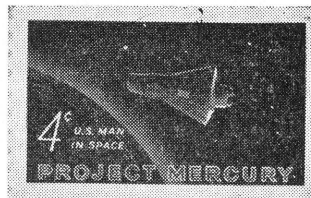
March 30: 4c Malaria Eradication stamp.
April 7: 4c Civil War centennial—battle of Shiloh.

April 11: 4c for centennial of birth of Chief Justice C. E. Hughes.

April 25: 4c for World's Fair at Seattle.
April 30: 4c Louisiane Statehood sesqui-centennial.

May 20: 4c for centenary of the Homestead Act.

The surprise item has of course been the 4c Mercury Commem. This was mentioned in our last month's issue and is now here illustrated.



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PORTRAIT GALLERY

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The two men whose portraits are illustrated herewith had much in common, though separated by exactly a century. Both were statesmen and lawyers, their special bent being in the direction of political economy. Both were pioneers in their special avocations. Both died at the comparatively early age of 56. Perhaps the chief differences are that the "man in the street" would hardly have heard of the first, but the second achieved world-fame, not least in the tragic manner of his death.

How little is generally known of the 48 men and women who figure on the stamps of Switzerland! "Blessed is the land", it has been said, "whose annals are tedious", and though the history of Switzerland since Federation is by no means tedious it has been marked by none of the violent upheavals and blood-baths that have stained the record of so many lands all around it. Secure in its peaceful valleys guarded by the eternal hills, Switzerland has pursued its even way, and most people would be hard put to it even to name its President Jonas Furrer, born in 1805, proved himself a diligent student of jurisprudence. His portrait with clean-cut, strong features and deep-set, candid eyes proclaims him the honest, reliable man he was, and at the early age of 29 he was elected to the Council, becoming President in 1837 and 1846. Such was the confidence reposed in him that in due course he was made President of the Diet Council and the first President of the reconstituted Swiss Confederation.



The other, Dag Hjalmar Agne Hammar-skjöld, born in 1905, was the son of Hjalmer Hammar-skjöld, 1862-1953, a Swedish states-

man who served as Prime Minister in the critical years 1914-1917, and who lived to be 91, his death falling at the very time that his son achieved the distinction of being elected Secretary-General of the United Nations Organisation, a post he held with great ability for eight years. They were stormy years in that influential but turbulent body, and he showed conspicuous gifts of diplomacy and wisdom in a task that at times verged on the impossible. In the last years of his life he travelled incessantly in the interests of peace, and in the unhappy Congo he had to cope with a situation in which whatever course he pursued was bound to meet with violent opposition. On the way from the Congo to Rhodesia on the 18th of September 1961 his plane crashed into the forest near Ndola and all its occupants were killed. Five weeks later this Tunisian stamp, commemorating U. N. Day, appeared. It well portrays Hammar-skjöld's shrewd yet kindly features. Other territories are now honouring his memory, the most striking portrait so far being one on a Surinam pair issued on January 2.

There are nine others to report. Four come from Spain, and must be but briefly mentioner:— Fruela I, Alfonso II and Alfonso III of Leon and Asturias, and Philip II of Spain.

Fruela appears on a set of 6 celebrating the 1200th Anniversary of the City of Oviedo. He was born in 722 and his turbulent reign lasted from 757 to 768. He founded Oviedo in 761. Alfonso II had a long reign of 51 years (791—842) and Alfonso III a reign of 44 years (866—910). Both held court at Oviedo. They are also shown in this set, and all three are vigorous, finely-engraved portraits.

Taking a leap of some seven centuries, we come to the fourth Spanish stamp, that of the egregious Philip II, 1527—1598, only son of the Emperor Charles V and Isabella of Portugal, on a set of 6 marking the 400th Anniversary of Madrid as Capital. Here was a man on whom fortune lavished her gifts. The mere catalogue of his possessions leaves one breathless. Ruler of Milan 1540, Naples and Sicily 1554, Netherlands 1555, Spain 1556, with vast possessions in the New World. Yet with all his riches he was peevish and morose, and none of his four wives (tandem) seems to have brought him any happiness. We name them with sympathy:— (1) Maria of Portugal, (2)

Bloody Mary of England, (3) Elizabeth of Valois, daughter of Henry II of France, (4) Anna, daughter of the Emperor Maximilian. Bigoted and cruel, his use of the Inquisition against Protestants and the sustained brutality of his vain efforts to put down revolt in the Netherlands are lasting stains on his memory, and the annihilating defeat of his "Invincible Armada" in 1588 was hailed by all freedom-loving peoples. He was succeeded by his fatuous son by his fourth wife, Philip III. The portrait on the stamp, after Nantoja, does him more than justice.

Next in order is the Italian philosopher Giandomenico Romagnosi, 1761—1835, On the neat little stamp he bears a striking resemblance to the Spanish Goya, but without the painter's sarcastic smirk.

One rather warms to the revolutionary Luka Vukalovich on one of the finest engravings of recent days, a 25 dinar Yugoslav stamp to mark the centenary of the Insurrection in Herzegovina. This mild-looking demagogue with handle-bar moustache has gotten himself up in a really magnificent uniform, with a pair of murderous-looking pistols in his belt and a long-sword slung at his side. A real Hadji Stavros!

We turn to another warrior, a generation later—John Joseph Pershing, 1860-1948, on an eight-cent stamp of the United States. Born in Linn County, Mo., he graduated at West Point in 1886, then was on frontier duty till 1898, when he served in Cuba and later in the Philippines. In 1905 he married Helen, daughter of Frances Warren, Governor of Wyoming, and was appointed military attaché at Tokio, serving with Kuroki's army in Manchuria. He rose steadily — Brigadier-General 1906, Major-General 1916, Commander-in-Chief American Expeditionary Force 1917, Chief of Staff 1921-1924. He wrote "My Experiences in the World War" 1931 and next year was awarded the Pulitzer History Prize.

Two living people complete the tale — Walter Ulbricht, President of the German Democratic Republic, looking like almost anyone with a beard, and Prince Andrew, Queen Elizabeth II's younger son in the charming photo by Cecil Beaton showing the infant Prince in his mother's arms, on the highest value of the set of 14 issued by St. Helena on December 12. One engaging feature of the entire series is that the background or border of each stamp shows a

different pattern of the lace for which the island is famous.

—W. LOXLEY CHAMINGS.

[We regret to say that next month we see the last of the "Portrait Gallery." The Padre leaves later this month for overseas, but will not resume the series on his return, as he is not continuing to get these portrait stamps. Meanwhile we wish the Padre and his wife a very pleasant holiday.—Ed.]

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This should be counteracted by the message read from President Kennedy at the ceremonies held in Washington in connection with the issue on March 30th of the U.S.A. special stamp.

Query. Will South Africa join in?

ROLL OF HONOUR

DISTINGUISHED SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELISTS

DR. T. B. BERRY

The following notes have mainly been extracted (a) from the Gazette of The University of the Witwatersrand of 18-XII-59, just after Dr. Berry's retirement after 35 years' service there, and (b) from notes taken of the Citation read at the Philatelic Congress in April, 1959, when he was elected to the Roll of Honour.

Born 25th October, 1892, at Somerset East, Cape Province, he received his schooling at Gill College High School there. He went to the University of Cape Town in 1909 and graduated as B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering in 1913. In 1914 he entered the service of the Cape Town Municipality as an Electrical Engineer, but volunteered for war service in August of that year. As a commissioned officer in The Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles he went through the S.W. Africa campaign; then going overseas he held a commission in the Royal Engineers from 1915 to 1918. He was severely wounded and gassed in France and was discharged in 1918 with a permanent disability pension.



On his return to South Africa he took up an appointment as an Assistant Engineer to the Brakpan Mines. But as a result of his illhealth found it too strenuous and had to look for another occupation. He chose Dentistry and entered Guy's Hospital Dental School in London where, after a distinguished career as a student, he qualified in 1923.

In 1924 the University of the Witwatersrand started providing clinical instruction in dentistry and Dr. Berry became one of the original staff. At the outbreak of World War II he joined up as a dental officer in the S.A.M.C. and took a prominent part in instituting the specialised treatment of Maxillo-Facial War injuries.

As a Philatelist he came into the lime-light rather later in life than most followers of this hobby. There was a long period after his early days when he got into trouble for collecting Cape triangulars off receipted bills belonging to his grandparents, till he took to serious collecting. Then he brought an already trained mind to bear on the matter, quickly took to research and, as a corollary, to publishing his findings.

He concentrated his energies on the stamps of the Union and what is probably the best of his earlier interests dealt with the "Officials." He was persuaded in 1956 to take over the "Union Notes" column in the S.A. Philatelist and has continued it ever since, although now it is "South African Notes."

He was nominated as one of the editors of the Union Handbook/Catalogue Vol. II and, later, of the Golden Jubilee edition.

He got together an outstanding Union research collection and gained awards for exhibiting parts of it at society meetings and at practically every National Exhibition from 1950 onwards, to say nothing of Internationals, such as "Unipex" (gold award) and London 1960 (Silver gilt award). In the middle of 1961 his house was burgled and pretty well all his collection removed. No trace of it has been found but even this has not destroyed his love for philately.

He has always been, and still is, an active member in the affairs of the Societies to which he belongs, especially the Pretoria Society which he regards as his parent Society. Also in the affairs of the Philatelic Federation; he has served on its Executive Committee for a number of years and also on its Expert Committee, among others.

His latest love is the S.A. Stamp Study Circle, of which he is a foundation member and Chairman. This involves a lot of work, especially in the way of correspondence, but he carries it all out quietly, punctiliously and helpfully.

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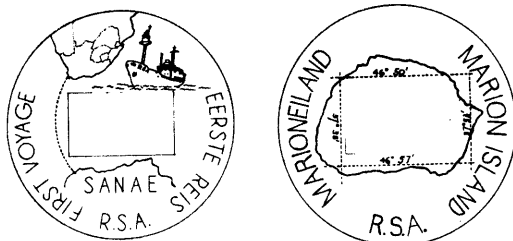
MARION AND GOUGH ISLANDS

S.A.N.A.E.

The first voyage of the R.S.A., the Republic's new research Ship, nearly ended in disaster, but not quite. After reaching the S.A. Antarctic base without difficulty, landing the new party and putting up new buildings, the ship sailed for home but after travelling about 100 miles ran into thick pack ice and stuck. Things looked so bad that they actually discussed abandoning ship and trekking back over the pack ice to the S.A. base. Meanwhile contact had been made with the U.S.A. icebreaker "Glacier" in New Zealand and this vessel sailed with the intention of trying to force a passage to the R.S.A. and freeing her.

Then relief occurred unexpectedly in the shape of a heavy swell which is believed to have originated in a submarine volcanic eruption in the South Sandwich Islands, some 1,700 miles away in a north-westerly direction. Then the R.S.A. set off home again under her own steam and reached Cape Town on 3rd April, the day after the Glacier, which had switched course after learning that the R.S.A. had escaped.

A new canceller was employed as was announced in our January issue, p. 7. The date on the mails, 25-I-62, is that of the arrival of the R.S.A. at the base. The circular mark of 35 mm. diameter is here illustrated; the wording "First Voyage" etc, is such that it will be necessary to change it again next year. Date in centre of design.



Marion Island.

It had originally been intended (see our January issue, p. 7) that relief parties for the Met. stations on Marion and Gough Islands would be taken by the R.S.A. on her return from Antarctica, but with the delay which occurred plans were changed.

The Marion Island relief party was taken by S.A.S. Transvaal, leaving on 27th March and returning on 7th April.

The date-stamp shows an outline of the island and the latitude and longitude position. It had apparently been prepared on the supposition that the relief would be carried out by the R.S.A.; alternatively these letters may simply indicate that the island is part of South Africa (which it has been since 1947 when it was annexed by agreement with Great Britain).

The mail was cancelled at Marion Island on 31-III-N2. Date in centre of design.

Gough Island.

The R.S.A. had to go into dry dock to see what damage, if any, had been caused by the ice.

She sailed on 19th April for Gough Island with the relief party for the meteorological station there. As the site of the station is being changed, there was also a party of technicians on board. This may involve a relief for them a little later on.

SOCIETY NEWS

(Concluded from page 84)

(3) Master M. Andrew, a very young member of 13 years old, displayed old and new S.A. stamps in mint and used, also F.D. Covers.

(4) Mr. H. Godwin displayed in mint Bermuda from 1953/1959, and return first day flight covers from France, Italy, Cameroun, Rhodesia and Nyasaland to Africa on the D.C. 8 Jet Airliner.

S.A. COLLECTORS' SOCIETY

Mr. John H. Wicks of Durban recently presented this Society with a medal to be presented to a member for the best research work on Union/Republic philately.

The first award has been made to Dr. Gordon Ward for his monumental work "The Ship Penny of South Africa."

The Society's magazine "The Springbok" is now in its tenth year of publication. It is flourishing and now has over 200 members in various parts of the world.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Mail from the Royal Society Expedition.

In our March issue, page 40, the story was started of how the S.A.S. Transvaal brought back the first mail on its return from landing the expedition on the island. It arrived at Cape Town on 7th February, some of it was franked with South African stamps, some of it was marked "No Stamps Available" but these were delivered in South Africa without any charge being made. For the postal details we are indebted to Mr. A. B. Crawford and for much of what follows.

The mail brought by S.A.S. Transvaal consisted in all of 524 letters, of which 15 were posted later than the others and did not receive the "Transvaal's" cachet.

The island was visited about 5th March by the ship "Frances Repetto," which had belonged to the company which operated the crayfish canning factory (now completely buried under lava). It took back a mail of 85 letters, which received a Cape Town paquebot marking of 16-III-62. The covers received the expedition's cachet, but with the words "Royal Society 1962" re-

moved. Franking was again mixed in character. We have seen covers with a South African stamp, a Tristan stamp (which of course someone must have taken to the island) and also a stampless cover (which again was delivered without surcharge).

A third and final mail was brought back by H.M.S. Protector when it brought the expedition party back to Cape Town. This brought a total of 296 letters, of which 219 received the paquebot cancellation of 26-III-62, the other 77 went on to Great Britain to get the "Maritime Mail (Forces)" cancellation. All covers had the expedition's cachet and also one reading "Ships Office/ 20 March 1962/H.M.S. Protector." Franking was even more "mixed" than before as we have seen covers with respectively, British, South African and Tristan stamps, as well as with "No stamps available." The Tristan stamps are perhaps the most interesting as they are the "4 Potatoes" unofficial essays made by Mr. Crawford in 1948 when he was agitating for Tristan to get its own postage stamps and a proper postal service. Doubtless he was responsible for providing these when he went with this 1962 expedition; they received the Cape Town paquebot cancellation of 26-III-62.

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BASUTOLAND OVERPRINTS

SOME KNOWN VARIETIES

By G. N. Gilbert

$\frac{1}{2}$ c.

Only one overprint type. There has probably been more than one printing, as the position of the overprint varies. Panes are found with the overprint over to the left and into the foliage. Also one batch was found with the overprint very lightly inked.

A couple of sheets have been found with a doubling effect of the overprint, in both cases of two sheets seen, this occurs in the bottom left corner, and appears to be caused by "flap." The whole sheet has not been overprinted twice, as is the case with the Swaziland double overprints.

The only other variation found in the overprint of this denomination is the position of the fraction bar, which appears more over to the left on some stamps and over to the right on others, while the majority are central.

1c.

No varieties are known in this denomination, but as with the $\frac{1}{2}$ c the position of the overprint varies, and sheets are known with the overprint higher up and covering the 1 of 1d., and also with the overprint right over to the lefthand side and practically on the edge of the stamps.

In some cases, where the overprint is lightly inked, being printed on the foliage which is slightly raised, the overprint has a mottled effect which gives the impression of the sun shining through the foliage on to the overprint.

Some sheets are found with the headplate shifted to the left, which gives a white streak effect left of the medalion, but this of course has nothing to do with the overprint.

2c.

No variations known. There are slight positional changes of the overprint.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.

There have been several printings of this denomination.

In the **first printings of the Type I** overprint there is a constant break in the bottom of the 2 on row 8 No. 4.

In a printing which appeared later with the similar type overprint and on Plates 2B 2B, the flaw on row 8 No. 4 is not present. There are other slight differences in this printing and some of the small 2's of the fraction are broken.

The overprint, although of the same type, looks different from the first printings on both Plates 2A 2A and 2B 2B, and is undoubtedly a different printing.

There have been at least two printings of the **finer Type II overprint**.

In the first printings of this second type overprint, the overprint is wider spaced on vertical row 4.

On Row 10 No. 1, the "c" after the fraction is raised slightly.

The second printings of this Type II overprint vary from the first printing, in that (1) the wider spaced o/p on vertical row 4 is not present, (2) Row 1 No. 5 has the "c" after the fraction slightly raised, and Row 1 No. 6 has the fraction and the "c" slightly dropped. These two varieties did not occur in the first printing of this Type II overprint. (3) The "c" after the fraction on Row 10 No. 1 is level, and not raised as in the first printing. (4) There are numerous stamps with the fraction bar touching the "c".

Another issue with a very similar type of overprint, but much finer and situate over to the left and higher up appeared on both Plates 2A 2A and 2B 2B. This has been termed a **third type overprint**. In some of the sheets the overprint is right over to the lefthand edge, and the mottled effect mentioned as occurring on some sheets of the 1c overprint, also can be found on some sheets.

On Row 10 No. 5, there is a dash on the 2 just above the fraction bar in the overprints of both plates.

On rows 2 and 3, No. 4, there is a dash on the end of the fraction bar touching the "c".

There are also a few broken fractions, notably the 2 of the fraction on Row 8 No. 4.

(To be continued).

EXCHANGE WANTED

Mr. Jeffry Clark of 14 Orchard Terrace, St. Lucia, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, wishes to exchange Australian for South African stamps, preferably used.

REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

A Review 1960-61 and Preview 1962-63. Robson Lowe Ltd., 50 Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1.

An interesting record which shows that philately is still flourishing. Supplies did not nearly meet the demand, but yet the total turnover of £338,127 was the third highest on record. The Bournemouth branch reached its highest record. Auction sales as usual provided the greater part of this figure, but Private Treaty sales and Literature sales provided good quotas. In connection with the last item it may be noted that Vol. IV (Australasia) of the Encyclopaedia of Empire Postage Stamps is now being advertised as on sale—it has been long awaited. There are lists of many of the finer items sold during the year, with a number of illustrations, some of them in colour.

Bolaffi's Italy, Specialised Catalogue 2nd Ed. 1962. Price \$1.7 or 12/6d.

This specialised catalogue is the only one in English. In this new edition practically all prices have been raised to the level prevailing in the Italian market. The prices are given in U.S.A. currency. Wherever possible the catalogue gives the S.G. and Scott numbers in addition to its own numbers. With over 800 halftone illustrations this is a very fine production.

Stamp Centenaries.

We have received a copy of No. 11 of the publications of the FIPCO Study Unit X c/7 dealing with Postage Stamp Anniversaries. Copies published every three months. They may be obtained from J. S. Armstrong, 14 Low Lane, Morecambe, England. Subscriptions annually 7/- for FIPCO members, 11/- for others. The bulletin (10 foolscap pages) is pack full of information.

Orchids.

Flower stamp collectors should note the issue on 9 March by the Philippines of four stamps, 5, 6, 10 and 20 centavo, the first of an orchid set. These four are printed in a se-tenant block.

"Mexico Postal."

If you are interested in Mexico we can lend you a copy of this publication which appears bimonthly in English. It was sent us without comment—apparently just to let

us see it. It contains a number of articles on various aspects of Mexican philately.

Post Office Progress.

This is the Annual Report of the P.M.G. of South Africa for 1960-61. It is a very readable and full summary of the many branches of the work of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. This work includes a number of services rendered on behalf of other government departments.

During the period under review a number of commemorative stamps were issued: for the 50th anniversary of Union, the centenary of railways, culminating with the Prime Ministers since 1910. Finally came the change-over to the decimal system and the issue of a complete new series of stamps.

Encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps Vol. IV, Australasia. Robson Lowe, Price £4-4-0, post free.

This long expected volume is a truly monumental one of 630 pages. The price may seem large, but the size is half as big again as the earlier volumes, and think how printing costs have gone up. Selling at £2-2-0.

It is in four parts: 1, Australia (original colonies and Commonwealth) and Dependencies; 2, New Zealand and Dependencies; 3, Crown Colonies and Protectorates; 4, Campaigns.

A wide variety of philatelic and postal history matters is dealt with: Handstruck stamps, cancellations, adhesive stamps (but only up to the end of the reign of K.G. VI, essays, proofs, colour trials, Government Department perforations, mixed frankings with the Australian colonial stamps, telegraph and railway stamps, postal stationery of all kinds, postal fiscals, locals, "specimens," etc., etc.

A contribution which arrived too late to be included in the book is entitled "**The Value of a Classic**," a study made by John Robinson. Eleven specialists were asked to value, separately, some 24 specimens of the 6d. Full Faced Queens of New Zealand (1855 to 1872) and the results were collated by Mr. Robinson. They bring out vividly the importance of condition in assessing values. The method adopted could be applied for any stamp. Its description has been printed in a pamphlet form, which can be obtained from Robson Lowe at 2/6d.

PRAGUE INTERNATIONAL**Insurance of Exhibits.**

If there are any South African collectors exhibiting at "PRAGA 1962", the stamp exhibition being held in Prague in August—September, they will probably wish to insure their collections to, at and from Prague.

Most insurance companies will not touch insurance behind the Iron Curtain, but their South African Commissioner, Capt. M. F. Stern, has managed to arrange what seem to be reasonable terms with the Eagle Star Insurance Coy. Ltd.

For details of terms write to the company at P.O. Box 266, Cape Town.

POSTAL RATES TO THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

From 1st April the surface mail rates to British Commonwealth countries have been raised to the same level as those to other foreign countries. The main charges will be (1) Letters: 3½c for first oz. and 1½c for each additional oz. go up to 5c for first oz. and 3½c for each additional oz. (2) Postcard rate goes up from 2½c to 3½c.

BECHUANALAND POSTCARD RATE

When the change to decimal currency was made it was decided that the rate for surface mail postcards to destinations within the African Postal Union should be 1½ cents each. Postcards made for South Africa, S.W.A., Basutoland and Swaziland all had 1½ cent stamps impressed on them but those for Bechuanaland had a 2 cents stamp impressed.

What is the explanation of this apparent anomaly?

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SOCIETY NEWS

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

13th March. In spite of the rain some 33 members turned out to welcome the visiting members from the Pretoria P.S. who had brought over five very interesting collections.

Mr. R. N. Castignani displayed his "Madonnas on Stamps" which we were told is complete except for three elusive items. Miss Jean Taylor's "United Nations" aroused great interest. Mr. C. S. J. Gouws approached Egypt from a thematic angle illustrating the Tombs and Monuments. Mr. J. A. Kriste's "Netherland Charities" were most attractive. Finally Mr. D. Reynders showed a very fine collection of Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia. This well presented collection included an excellent selection of Double Heads with all those hard to get flaws.

In all, a most entertaining evening.

26th March. This was Dr. von Varendorff's evening. He tabled two exhibits, the one European classics, and the second Uruguay, giving a short talk on each exhibit. For the lover of classic stamps it was a feast. The stamps exhibited were all in excellent condition and many were hard to find indeed, price not withstanding. One has only to try and duplicate his collection to realize his achievement. The Uruguay exhibit, being that of a lesser known country, has never to my knowledge been seen at a Society meeting before, and I am sure that members were surprised to find that most of the older issues were very attractive indeed, even if the modern ones were rather strange in colour and design.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

13th March. An all members' evening.

- (1) Mr. F. Awerback—Cape, including pre-stamp covers. Cover with bisected 6d. + 1d., uncatalogued 4d. ultramarine, 4d. of 1855-58 series.
- (2) Mr. W. O. Rees—U.S.A. and U.N. 1st day covers.
- (3) Mr. R. Savage—S. African mint blocks.
- (4) Miss M. Groenewaldt—Charity stamps, Publicity labels, etc.
- (5) Mr. R. F. Newdigate—S.A. cent sets in used blocks.
- (6) Mr. R. Waddington—U.S.A. mint.

GERMISTON P.S.

March 21. There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting of the Society held on March 21.

This was a members' night and five collections were displayed in the competition

for the "Fisher-Hill" trophy. The cup was awarded to Mr. B. Eilers for his outstanding collection of Germany to 1926. The runners-up were Mrs. A. M. Adams for a fine collection of Birds on Stamps and Mrs. T. W. Drake for her display of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain. —S.L.C.

MASHONALAND P.S.

14th March. The Annual General Meeting.

Messrs. D. Carter and D. R. Frudd were elected respectively Chairman and Hon. Secretary.

Messrs. J. Davenport, J. A. Walters, J. Seagrief and Noar were elected Hon. Life Members for many years of service.

There was not the usual exhibit, but a good auction was held.

WESTERN RAND P.S.

March 22. After the usual business of the meeting was discussed, Mr. Keet tabled his display of the Union Kings' Heads, the London and Pretoria Printings and then concluded with the Postage Dues. Many interesting items was included, such as the Kings Head Booklets, joined paper, coils, inverted watermarks and plate numbers. The London and Pretoria printings were very well presented and the Postage Dues almost complete from 1914 up to date with the Decimals.

Hobbies Fair. There was a philatelic section in the recently held Hobbies Fair. Entrants were limited to Krugersdorp residents and they were judged by Messrs. K. Lydall and B. Glassman of Johannesburg. First awards in three sections were: Countries. Mr. J. Bruwer. South African pictorial issues; Thematics. Mr. J. Keet, Scouting; Juniors, Master J. Maltz, Travel by Air.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

March Meeting. The Annual General.

With one exception the office-bearers were all re-elected, with Mr. J. E. Creewel as Chairman and Mr. A. D. C. Kekwick as Hon. Secretary.

The Society is servicing specially designed F.D.C.'s for the 9d. stamp to be issued on 15th May.

COPPERBELT P.S.

22nd March. Annual General Meeting.

The Chairman, Mr. S. Kelly, reported that 1961 had been a most successful year; the highlight being the celebration of their 25th anniversary. Special thanks were given to Mrs. I. Sharp, Mrs. D. Fell, Mr. N. F. Hartley, and Mrs. M. Kidger for various services.

The Committee was unanimously re-elected, except that Mr. Lassman declined to stand. We only mention Mr. S. Kelly, Chairman, and Mrs. D. Fell, Sec./Treas.

There was the usual distribution of stamps and covers and Mr. Fernandes, a recently joined member displayed a small but interesting collection of Portugal and Colonies.

EAST LONDON P.S.

March Meeting. Mr. L. Hellman gave a most interesting and well-illustrated talk on the stamps of Queen Elizabeth II, indicating the various portraits that have been used and the modern trend towards more attractive designs. This talk served as an introduction to the exhibits of the evening which covered the 10 years of her reign.

Major C. Hasted, Dr. Drusinsky and Messrs. J. Paviour and L. Hellman then tabled some few hundred sheets of the stamps of Queen Elizabeth from all over the Commonwealth—a most comprehensive collection, doing full justice to the introductory talk. —J.W.H.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

March Meeting. The attendance again proved to be most satisfactory and the members present were fortunate enough to be able to view a collection which was out of the usual run of things. Mr. W. G. Combrink of Cape Town very kindly sent up his mint collection of Eire overprints. This is a most comprehensive collection and includes all overprint varieties. Other items seldom seen in collections are overprint proofs and Mr. Combrink's collection contains a number of these.

PRETORIA P.S.

5th March. The fare for this evening's entertainment was provided by Mr. F. Ferguson, who first read a paper on the subject, giving the History and the Development of the Scout Movement. The paper was most interesting and informative. Mr. Ferguson then tabled his collection of "Scout International" stamps, which started at Mafeking in the year 1900, when the first scouts were organised. The collection was well written up and well displayed. Mr. Ferguson was also the organiser for this evening's auction.

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PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

6th March. Members and Visitors assembled for the first time in room No. 520, Barclays Bank Building, Main Street, as for unforeseen reasons the premises at the S.A.R. Recreation Club were no longer available.

Mr. G. K. Forbes showed us a fine lot of Local Stamps and Private Posts from many countries around the globe, which astounded many of the members. Amongst others we saw Hotel Stamps from Switzerland and Austria, American Locals (not all genuine as told us by the exhibitor), Camel Post of Australia, Locals from Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Turkey, Poland, Spain, Shanghai, Germany etc. It was no difficult task that fell to Mr. G. Bübring to thank his old friend on behalf of all present for the magnificent and unusual display.

20th February. Annual General Meeting. The Hon. Exchange Superintendent's as well as the Financial Report were passed without much comment. The President, Mr. E. Baer, gave a detailed address in which he ably reviewed the past year and enlarged on the important year ahead with Congress and National Competitive Stamp Exhibition to be staged.

Society awards for the best exhibits in 1961 were presented to Messrs. H. L. Keefe and D. Berg.

The Committee was then elected but we only mention Mr. E. Baer as President and Mr. A. F. W. Pavitt as Hon. Secretary.

Additional members were confirmed or elected to the Congress and Exhibition Committees. Much work still lies ahead for these two committees, but enthusiasm is great and much has already been accomplished.

FISH HOEK P.S.

4th April. Annual General Meeting.

Messrs. E. R. Bouwer and M. de Villiers were elected Chairman and Hon. Sec. respectively.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

March 26. This was the first meeting of the year and a short one. Dr. Keller gave a talk on the XXIII Congress of Federation and there was a Quiz which was won by Dr. Keller. —M.F.S.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

February Meeting. It was reported that some 6,000 covers had been serviced for F.D.C.'s of the Volkspele stamp.

Mr. A. L. Meyburgh concluded his exhibits of "philatelic terms" and under New Issues Mr. A. H. Scott showed the latest Canadian "tagged" issues. Mr. Roux showed U.N. covers and also the Federation Airmail set on cover. Mr. van Zyl-Smith showed recent 1c and 10c printings.

March Meeting. Four Thematic collections were entered for the A.T.A. award competition. It was won by Mr. C. van Ee for his "Pachyderms."

There was so much shown under the heading of New Issues and New Acquisitions that space is not available for a listing of them.

P.S. OF NATAL

7th March. This was the Society's Fiftieth Annual General Meeting. It was held in the Masonic Hall 25 Hunt Road, where some 52 members and their friends attended. The proceedings commenced at 8.15 p.m. and went along with a swing.

In the President's report he touched on many activities of the Society. The awards of the various trophies, which were on view at the meeting, were withheld this year due to insufficient entries, the President appealed to members to come forward and exhibit and therefore make these competitions interesting.

An additional clause in the Constitution was agreed upon wherein the standing committee was empowered to make Honorary Members of any notable Philatelists who would be visiting the City, and during their stay. Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Winde and her staff.

After this there was a Brains Trust competition. The A Team under Mr. G. T. Kriste and the B Team under Mr. R. Walsh. The Quiz Master being Mr. L. Bevis. There was quite a bit of amusement during the questioning and answers, eventually the B Team was declared the winners. This was followed by a few rounds of BINGO. The President being in control of the calling, with the meeting finally winding up at 10.15 p.m.

21st March. Held in the Geo. Cato Room, there were 33 members present. On this occasion the Janitor had arranged seating around small tables, and I am sure that all present greatly appreciated this. As usual there was the usual auction with many items changing hands. These swapping evenings are becoming more popular as members realise the opportunities placed at their disposal.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

March 12. Mr. R. F. Putzel showed Old Germany and Old German States. As usual this member had well set-out sheets and moreover was able to give a really interesting talk. All the old States were represented and in addition the later stages before the modern issues.

March 26. This was the Annual General Meeting when the office-bearers for 1962-63 were elected. We shall only mention Mr. L. Simenhoff as President and Mrs. V. R. Coe as Hon. Secretary.

This was followed by an exhibit by Capt. M. F. Stern illustrating the development of in the writing up of his "Flags on Stamps" and "Architecture on Stamps" over 1960 and 1961. This showed thus both topic and a theme and his criticism of good and bad sheets was of interest to the members. The difference was shown thus between international awards made, a Silver in 1960 and Silver Gilt in 1961. —M.F.S.

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

March 8. This was an enjoyable evening as Mr. R. Putzel had arranged a Philatelic Film Evening. Five films were shown, three dealing with Canadian postal services, one with the production of the stamps of Malaya, and finally a fine Walt Disney film "Donald in Mathematics Land," which was indeed educational. This was a welcome change from the usual type of meeting and it is hoped that one be held annually.

March 22. Mr. L. Simenhoff had the evening to himself and made two showings. The first was "Israel" where he exhibited the Palestine interim period, special cancelled maritime and mobile posts, booklets, and Judaica. The second exhibit after tea was South West Africa, when the stamps of the Pre-cursory period, See-Post, Herero War issues, S.W.A. issues, Types 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6 and 6a South West Africa, Union censored covers, Army Base P.O.'s, F.P.O.'s and occupation items were exhibited, as well as 1931 airmails. Mr. Simenhoff gave a lengthy talk on the exhibits touching all facets shown. —M.F.S.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

February. The A.G.M. a satisfactory meeting, but attendance disappointingly small. The Chairman, Dr. M. Wolfsohn, gave a very interesting display of famous Jewish personalities on Israeli stamps, labels, folders and covers.

The committee for the ensuing year was elected with Mr. L. Buchen as Chairman and Mrs. A. Colman as Hon. Secretary.

EAST RAND P.S.

February meeting. The 42nd A.G.M. A good turn-out at which were elected for the ensuing year Mr. H. Behrendt as President and Miss H. Nochemowitz as Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

March meeting. Rather a small attendance but some fine displays by members.
(1) Mr. J. M. Silberstein displayed registration labels of numerous towns, cancellation slogans, and Coronation Souvenirs of King George VI Regalia.

(2) Mr. G. J. J. Ferreira displayed recent S.A. stamps in blocks of 4 with cylinder numbers and flaws.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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Illustrations of Postage Stamps and the use of Labels.

The Post Office's recent Bulletin, No. 42 Philatelic, dated February, 1962, draws attention to the manner in which stamps may be reproduced and the usage of labels or "stickers."

The Post Office Act does not allow anyone to make, or engrave upon any material, stamps in imitation of, or resembling postage stamps, unless the prior authority of the Postmaster General has been obtained. He is, however, prepared to consider applications for permission to reproduce, in colour, illustrations of postage stamps and, if he gives approval, will also stipulate the conditions to be observed.

Illustrations of postage stamps in black and white are also governed by the Post Office Act, but the Postmaster General allows such illustrations to be reproduced without reference to him as long as no other colours are included in the illustration.

Persons who wish to print and distribute labels or "stickers" to the public for use on mail should bear in mind that the sizes and designs of such labels or "stickers" may not resemble those of any postage stamps of the Republic, the Union, or the pre-Union period. No side or any square or rectangular label, or "sticker," may be less than 1¼ inches. It is also desirable that such labels, or "stickers," be affixed to the back of mail articles.

A further Post Office Bulletin, dated April 1962, states that the sending of stamps to any country except the Republic, S.W.A., and the Federation to the value of R20 or more must be accompanied by a bank form No. 178, duly authorised by a commercial Bank, and the estimated value expected to be received, must be declared.

This Bulletin also contains information regarding the registration of Aerogrammes from the 2nd April, 1962, upon payment of the normal registration fee. Also for Express delivery in countries where such service is available.

P.E.N.A.P.E.X.—P.E.N.A.F.U. Notes.

The Port Elizabeth Philatelic Society reports very satisfactory progress towards the final arrangements for their Golden Jubilee and National Philatelic Exhibition to be held from the 17th to the 22nd September, 1962.

Official covers, commemorating the event, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Society, P.O. Box 3, Port Elizabeth, at a cost of 5 cents each for unserved, and 15



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cents each for serviced items, plus postage and country exchange where necessary. Return postage on unserviced covers will be extra, and postal orders should not be crossed.

The cover measures $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 inches, and bears on its left aspect the circular emblem of the Society, illustrated, consisting of a centrally placed Campanile, flanked in the left background by the Donkin pyramid and on the right by a resemblance of the harbour, landmarks by which Port Elizabeth is internationally known. The inscriptions P.E.N.A.P.E.X. — P.E.N.A.F.U. representing the Exhibition, and "1912-1962, GOLDEN JUBILEE/GOUE JUBILEUM," indicative of 50 years of faithful service towards Philately, suitably support the emblem. A special canceller, embodying the Society's emblem, will be used to treat mail matter posted at the Exhibition's Post Office, in commemoration of the occasion.

While the requirements of the philatelist and the stamp collector have been catered for in yeoman manner, the enter- and of visitors, at their leisure, has not tainment of delegates in their free time, been neglected. Among other events, excursions to the S.A. Adamas Paper Mill, to the Addo Elephant and Antelope Park, to the Snake Park and the Oceanic Museum, a scenic drive, a vleisbraal, an evening talk, accompanied by a film, by the Chief Publicity Officer, and an open meeting of the S.A. Stamp Study Circle are being arranged for. These functions, accompanied by an expected successful Exhibition and Congress will terminate a memorable visit to Port Elizabeth by a Banquet on Friday evening, September 21st, at which the major awards will be presented.

It is now up to you to see to your exhibit and accommodation.

Interrupted Printing of the 1c Republic Stamp.

Mr. L. C. Bawden, of Durban, has submitted a block of the 1c Kaffirboom stamps for our inspection, which includes a horizontal row of ten units representing an interrupted printing characteristic.

The stamps under consideration are from Row 1 of the sheet, and their upper fourth portion has not been printed by the red cylinder, No. S 11, in which respect the tip of the two Kaffirboom flowers, the inscription "Republic of South Africa," and the top marginal red bar are absent.

It is suggested that this condition is due to a temporary stoppage of the printing machine, and if the previously printed sheet were found, it would be observed that the bottom marginal red bar, and the corresponding lower portion of the stamps comprising the last row of the sheet would also be absent. Apparently and unfortunately, the sorter at the Printing works got in first and spotted this deficiency, where upon the sheet was discarded.

Nevertheless Mr. Bawden is to be congratulated upon his fortunate purchase over a Post Office counter, when, upon a visit to procure a cylinder block of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ c Volk-spele stamps, he was shown the item and asked if it interested him. Naturally he was! **"R.S.A." Watermarked Paper.**

An oversea publication announces that stamp printing paper with a new watermark bearing the letters "R.S.A." in a triangle, is being made in Austria for the Republic.

It has not been possible as yet to obtain locally a confirmation, or otherwise, of this interesting news.

Recent Re-printings.

The following re-printings of the Republic's stamps from cylinders previously used have appeared:

$2\frac{1}{2}$ c—Cyls. S 22/34. Sheet numbers now appear in two positions, under stamps 6 and 7, and also 6 and 7 and 17 and 18.

10c—Cyls. 101/114. A further reprinting of this value on unwatermarked paper with red sheet numbers also under stamps 6 and 7 and 17 and 18, this printing being a slightly different shade of green.

There are also three shades of green of this value on unwatermarked paper with black sheet numbers under stamps 4 and 5 and 15 and 16, viz.: First—light green; Second—dark green; Third—intermediate green.

The Preparation of the "King's Head" Coil Strips.

Mr. R. J. Lawrence, of London, commenting upon the preparation of the "King's Head" Coil stamps, as represented on Page 220, Vol. III, of the Handbook/Catalogue, and referring in particular to "the trimming into half sheets of 10 x 12 stamps before setting onto aligning pins, writes:

Possessing several coil-strips formed from vertical rows Nos. 6 and 7 carrying the

"isolated perf," he suggests that the sheets had been quartered into 10 x 6 stamps before trimming and setting onto aligning pins, instead of into 10 x 12 denominations.

He also draws attention to another aspect, namely that the "concertina folding" of the joined sheets, presumably along the joints, would result in the condition of the "isolated perfs" on one pane not coinciding with the next, thereby blanking out and nullifying one another.

Summarising his observations, Mr. Lawrence suggests that the "isolated perfs" may have been employed as an assistance to accurate jointing of the sheets—the set up being, two parallel lines of pins onto a portion of which one pane would be positioned with its prepared gummed edge so to allow the next pane to be slipped into position over the remaining pins with its edge extending beyond that of the first one, and thus form a true join without manoeuvring the sheets into position.

These comments certainly open up a new field of thought. What is your opinion?

AIR MAIL NOTES

(I. H. C. Godfrey)

AEROGRAMMES:

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

5c—**Type IV.** The sheet on blue paper without overlay, with DOTTED lines around the address panel, previously reported as existing only in the cracked cylinder variety, has now been found without those defects. Small stocks have been discovered at country Post Offices, so it may be assumed that they were printed before the "standardized" forms (with DASHES around the address panel) were distributed. As this must surely be the last of the 1961 "Experimental" 5c Republican Aerogrammes, it is felt that a check list of these interesting items can now safely be compiled.

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Most of the sheets listed hereunder were never on sale at the Philatelic Bureau, Pretoria and, as a result no actual First Day cancellations are known, except on No. 1. The dates in brackets indicate the earliest recorded cancellations.

CHECK LIST OF 5c REPUBLICAN SHEETS.

General Description: Imprinted stamp (baobab tree with flower) and all texts printed in Royal blue. Address panel bordered by DOTS spaced at 17 to the inch; hyphen between "Second fold-Tweede vou" 3 mm.

Sheets Nos. 1 to 4 were printed with English texts first only.

Overlay: The colouring superimposed on the original paper leaves a space for the stamp imprint and also for parts of the airmail label, consequently simulated perforations appear around the stamp design and a colourless thick vertical bar emphasizes the label. Sheets without overlay, therefore, show no simulated perforations, nor the thick bar through the label.

Cracked Cylinder Varieties: A 1.5 mm. horizontal blue streak appears roughly half way down the right hand side of the stamp; a blue dash beneath the "me" of "Aerogramme," and an insignificant mark towards the edge of the left panel.

CHECK LIST

No. 1 (31.5.61) "Republiek van" at top of stamp very narrow—11.5 mm.—and often indistinct. WHITE PAPER with GREY OVERLAY.

(a) Republic Day Pretoria cancellation. R

No. 2 (1.6.61) "Republiek van" measures 16 mm. WHITE PAPER with GREY OVERLAY.

2A. Cracked cylinder flaws. RRRR

No. 3 (--) BLUE PAPER with BLUE or BLUE GREY OVERLAY.

3A (19.9.61) Cracked cylinder flaws.

No. 4 (27.3.62) BLUE PAPER with NO OVERLAY.

4A Cracked cylinder flaws. RR

Standardized forms: Similar to No. 4 but address panel bordered by short DASHES spaced at 15 to the inch. This issue appears in both language arrangements.

No. 5 (24.11.61) BLUE paper with NO overlay. English first.

No. 6 (22.11.61) Same but with Afrikaans first.

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Note: Interrupted printings of Nos. 5 and 6 have been discovered, in which either portions of the stamp design or of the texts are entirely missing.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

1947 6d. Air Letter.

A unique item is reported by Mr. J. M. Weinstein, recently found in a packet of the King George VI Air Letters first issued on March 25th, 1947. The normal sheet is printed in dark grey green, with blue inscriptions on white paper with a pale blue overlay watermarked "KENT VALE—PARCHMENT—7." Just fifteen years after these Air Letters were put on sale one of them has been found without any printing or overlay whatever, in fact a complete albino which can only be authenticated by the cutting of the paper, the gummed flap and the watermark.

 BASUTOLAND OVERPRINTS

SOME KNOWN VARIETIES

 By G. N. Gilbert

(Continued from p. 79 of May issue)

3½c.

Type I Heavy overprint. In the first printing of this type there is a broader 3 on Row 1, Nos. 5 and 6, on Rows 6 and 7 No. 5, and on Row 10 No. 5.

The normal overprint measures 9½ mm., but narrower overprints of 9 mm. are found on Rows 1 No. 4, 3 No. 5 and 6, 4 No. 6, 5 Nos. 1 to 6, 7 Nos. 1 to 3, 8 No. 3, 9 No. 3 and 10 No. 3.

Wider overprints of just under 10 mm. are found on Row 1 Nos. 5 and 6, on Row 2 No. 3, 2 No. 5, Row 6 Nos. 4 and 5, 7 No. 5 and 10 No. 5.

On Row 2 No. 1, the fraction and the "c" are dropped.

There appears to have been another printing of this first type overprint, in which the overprint, although of the same wide type is very slightly finer, and the broader 3 appears to be almost normal, the only one which shows up as clearly is on Row 6 No. 5.

Type II. Finer overprint. The figure 3 is normal throughout. On Rows 9 and 10 No. 4, the overprint is wider and the "c" is spaced further from the fraction.

5c.

No variations known, except that in the second printings of **Type I overprint**, the overprint is slightly finer.

Type II overprint. None known.

10c.

Type I overprint. No variations known, except for slight positional changes.

Type II finer. The overprint in the upper part of the sheet slopes slightly down to the right in the first three stamps on the lefthand side, the last three on the right being level.

In the bottom half of the sheet, the overprint is higher on the first three stamps on the left, and slightly lower on the last three on the right. No other varieties are known.

12½c.

Type I Overprints.

Row 1 No. 1, the large 2 is slightly sloping down to the right.

Row 1 No. 3. Thin fraction.

Row 2 No. 1. The fraction and "c" are dropped.

Row 2 No. 6, broken fraction.

Row 4 No. 6, broken 2 of fraction.

Other badly printed fractions are also found.

Type II thinner overprint.

A thicker 1 is found on some stamps, notably on Row 10 No. 3.

Row 9 No. 3, broken fraction bar.

Row 10 No. 4. Wider overprint.

Row 2 No. 1. The fraction and "c" are slightly dropped.

On a few sheets a missing perforation is found on vertical Row No. 4.

25c.

Type I heavy overprint.

Row 4 No. 4. Broken top of 2.

Row 8 No. 4. Partially broken top stroke of the 5.

Types II and III. No varieties recorded.

50c.

Types I and II overprints. No varieties known. The overprint is found in a different position in a later printing of Type II overprint, being nearer to the middle.

R1.

Types I and II. No varieties known.

Type III. Sheets have been found with the overprint very much shifted to the left, and almost out of the stamp.

The last issue of this third type has the overprint lower down than in the first printing of this type.

POSTAGE DUES

Types I. Large overprint on the Shield type dues. 1c on 1d. red, 1c on 2d. purple, and 5c on 2d. purple. No varieties recorded.

5c on 2d. 1952 upright dues. The well-known "error of crown" in the watermark appears on several sheets in this issue. The "Missing crown" is also known, but only two sheets have so far been recorded.

A sheet has been found on which the "c" of the overprint has a slightly doubled effect at the extremities—rather like a re-entry.

5c on 2d. Shield, Type II overprint. No varieties known.

In the Aerogrammes, Registered letters, and Postcards, there are differences of type of the overprint used, but beyond a broken 5c found in a batch of small registered envelopes at Moriija and which was constant in that batch, no other varieties are known.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A set of six stamps were issued in April, featuring various animals in the country's zoological gardens.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

On 15th January six stamps were released at four P.O.'s in the Congo for the use of Indian troops there. The denominations were 1, 2, 5, 8, 13 and 50 nP, of the map series; they were overprinted "U.N. Force (India) Congo."

On 20th January there was issued a set of 8 stamps in memory of the untimely death of Dag Hammarskjold, also a 25 fr. Souvenir Sheet.

ANGLO-BOER WAR PHILATELIST

The March issue of this magazine contains two articles dealing with the philately of P.O.W. Camps in Ceylon and Bermuda. Both have quite a lot of new material, particularly perhaps the latter.

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THE SEA ROUTE TO THE EAST VIA THE CAPE

By Capt. M. F. Stern, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.G.S.

(This is a curtailed section from the book being published overseas by the author "The Expansion of Portugal and Development of its Colonies")

(Continued from p. 73 of May issue)

In 1441 Antao Gonzales and Nuno Tristao went below the Rio de Ouro. The Portuguese swept past Cape Branco, discovering Argium Island and Argium Gulf. A Company of Merchants at Lagos in 1443 obtained from Prince Henry a charter to trade with the Moors on the Africa Coast and in 1444 vessels of the Company reached the island of Nair and brought back slaves. Prince Henry built a fort for the Company at the little island of Arguin. In 1445 Diniz Dias discovered Cape Verde and the slave trade started in earnest. In the following year no less than 51 caravels went to Guinea. It is of interest to note here that Spain was granted the Canaries in 1479. In 1448 Prince Pedro was dismissed and died. Luigi Cadamosto, a Venetian in the employ of Prince Henry, had rediscovered the Canaries in 1455 and in 1456 and made visits to Senegal, Gambia and Rio Grande.

He advanced as far as the forbidding Lion Mountains (Sierra Leone) and the Gambia was explored in search for Prester John. On November 13, 1460 Prince Henry died at Sagres. His body was subsequently removed to the monastery of Santa Maria do Batalha. King Alfonso V (nephew of Prince Henry) had a map of the world projected by the Venetian Fra Mauro using all the maps prepared by Prince Henry. Although 40 years before the rounding of the Cape of Good Hope the southern extremity of Africa is clearly shown under the name "Cavo de Diab" (Cape of the Devil) and to the northeast of that point the names "Soffala" and "Xengibar".

Fernao Gomez was given lease of the whole Guinea coast for payment of 200,000 reis annually and exploring 500 leagues beyond Sierra Leone. His voyages rounded the southern bend of the Bight of Biafra; this was in 1471 when the equinoctial line had been crossed from north to south for the first time. The lease was for five years. It was also in 1471 that Joao de Santarem and Pero Escobar discovered the island of

Sao Tome and sighted Santo Antao and Ano Bom. In 1472 Fernao de Po found the island which bears his name distorted (Fernando Po). Lopo Gonzalves and Rui Sequeira carried exploration to a point not far above the Congo River. In addition to slaves, pepper, gold, and ivory were now traded. By the end of his contract, Fernao Gomez had made discoveries as far as Cape St. Catherine, two degrees south of the Equator.

In 1473 a Frenchman, Eustache de la Fosse, was on the Guinea Coast and also Catalanians went there. In 1474 the Guinea concession was transferred to Prince Joao. In 1481 Alfonso died and his successor, Joao II, entered with zeal into the work of his predecessors. In 1481 (December) an expedition was sent to the Gold Coast and Sao Jorge da Mina reached (now called Elmina). A castle was built of materials sent from Lisbon and garrisoned. Some years earlier another post was established at Arguim, a little south of Rio de Ouro. In 1482 Diego Cao (Portugal S.G. 976) left Portugal, stopped at Mina and then went past the furthest point reached by Rui Sequeira in 1475. He reached the estuary of the Congo (then called the Zaire, a name retained by the Portuguese) The king there was called Mani Congo and Cao planted his first padrao there on the left bank of the Zaire.

These padraos (a cross on a pillar bearing the discoverer's name) were made of lioz, a limestone quarried near Lisbon (earlier ones were made of wood). Then on that trip in 1483 he went still further as far as Cape St. Mary in Angola and planted his second padrao there (padrao found on stamp of S.W.A.—this padrao is now in Portugal and the property of the Lisbon Geographical Society. Cao was accompanied by Martin Behain. In 1484 Cao went out again and planted a padrao at Cape Negro, near Port Alexander in Angola, and another at Cape Cross (S.W. Africa). On the return the Congo was ascended as far as the Yellalo

Falls and Mpozo. Congolese were taken back to Portugal and with a dozen missionaries and skilled artisans sent back to form a native state.

Another interesting sidelight was that reports were received from Benin of the reputed country of Prester John and on May 7, 1487 Joao Perez de Covilho and Alfonso de Paiva were sent to Rhodes, Alexandria, Cairo and Aden. There Covilho went in a Moorish ship to Cacanor, Calicut, Goa and Ormuz and thence to Zeila (a port on African coast just outside the straits of Babel-Mandeb) and on to Sofala. He returned to Cairo, from where he sent despatches to the King of Portugal and followed Paiva into Ethiopia where both lived and died. At Sofala Covilho learnt about the "Island of the Moon" (later known as "St. Lawrence" and now as Madagascar). In 1486 Dom Joao sent out an expedition by sea to discover the land of Prester John. This was commanded by Bartholomeo Diaz. They reached the Manga das Areas, where Diego Cao had planted his furthest pillar and reached the bay, Angra dos Ilheos (Diaz or Pedestal Point).

The three ships reached Angra das Voltas (now Luderitz Bay), the south point of the Orange River and for 13 days drove south before the wind and then turning east and finally north, reached Angra dos Vacqueiros (The Bay of Cowherds as such were seen with cattle—Flesh Bay near the Gouritz River—Mossel Bay). Diaz (on the Navigators set of Portugal) had unknowingly rounded the Cape. He continued up the coast as far as the Great Fish River, where he planted a padrao, after passing Sao Braz Bay and Santa Cruz (a small island in Algoa Bay, where another cross was erected and which still exists).

(To be concluded).

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POST OFFICES 1846-1910

In the "London Philatelist" of April Mr. A. Leslie Leon of Durban has published a Check List of these Post Offices with some notes.

This will be of help and interest to specialists of these countries; about 300 are here listed—they only include up to "Point" but the article is to be continued.

Mr. Leon states that not all post offices or postal agencies had cancellers carrying names — many had numbered cancellers only.

In our Vol. 34, 1958, p. 196, a list was published of the Early Natal Numeral Cancellations, by Mr. J. H. H. Chamberlain. We would like to suggest to Mr. Leon that he tackles the later ones, particularly the locations of the numbered P.O.A.'s. He does in fact mention one; "Fairview" is noted as "Recorded open in 1900 and following years using P.O.A. 10."

It may not be too easy finding covers with locative data for these numbers (they run up to at least 120), but it might be that the postal archives have records of the agencies to which they were issued.

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The First Flight of the German Air Line from Frankfurt to Johannesburg occurred on 14 May with return on the 15th. Commemorative covers and a special cachet were prepared but unfortunately we received the information too late for publication in our last month's issue.

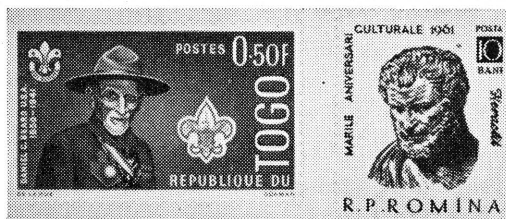
PORTRAIT GALLERY

XLIII

There is a lull in the spate of new portraits, for only seven are listed in the March Catalogue Supplement and a mere three in the April Supplement of which a belated copy is to hand this May Morning. Yet the seven include two persons of outstanding interest. One could hardly find two people with more marked contrasts. One belongs to the distant past, the other to quite recent days. One was a gloomy misanthrope, the other a lover of his fellows, keeping to old age the heart and interest of a boy.

Heraclitus was born of a distinguished family at Ephesus about the year 540 B.C. and died in the same city some 65 years later. It was characteristic that as a young man he declined with scant courtesy the high office of Basileus, and lived a lonely, miserable life, earning for himself among succeeding generations the title "The Weeping Philosopher" on contrast to Democritus of the next century, known as "The Laughing Philosopher." The portrait, from a bronze bust, shows him a real curmudgeon, and comes on a Romanian stamp, one of yet another set celebrating "Cultural Anniversaries." His philosophy anticipates Haeckel in being monist. Accepting with the Ionian School the idea of the unity of nature, for him all things are one. What appear to be many are really but one, the "tension of the opposites" constituting the unity of the whole. Thus hot and cold, night and day, good and evil, and so on, are all the same in that they are inseparable halves of one and the same thing, and that primary substance is fire! All very involved and metaphysical, indeed Heraclitus may be called the founder of metaphysica.

I notice that some commentators have thought that this stamp represents the later Heracleides, a native of Pontus and the pupil of Plato. This Heracleides was an amazing man, philosopher, grammarian, musician, historian, astronomer, anticipating many of the conclusions of Copernicus. But there is little doubt, apart from the evidence of the forbidding features, that this man is Heraclitus the Gloomy. The other five in this Romanian set, Francis Bacon, Rabindranath Tagore, Domingo Sarmiento, Heinrich von Kleist and Michael Lomonosov, have all appeared on stamps before.



Our other illustration is a most expressive portrait of a great man, though the colours chosen, brown-red and rose-red, with the Scout Badge picked out in blue-green, are not a big success.

Daniel Carter Beard, "Dan" to millions of youngsters throughout America, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1850, son of James Henry Beard, and lived to be well over 90. The portrait shows him, in Scout uniform, as an alert, wiry old man, with keen eyes under his penthouse brows, no single ounce of superfluous flesh, and a mouth that shows he has kept his humour and his youthful spirits through all the years. Art was his first love, and he studied at the Art Students' League, New York, from 1880 to 1884. Like my late friend Pierre Smit in this country, also a nonagenarian, he developed supreme gifts in animal portraiture, in fact for seven years (1893 to 1900) he taught animal drawing at the Woman's School of Applied Design. But, himself the eternal boy, boys were his chief delight, and he poured out a flood of books for them, the character of which can be guessed from their titles, e.g. "The American Boys' Handy-book" 1882, "The Outdoor Handy-book" 1900 and "Boy Pioneers and Sons of Daniel Boone" 1909. Then came the Boy Scout Organisation, founded by the genius Baden-Powell in 1908, and Daniel Beard saw that this was the very thing he wanted, and, though close on 60, threw himself into the movement, founding the first Scout troops in America in 1910. His books from that time, illustrated with supreme art, shows his undying enthusiasm, coupled, it will be seen, with a turn for alliteration: "Shelters, Shacks and Shanties" 1914, "Signs, Signals and Symbols" 1918, "The American Boys' Book of Camp-lore and Woodcraft" 1920, "The Wisdom of the Wood" 1927 etc. Good old Dan!

The other five can have but scant mention. Indeed I know very little about them. There is Madan Mohan Malaviya (more alliteration) 1861-1946, Indian lawyer and statesman, born and educated at Allahabad,

who, after a period as schoolmaster, qualified in law and became a Vakil (Pleader) in the Allahabad High Court, thrice President of the Indian National Congress and Vice-Chancellor of Benares University. The catalogue says this stamp is deep slate, but my copy is very pale slate.

There are two more in the current series of excellent Hungarian portraits, one of Josef Katona, dramatist, and one of Maté Zalka, a very mild-looking revolutionary writer. They say the pen is mightier than the sword, but this stamp makes sure with a device in one corner showing a sword and a pen neatly tied together!

There is a rather fierce-looking Kazakh leader with a spade beard, Amangaldi Imanov, whose name is absurdly given in full twice on the stamp, and last, another of those splendid-looking 16th century seafarers on a stamp of Spanish Sahara (this alliteration is catching) with the mouth-filling name of Alonso Fernandes de Lugo.

And with this salute to adventurers I close this Portrait Gallery, though I shall always be happy to open its doors again to any who may wish to wander through its many rooms, where well-nigh 4,000 men, women and children are waiting to entertain us.

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REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Postage Stamps of the U.S.A.

From the U.S.A. Information Office, Johannesburg, we have received a nicely bound volume of about forty quarto roneoed pages, being a compilation by Richard Bruce of articles giving background information on four series of U.S.A. stamps. These are (1) "Champions of Liberty" series, (2) "American Credo" series (3 and 4) selected "Famous American" and "Commemorative" stamps. Three plates of well reproduced photographs accompany the descriptions.

There are biographical sketches of the individuals—American and foreign—who appear on these stamps. They make very pleasant reading.

There is no mention of any price for this volume, nor indeed if and where it is generally available. But this review copy will be deposited in the Philatelic Section of the Johannesburg City Reference Library where it can be seen and consulted by anyone.

"Postal Stationery."

We have received a sample copy of this magazine, a bi-monthly sponsored by the United Postal Stationery Society. This Society was formed in 1945 by a merger of two organizations in the U.S.A. Although naturally it is perhaps most interested in U.S.A. stationery, it is really world-wide in scope and its main current project is the preparation of a catalogue of world postal stationery. This will be the first work of its kind in the English language and as such well worthy of support by all postal stationery collectors.

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Union Animal Series Pamphlets, by the South African Study Circle. Price 10c each.

No. P.7. of this series has now appeared and like No. 6 it is concerned with the 2d. Transvaal Zebra. This issue deals in detail with all the issues from Multipositive B.

Slipped inside is a loose slip with a correction to Pamphlet 6, page 2, which reads "Issue 2 (U.H.C. 126)" should read "Issue 5 (U.H.C. 126)."

Stamps issued during the Queen's Reign, price 1/-.

It is something new, surely, for "The Times" London, to enter the philatelic field seriously, but we have received from the publisher a large sheet with about 80 illustrations of stamps issued during Queen Elizabeth II's reign. Whether these are made from blocks which have already been used in "The Times," or have been specially prepared, we know not. Anyway the sheet has been handed over to Mr. Baer, the present chairman of the Federation, who when shown it said he would have it framed and hung up on show at the forthcoming National Exhibition in Port Elizabeth.

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Entry forms, rules etc., obtainable from "Melusina 1963, 7 rue Nicolas Ries, Luxembourg."

HUNGARY

On May 5th a set of 10 stamps featuring ornamental fishes was issued. The denominations are 20, 30, 40 and 60 fillers and 1, 1.20, 1.50, 2 and 3 forints.

FRANCE

Following on a series of stamps honouring Heroes of the Resistance movement on 7 April there were issued 3 stamps featuring monuments erected as memorials to combatants. They are respectively 0.20, Mont Valerien; 0.30, Vercors; and 0.50, L'Ile de Sein.

On 14 April France became one of the many countries dedicating themselves to the World struggle to conquer Malaria, by issue of a 0.50 stamp featuring very beautifully the design of a mosquito etc., sponsored by the W.H.O.

POSTMARK CORNER

Some S.W.A. Postmarks.

Mr. G. H. van Rooyen of Bloemfontein sends the following notes.

(1) The Windhoek-Kimberley Air Postmark which is figured and described by Wyndham in his book (Fig. 8, p. 36). It is stated to have been used on a special flight in December, 1931, and also for another flight on 8th February, 1932. Mr. v. Rooyen has it also with date of usage on 20th June, 1932.

Can anyone explain the significance of the numerals, ranging from 1 to 9) which occur after the dates across the centre?

(2) Exhibition Trilingual Postmarks. An exhibition was held in Windhoek in August, 1934, and a brief note appears in the S.A. Ph. of November, p. 171, pointing out that the postmarks showed 24-hour timing and that each day's mark was in a different language — Afrikaans 23.VIII.34, German 24.VIII.34, and English 25.VIII.34. Mr. v. Rooyen has postcards with all three dates on separate stamps and also showing the Air Postmark described in (1) above. As the card was addressed to someone in Windhoek this of course was a bit of philatelic horseplay, but it does show that the canceller still existed.

(3) Windhuk—Windhoek. In 1894 the official spelling was Windhoek; in 1903 it was changed by government proclamation to Windhuk, but in 1920 it was again changed to Windhoek. These changes are reflected to some extent in the spellings seen on postmarks.

(4) "Adapted" Bahnpost Cancellers. The oval "T.P.O." (Bahnpost) marks were adapted immediately after the South African Occupation by cutting out "Bahn" and the Zug (Train) number, also either Windhoek or Swakopmund, leaving the other name. Mr. van Rooyen has found a lot of varieties in these marks, e.g. time missing, stops in the date at varying levels, 17.11.12 instead of 17.11.21, etc. The cancelled with Swakopmund left in was used until 1924, the one with Windhoek only till 1920.

Post Office "Spring Cleaning."

Although it is autumn, the Post Office seems to be indulging in what is commonly called Spring Cleaning, i.e. tidying up old stocks and using what they can of them. We have recently been receiving official correspondence, in envelopes marked "On His

Majesty's Service." This has been stamped over with a number of horizontal lines and the words "Official—Amptelik" and sometimes covered over also with adhesive brown paper with the words "Amptelik—Official" stamped in purple with letters 13 mm. high.

A Correction.

In our March issue, p. 45, near the foot of the page, in dealing with S.W.A. place names, Mr. Simenhoff mentions one which is given as "Lead Gamka." This should read "Leeu-Gamka."

A new bold Slogan.

From Alberton, near Germiston, comes what is actually an old slogan, but with a new arrangement. In alternate rectangles of 39 x 27 mm. between the circular place-date marks are the words in 3½ mm. block capitals "Good Food/Good Teeth" and "Goeie Voeding/Goeie Tande."

New Special Post Office.

The new 700 foot Brixton tower in Johannesburg for FM. (Frequency Modulation) radio transmission is to have a special post office. This is being positioned on one of the observation platforms, not quite at the top but still fairly high up. It is expected to be ready by the end of August.

Rail Letter Post.

From Kimberley comes an unusual type of marking. The three 2½c stamps on front are cancelled by a mark in violet reading "Kimberley Sta PO PK" in block capitals 5 mm. high and with an overall length of 7.5 cm.

On the back are DC marks in black, reading "Kimberley/Station P.O./Stasie P.K."

Johannesburg.

Are readers aware that there are at least two others, besides the one in the Transvaal? They are both in the U.S.A.

One is in Michigan, the other is (or was) in California. This was a mining camp, it is perhaps no longer extant but a postmark has been seen.

U.S.A.

11 April. A 4c stamp honouring C. E. Hughes, who was Chief Justice of the U.S. 1930—41 and died in 1948.

23 April. A 4c stamp for "Century 21," the World's Fair at Seattle. It shows the Space Needle emblem.

NORWAY

It is reported that Norway is going to have for the first time a woman's portrait on a stamp.

This is Carmilla Collett, one of the country's first suffragettes, the 150th anniversary of whose birth occurs in January next year.

The stamp will also commemorate the introduction of universal suffrage 50 years ago.

NETHERLANDS

The Postal Authorities announce the issue on 27th April of a series of five semi-postals, the surcharges being for the benefit of National Health Institutions, Social Welfare work and Cultural funds. The leading motive was the International Congress of Museum Experts. The denominations and surcharges (in cents) are: 4+4, 6+4, 8+4, 12+8 and 30+10.

The Department of Posts, etc. reports the issue on 22nd May of 3 stamps (4, 12 and 30c), the occasion being the completion of the automatization of the Netherlands telephone network.

GREECE

A special set of 4 stamps was issued for the Ministerial Conference of the N.A.T.O. countries held in Athens from 3-5 May.

PHILATELIC FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 27th April the Vereeniging Philatelic Society's application for affiliation was agreed to.

The Philatelic Society of Natal has intimated that it wishes to be host for Congress for 1963, opening on 6th September.

The Publications Committee reported that, as a result of a visit to the printers, arrangements have been made to get over the delays in appearance of the "S.A. Ph." each month and recommends that these be given a trial at least to the end of the year.

MORE BRITISH LOCALS

(1) During the recent "Work to Rule" campaign by postal workers in London, the P.O. in London refused to accept parcels because of congestion in the sorting office. The "People's League for the Defence of Freedom" with apparently the consent of the postal authorities, started a parcels delivery service and issued their own stamps in various denominations. Similar stamps were issued in various provincial towns for use on parcels addressed to London. The services operated for about a fortnight.

(2) Hilbre, in the estuary of the Dee, off Hoylake of golfing fame, has issued so-called stamps without any justification. It is not an island at low tide, and there are no inhabitants, only birds. They should be regarded as mere advertisements. (See note by H. F. Rooke in "Stamp Collecting" of 23rd February).

AUSTRALIA

Later in the year two 5d. stamps are foreshadowed, one for a Conference of the Associated Country Women of the World and one for the centenary of the first crossing of Australia from south to north by John McDonall Stuart.

Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Since the transfer of this group of islands in the Indian Ocean to Australian administration in 1955 ordinary Australian postage stamps have been employed. However, as other external Territories have their own stamps, it has been decided that the same practice should be followed for these islands.

The initial series of stamps will comprise 3d., 5d., 8d., 1-, 2/-, and 2/3d. values, with designs illustrative of local scenes. Date of issue and philatelic facilities will be announced later.

FINLAND

8 April: A 30 mk. commemorating 150 years of Helsinki as the capital city.

11 April: A 30 mk. commemorating 150 years of the Board of Customs.

21 May: A 30 mk. for the centenary of the first commercial Finnish Bank.

CROWN AGENTS

The March bulletin's main item deals with the issue in Barbados of three stamps (4c, 12c and \$1.20) in commemoration of the golden jubilee of the Boy Scouts Association. A brief history of the movement is given.

In April there is a short general and postal history of Swaziland with illustrations and brief descriptions of all sixteen of the definitive issue appearing on 24 April.

Separate leaflets mention or describe Cyprus' issue of 3 Europa stamps; Singapore's seven new fish designs on 31st March and two commemoratives (4 and 10 cents) of 3 June for attainment of full internal government in 1959.

Several countries have issued or are just about to issue Malaria eradication stamps, amongst them being Cyprus, Cylon, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Malaya and Papua-New Guinea.

Hong-Kong commemorated the centenary of its first stamps with an issue of three on 4th May, 10, 20 and 50 cents.

Swaziland Reminders.

The May bulletin reports the destruction of the following quantities of overprinted Reminders:—

1c—49,680; 2c—16,920; 2½c/2d—249,660; 2½c/3d—34,980 (1st printing), 386,580 (2nd printing); 4c—1,740 (1st printing), 11,940 (3rd and 4th printing); 5c—3,960 (1st printing), 2,160 (3rd and 4th printings); 50c—16,260 (1st printing); R1—12,480 (1st printing); 2c Postage Due/2d. Postage — 18,780 (3rd printing).

All other denominations sold out except 3½c/2d.

PAUL SINGER

Paul Singer, former managing director of Shanahan's Stamp Auctions in Dublin, has been freed from his re-trial on charges of fraud.

An unofficial estimate of the cost of his trials to the Irish State is given as over £100,000.

He has still to face claims by some 8,700 creditors for sums amounting to about £1,840,000. He states that the stamps still in the hands of the liquidator should be

sufficient to meet all claims; their counsel, on the other hand, puts their value at about £400,000 and thinks that it will take about two years to clear up the claims.

Meanwhile he is reported as being (1) in Canada, (2) in Spain, but not appearing in Dublin.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Sheffield left in April to take up permanent residence in Margate, Natal, and will be much missed on the Reef. Before leaving Bill donated his entire collection of Union Xmas Seals to the Africana Museum, Johannesburg. This is believed to be the only complete one in existence and it is fine to know that it will be permanently accessible.

2½c VOLK SPELE STAMP

The name of the designer of this stamp was discovered in rather a curious way by one of our readers. He came across by accident the programme of International Folk Dancing Display held in the Albert Hall, London in 1958 and there on the cover was practically the same design as on our 2½c stamp. The name of the artist was given as Kobus Esterhuysen; he was contacted and agreed that he was responsible for the design on the programme and only very slight changes were made for the design on the stamp.

BASUTOLAND

The old sterling designs are being prepared by De La Rue as decimal currency definitives but no date is yet announced for issue, although the 2½c in the design of the 3d. has been on sale for some time. Several values of overprinted stamps have been sold out, and as no more are being made, they are scraping along with what they have at present.

ITALY

Despite the fiasco of the first auction of remainders the Ministry of Posts is advertising further sales for the 22nd and 23rd May.

TONGA

Local Overprints. On 7th February this British Protectorate sprang a surprise on the philatelic world with a set of seven locally overprinted stamps, 1d. to 5/- values. They commemorate the centenary of emancipation and were overprinted in red "1862/TAU'ATAINA/EMANCIPATION/1962." The numbers so treated varied between 18,600 and 33,000 for the various denominations. On the same date five values received additional overprints of "OFFICIAL" and "AIR MAIL"; these were used on the parcels of stamps ordered by dealers.

The quantities receiving the double overprinting varied between 900 and 2,400 for different denominations.

The formes were destroyed immediately the printing was finished. As in the case of the St. Helena "Tristan Relief" set, there had been no previous communication with the Crown Agents and the stamps have not been handled by them.

Niuafu'ou—Tin Can Mail. Mail to and from this outlying island started about 1931 being carried in sealed cans between the island and the mail-ship. Commercialism led to its attaining huge proportions—up to three cans of 40 lbs. each per monthly mail. This came to an end in 1946 when the entire population, about 1,300, was evacuated after a severe volcanic eruption. A group of about 50 returned in September, 1958, and on 21st January, 1962, a small tin can mail was landed from the passengers on the S.S. Monterey, containing material to be sent back by the first ship going in the opposite direction. This may lead to the restoration of the old service.

Thanks to the "Australian Stamp Monthly" for details of the above services.

CANADA

On 28th February there appeared a 5c stamp for a Conference on Education held in March. It depicts a young couple gazing into the future and as a background are some 19 symbolic drawings illustrative of many aspects of culture and education.

3rd May saw the issue of the special Red River Settlement commemorative, being the 150th anniversary of the first agricultural settlement west of the Great Lakes.

Western Canada's first P.O. "Ross House" was open for that one day only, mail receiving a special cachet and cancellation.

STAMPEX

Thanks to "Stamp Collecting" for a souvenir cover with special cancellation of Stampex, the exhibition held recently in London. It is dated March 16.

ISRAEL

Three stamps of the Zodiac series are being over-printed with new values because of recent changes in postal rates. The changes will be IL 0.03 on 0.01, 0.05 on 0.07 and 0.30 on 0.32; the colours of the basic stamps are also being changed.

On 8 April at the request of the U.P.U. a 0.25 stamp will be issued and dedicated to the World Malaria Eradication campaign,

Other forthcoming issues are:—

Two stamps (0.12 and 0.30) in honour of Memorial Day and the 14th anniversary of the State of Israel.

A 0.20 stamp for the 80th anniversary of the agricultural settlement of Rosh Pinna.

Two stamps (IL 0.12 and 0.55) commemorative of Jewish victims of the Nazi holocaust.

UNRECORDED SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELIC JOURNAL

The following note is taken from the March issue of "Africana Notes and News", page 45.

In the special South African issue of "The Stamp Lover" for October 1910, page 79, Herbert Clark states that a publication called "The Stamp Recorder and Collectors' Exchange" appeared in Charlestown, Natal in August 1904. Only three numbers issued, and to quote "The Stamp Lover", they dealt with coins and curio collecting and picture postcards as well as stamps. It does not appear to contain any matter of permanent interest except a page or so of explanations of philatelic terms.

Nevertheless the Johannesburg Public Library would gladly add these three issues to its philatelic library, which is the only extensive public collection of books on stamps in South Africa.

Has any reader ever seen or heard of this publication and help put the Johannesburg Library in the way of obtaining copies?

CAPE NUMERAL POSTMARKS

Mr. Colin Rosenberg supplies the following additions to Jurgens' list of the numeral bar defacing stamps on pp. 108-112 of his book.

(?) 33. Lawrence Street, Port Elizabeth. A query marked is put before the number because it has also been recorded as No. 331. All that can be said here is that the specimen is not perfectly impressed at the right-hand side; there is a mark to the right of the "33," but it looks more like the right hand side of the box than like the numeral **221 RED HOUSE**. Recorded by Jurgens as used in the Cape. See also May, 1956, page 89. (My cover dated De 12. 1893).

280 INGOBO. Recorded by Jurgens as used at Petrusville. (My card clearly shows numeral and INGOBO dated Jy 6. 97).

575 KRAKEEL RIVER. Recorded by Jurgens as used at D'Urbanville. (My card clearly shows numeral and KRAKEEL RIVER dated II Au. 97 which is the same day as card was written by the sender).

650 GROOTDRINK. Already recorded. Mentioned here incidentally because the circular place-date stamp on the cover has the date thus "28 GD/97" (the DE reversed and inverted).

945. This number is not so far recorded, so can only be listed as "used in the Cape." It is a clear strike on the Cape stamp of a newspaper wrapper, addressed to "L. Abt, Carnarvon."

996 or 966 UPINGTON. The Upington numeral is recorded by Jurgens as No. 429. The numerals 996 and 966 as merely used in the Cape. (My cover shows the strike as being extremely clear with the UPINGTON circular postmark).

It is no uncommon thing for a place to have two numbers (at different times) or for a number to have been used at two different places.

There is no stop after this number so that one way it reads 966, but turn it upside down and it reads 996.

"TRISTAN RELIEF" STAMPS

A mint set of these St. Helena overprinted stamps fetched £165 at a recent Harmer sale, while a used set on cover made £145.

U.S.A. FIRST DAY COVERS

We have received the following letter addressed "To all Philatelic Associations":—

"The U.S. Information Service has regularly sent one "First-Day Cover" to each of the philatelic societies on its list. We would like to know if your organisation has received its cover and whether or not you are interested in continuing this service or perhaps in receiving additional covers. We can arrange to send these covers without cost to you.

If you are interested in American First Day Covers, please let us know, sending a list of those who would like to receive them in future."

Replies should be sent to "The Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Information Service, Shakespear House, 114 Commissioner Street Johannesburg.

UNO

Four redrawn definitives were announced as to appear in May, viz., the 1, 3, and 5 cents values; also an 11 cent made necessary by postal rate changes.

RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

The Robertson Stamp Co. draws attention to the fact that the 1d. stamp (V.H.F. Mast) is now being printed by De La Rue & Co. instead of by Waterlow & Sons. The red sort of cloud effect behind the mast appears to be fainter in the new printing.

SWAZILAND

The new set of 16 values (½c to R2) was duly issued on 24th April.

It is understood that a special date stamp was used for F.D.C.'s only, but the rush for them was almost worse than it had been for decimal overprints and three weeks later they were still cancelling F.D.C.'s!

Incidentally the 20c stamp in the new series features a large mosquito and is inscribed "Malaria Control." Mbabane is also using a machine canceller "World United/Against Malaria" in 5 mm. letters.

SOCIETY NEWS

WESTERN RAND P.S.

April meeting. With the Easter and Jewish holidays this meeting fell below normal in attendance.

Mr. Jakobus was the Exhibitor for the evening and tabled an excellent Display of the Union Animal Series, including most of the main varieties, red and black sheet numbers, arrow blocks, cylinder blocks and the different watermarks.

An excellent display, particularly in view of the fact that Mr. Jakobus was quite a newcomer to philately in South Africa.

—J.K.

EAST LONDON P.S.

April meeting. Once again there was a good attendance at the East London Philatelic Society when two classic collections were exhibited. These were Mr. G. P. K. Thornton's "Early France" and "German States." Members present were thrilled at the completeness and rarity of the exhibits and showed their appreciation and interest in no uncertain manner.

—J.W.H.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

March meeting. In spite of the publicity officer's unavoidable absence from the last meeting, I believe it went off very well. There was a goodly attendance and a pleasant evening was spent. Dr. C. Adler with his usual care, displayed part of his extremely well written up, and artistically illustrated and colourful thematic collection of Israeli stamps. It was a pleasure to look at them. Mr. A. Miller and others who thanked him suitably, drew attention to the amount of research done into the historical and traditional side in preparing the display. We all hope we will see the rest of this collection in the near future. It is an interesting departure from routine and straightforward displays.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

10th April. This was a "Junior Evening" at which we were entertained by our junior members. David Haydon won a quiz on the S.A. Animal set. The exhibitors were: Michael Stanford—Union, old and new; David Haydon—Ethiopia; Jan Weenink—Great Britain and Colonies; John Mance—Union, mint and used. The success of the evening augurs well for the future of the Society.

—R.F.N.

PRETORIA P.S.

2nd April. This was our night for the "Allan Cup" Competition. The attendance was well up to standard, for this evening's entertainment. Four exhibits were tabled for the Cup.

The first to exhibit was Dr. Raubenheimer with a specialised collection of the "Two Penny" Union Pictorials. This was followed by Mr. Dave Coetzer who tabled a collection of Russia from 1879. Third to lay down his collection was Master John Schiff who showed a collection of U.P.U.'s. The fourth exhibit was Mr. A. J. M. Goote's collection of British Empire Colonies. Judging was by popular vote.

Dr. Reisner, the leader of the scrutineers, then announced the winner of this night's competition for 1962, as Mr. D. Coetzer for his collection of Russia. Mr. Coetzer was heartily congratulated on his perseverance in competing for this Trophy.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

20th March. We had a most unusual, interesting and fine exhibit on this evening. Mr. "Bill" Combrink of the Cape Town "Royal" followed up his kind offer of last year by sending us some 75 sheets from his collection of Turkey. The sheets covered in a wonderful array the first issue of that country as well as a detailed study of the forgeries of the third issue. The annotations were most clear and lucid and were further amplified by exact drawings showing the differences between the genuine and forged stamps. Members delighted in poring over these unfamiliar stamps and by common consent the display was voted a great success.

3rd April. At the commencement of the meeting members were asked to rise in memory of Mr. C. A. Leale, who recently passed away suddenly. Mr. Leale was an old respected member, a very regular attendant at meetings and will be much missed. We were however able to welcome back Mr. G. Monaghan who has returned to his native city after a prolonged absence.

Dr. J. W. Harris provided an interesting display for the evening, viz., the New Zealand Health Miniature Sheets covering the years 1957 to 1960. The collection was complete, plating and retouching was fully explained under the "Watt" system. The Dr. further enlightened us on the intricacies of these stamps.

GERMISTON P.S.

March meeting. This was well attended and we were pleased to welcome two visitors who intimated that they intend to join the Society.

Five members tabled exhibits in the "Fisher-Hill" annual floating trophy competition. This was won by Mr. B. Eilers with his outstanding collection of Germany which was very nearly complete up to 1926. The runners-up were Mrs. A. M. Adams for a fine display of Birds on Stamps, which was exceedingly well written up and Mrs. T. W. Drake who tabled Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.

The trophy will be competed for annually and a miniature will be presented to the winner.

18th April. Members of the West Rand Philatelic Society paid a visit to Germiston. The visitors tabled three most interesting exhibits, all of which were very ably presented. Mr. J. H. Bruwer displayed a complete issue of the South Africa Fourth Definitive issue—decimals—including postage due labels and postal stationery. Mr. J. Keet's collection of the Netherlands from 1934, included the issue of stamps for use by personnel on naval vessels with the Allied Fleet. Mr. S. Milford's exhibit of the Republic of South Africa 1 cent, included such seldom seen items as printings on joined paper and pink tinted paper as well as various flaws. —S.L.C.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

10th April. The first and only meeting of the month because of the Easter week-end, had two excellent shows.

The first was by Mr. G. H. van Rooyen, a visitor from Bloemfontein who exhibited part of his extensive S.W.A. collections. He is to be congratulated on this first class exhibit which showed considerable research and many notable items such as the German Bahnpost cancellations, the "adopted" postmark period and lastly, but certainly not least, a selection of postmarks with various native names and their meanings.

The second exhibit was by one of our stalwarts, Mr. W. Lambert, who showed that part of his collection covering Syria, Israel and the Lebanon, all used stamps but in immaculate condition. The writing up and the arrangement were first class, something not always seen in this age of speed at the cost of all other considerations. —C.C.

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

12th April. This proved an unusual evening as it was devoted to Dead Countries. The items shown were as follows: Newfoundland by Mr. J. Wannerton, 1857 to 1947, giving a very good cross section with the airmails and the rare forgery of the Balboa overprint; Poland by Dr. Paul Keller, who showed the "Randgebiete" namely German Occupation World War I 1915-1918, Ukraine 1918/19, Constantinople, Plebiscite Upper Silesia 1920, Eastern Silesia (Central Lithuanian Occupation), German occupa-

tion World War II, and Free City of Danzig; Tasmania by Mr. W. G. Combrink, who exhibited a full study of S.G. 247 showing variations, the typographed local printings with perforation and watermark varieties; Montenegro by W. G. Combrink, being a good cross section; Bavaria by Mr. R. Jeidel, selected sheets giving a full cover; Saar by Mr. R. Putzell, who made a really fine showing of these interesting issues including many rare items.

26th April. Two members made showings. Mr. K. Freyman showed Baltic States covering Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and as was expected this was complete and included even items not shown in the Gibbon's catalogue. Members do not often see such countries and great interest was shown. The second half of the evening was devoted to Mr. W. G. Combrink's Ireland. He showed his usual skill in showing only one section namely the Provisionals of 1922 and included Control Blocks of the various printings and outstanding plate varieties which are constant. His sheets were well set out. Both exhibitors gave good talks on their stamps. —M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

9 April. This was an All Members' Night. The following was shown: Mr. C. G. Mumery "Falkland Islands"; Mrs. H. Jeidel "Lourdes"; Mr. M. Nadelman "Pitcairn Island" (Thematic); Mr. L. Simenhoff "AROB and Name Places of S.W.A."; Mrs. V. R. Coe "First Day Covers"; Mr. R. Beinart "R.S.A. Covers"; Capt. M. F. Stern "Anniversary First Official Airmail Flight U.S.A. 1911"; Miss G. Hoffmann "Queen Elizabeth II Commemoratives." This proved an interesting evening. —M.F.S.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

17th April. After reading minutes, a philatelic Quiz was held which was won by Capt. M. F. Stern. Dr. Marcus Hotz then showed a cross section of his fine collection of Israel. —M.F.S.

P.S. OF NATAL

4th April. The meeting held in the "Geo Cato Room" City Hall was well attended, with 38 members and visitors present. There was a good array of material offered for auction. Mr. Ray Walsh did very well to dispose of most of them. The business did not take very long.

The exhibits for the evening were shown by Mrs. B. Zarnack "Europa" and Mr. H. R. Brown "Germany 1935-1945." These were a very interesting display which were enjoyed by all.

18th April. The second meeting was also held in the "Geo Cato Room." There were 30 members present. There was the usual auction with many items changing hands.

MASHONALAND P.S.

12th April. After a discussion on the Constitution and Rules a most comprehensive and interesting display was then given by Mr. Hazan of a small portion of his collection of Belgium and the Congo. Unfortunately there was not sufficient room for Mr. Hazan to adequately display his stamps, but it is hoped that he will have the opportunity of giving us further displays in the near future.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

April meeting. Another good attendance had a further "mixed grill" for their fare, and a most satisfactory fare it was too! There was enough to cater for all tastes and one can understand why the mixed exhibits are proving popular. Dr. Sherel brought along his collection of the third definitive issue of Israel complete with all controls and tabs. He was followed by John Kriste who tabled a cross section of his Israel collection which combined very well with the first exhibit. Derek Brown kept up the good work by tabling a collection of war stamps. This is not a collection of war issues, but rather a collection of stamps overprinted for war purposes.

Dave Slater-Kinghorn then exhibited a portion of his Northern Rhodesian collection including inter-Colonial cancellations, plus a lovely collection of the stamps of the Colony, while Jock Howie took along a few pages taken at random out of his Canadian album. Eric Walker concluded the show of stamps with a fine collection of Union stamps used. These he has mounted on black album sheets and they make a fine show.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

April meeting. Those who listened to Mr. Strong's paper on, and saw his exhibit of, the early Gt. B. issues will agree that he made what can be a difficult subject most interesting and simple. He explained how the sheets were made up, the positioning of the check letters, differences of alphabets and many such details. Dr. Strong's exhibit of the Chalon heads of New Zealand ran to a score of pages, covering all values with many different shades and varieties. This was his first exhibit and we look forward to seeing more, even though he is now at Gath's Mine, Mashaba!

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BECHUANALAND

MINOR VARIETIES

Following Mr. Brownlow's interesting report in the April issue on the types and settings of the 2½c on 2d. Bechuanaland, I have examined 56 used copies of the first setting Type 1, lying straight across the row.

Nearly all these are clear printings, a few only being malformed or blotchy but the relative levels of the three component parts of the overprint vary as follows:

5 stamps have a 10 mm. O'pt. instead of the normal 9.

17 stamps have more or less level figures but varying in height above base line from 4 mm. to 8 mm.

5 stamps have a dropped fraction and a further dropped "c". The large figure 2 varying in height above base line from 4 mm. to 7 mm.

2 stamps have the reverse of the above, i.e. raised fraction and a further raised "c" both about 6 mm. high.

14 stamps have a dropped fraction only and varying from 6 mm. to 8 mm. above base.

3 stamps have raised "c" only whilst 9 have dropped "c" varying from 5 mm. to 8 mm. above base.

All these conditions are clearly visible to the naked eye and are confirmed under the glass although the variation is generally about ½ mm. only.

Several pairs and one strip of 5 were amongst those studied and considerable differences were found on adjacent stamps. One pair has a raised fraction on one stamp whilst its mate has a dropped fraction with a further dropped "c"; this would appear to confirm the fact that all the copies under review were from one somewhat irregular setting.

The writer would like to know if some deformities of figures are constant such as:

1. Tapered fraction bar.
2. Serifed 1 of the fraction.
3. A deformed 1 in the fraction looking almost like an interrogation mark. (I have two together in the centre of a block of 12).
4. Clear cut slices off the small 2 and others.

—A. L. A. VINER.

The South African Philatelist

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Recent Re-printing.

The following re-printings of the Republic's stamps, from cylinders previously used, have been made:—

(a) A new, small size Registration Envelope appeared on Post Office counters during May; it follows the design of that reported in our January Notes.

Measuring 153 by 102 mm, 8 mm wider than the earlier one, and manufactured locally instead of overseas as previously, the envelope bears no impressed stamps; the Republic's Coat-of-Arms is printed on the fold-over flap, and the language order is either English or Afrikaans first.

(b) Distributions to Post Offices are being made of the 2½c Albertini printed stamps to replace the 'Volkspeler' ones, whose three month's period of sale has expired, and of which, it is stated, some half a million sheets had been printed.

It was observed that some post offices had received sheets of the 2½c Albertini printed stamps from which the left-hand margins, normally carrying the cylinder and sheet serial numbers, had been removed. These, at present, have been identified by their cylinder characteristics as being Pane D of the quadruple printing, and are normal in all other respects. The margins were severed in line with the vertical perforations common to the first vertical row of stamps, and appear to have been guillotined with certain aspects of tearing and misalignment.

Upon seeking an explanation for this deficiency, the Publicity Officer kindly informed us that during the printing process the cyclometer developed a flaw in respect of which the sheet serial number were incorrectly printed and consequently the relevant margins were removed from some 5,000 sheets before distribution.

Although interesting from the printing aspect, these guillotined sheets may be considered as unworthy of album status by collectors as they may be so easily "faked", and bear little significance.

(c) A reprinting, from previously used cylinders, was made of the 5c Postage Due Label, the frame being darker blue than the earlier one, and the numeral now appears in black, the printing characteristics remaining constant.

(d) It has been loosely stated, and even published in the lay press that a 'Republican Day Stamp' was issued during May to commemorate the Anniversary of the Republic.

This printing, although sanctioned by the Postmaster General in accordance with the Post Office requirements, vide the Post Office Bulletin News quoted in our June Number, is that of a LABEL or STICKER, and should not be confused with the status of a STAMP.

Labels or Stickers are not valid for the prepayment of postage; may be sold by private enterprise on post office premises, and the funds derived therefrom are devoted to a charitable organisation.

While on this topic, news has come to hand that a further label or sticker will be put on sale during the last week of June or early July in commemoration of "Family Day", the 9th July.

Items of Interest.

The following aspects pertain to previous printings, and may be of interest to readers:

It has been ascertained that no further printings of the 2c value has been made since June 1961, also that the ½c and 20c denominations, and the 5c Postage Due Label, have not been made on unwatermarked paper—assumptions probably arising out of an “indistinct” watermarked paper.

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It has been reported in the lay press that 2½c and 12½c Commemorative stamps will be issued on “Settlers Day”, the 3rd September, 1962. No confirmation of this has as yet been received from the Postal Authorities.

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A constant brown dot, probably a Master Negative Characteristic, appearing above “b and l” of Republiek, has been determined on the 2½c “Volkspele” stamps.

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As yet there has been no confirmation that the Republic’s stamps are to be printed on “R.S.A.” watermarked paper.

Conflicting reports concerning the country of manufacture of the present stamp printing paper, exist—one being that it was made in Austria, another, locally. On the other hand, we have very good grounds to believe that the American made paper, and no other, is still being used.

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Information has been received that a “Philatelic Counter”, similar to the one in existence at Cape Town, will be opened shortly at the main Post Office of Port Elizabeth, the hours of attendance being Wednesday afternoons, 3.30 to 5.

This concession, to cater for the particular needs of Philatelists, arises out of a request made at the Cape Town Congress, and will probably be followed by establishing other counters at various centres.

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By courtesy of the Port Elizabeth Exhibition Committee, the South African Stamp Study Circle will hold an open meeting there, during Exhibition week, on Tuesday evening, the 18th September, 1962, at which

a bourse and exchange period will precede the formal business. You are cordially invited to attend.

The May edition of the Post Office Bulletin announced the establishment, at the principal centres, of phototelegraphic facilities for the transmission or reception of phototelegrams to the Republic and various parts of the world.

Any picture or document, preferably a black print on white paper which has satisfactory contrast and definition, may be tendered as a phototelegram, transmission taking place over landline or radio circuits by the photo-electric process, and a facsimile copy is delivered to the addressee.

The maximum size of a picture or document for transmission is 10½x10 inches, but material of larger dimensions can be handled in sections.

STOP PRESS

The Philatelic Bureau, Pretoria, reported a reprinting, on the 7th June, of the R1 Republic Stamp on watermarked paper, with black sheet serial numbers opposite Rows 3 and 4 and 14 and 15, the other printing characteristics remaining constant.

FRANK C. FERGUSON

We regret to have to announce the sudden death of Frank Ferguson on 18th June.

Frank has been well-known in Philatelic circles in Pretoria and Johannesburg for a number of years.

Not only was he a keen collector but he was much interested in organised philately and took a prominent part in the work of the Philatelic Federation and so became known ever more widely. He was a tower of strength when there was any exhibition to arrange and he will be greatly missed.

Our sincerest sympathy is extended to Mrs. Ferguson and his family.

PORTRAITS OF THE NETHERLANDS ROYAL FAMILY ON POSTAGE STAMPS

The 7th of January 1937 was a memorable day for the Netherlands. On that day, 25 years ago now, the marriage was concluded between the then Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard. In commemoration of this fact the Netherlands Postal Administration issued on 5 January, 1962 two postage stamps without surcharge in the denominations of 12 and 30 cents. The Netherlands Antilles, too, will issue two commemorative stamps, viz. a 10-cent and a 25-cent one.

These stamps show the portraits of the two royal persons designed by Sierk Schröder, an artist who is well-known in the Netherlands and who also designed the 1954 Children's Welfare stamps, and the portrait of the Netherlands Professor Huijzinga for one of the 1954 Summer Stamps.

The first stamp, which bears the image of the then Princess Juliana, dates back to 1934. We were then in the middle of the notorious crisis time, and to collect money for the victims of the then prevailing unemployment, two stamps with surcharge were issued at the request of the "Crisis Committee": one with the portrait of Queen Wilhelmina, and one with the portrait of her daughter Juliana.

During the occupation of the Netherlands in World War II the Royal Family lived abroad. When in 1943 the third princess—Margriet—was born, the two parts of the realm that were not occupied (Surinam and Curacao) each issued four stamps on which were represented beside the then Queen Wilhelmina, Princess Juliana, Prince Bernhard, and the three Princesses Beatrix Irene and Margriet.

The stamp was printed by the English printers Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Ltd. at New Malden, after a photo of the royal family.

The portrait of Princess Juliana was chosen in 1944 by Curacao for a series of eight special air-mail postage stamps, the surcharge of which went to the Netherlands Red Cross. On 10 May, 1945 the issue of these stamps was stopped.



When after the war the Royal Family returned again to this country, the portraits of the three Princesses Beatrix, Irene and Margriet appeared in 1946 on pretty, bright stamps which were issued for the benefit of destitute children and the fight against tuberculosis.

In 1948 Princess Juliana was inaugurated at Amsterdam as Queen of the Netherlands, after her mother Queen Wilhelmina, had reigned over the country for half a century. For the Netherlands, but also for the then Netherlands East Indies, Curacao and Surinam special stamps (two for each territory) were issued on this occasion.

They were the last stamps issued in the Netherlands East Indies, for in 1949 the sovereignty of the Netherlands over it was transferred to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia. Queen Juliana's portrait does not occur on the Indonesian stamps.

From the point of view of philatelists, too, 1949 was an important year for the Netherlands and its overseas parts of the realm. The designer S. Hartz, who also designed most of the stamps mentioned above, was commissioned to design an ordinary stamp bearing the image of the reigning sovereign. The design he made was used for stamps of several denominations issued in the Netherlands, Netherlands New Guinea, Surinam and Curacao; some of these stamps were provided with an overprint.

The validity of this type of stamp expired in the Netherlands on 31 December, 1957. As early as 1953 the stamps were replaced by others, also designed by Mr. Hartz, representing the Queen in profile.

In 1953 the Netherlands were hit by a disaster, namely the flood. To relieve the distress of the victims of this disaster the Postal Administration of the Netherlands, Netherlands New Guinea, the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam issued stamps bearing the image of the Queen; these stamps were provided with an overprint. Especially the New Guinea stamps have become of great value to philatelists.

In 1954 the Queen signed a "Statute for the Kingdom", on which occasion the Netherlands, the Netherlands Antilles, and Surinam issued stamps of one same type, the so-called Statute stamps. These stamps bear the same representation as those issued in the Netherlands since 1953. The New Guinea stamps issued since 1954 also bear this same representation.

The Queen and the Prince have often been abroad during their marriage.

Prince Bernhard often acts as "goodwill ambassador" in foreign countries. On the occasion of the royal visit to the Netherlands Antilles and Surinam in 1955 these two territories issued special stamps with portraits of the Queen and the Prince.

In the years 1958-1959 there appeared in the Netherlands Antilles a series of 16 stamps in denominations from 6 cents to 5 guilders, on which—beside fine landscapes from the Caribbean islands—the portrait of the Queen is shown.

Surinam had 4 stamps printed in 1959 in the denominations of 1, 1½, 2½ and 5 guilders and bearing the image of the Queen.

Further another series of 8 stamps is issued showing the image of the Queen designed by Hartz, the 'International Court' series which has been issued by the Netherlands since 1951 for the benefit of this international organisation. However, these stamps are not available in an uncanceled condition, cancelled copies being obtainable for collectors.

Portraits of members of the Royal Family occur on 163 stamps—inclusive of the commemorative stamps that have just appeared. In total 28 types of these stamps have been issued in the Netherlands, the Netherlands East Indies, Netherlands New Guinea, Curacao (Netherlands Antilles) and Surinam.

[This article was prepared by the Philatelic Branch of the Netherlands Postal Services. Both it and the photograph of Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard at their wedding ceremony, were sent us by the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Pretoria.]

FRANCE

The Ministry of Posts reports the issue of no less than 13 stamps as appearing during May and June. Seven of these are fully postal, honouring or commemorating various subjects or events. Six are semi-postals honouring various distinguished Frenchmen, the surtaxes being for the French Red Cross.

JAN AND MARIA VAN RIEBEECK

by

Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.



Jan van Riebeeck was born in Culemborg, Holland, in April, 1618. His grandfather, one time mayor of the town, was responsible for his education and, at the age of 16 he was admitted to the Guild of Surgeons, for a period of 4 years in order to qualify as a physician.

On attaining his majority he applied for employment in the service of the Dutch East India Company. His application was successful and he secured an appointment as a surgeon's mate. After several voyages in the Company's service to the Far East, van Riebeeck returned to Holland and took up residence in Amsterdam, where he married Maria de la Quellerie in March 1649.

At this time the Dutch East India Company was contemplating the establishment of a refreshment station at the Cape of Good Hope, and this proposal came to fruition in 1651. On December 12 of that year, van Riebeeck was selected by the Chamber of Seventeen to establish and administer the settlement at the Cape.

Van Riebeeck was a typical example of those adventurous spirits who founded the great colonial empire of the Netherlands in the Seventeenth century. By nature bold, enterprising, persevering, religious and possessed of much common sense and judgment, he had received a good education and his training as a surgeon had opened to him many avenues of knowledge rarely cultivated in those days.

With him sailed his wife and infant son Lambertus; also his two wards, Elizabeth and Sebastina van Opdrop; the daughters of his sister. The reason for their inclusion in the party is not known, but in all prob-

ability they were to be companions to van Riebeeck's wife.

A fleet of three ships, the DROMEDARIS, REIGER and GOEDE HOOP sailed on December 24, 1651, out of the Texel and arrived at the Cape of Good Hope on Sunday, April 7, 1652. Van Riebeeck landed on the shore of Rogge Bay, an indentation then not shown on the charts. To-day this landing place no longer exists, through being enveloped in the scheme for the reclamation of the foreshore.

On Monday, April 8, the commander chose a site for the erection of a fort—the first building to be constructed at the Cape of Good Hope.

After governing the settlement for 10 years, van Riebeeck left for Batavia in the East Indies, as head of the Company's establishment at Malacca. Subsequently he became Secretary of the Council of India, a post which he held for many years. Van Riebeeck died on January 18, 1677, at the age of 58 years and was buried in the "Inner Portuguese Church" at Batavia.

Maria de la Quellerie, van Riebeeck's first wife, was born in Rotterdam on October 20, 1629. The first child of this marriage was a son, Antony, who was born on March 20, 1650, but died some months later. The second child, also a son, was born in the following year and bore the name Lambertus. On October 18, 1653, Maria gave birth to a third son, this being the first white child to be born at the Cape.

November 2, 1664, saw the death of Maria at the age of 35, who left a family of eight children. She was buried in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption at Malacca. This unusual action of the burial of a Protestant in a Roman Catholic cathedral is proof that this gentle and god-fearing woman had endeared herself to the Portuguese community.

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THE EMERGENCY SERVICE BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND ISREAL IN 1948

By **J. M. Weinstein**

(Paper presented to Society of Israel Philately, 18th July, 1960)

General Background.

With the final conception of the Jewish State in Palestine in terms of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution of 29th November, 1947, came the simultaneous resolution terminating the British Mandatory Administration "as soon as possible but in any case not later than 1st August 1958". In terms of the resolution Britain announced 15th May, 1948 as the date for the termination of her Mandate.

The prevailing hostilities between the Jewish settlers and their Arab neighbours, coupled with the Mandatory authority relinquishing its responsibilities, led to the suspension of postal services and the closing of the international airport at Lydda on 25th April, 1948. The decision of the Mandatory authority to suspend postal services became totally effective on the 26th April 1948 with Palestine's exclusion from the International Postal Federation. Internal mail services continued to function due to the efforts of the Jewish postal officials, but mail services to and from abroad could no longer be provided. Palestine became postally isolated.

In the meantime Zionist and Jewish bodies abroad took steps to ensure that this isolation would not last longer than necessary, and as a result was born, amongst others, the Emergency Airmail Service that operated between South Africa and Israel.

The Postal Services to Palestine—Their Suspension.

At this stage it is appropriate to chronicle the date, so far it is believed to be correct, regarding the termination of the various forms of postal service to Palestine.

1. Surface mail parcel service suspended 15/3/1948.
2. Surface mail for other postal matter suspended before 31/3/1948.
3. Airmail service suspended between 21st and 25th April 1948, probably on 23/4/1948.

The latest recorded airmail cover to Palestine via S. Africa was posted at Gilgil, Kenya on the 19th April 1948 and presum-

ably left S. Africa on the day following (collection A. Liebrecht, Tel Aviv). Airmail correspondence dated 27th April and subsequent dates is known to have been returned to the senders with "NO SERVICE" or equivalent endorsements.

Surface mail posted in Johannesburg as early as 16th March, 1948 is known which was not forwarded and which received the "Mail Service Suspended" cachet. This suggests that the surface mail service was in fact suspended towards the middle of March, 1948.

S.A. Zionist Federation—Appearance on the Postal Scene.

It is at this stage that the S.A. Zionist Federation enters upon the postal scene.

Appearing in the "Zionist Record"—weekly journal of the above body—at the beginning of May, 1948 was the following statement:—

"POSTAL SERVICE TO PALESTINE"

Arrangements by S.A. Zionist Federation
The S.A. Zionist Federation is exploring every avenue to bridge the temporary suspension of the postal services between the Union and Palestine. Although no final solution to these temporary problems has been found, it is hoped that it may be possible to meet the situation, and certain negotiations are at present proceeding.

Without giving any assurance that letters will be sent immediately, and with out taking any responsibility for any of the letters received, the Zionist Federation makes the following proposals to any person who wishes to communicate with Palestine.

1. Write the letter in the usual way and put it in an envelope with the address of the person to whom the letter is sent in Palestine. Seal this letter.

2. Put this letter in a second envelope, addressed to POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, ZIONIST FEDERATION, BOX 18, JOHANNESBURG. Stamp this outer envelope in the usual way.

3. Enclose stamps or postal order to the value of one shilling per half ounce, in the outer envelope to defray the stamp charges

for the dispatch of the letter to Palestine.

4. No money orders or non-Mail material should be enclosed in the original envelope.

It is emphasised that no responsibility for the safe delivery of these letters can be accepted by the Zionist Federation which, however, will do everything in its power to ensure regular communication. At the same time, steps are being taken to maintain incoming letters from Palestine to the Union".

On the 17th May, 1948 the following message dated 15th May, 1948 was received by the secretary of the S.A. Zionist Federation from the Principal Officer of Customs and Excise, Germiston:—

"Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your undertaking dated the 14th May, 1948 and to inform you that these parcels of letters will be allowed to be shipped as air freight until such time as postal communications have been re-established in Palestine."

The text of the undertaking is not known but the essence of the minute was to permit

the conveyance of parcels of letters to the new State as air freight.

As a result of the statement in the "Zionist Record" referred to above, letters forwarded in the manner prescribed in the notification commenced arriving at the offices of the S.A. Zionist Federation on the 7th May, 1948. At the same time the Jewish internees in Gilgil Camp, Kenya, were offered similar facilities without the requirement to defray the stamp charges, and the first batch of letters from them arrived in Johannesburg on 13th May, 1948.

Arrangements had meanwhile been made with "PELTOURS" travel agency in Johannesburg to organise the despatch of the mail-bags, and it is presumed that they air-freighted them on the aircraft of Universal Airways and Pan African Air Charter who were then operating an air service between South Africa and Israel.

The following is a listing of the 12 Mail Bags consigned by the S.A. Zionist Federation to "PELTOURS", the last of which it will be noticed was actually conveyed by regular airmail:—

Bag No.	Date Despatched to Peltoours	Arrival Date in Tel Aviv	Postmark Date Tel Aviv	No. Items from S.A.	No. Items from Gilgil
1	27-5-1948	11-6-1948	11-6-1948	742	298
2	8-6-1948	17-6-1948	17-6-1948	892	428
3	23-6-1948	6-7-1948	8-7-1948	1539	26
4	1-7-1948	10-7-1948	?	418	-
5	5-7-1948	16-7-1948	?	95	-
6	15-7-1948	29-7-1948	?	779	-
7	23-7-1948	3-8-1948	?	752	-
8	30-7-1948	17-8-1948	18-8-1948	698	-
9	11-8-1948	17-8-1948	18-8-1948	903	-
10	19-8-1948	27-8-1948	?	891	-
11	31-8-1948	14-9-1948	14-9-1948	1218	-
12	13-9-1948	Sent by regular airmail p/m JHB. w/1/- S.A. adhesive	Received in Tel Aviv before 28-9-1948	989	-

The total number of letters handled in the relevant four months was 10,668 made up as follows:—

1. Letters from the internees at Gilgil 752
2. Letters from South Africa 8,927
3. Letters from South Africa (Bag No. 12) forwarded by regular airmail ... 989

10,668

A further 364 letters were received after the announcement of the regular service and were stamped and forwarded on behalf

of the senders by the Federation offices.

In addition to the mail from Gilgil approximately 704 letters were conveyed free of charge so that a total of 1,456 letters were forwarded without pre-payment of the prescribed fee. The mail so conveyed consisted of all the correspondence between the S.A. Zionist Federation and its Tel Aviv offices but must have included considerable additional correspondence which merited free conveyance for one or other reason. I have a suspicion, not confirmed philatelically,

that some mail to South African volunteers serving in the Israeli Forces was included in this category.

Treatment of Mail Handled by the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Every letter handled was slit open at one side and then received the official cachet of the Despatch office reading as follows:—

“PER POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS
BOX 18, JOHANNESBURG.”

and which was applied with a rubber stamp. The measurements were $62\frac{1}{2}$ mm x $2\frac{1}{2}$ mm and 43 mm x $2\frac{1}{4}$ mm respectively.

Thereafter the slit was sealed with cello-tape (often affixed over the cachet) and the approved letter was set aside for inclusion in its appropriate mail-bag. PELTOURS, Johannesburg, then arranged for the bags' air-freight to their Tel Aviv offices. (The story of the flights undertaken by the two airlines concerned is an epic in itself but does not bear recounting here). On arrival at their destination the local letter rate of 10 mils was affixed to each pre-paid letter (that is, those not endorsed “F” or “FREE” in manuscript) together with the oval rubber-stamp cachet of the office reading “PELTOURS” in an oval of 29 mm x $10\frac{1}{2}$ mm surrounded by the words “Pel” Palestine and Egypt Lloyd Ltd. Tel-Aviv with double ringed oval measuring 43 mm x 22 mm. Letters from Gilgil are noted with similar franking despite the “Free” endorsement. Thereupon the letters were posted in the normal manner.

The most remarkable feature of this service is the fact that every letter intended for Israel reached its destination within a maximum period of 18 days of being handed to PELTOURS, Johannesburg, for consignment.

Opening of Mail Services from South Africa to Israel.

1. Surface and airmail services opened 13-9-1948
2. Registration service introduced 24-3-1949
3. Parcel service introduced ... 16-5-1949

(Refer Notice No. 1023 in Govt. Gazette of 27 May, 1949)

The airmail letter rate at the commencement of the service was 1/- per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce (reduced to 9d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce in March, 1950 and increased to 1/3 per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce in July, 1953) following upon a rate of 9d. per $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce which applied to letters to Palestine.

The initial consignment of mail which was carried on the commencement of the regular air service between the two countries comprised the 989 letters of Mail Bag No.12 which had already been treated with the “Postal Communications” cachet and bore the repaired slit side. These letters were posted by PELTOURS in the normal way in Johannesburg, after having had an airmail etiquette and adhesive stamp applied to the front, and received the cancellation of the Johannesburg Post Office dated 15.IX.1948. Covers with both machine and hand cancels are known.

This consignment of mail arrived in Israel before 28th September, 1948 and doubtless included additional postal matter which would not bear the cachet proving it to have passed through the offices of the S.A. Zionist Federation.

Thus was born the official postal air link between the two countries concerned and which today carries a not inconsiderable quantity of mail in both directions and with uninterrupted regularity.

The epilogue to the Emergency Service could not be more aptly described than in the humble words of the conference Report of the Zionist Federation of Sept., 1949.

“MAIL AND PARCEL SERVICE”

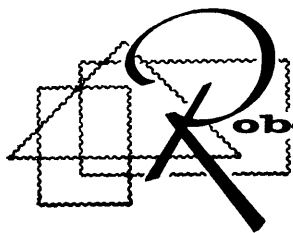
“A few months after the last Zionist Conference, postal communications between the Union and Palestine were suspended. Thereupon the Federation approached the Union Government with a view to securing facilities for the restoration of postal communications. As a result of our representations, the Government granted us the authority to organise our own postal service, subject to the usual regulations. The Federation conducted a mail service until official postal communications were restored. During this period our office handled about 11,000 letters.”

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EUROPA

It is reported that the favoured design for this year's Europa stamps (to be issued on 17 September) is a tree with 19 leaves—one for each of the 19 CEPT countries.



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THE SEA ROUTE TO THE EAST VIA THE CAPE

By Capt. M. F. Stern, A.R.I.B.A., F.R.G.S.

(This is a curtailed section from the book being published overseas by the author "The Expansion of Portugal and Development of its Colonies")

(Concluded from p. 93 of June issue.)

At the Great Fish River, Joao Infante, captain of the second ship "S. Pantaleon" landed and named it Rio do Infante. The ships now turned back to the west and came to the Cape which he named "Cabo Tormentoso" (Cape of Storms) because of the perils he met there but King Joao II later called it Cabo da Boa Esperanza (Cape of Good Hope) foreseeing the realisation of the long coveted passage to India. Diaz arrived in Lisbon in December 1487 after an absence of 18 months and 17 days. This was the last discovery made in the reign of Joao II.

Meanwhile in 1470 Christopher Columbus, a Genoese, had gone to Lisbon to reside there and realised from reports that there was land to the west which he thought was India and applied to the King of Portugal for a fleet to make the voyage. The proposal was condemned but the Portuguese sent secretly a caravel westwards. This failed in a storm. Columbus was indignant and in 1484 left secretly for Spain. There he was able to leave on August 3, 1492 and discovered the West Indies, returning in March 1493. Thus was lost to Portugal the chance to be the discoverers of America.

Meanwhile caravels were now replaced by rounder vessels and Diaz was put to the work of supervising their construction. King Manuel I's first thoughts were to resume the maritime explorations and command was given to Vasco da Gama of three ships "Sao Gabriel," "Sao Rafael" and the "Sao Bon Miguel." Vasco da Gama (various stamps of Portugal and Portuguese India) was the son of Estevo da Gama, who had been Comptroller of the Household of the King Dom Alfonso. The two other ships were commanded respectively by Paulo da Gama and Nicolau Coelho. There is conflict regarding the date of their departure from Belem on the Tagus but it would seem to have been March 25, 1497. Thence they sailed to the Cape Verde Islands, and on November 8 reached St. Helena Bay and Cape of Good Hope November 22.

On Christmas Day Terra Natal was

reached (here they saw the first signs of civilization) and finally Mozambique, which had to be left in haste, in March, 1498. Quiloa was reached but again no one went ashore as also at Mombasa (where treachery was averted). Melindi was reached in April and here Da Gama went ashore and was well treated. On August 8 he set sail, piloted by an Indian from Gujarat, Malemo Dely. Calicut was then the most important trading point in India. The Arabs had already established trade there 600 years before, and through peaceful trading had become influential and respected. Calicut was reached on May 20, 1498 according to several authorities.

Da Gama, in face of opposition by the Arabs, obtained rights to trade and sailed away in November, 1498, and went to Cananor, which he left on November 20, 1498, and reached Anjediva (an island two miles from the coast of north Kanara and about 51 miles SE of Goa). Finally Melindi was reached January 8, 1499, and leaving there January 20 Da Gama arrived back in Lisbon September 18, 1499, the King looking on from the House of Mines (Casa da Minas), which was later to become India House. Da Gama was made a "Dom." Political importance accrued to Portugal and the Kings added the glorious title of "Lords of the Conquest, Navigation and Commerce of Ethiopea, Arabia, Persia and China."

The news made a complete revolution in the commerce of Europe. This voyage which achieved at last the dream of the sea route to India by way of the Cape was followed by a still more momentous voyage under Pedro Alvarez Cabral from Belem on March 9, 1500, also bound for Calicut. This fleet consisted of 13 ships and among the captains were Nicolau Coelho and Bartholomeo Diaz. Cabral's fleet was driven by strong winds to the coast of Brazil which was thus seen for the first time. This was sighted (Porto Seguro) on April 21, 1500. This country was named Vera Cruz but later Santa Cruz. On the importance of the valuable dyewood of the ibirapitango it was named

Brazil from a name given to similar dye-woods imported from India. On May 1 Cabral took formal possession of the country and left May 2.

Near the Cape several ships were destroyed and Bartholoemio Diaz was one of the casualties. He, after having been the first to round the Cape, was destined never to see India. His death actually took place off the Brazilian coast where the first four ships were lost. It is said that Madagascar was discovered on this voyage. Cabral reached Calicut on August 30. The first factory was established but later destroyed by the Arabs. Venice gave her support to the Arabs for the very good reason of maintaining the trade between Cairo and Europe. Only three vessels of Cabral returned to Lisbon on April 10, 1501.

Of interest is that en route to Brazil, the island of Ascension (called later Conception) was discovered by Joao da Nova who had left Belem on April 10, 1501. It was this same Da Nova who on July 7 anchored at Sao Braz (Mossel Bay) and there found a letter left by Pero do Ataide in a shoe (the first South African post) after being separated from Cabral by a storm. He was able

to inform da Nova of the two safe ports, Cochin and Cananor.

Here the story of expansion and the final establishment of trade by Portugal must be left. There are many other details which have had to be omitted in this survey, which took over four years of study to complete.

GOUGH ISLAND

The R.S.A. was unable to achieve what it set out to do on its trip there. They were able to take off the party which had been there for over a year, and to land the relieving party with stores, using the old landing place. Continuous rough weather, however, made it impossible to land the materials and the artisans to erect the proposed new station. The present intention appears to be to try again in September.

The ship arrived back at Cape Town on 20th May, having had a look at Tristan da Cunha en route, but not landing there. A Russian whaler was noted close in to the coast.

No mail was brought by the R.S.A. from Gough Island.



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REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

N. Rhodesia Cancellations.

The papers on this subject by Mr. W. G. Nodder, which have been appearing in recent issues of "Stamp Collecting", are being reprinted in book form. This compilation is obtainable at 10/6d. from the Hon. Secretary of the Rhodesian Study Circle, Mr. F. C. Donaldson, 14 Makepeace Avenue, Highgate, London N6.

Burrus Collection.

The main portion of this, which was not obtained by Shanahan's Auctions, has been purchased by an Italian syndicate and is to be sold in Rome, London and New York.

Republic Day "Stickers".

1c Stickers issued by permission of the P.M.G. for 31st May, and featuring three men erecting a building, can be obtained in quantities of 10 from the Trustees, Ondersteuningsraad, Posbus 677, Germiston. The money from their sale is in aid of Orphanages, Old People's Homes and Welfare Services.

B.W.I. Study Circle Bulletin.

We have received a sample copy of this. The Circle has a membership of 219 and issues this Bulletin quarterly to members. It can be recommended to all interested in the stamps and/or postal history of the British West Indies (Bermuda, British Guiana and British Honduras included). The annual subscription is £1 and full particulars may be had from the Hon. Sec., Mr. P. T. Saunders, Caymans Cottage, Ridgmont, Blatchley, Bucks, England.

Check List—S. A. 3rd Definitive (Animal) Series.

This is an attractively illustrated and annotated bilingual booklet of 16 pages issued by Mildenhall Associates (Pty.) Ltd., Stamp Auctioneers, Johannesburg. Copies may be obtained from the publishers, P.O. Box 7908 on receipt of a postal order for 10 cents to cover postage and handling.

Stamp Centenaries Study Group Bulletin.

Formed in 1959 under the auspices of FIPCO (International Federation of Constructive Philately) this Study Group now has about 100 members who receive regularly this Bulletin (English and German editions).

Although most stamps of 100 years ago can be obtained through ordinary trade and exchange channels, there can be much more to them than merely owning the stamps. This study group, through meetings and its bulletin sets out to provide further information about aspects of special cancellations, watermarks, slogans, F.D.C.'s, etc.

Annual subscriptions are U.S. \$1.65 or 11 shillings sterling (if you are already a member of FIPCO, only \$1.00 or 7/-).

Although headquarters are in Germany, a meeting is to be held in England in August.

Further information obtainable from Alfred Gerth Berlin-Zohlendorf im Mühlenfelde 1, Germany.

Field's Annual Competition.

Messrs Francis J. Field had a very successful "Anniversary" competition for an aerophilatelic article last year and they propose making it an annual event. They write suggesting an article of not more than 500 words on the cover in your collection that you like best. It may be common, it may be rare, you may have acquired it through an unusual combination of circumstances, but for one reason or another it is your favourite. Tell us about it. Entries must be posted not later than 1 October. Three prizes are offered, if the entries warrant it. Further particulars, if desired, from the firm (See their advert), but we have one entry form available.

Binding your "S.A.Ph." copies.

Mr. John S. Shone of Bedford, C.P. finds that he can bind the S.A.Ph very nicely with the 2 covers and 3 copper screws made for binding "Farming in South Africa". These can be obtained from "The Director, Soil Conservation, Private Bag 144, Pretoria" for 35 cents, cash with order. The only extra needed is a punch to make holes in the magazine ("Farming in S.A." is supplied ready punched).

For Thematic Collectors.

We have received the following announcement from the American Topical Association:—

Seventy-six available A.T.A. topical stamp publications are listed and described in the detailed "1962-63 Topical Stamp Publications List" just published by the American Topical Association, the club with more living life members than any other philatelic society.

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Copies will be sent free of charge to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope or coupon-response international to Capt. M. F. Stern, P.O. Box 3654, Cape Town South Africa. ATA members were sent copies.

U.S.A.

The Louisiana 4c Statehood stamp issued on 30th April features an old Mississippi riverboat belching fire and smoke as it churns up the river.

The Homestead Act stamp which appeared on May 20 shows an old-fashioned sod hut with the hardy homesteader and his wife.

A Girl Scout 50th anniversary commemorative is to be issued on 24th July. The P.M.G. is reported in "McKeel's Weekly Stamp News" as saying that although it is against the law to put the picture of a living American on a stamp, but (as her name is not mentioned) he thought the misdemeanour would be pardoned this time, seeing how pretty the model Girl Scout was!

MRS. LOUISE BOYD DALE

Mrs. Dale is the 1962 recipient of the Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Medal, the first woman to be so honoured. She may be said to specialise in "Firsts". To say nothing of numerous first prizes at exhibitions, she was the first woman to be appointed, in 1956, as juror at an International Stamp exhibition. The same year she was the first American woman (and the second woman) to be elected to the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists. In 1957 she became (and still is) the chairman of the Expert Committee of the Philatelic Foundation.

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POSTMARK CORNER

"Eat Enriched Bread".

In our March issue, p. 47, Mr. D. Allison ended up a series of notes about postmarks with the somewhat cryptic remark "Some recent East London machine postmarks are worth watching. Do you know why?" Well, we think the answer is (a) that the slogan was the one "Eat Enriched Bread" and the point is that the special flour for such bread was no longer being made, and (b) that the date in the postmark was sometimes given as in IX-62. However, they have replaced this slogan by "Fight Cancer". Which unfortunately is still with us.

Unclaimed.

Herewith we reproduce a rubber stamp impression, in purple, recently seen on a returned letter, which has not previously been recorded:

ONAFGEHAAL
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From this it appears as if the local post offices are relieving the Returned Letter Office of some of their functions.
Customs.

We previously recorded a Customs machine postmark emanating from Cape Town, which had been applied in orange ink. This has now been seen in black.

O.R.C. NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS

A Correction.

The list of 38 cancellations on page 43 of our March issue, with the figures of 5 mm. height in a vertical oval grid should have included No. 98. —(J.H.H.P.).

P.O. PHILATELIC COUNTERS

Some little time ago the question of having philatelic counters at P.O.'s in the larger centres was raised at a meeting of the Federation Executive and we were advised that this matter should be taken up locally by Societies wishing to have such facilities.

Port Elizabeth P.S. now informs us that such a counter will operate at the main P.O. there—Counter No. 16—every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 5 p.m.

CROWN AGENTS

The June Bulletin is rather a quiet one, the main feature being the release of two stamps (4 and 10 cents) for the 3rd anniversary of attaining full internal self government. (Singapore National Day).

They also announce the tentative programme of UNO for the balance of 1962.

18 Sept.: Hammarskjöld Memorial Stamp

24 Oct.: United Nations Day Stamp featuring UN's efforts for peace in Congo.

3 Dec.: To be announced.

The front cover illustration is the 10 mil anti-malarial stamp of Cyprus

JAPAN

We are informed by the Consulate-General, Pretoria, of the issue of four new stamps; two feature more of the quasi-national parks, and one the opening of the Hokuriku railway tunnel; all these being 10 yen values. Also a 30 yen of the ordinary series, honouring a shrine housing some relics of Buddha.

If you have a "yen" to collect Japanese stamps, we might recommend the 10 yen value. There have been 31 stamps of this denomination issued since 1958 and all of them are listed as being still in stock.

AUSTRALIA

The 5d. stamp commemorating the first crossing of the continent from south to north by John McDouall Stuart will be issued on 25th July, the date on which the journey was completed 100 years ago.

Two stamps (5d. and 2s.3d.) and a 10d. commemorative aerogramme will be issued for the Empire Games to be held later this year at Perth, W. Australia. It is intended to issue them two or three weeks before the actual opening of the Games.

EIRE

Ireland is joining with other nations in the C.E.P.T. in having special "Europa" stamps on 17 September. They will be of two denominations—6d. and 1s.3d.

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To fight this menace they are adopting a programme which we think should help materially and with which we have every sympathy and will gladly co-operate.

Their monthly magazine, "The American Philatelist" publishes a new issue chronicle of world-wide postal emissions. They have appointed a board of 5 members to analyse all new issues and whenever a release appears to be a blot on philately it is to receive a **BLACK BLOT** listing.

Such a listing will be given to any stamp, or set that falls into one or more of the following five categories:—

- (1) Limited printing or limited "on sale" time in the P.O.'s of country of issue.
- (2) An excessively extended issue.
- (3) Unwarranted high values included.
- (4) No direct relationship to the issuing country.
- (5) Oddities intentionally included with the issue.

Any issue that could lend itself to speculation, but the time element is too early for an analysis of international market trends receives a temporary "Big Q" list.

Such symbols first appeared in the April issue of the "American Philatelist" and we quote those that were given **BLACK BLOTS**:—

Afghanistan UNESCO; East Germany's 'Useful Protected Animals' set of February 16, also the 6th Anniversary of the National International Cycling Race issue; Hungary's semi-postal issue of February 21; Libya-Tripoli International Fair set of February 20; Togo "Space Pioneers" set of 24 February.

The May issue of the "American Philatelist" has the following: Nationalist China Souvenir Sheet for 15th Anniversary of UNICEF; East Germany Martyrs series and International Cycling Race issue; Hungary's Ornamental Fish set released in March; Haiti Boy Scout issue; San Marino Aeroplane issue; Togo Man in Space Overprint.

Two issues were given "Big Q's" but as they are not completely damned (at any rate, not so far!) they are not quoted.

CROZET ISLANDS

Readers may remember that in the S.A. Philatelist Vol 36, 1960, pp. we published an account of a private mail brought from this island group by Major H. W. Tilman's yacht "Mischief". This mail was given a Paquebot cancellation of 15.III.60 at Cape Town.

The small uninhabited group of islands lies in the South Indian Ocean more or less midway between Marion Island and Kerguelen, and is part of France's T.A.A.F. (Southern and Antarctic French Territories) The group has now come into its own postally and we have received an official cover through the good offices of Mr. H. E. J. Evans of the Polar Postal History Society of Great Britain.

The cover has a 25 fr. T.A.A.F. stamp cancelled by a 27 mm. single-circle mark. This reads "Archipel des Crozet/T.A.A.F." with date in centre "11-1/1962."

It is gathered from a cachet and from a note in "Ice Cap News" that an official mission has been there setting up a weather station which is to be opened in 1963. This means that one recommendation of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research will be fulfilled; other proposals they have suggested are Met. Stations on Bouvet Is., Peter I Island and the South Sandwich group.

GREAT BRITAIN

Three special stamps, 2½d., 3d. and 1s.3d., will be issued in November to mark the launching of the National Productivity Year.

The B.P.A. and the Philatelic Traders' Society have jointly issued a statement saying that 'they learn with disgust that overprinted anti-malarial issues are coming from the islands of Herm and Lundy and strongly recommended that no collector anywhere should encourage this type of exploitation by buying them'.

EXCHANGE WANTED

Several members of a club in Leuna wish to exchange mint or used stamps of the German Democratic Republic for used South African or other African stamps. Write to Kurt Purfürst, Leuna Bez., Halle, Industriest. 6, Germany.

"ALOES IN A ROCK SETTING"

By Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.

The genus of the two types of aloes depicted on the 1s. 6d. stamp (S.G. No. 148) which was issued on October 1, 1953, unfortunately could not be obtained from official sources. However, according to a prominent authority on this species of South African flora, the plants shown are artist's impressions of *Aloe Marlothii* Berger, in the centre of the design, while that on the sides is representative of *Aloe aculeata*.

The first mentioned type is indigenous to the Transvaal and can be found from the slopes of the Witwatersrand in the south to the Zoutpansberg in the north; a distance of nearly two hundred and fifty miles separating the ranges. It varies in height from six to twelve feet and the flowers usually appear during June and July, although they have been seen, in the southern precincts of the province, as late as September.

The blooms, which resemble elongated cones, adopt a horizontal position and usually number between twenty and thirty, the colour of which varies in hue from light brown to red-orange. They sometimes reach a length of about twenty inches with a diameter in the vicinity of three inches. The grey-green leaves, which bear rugged thorns on their edges, sprout from a stem, which reaches a thickness of some nine inches in the tall specimens, to which the old and decayed remains of leaves adhere. The leaves are sub-erect when young but assume a spreading position as they become older.

Some native tribes use the leaves, which are of a fleshy nature, for the tanning of hides, while the ash from dried leaves is used for mixing with snuff. The leaves are also used by the Zulus for a variety of medicinal purposes, including that of an emetic.

The second type of aloe is also a native of the Transvaal, being found in the northern regions of that province. It is short-stemmed, having a height of between three and four feet. The flowers are reddish-brown and, like the first-mentioned species the leaves of similar colour, have stubby spikes on their edges.

This plant favours rocky mountain slopes in flat country where semi-arid areas pertain. It is always found isolated and never in dense groups.

WESTERN T.P.O.—CAPE COLONY

In the S.A. Philatelist Vol 33, 1957, p. 8 there was described and illustrated (Fig. 16b) a peculiar type of T.P.O. cancellation with "Cape Colony" in place of the usual train (or operator's) number at the bottom of the double-circle mark. The date and train direction across the centre was 9 NOV 07 UP. Till now this type was known from a single specimen only, in the collection of Mr. C. R. Reynolds of Grahamstown.

Now Mr. L. J. Dodd of Pretoria has been lucky enough to find a second specimen. It is on a piece of an envelope with an embossed oval 1½d. orange-brown head of K.G. V plus an additional ¼d. K.G. V Union stamp. The mark is similar to Mr. Reynolds' one; the date and train direction are not very clear but appear to be 7 JUN 22 DN.

SWAZILAND

The prices of the high value scarce decimal overprints seem to be dropping. A 50c on 5/- Type III (S.G. 75b) went for £70 the other day in one of Harmer's sales; this is under ½ catalogue. At the same time blocks of 4 of the R1 and R2 Types II and III realised only about ½ the figures estimated for them.

The special cancellation used at Mbabane on F.D.C.'s for the new definitive issue on 24th April had the shape of an outline map of the country; it will be remembered that this idea of shape has been used before for the value tablets of many of the stamps.

LUPOSTA 1962

This is the Code name for an International Aero-philatelic Exhibition which is to be held in West Berlin, September 12-16. Particulars obtainable from "Secretär, Luposta 1962, Fuggerstr. 36, Berlin W.30.

SOCIETY NEWS

GERMISTON P.S.

16 May. The attendance was very good—in fact it has been some time since such an enthusiastic gathering was held.

Two outstanding collections were tabled. Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill displayed a complete collection of all the issues of Rhodesia, from the first issues of the B.S.A. Company until 1962. An interesting section of this display was the Cape of Good Hope issues which had been overprinted for use in this territory.

At last we were privileged to see some of Mr. J. J. Smit's South African stamps. He tabled a most complete collection of all the various printings of the Republican issues from the ½ cent value to R1.00.

It was decided to reintroduce the system of appointing Duty Officers at the monthly meetings and Messrs. N. S. Hesselbarth and J. J. Smit have been assigned these duties for the June meeting. —S.L.C.

P.S. OF WESTERN RAND

May Meeting. Well represented by members and several visitors. The display for the evening was given by Mr. Godfrey, his collection consisting of Air Letter sheets and Aerogrammes issued during the twenty year period 1941 to 1961 in the Middle East; this term grouping a radius of 1800 miles around Aden, East Africa and the Congo on the West, Cyprus to the North, Asia and Pakistan in the East.

On behalf of the Club Mr. Burrell thanked Mr. Godfrey for his excellent and interesting display, which was well written up and the items clearly illustrated to make studying the Collection easier. —J.K.

MAFEKING & BECHUANALAND P.S.

From the statements made at the recently held A.G.M. by the retiring Chairman, Mr. J. G. Harrison, its second year has obviously been a highly successful one. The Society has been well publicised and its membership has risen to 31; the funds are also in a good state.

Things that have helped it along have been (a) the holding of meetings open to the public, as well as the ordinary society meetings; there have been three of these, in Mafeking, Lobatsi and Lichtenburg respectively. (b) Publicity over decimal overprints and the new decimal definitive stamps. The Society serviced no less than 369 F.D.C.'s with the new series and in this way a welcome little addition to its finances was made. But they are not forgetting that there will be no more wind-

falls like this in the near future and that they will have to depend on ordinary subscriptions for revenue.

The Society has taken its part in the doings of the Federation by sending a delegate to Congress and he, while there, gained merit for the Society by winning the American Topical Society's special award.

It should be mentioned that some of the Society's funds have been invested in starting a library for the use of members.

When it came to electing office bearers for the ensuing year Mr. V. M. Milunsky, Box 143, Mafeking was elected Chairman, while Mr. R. Brownlow, Box 64, Lobatsi was re-appointed Hon. Secretary.

EAST RAND P.S.

April Meeting. Rather a small attendance due to the bad weather. However, in spite of this, swopping of stamps took place which was quite interesting. The Society agreed to accept the invitation extended to us by the Germiston Philatelic Society to visit them on Wednesday, 15th August, 1962 with 2/3 of our members exhibiting. There was only one display that being of Mr. G. J. J. Ferreira who showed a fine collection on "Netherlands Child Welfare".

EAST LONDON P.S.

9 May. The annual Ruby Alabaster Memorial Competition was held and some 60-odd members, junior collectors and parents attended. This competition is held to encourage school-children, and each year sees gratifying results.

This year's winners were:

Section A: 9 and under: J. le Roux.

B: 10 to 12 years: D. Pendrigh.

C: 13 to 14 years: O. Feros.

E: Thematics 14 and under: D. Hellman.

F: Thematics 15 to 18 years: S. Hellman.

3 Senior exhibits were tabled which gave the junior collectors an introduction to advanced philately. An interesting talk, a film and refreshments contributed to the success of the evening. —J.W.H.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

May Meeting. With the cold weather coming on, the attendance dropped somewhat, only fourteen members braving the cold. The evening's entertainment was devoted to the Cecil Trophy Competition which is purely for members who have never won an award at any competition or exhibition. It was rather disappointing that only one entry was received, that of Miss Jean Taylor, who entered her collection of Vatican City. As there were no competing collections the members present were requested to vote whether the collection warranted

the award of the Trophy. Needless to say the result was unanimous and Jean was declared the winner of the Trophy for 1962.

Earlier in the month, members paid a visit to the Pretoria Society and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Four collections were exhibited there, the first being John Kriste's Eire overprints, followed by W. Kriste's Kenya collection, Eric Walker's Union ½d and 1d roto printings and concluding with Derek Brown's collection of slogan postmarks.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

April Meeting. Once again a gratifyingly large attendance. There were two exhibits shown:

(1) Italy, by Mr. A. Marus. Probably the most extensive collection of this country ever seen at one of our meetings, as it covered the complete range of regular and commemorative issues from 1862 to 1962.

(2) Union/Republic of S.A. by Mr. A. H. de Villiers. This was called a Reference Collection, rather than a pukka collection, covering all issues from 1910 to date, but without any varieties.

There was the usual spate of new issues and new acquisitions, covering a very wide field, but so extensive that we can only mention the names of those showing them, Messrs. A. H. Scott, A. Lichtenstein, Mr. Bentley, Dr. Brünig, Mr. Mountfort and A. L. Meyburgh.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

14 April. This meeting proved to be one of the most successful and entertaining Junior Evenings ever held since this regular feature was introduced some years ago. Well over 30 young collectors assembled whilst a goodly number of interested visitors and Society members were also present.

Mr. E. Baer gave an interesting lecture on the History of Postal Development to the juniors, whilst their collections were being judged. In the group under 12 years the winners were: David Sieff (1st), Aubrey Sacks (2nd), Charles Palmer (3rd) whilst in the older age group the prizes went to John Aldis (1st); Peter Miller (2nd and highly commended) and Stanley Bergman (3rd).

After refreshments had been served Mr. G. Bülbring displayed a variety of sheets from various British Commonwealth countries and colonies, which were well received and were accompanied by a short introductory talk. Before the happy evening ended all young collectors were presented with a packet of stamps to augment their collections.

1st May. As the time for Congress and "Penapex-50-Penafu" Golden Jubilee Exhibition draws nearer it is natural that matters relating to these important events are being discussed. Our President and other members of the Congress Committee reported on progress achieved to date in order that members may be kept fully informed of all developments. Further very welcome

donations from various members were made during the evening.

Mr. E. Hutter showed a nice collection in used and mint condition of the numerous issues of East Germany (D.D.R.) from 1945 onwards. He also prefaced his display by a talk, which drew attention to various aspects of the stamps. Mr. G. Bülbring augmented these remarks when thanking Mr. Hutter for the fine and interesting entertainment which he had provided for members present.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

5 Mei. Verlede Saterdagmiddag het ons toe met ons nuwe vergadertyd weg gespring en, alhoewel daar nie eintlik 'n verbetering in die bywoningsyfer was nie, was daar tog 'n ander atmosfeer, 'n atmosfeer wat nie bloot aan die verandering van nag- na daglig toe te skryf is nie. Dit was al asof die aanwesiges onder 'n besieling verkeer het. Hulle het 'n groter geesdrif geopenbaar en het die byeenkoms gevolglik na 'n regte posseëlvergadering laat lyk.

Daar was 'n uitstalling (lid S. J. Vermaak se versameling van die amptelike- en boetesëls van die Unie). 'n Veiling waarvan slegs vyf van die vyf-en-twintig lotte oorgebly het, en heelwat ander seëlverkeer. Dit het so druk daaraan toegegaan dat 'n klompie lede na die sluiting van die vergadering nog met hulle sake voortgegaan het.

In die vervolg sal dit dan die patroon van ons „formele vergaderings” wees. Daar sal 'n uitstalling wees vir die wat graag na uitstallings kyk en daar sal seëls wees vir die wat hulle meer op hulle eie versamelings toespits. Tyd sal ook opsy gesit wees vir bespreking van lede se probleme.

Wanneer ons besoekers van ander verenigings ontvang verander die patroon natuurlik, want dan is dit hulle aand (behalwe die veiling wat altyd sy plek sal hê). Sulke besoeke staan ons juis inmiddellik voor die deur wanneer die Germistonse vereniging op Saterdag 2 Junie kom kuier en ons mede vereniging van Johannesburg op Saterdag 7 Julie. Sit gerus hierdie twee datums eenkant sodat u vry sal wees om ons te help om hulle te onthaal. Ons glo dat daar met elk van hierdie besoeke iets besonders gesien sal word.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

April Meeting. Mr. Boris Glassman showed his practically complete collection of the "Specimen" stamps of King George VI. To have amassed such an assemblage is rather remarkable, inasmuch as every member country of the U.P.U. gets but one sample of each newly issued stamp. How do they reach the hands of collectors?

"THE ROYAL" CAPE TOWN

May 10. This was the Kaganson Cup (Thematic) evening. There were more than the usual exhibits and these consisted of 'Birds on Stamps' (Mrs. V. R. Coe); 'Nation-

al Costumes' (Mrs. M. Bergman); 'United Nations' (Mrs. H. Jeidel); 'London' (Mr. A. G. Versino); 'History on Stamps through the Ages' (Mr. R. F. Putzell). The Cup was awarded to Mr. Versino by popular vote. The standard was one showing a marked improvement.

May 24. This was an All Members night. The following were shown: 'Luxemburg' (Mr. J. H. Hurter); 'Norway' (Mrs. Borgin); 'Royal Children' (Miss R. Polchet); 'New Zealand' (Mr. L. Rowe); 'U.P.U.' (Mr. Ian Hall); 'Miniature Sheets' (Dr. P. L. Vautier); 'Covers' (Mr. R. F. Putzell). The showing was followed by a talk by Mr. E. Blum on 'Judging on Exhibitions', which was of interest and elicited quite a few questions and discussion.

Mr. W. G. Combrink was awarded the Jurgens Cup (1962) for his paper on Turkey. —M.F.S.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

May 15. This was a business meeting when future exhibits were discussed. A quiz was held, and won by Mr. Siebert. —M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

May 14. Capt. M. F. Stern showed sections from his World Collection, these consisting of Czechoslovakia (complete), Switzerland from 1910 which proved of interest to the members.

May 28. A stamp Bourse was held, Mr. L. Simenhoff conducting same and ably assisted by Mr. A. Simson, the Hon. Treasurer. There was useful material displayed and disposed of. This new departure proved of great interest. Mr. L. Simenhoff has resigned as President, owing to pressure of work, and Capt. M. F. Stern is now acting President of the Club. —M.F.S.

P.S. OF NATAL

2 May. A well attended meeting which started with a good array of material for auction.

The exhibit for the evening by Mr. L. Bevis, was Tunisia, an interesting show.

16 May. Again a good attendance and a good auction. The exhibit was given by a visitor from Mafeking, Mr. C. J. C. Beaumont; he displayed his collection of Bechuanaland overprints and these became the topic of the evening.

PRETORIA P.S.

1 May. A visit from the Pretoria Railway P.S., four of whose members showed exhibits, with plenty of variety.

Mr. Eric Walker started with the ½d and 1d Union Hyphenated series, practically complete with varieties, arrow blocks, plate numbers, cylinder numbers, etc.

Mr. John Kriste followed with the overprints of Eire from 1922 on. These included some good varieties.

Mr. W. Kriste tabled stamps of K.U.T., showing the numerous perforations and other varieties. He also included the "officials".

Mr. D. Brown struck a very different note with his collection of Post Office Slogans and Machine Cancellations—one of many interesting phases of postal history.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

8 May. This was Mr. J. M. Weinstein's evening. He tabled an excellently balanced selection consisting of—The Mandate of Palestine—first issue, specimens and postal history; Transvaal—The Machadodorp Brief Kaart (a very scarce item); Swaziland—Decimal overprinted stationery; Basutoland—Revenue overprints, and a large selection of Aerogrammes including some various unique items. Mr. Weinstein is to be congratulated on being able to attain such high standards in all aspects of his display.

25 May. This was the annual visit of the Afrikaanse Filatelistevereniging and the following exhibits were shown:—

The Hyphenated Issues of the Union (Mr. Bruwer); Greece, the Hermes Heads and later issues (Mr. Mioch); Art on Stamps (Mr. Hattingh). The Union display certainly showed that Mr. Bruwer has become one of the leading experts on these issues, and must have few equals with his research knowledge. The display of Greece contained many entires, pairs and also the Olympic Issue, now a very popular and elusive set. Art on Stamps was a very well written-up presentation and gave the obviously intended impression of a visit to an international Art Gallery. The Members of our local Sister Society are to be congratulated and thanked for the three displays they brought along.

BECHUANALAND — MINOR VARIETIES

Mr. R. Adesir reports the following on used stamps sent him:—

2½c first printing—overprint so badly misplaced that it is on the wording 'Bechuanaland Protectorate'—may also have a sliced "Z".

5c Type I, over the wording "British Bechuanaland". Also occurs with the 'c' almost cut in half.

He asks if anyone else can confirm these varieties.

KOREA AT PENAPEX

The Korea Stamp Society of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, has offered to present a special Award of Merit for the best exhibit of Korean stamps or other postal material on show.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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The R1 Sheet Number Reprinting.

The telephonic information concerning the sheet position of the serial numbers of the R1 reprinting, and given in our July issue as Stop Press news, appears now to have been slightly inaccurate. The sheet positions should have read, opposite rows 14, 15 and 16, and also 3, 4 and 5—not 14 and 15 and 3 and 4 as stated.

Items of Interest.

No new printings are to be reported, but the following items may be of interest to readers.

The 1c Postage Due Labels have appeared with a change in the language order, i.e. with English first as in the printing of the 2c, 5c and 10c values. Black sheet numbers are also printed twice per sheet.

It may be considered that the condition is probably due to the fact that the two cylinders had been previously assembled for the printing of the 5c value, and that only the numerical cylinders were changed—the 1c replacing the 5c interior cylinder, the frame cylinder being left undisturbed.

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A used 1c stamp, of current issue, has been seen showing the wording on the stamp in an almost absent condition, but not so the flower design.

This deficiency may be considered to be the result of a very short stoppage of the

printing machine, when the red ink of the less deeply etched portion of the cylinder had dried and so failed to print.

This condition is similar in nature to the interrupted printing characteristics reported previously but only of a shorter stoppage of the printing machine.

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5c Aerogrammes.

In the Check List on p. 87 of our June issue Mr. Godfrey states that most of the Types were never on sale at the Philatelic Bureau and consequently only one (Type 1) is known with a day of issue (31.5.61) Pretoria cancellation.

Type No. 2, however, has now been recorded with a First Day Cancellation at Germiston.

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Two small size Registration Envelopes, both manufactured in South Africa have recently been put on sale. The one made by Pirie Appleton & Co., Africa (Pty.) Ltd., has the coat-of-arms printed in light blue, and is (thus far) in English only; the other in both official languages, settings and made by John Dickinson & Co., (Africa) Ltd., is printed in a dark blue colour.

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Collectors of Postage Due Labels are conversant with the characteristic known as the "Smudged 5" of the 5c label and positioned as Row 3/8. The label has appeared in both the "blue" and the "black" printings, and it will be observed that the "smudge" carries the additional horizontal line in the blue printing only.

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3c Doctor Blade Smudge.

Mr. John Schingler, of East London, has exhibited a photograph of a "delightful"

Doctor Blade Smudge extending vertically over five stamps adjoining the left hand margin of the sheet, of the 3c current issue

The smudge was probably caused by a piece of fluff becoming lodged under the doctor blade as the white "furrow" indicating its presence is clearly visible.

A desirable collectors' item, but we understand, it is not for disposal.

Genealogy of the Volkspele Stamp.

An interesting discovery has been made by Mr. R. Fisher-Hill as to the genealogy of the 2½c Volkspele stamp. Here is what he has to say about it. He has displayed his find and there is no doubt about it.

Miss Dorothy Tutt, a member of Stanley Gibbons' staff is to be congratulated on her retentive memory that enabled her to connect the 2½c Republic "Volkspele" commemorative with the Souvenir programme cover of the International Folk Dancing Display held in London in 1958.

The article and reproduction of the programme which appeared in Gibbons' "Stamp Monthly" May issue aroused considerable interest in South Africa and, rightly a fair amount of criticism as to why South African collectors and publications had been so slow off the mark.

Recently I met Kobus Esterhuysen, the designer of the programme cover and the stamp, and was pleased to find that he is an ardent philatelist. By means of a tempting "swop" I managed to persuade him to let me have one of these covers and, on receiving it, was delighted to find that it differed from the Stanley Gibbons discovery in that the identical programme cover was produced for the "Visit of Overseas Folk Dancers to South Africa 1955" held in Johannesburg in 1955. I was assured that this, indeed, was the father of them all, i.e. of the London programme and of the actual stamp.

I hope that this earlier discovery makes amends for the somewhat slow start we collectors in South Africa made into the origin of the design.

1820 SETTLERS COMMEMS.

The Postmaster General announces that 2½c and 12½c commemorative postage stamps will be issued on 20th August, 1962, to commemorate the unveiling of the precinct stone of the British Settlers Monu-

ment at Grahamstown. The stamps will portray the shop "Chapman." This ship arrived in Algoa Bay on 10th April, 1820, bringing the first of a large group of settlers from Britain.

These stamps will be available at all post offices in the Republic for about two months. The colours of the stamps will be: 2½c—marine green and rose madder; 12½c—cerulean blue and umber brown. The size of both denominations will be 40.5 mm. x 24.2 mm. and they will be printed in horizontal format in sheets of 100 stamps each.

At Grahamstown on 3rd September (Settlers Day) a special commemorative date-stamp will be used. To obtain this send addressed envelopes (not wider than 4 inches) to the Postmaster (Philatelic), G.P.O., Grahamstown with remittance to pay for the stamps to be affixed. This may be by postal orders, money orders or bank drafts, payable to the Postmaster, Grahamstown. Requests must reach him not later than 31st August.

An illustration will appear next month.

IMPORT AND EXPORT OF STAMPS

We have received a letter from one of our member Societies asking what effect the latest official financial restrictions will have on the import/export of used and unused stamps. The suggestion is also made that our opinion should be published for the benefit of philatelists throughout the country generally, and here it is:—

(a) It is presumed that the query arises from the item printed in P.O. Bulletin No. 1 d.d. 25th April, para. 7, p.p. 3, clause (d). This being so, it was no new announcement as the matter was part of a Govt. Gazette of some time ago.

(b) No mention at all is made regarding **Import** either in the article referred to or the Govt. Gazette.

(c) Exchange items are exempt.

(d) To conform strictly with the regulations all that has to be done is that whenever stamps are **exported** in excess of R20 **per consignment** (not per annum), then it is necessary to fill in form F 17 8 and present this to his bank manager for signature. The object is to ensure that stamps sent out of the country will be paid for in due course and the value returned to South Africa.

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THE POSTAL HISTORY OF ITALIAN SOMALILAND

by W. Mann

Italian Somaliland as it is known today, consists of the three territories of Benadir Jubaland and Somaliland.

In general outline it lies on the eastern coast of Africa, bordering on the Indian ocean, and is often called the "Horn of Africa".

Although large in size—approximately 195,000 square miles, Italian Somaliland consists mostly of deserts and shrubland, and its entire population of only one million is made up almost entirely of Somalis with a sprinkling of Arabs on the coast.

Its modern history dates back to the latter parts of the 19th century, although its postal history only begins in 1903, when the first stamps of Benadir were issued.

In August, 1892, the Sultan of Zanzibar leased the ports of the Benadir coast — Mogadishu, Brava, Merka, Jumbo, and Warsheik, to the Italian Filonardi Company for a period of 50 years.

The administration of the territory passed from the Filonardi Company to the Benadir Company on May 25th, 1898, and an agreement was entered into with the Italian Government, guaranteeing — *inter alia* — the setting up of a postal service. This was effected in 1903 when post offices were established at Mogadishu, Brava, Jumbo and Merka. These offices were provided with stamps of the "Lion and Elephant" design reproduced so effectively on the issue commemorating their 50th anniversary.

Meanwhile during the early years of the present century, Italian Somaliland was assuming greater importance.

On the 13th January, 1905, the Sultan of Zanzibar ceded his sovereign rights to the Benadir port in return for a lump sum of £144,000.

On March, 15th, 1905, ostensibly because of maladministration on the part of the Benadir Company, the Italian Government assumed direct administration of the ports, and in the same year Great Britain leased to the Italians a piece of land adjoining the port of Kismayo, then in British East Africa.

The territory's stamp issues of this period reflect the numerous changes which were taking place.

In 1905, with the Italian Government's assumption of control, the old currency based on Besa and Annas—there being 64 Besa to the Anna—gave way to the Centesimi and Lire of the Kingdom.

Many surcharges were made on existing stamps, some of which are very interesting indeed.

An interesting local surcharge is the 5 cent on 5 Anna, previously surcharged 50 cents. This was due to the fact that the consignment of 5 cent values travelling on board the s.s. "GIAVA," went down with this ship when it was sunk by enemy action before reaching Mogadishu.

Further values were surcharged between 1906 and 1916.

From 1915 onwards various Italian commemorative stamps appeared in the territory overprinted "Somalia." Another currency change occurred in 1922, this being based on the 100 Besa to one Rupia scale. More overprints followed.

In 1925 a further territory was added to the colony. Jubaland had been promised to Italy by Britain under the terms of the treaty of London in 1915.

The territory of Jubaland—known to the Italians as *OLTRE GIUBA*—was given its own stamps during 1925-26 after which date it used the issues of Somalia. Consequently used stamps of *OLTRE GIUBA* are less plentiful than mint stamps. Most of the used stamps bear the postmarks of *KIS-MAYU*; smaller offices of *AFMADU*, *GAR-BAHARRE*, *GOBWIN* and *SERENLI* are seldom encountered.

After Jubaland came in, the ordinary Italian stamps suitably overprinted came into general use—a state of affairs which prevailed until 1932, when a set of pictorials labelled "*SOMALIA*" appeared. There are some extremely rare Perforation Varieties here, the 20 Lire Perf. 14 Mint, being listed at several hundred pounds by Gibbons.

More pictorials followed, until in 1936 the territory was incorporated into a greater whole, known as Italian East Africa, for which fresh stamps were issued.

With the advent of World War II, and the speedy occupation of all the Italian Colonies by the British and South African troops, British stamps overprinted *MEF* were first used, then those with *BMA Somalia* and *BA Somalia* overprints.

On March 30th, 1950, the Italians were granted a mandate by the United Nations. This was to last for a period of 10 years,

after which Somalia was to decide as to its own future.

The stamps of this period are very beautiful in design and many commemoratives were issued, some of which are already extremely rare, e.g. the 1951 commemorative set for the First Territoria Council. There were four stamps in all—two ordinary and two airmail—issued in a printing of 100,000 complete sets. However, more than 60,000 of the 55c ordinary and almost 70,000 of the 1s. 50c airmail, were unsold and destroyed, thus very few stamps in mint condition can be in circulation.

Indeed many of the commemorative sets have suffered a similar fate and present marked prices, especially in Britain, bear little relation to their true value arising out of scarcity. A complete collection of Somalia from 1950 to date would not be very expensive, and might prove to be one of the best investments obtainable.

Nor should the issues of the occupation period be forgotten. These with postmarks showing use in Italian Somaliland are already much in demand in Italy, where naturally interest in the territory is considerable.

Finally, on 1st July, 1960, the territory was given its independence, and joined up with British Somaliland under the name of Somalia. On this occasion a special commemorative miniature sheet of stamps was issued—the first of its kind by any Italian Colony—thus inaugurating a new Era, for better or for worse.

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

The July issue is again a quiet one, the only releases in that month specially featured are (a) **Malaya**, three triangular National Language stamps, values 10, 20 and 50 sen; (b) **Uganda**. Commemorative for the centenary of the discovery of the source of the Nile; four values, 30c, 50c, 1/30 and 2/50.

In August there will be issued four stamps (3, 10, 12 and 50 cents) for the postal centenary of Antigua and an article is published on the general and postal history of the island. **Jamaica** will be celebrating Independence with an issue of 4 new designs (2d., 4d., 1/6 and 5/-) and the overprinting of 12 other values with "Independence 1962."

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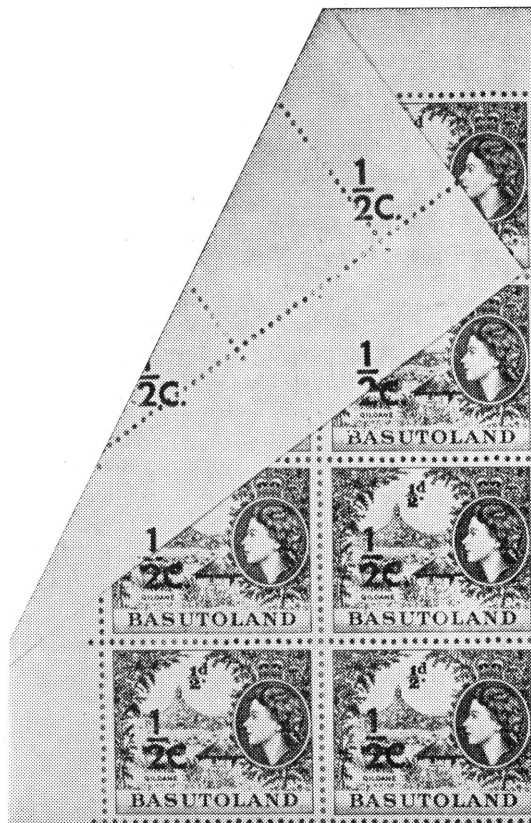
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RECENT FINDS, ETC.

By G. N. Gilbert

$\frac{1}{2}$ c Foldover.

A sheet of the $\frac{1}{2}$ c has been found at Maseru with the top left corner folder over, with the result that stamps Nos. 1 and 2 of Row 1, and stamp No. 1 of Row 2 have no overprint at all on the face, and No. 2 Row 2 has only a portion of the fraction 2 and the c showing. No. 1 Row 3 has the 1 of the fraction missing, and the overprint is found on the gummed side partially on the top margin and on the top of No. 6 Row 1, and on No. 6 Row 2, while portions of the overprint are found on the gum in the lefthand margin opposite rows 1 and 2.



25c Type III Overprint.

Two sheets of this have been found at Leribe and one at Maseru with the Control 1A-1.

Hitherto, this third overprint has only been found on the B control sheets. This

appears to be a scarce item, and I have not been able to trace any others, but some of the outlying stations may have it, and should this catch the eye of anyone who knows where this can be obtained, I shall be very grateful for the information to pass on.

A Correction.

On page 15 of the January, 1961, South African Philatelist, I recorded the finding of a cover with the Quthing cancellation and a "killer" with the number 433.

Anyone glancing at this would take the number to be undoubtedly 433, but I had occasion to study this more closely recently, and am now convinced that the number is 133 and not 433 as at first thought.

The lefthand side of the "box" which contains the numbers is only partially printed, and it is a piece of this which gives the effect of the "4", and as a corner is shown it becomes apparent that there would not be enough space for the first figure to be a 4.

The down stroke of this first figure is quite clear, and I don't think there can be any doubt whatsoever that this is a 1.

I must apologise for the mistake in the first place, and trust all those interested will make the necessary alteration.

"R.S.A."

We have been officially informed by the Chief Publicity Officer of the G.P.O. that the letters R.S.A., which appear on both the SANAE and Marion Island date stamps, stand for the words "Republic of South Africa."

We have suspected that it might be that (or for "Republek van Suid-Afrika").

Would it be a fair assumption that the same letters occurring as the name of the Antarctic ship have a similar explanation?

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RESEARCH

By W. G. Combrink

(Paper read before "The Royal" in August, 1961, and awarded the Jurgens Cup for that year).

Tonight I intend to deal with the subject under two headings:

- (1) The history, growth and form of Research;
- (2) Actual examples of research as typified by the sheets on the boards from three of my research collections.

During the first few decades of the adhesive postage stamp, the numbers of different stamps issued were still comparatively small and a whole world collection of face-differing stamps could easily be contained in one small book (fixed-leaf and stuck-down!) The designs were predominantly Monarchs or Monograms, Kings or crests and presented little pictorial attraction.

At this period people spent much of their time at home—owing to poorly lit and badly surfaced streets, and in the homes diversions had to be made in the absence of television, radio or even phonograms. Young ladies sewed samplers, collected cards for their picture postcard albums, scraps for their scrapbooks and stamps for their stampbooks (some were even known to have their stamps threaded together!).

As the cost of stamps began to outstrip the cost of scraps and picture postcards so the more monied sex who spurned "scraps" began to outstrip the gentler sex (who had not invaded Commerce and Industry in those pre-typist days) in stamp collecting or philately.

With the limited pictorial attraction the highly intelligent male began to notice little differences and began to differentiate face-similar labels by:—

- (1) The perforations, rouletting or lack of either,
- (2) the type, quality or tone of paper,
- (3) the watermark of the paper,
- (4) the shades or colour of the printing,
- (5) minor design differences,
- (6) the form of the printing, etc.

Thus could the stronger sex show their worth and superiority by introducing a pseudo-scientific aspect to their hobby in contrast to the triviality of the female scrap and card collecting.

So it was that stamp collecting suffered that great cleavage which divided its ranks into the two major groups:—

- (1) the General Collectors, who proceeded to fill as many spaces as were provided in the various fixed-leaf albums which had made their appearance, and
- (2) the Specialists, who differentiated their stamps as indicated above.

From here the hunt was on and the specialist became engrossed in ascertaining everything there was to be found out about the stamps he no longer "collected" but "studied"—and RESEARCH was born.

Collectors sought to ascertain the dates of release of different shades, perforation or watermark varieties in order to place their stamps—the name of the printer was discovered, the process of printing adopted was revealed and even further the designer and the engraver were identified, the evolution of the design from the master die to the printing plate was traced and all the facts and dates you find in Gibbons, Scott, Yvert or other trade catalogue, was unearthed by the persistence of these early specialists.

The length to which these research enthusiasts went towards the turn of the century, is revealed by the knowledge we now have of the popular early stamps. The Penny Black, plated through eleven plates of 240 stamps, took so many stamps off the market that this common stamp price rose to five, ten, twenty times its previous price and despite the fact that between May and December, 1840, 63,561,840 of these were sold. Plating became a fetish and in Great Britain, and much of the work was done on Australasian, British and New Zealand early issues. In Europe the early stamps were plated and retouches discovered and positioned especially in Italy and Germany.

On the subject of the little receipts for the prepayment of postage, so much research has been done and so much written that the philatelic library of one man alone—the Earl of Crawford—exceeded one hundred thousand items—and that, many years ago.

On the table tonight you will see the Johannesburg Library Philatelic Index (compiled by Dr. Anna Smith, daughter of our old member, Professor Smith)—this index runs to 298 pages.

Research into postal history had its beginnings in Great Britain in the great Hill-Chalmers Controversy and I show a letter addressed to me by Miss Leah Chalmers covering photographs of the Chalmers stamp of 1834 and Rowland Hill's letter dated 3rd March, 1838, to Chalmers, thanking him for the suggestion of an **"Adhesive Postage Slip"** which I shall probably use in my evidence before the Committee.

Postal History research is being actively pursued today and has pushed up the prices of on-cover and on-piece stamps and has extended back to the pre-adhesive period—Dockwra's penny paid handstamp of 1680 on an envelope changes hands at one thousand Rand today!

So much for the background of research and now to the material on the boards.

Tonight I show you some lines of research which have kept me out of mischief for some years past. Firstly, some pages from my study of the 1850 30 centesimo Austrian-Italy (for which you were good enough to award me the Jacob Cup). The collection sheets are on the top rows of the boards and the working sheets, notes, etc., are shown below.

You will see that I have a six-by-eight-inch pencil drawing of the stamp on a page and that various parts of the design are marked in ink and from each such marking a line runs to the edge of the page to a different number. This is my master index for identification of flaws.

When in studying this value I find a break or flaw, I mark the spot on the pencil master enlargement and allocate a number to that flaw, the stamp is then hinged on to a page to which that number is allocated and a short description of the variety is recorded. This is done for every variety of flaw found. When I find a flaw that is already marked on the Master Index, I know that I have a Matched Plate Flaw and its counterpart is immediately found by going straight to the sheet bearing the number shown on the Master Index drawing. By this method I have been able to assemble one hundred pages of Matched Plate Flaws of this one stamp alone, showing in some cases the development of the flaw through different printings.

The second example of Research is the Forgeries of the First Three Issues of Turkey. Here again I have retained my old working sheets and some of these are on the boards, others are on the table here for reference.

In the 1863 primitive issue I gave several pages of enlarged sketches to each forgery and matched each forgery with a genuine item. Each separate deviation of the forger is shown enlarged many times and a similar enlargement of the genuine is also made for comparison. My method of making these enlargements—the first rough sketches to the final drawing and the tracing in indian ink for final transfer to the illustrated page—is clearly shown.

For the Dulos issue of 1865 you will see that on the first page I show enlargements of the seven different mistakes made by the forgers in the north-west spandrel, in each of which the forger has deviated in some way from the original arabesques drawn by the Dulos's engraver. These are numbered by me in the following sheets of the exhibit where in every case I match each forgery with a genuine stamp. The forgery is identified by the number allocated on this introductory page e.g. Basic Forgery No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7.

The overprint in Arabic reading *Posta Devleti Osmaniye* and value proved to be the *Pons Assinorum* of the forgers and tonight I show you my identification of nineteen different forgeries of the overprint each one shown by an enlarged drawing and numbered F o/p No. 1-19 on the pages on which I match the forgeries with the originals.

It is interesting to note that the North West Spandrel of the Crescent issue also beat all the forgers—Spiro, Fournier, the lot! In every forgery shown for this issue, a deviation from the original occurs in this corner. I show the sheets of forged stamps panes of 25, five by five—the Spiro effort where the row of five stamps all have their own characteristics is illustrated and these are repeated in each succeeding row, thus each pane of 25 has five differing forgeries in five columns of five stamps. Differences in paper, shade and perforation are all shown.

I have shown twenty-five pages, each showing large illustrations I have made of the Primary Flaws on the Master Transfer Block of the Second Type 15 Centesime of May, 1863, Italy Lithograph, but as this will be shown to the Society separately as a study incorporating the Secondary and Tertiary flaws at a later date, I will not elaborate on the write-up which appears in the sheets and which effectively shows the production stages of the stamp.

REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Kessler's Catalogue of Aerogrammes.

Collectors in the airmail field have at last a work on the aerogrammes which fills a much wanted need. This publication took over two and a half years to produce and was edited by a group of the world's most distinguished specialists in this branch of collecting, among whom were Messrs. I. H. C. Godfrey and J. M. Weinstein. Mr. Godfrey had the honour of being in addition to a section editor, also associate editor.

This alone assures that the section on Southern Africa is fully correct in all detail. There are 600 pages in the two-volume work and more than 2,000 illustrations. It is printed on high grade, glossy, coated paper which makes the illustrations precise in detail. Above all it is in loose-leaf multi-ring binders which makes for easy insertion of supplements and has a sturdy, scratchproof vinyl cover in blue with 14 carat gold stamping.

The scope is complete internationally and includes not only the impressed aerogrammes but also such items as military aerogrammes, official aerogrammes, inland letter sheets. The descriptions give year and date of issue (where known), the format employed, as well as the tablet in the case of British and Colonial issues, followed by the approx. size of the regularly folded aerogramme in millimetres and inches and any other pertinent facts, such as watermarks, catalogue number, type of illustration, face value of stamp imprint or N/V (no value), colour of stamp imprint, overlay of paper (where not white), price quotations.

First day cancellations are also mentioned. This work is perhaps one of the finest publications offered and the price of £2-10-0 is remarkably low. (£2-13-0 post free outside of Johannesburg). Copies can be obtained from Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey, P.O. Box 2838, Johannesburg, Tvl. Collectors are advised to obtain their copies as it is understood that the copies printed have been taken up rapidly in the States and elsewhere. This work with its future supplements will be without doubt the future international basis for exchange and information on the subject.

—M.F.S

Union Animal Series Pamphlets, by the South African Study Circle. Price 10c each, obtainable from P.O. Box 378, Krugersdorp, Tvl.

No. P 8 deals with the 3d., which features the white or square-lipped rhinoceros. This is a somewhat shorter pamphlet than some of the earlier ones, as there were only three issues, all from a common multipositive. But, as in the others, all relevant features are given and varieties described.

U.S.A. Information Service.

We have received with the compliments of this Service, a set of 6 pamphlets each dealing with one of recent commemorative stamps. Full descriptions of the stamp are given and good histories of the subject it deals with. Each pamphlet is accompanied by a separate photograph measuring 8 x 5 inches.

The subjects dealt with are: The civil war battle of Shilok; 1962 World's Fair at Seattle;; The Homestead Act Centenary; Secretary of State C. E. Hughes; Project Mercury; 150th Anniversary of Louisiana Statehood.

Would any keen U.S.A. collector like to have the pamphlets and photographs for his collection? If so, write in. If there is more than one applicant it is suggested that it be put up to the forthcoming meeting of the Philatelic Federation Executive for decision.

Helpful Hints to Improve Club Meetings.

This pamphlet (which has the subsidiary title of "Stamp Clubs and their relation to Stamp Collecting") has been sent us by the author, Robert Gomersall, whom some of our readers have met on the occasions of his visits to Johannesburg.

There is a laudatory Introduction by H. L. Lindquist, Editor of "Stamps" and President of "The National Federation of Stamp Clubs Inc.", 153 Waverly Place, New York 14, N.Y. The pamphlet is published by this body and copies may be obtained for 50 cents.

WARNING FROM CONGO

The Leopoldville P.M.G. warns against various unofficial issues being circulated. These include (a) Overprints of CONGO on Katanga stamps, (b) South Kasai stamps, and (c) Overprint "+5 Fr. pour les Orpelin" on the Leopard set.

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AUCTION PRICES

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At this auction of South Africa Animal Series of postage stamps, held by Mildenhall Associates in Johannesburg on June 11, 1962, there was a keen demand for those items with low reserves and prices were well maintained. The following were the most interesting realisations, all over the reserves. (Descriptions taken from sale catalogue, all items on paper with Springbok Wmk.).

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Lot 211. Cyl. 44/6—Pane B (Dark) Single strip of six cylinder to black sheet No. on right R11.00

EXCHANGES WANTED

(1) A young German collector just starting on Africa wishes to exchange used African for used German stamps on basis of Michel catalogue. Send your want list; can send in exchange mainly Bundesrepublik and Berlin but also Saar and DDR. Rudi Heisinger, 614 Bensheim, Aurbacher Weg 21, West Germany.

(2) (Received through the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce). Herr Frits Stolle of Bad Berka, Krs. Weimar/Thür, E. Thälmann Str. 2—Germany, D.D.R. wishes to make contact with collectors in South Africa.

SWEDEN

Owing to increases in postal rates several new values of ordinary stamps will be issued early in July. There will be 25, 30, 35 and 50 öre in the "King Gustav VI Adolf" series and 105 and 150 öre in the "Three Crowns" series.

FRANCE

We are informed by the Postal Administration that the following three 0.50 stamps were issued between 19 and 26 May:—

- (a) Commemorating the centenary of the School of Horlogerie in Bosancon.
- (b) Honouring the 3rd centenary of the death of Pascal.
- (c) For the 3rd centenary of the manufacture of Gobelins tapestry.

On 2-4 June six semi-postals with surtax for the French Red Cross, were issued. The values and the individuals honoured were:

- 0.15+0.05. D. Papin, born 1647; physician and physico-chemical scientist.
- 0.20+0.10. E. Bouchardon, sculptor.
- 0.20+0.10. J. Lakanal, moral and political science.
- 0.30+0.10. G. Charpentier, 1860-1958, musical composer.
- 0.45+0.15. E. Estaunié, electro-technician and romance writer.
- 0.50+0.20. H. Vincent, military physician.

RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

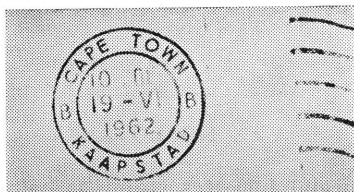
In our June issue, p. 101, mention was made of the "sort of cloud effect" behind the VHF mast on the 1d. stamp. Mr. F. C. Fromentin of Bulawayo points out that these "clouds" are supposed to represent an outline map of the Federation.

SWITZERLAND

The Pro Patria series, issued on 6 June, consists this year of 5 values, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50. The lowest, with a surcharge of 5, features J. J. Rousseau; the others with surcharges of 10, feature old coins.

POSTMARK CORNER

Cape Town. Mr. A. G. Versino reports a new type of postmark recently brought into use in Cape Town, which is here illustrated. He states that he has another with the letters "A" on each side instead of the letters "B" as here shown. Whether the date 19-VI-1962 is the first day of use has not yet been definitely ascertained.



[Note. We have seen a cover with this mark shewing the letter "E".—Ed.]

Pretoria Industrial Show will be held from 30 August to 8 September and there will be a special Post Office and canceller.

If you wish to obtain this postmark but cannot attend then send covers or post-cards, self-addressed and adequately franked, to the Postmaster, Pretoria, with a request to have them posted in the special show post office.

Northern Rhodesia Postmarks. In our July issue it was mentioned on p. 116 that Mr. W. G. Nodder's articles which had been appearing in "Stamp Collecting" had now been reprinted in book form and were obtainable from the Rhodesian Study Circle.

They are now obtainable nearer home from Mr. G. D. B. Williams, 4 Jameson Avenue, Melrose, Johannesburg, at the same price, R1.05, with a few cents for postage.

JAPAN

23 June. Three 5+5 yen stamps with designs depicting various forms of athletics. The surcharges go to the 1964 Olympic funds.

7 July. A 10 yen stamp for the "Star" Festival, being the second issued in the Festival series. On 30 April another 10 yen stamp appeared for the Kinkowan Quasi-National Park and on 10 May a 40 yen featuring the "Twilight Gate" shrine.

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Re-designed 1c, 3c and 5c definitives plus a new 11c were issued on 25 May and the following commemoratives are announced: 18 Sept., Dag Hammarskjöld memorial; 24 Oct., U.N. Day (illustrating their work in the Congo); 3 Dec., special issue to be announced later.

NEW ZEALAND

Two special stamps, 3d. and 8d., are being issued to mark the centenary of the telegraph service.

The health set, to be issued on 1 August, will for the fourth time again feature birds. There will be two values: 3d.+1d. and 2½d.+1d.

WAR ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES

This scheme of "Black Blot" listing of new issues was described in our last month's magazine. The idea of it has been warmly recommended by "Stamp Collecting". The May issue of the American Philatelist has awarded quite a few Black Blots, which we mention briefly here:—

Nationalist China. On 4 April two commemoratives for UNICEF, with also imperf. souvenir sheets; **Tonga**, 8 denominations with Emancipation overprint (A special note says that it was because of the surprise release and the small quantity of complete sets); **East Germany**, 22 March, limited issue of 5 additional values of the Martyr's series, also 26 April, 3 stamps for international Cycling Race, limited issue; **Haiti**, 8 commems. and an imperf. miniature sheet for anniversary of their Boy Scouts; **Hungary**, series of ornamental fish stamps with a small proportion of them imperf.

If they included locals we would recommend the inclusion of the Herm and Lundy Islands' Malaria eradication stamps, but we note that the British philatelic press is strongly condemning them.

W.H.O. ANTI-MALARIAS

The scheme of raising money for anti-malarial work by the W.H.O. sounded very nice in theory but in practice it is not working well. The agency for selling these stamps to collectors has accepted orders for

them but now finds it cannot fulfill them. Countries are either not sending their expected donations or are sending them in such small quantities that the making up of complete sets is an impossibility.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT REMAINDERS

Several philatelic papers report that negotiations are afoot between a Swiss-American syndicate and the Italian Government to buy up the stock of demonitised remainders which have flopped so badly at the official auction sales.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A special 1.60 Kcs stamp is being issued on 1 September (F. I. P. Day) for the Federation's Congress being held in connection with the Prague International Exhibition. There will also be special envelopes and postmark.

EXHIBITION "100 YEARS RED CROSS"

The International Red Cross is organising a centenary exhibition, which will also comprise philatelic exhibits. The exhibition takes place at the Palais des Expositions, Geneva, from August 15 to September 15, 1962. Exhibits will include documents and stamps relating to the co-operation between the post office and the Red Cross. Details from: Commission du Centenaire de la Croix-Rouge, 7 avenue de la Paix, Geneva (Switzerland).

A BIG PHILATELIC MERGER

As from 7th August two very well known London philatelic dealers are amalgamating. Messrs Stanley Gibbons and their next-door neighbours, H. E. Wingfield and Co. are joining forces as Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand. This is a case of the oldest and best known stamp firm in the world incorporating the firm which has probably made more progress than any other in the last decade.

Mr. A. L. Michael, owner of Wingfield's will become joint manager of Stanley Gibbons Ltd along with their Mr. W. F. Deaken. All the Wingfield stock and their expert staff will also come under the Gibbons roof.

BASUTOLAND

DECIMAL OVERPRINT VARIETIES

The following note has been received from Mr. Edward M. Berry, Stamp Dealer of 5 Knowles Road, Lytham St. Annes, Lancs., England.

"I would refer to Mr. Gilbert's article on Basutoland overprints on pages 88/89 of your June issue. The statement that there are no varieties in the overprinted stationery is incorrect, there are definitely two types of overprint on the Aerogrammes—

- (a) as originally issued (and found on paper with wmk. Gateway E. M & O) with thin 'c', '5' with thin neck, semi oblong top, '5c' spaced,
- (b) in delivery received early August (seen only with wmk. Gateway M) with 'c' thicker and shaped, '5' with thick neck and shaped, almost triangular top, '5' and 'c' practically touching.

There is a major error in the 5c on 6d. registered envelope (6 x 3½ size). A single example with double overprint (the two figures '5' overlapping, but one rather higher than the other) was found in one bundle of envelopes received direct from the P.O. at Maseru; in fact it is almost a triple overprint as the envelope shows a very faint but quite distinct partial third impression of the overprint 4 mm. to the right, 'off' the impressed 6d. stamp.

The envelope error was notified to Mr. Weinstein when it came to light at the beginning of the year but has not otherwise been publicised, though it has been sold to a Canadian collector."

UNRECORDED SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELIC JOURNAL

In connection with this we have received the following note from Mr. J. Robertson of the Robertson Stamp Co., Johannesburg:

In your June issue p. 100 you mention a publication called "The Stamp Recorder and Collector's Exchange" published in Charlestown, Natal, in August, 1904.

In the "S.A. Philatelist" for July, 1928, the late Emil Tamsen recorded all stamp magazines published in South Africa which were known to him, but he did not mention the Charlestown effort. In a footnote to his

article I (the then Editor) wrote "a Mr. W. E. Neave, now of London, informed us some years ago that he published two different Philatelic Journals when in Charlestown, Natal. Has any reader any information regarding them?"

Apparently no reader had heard of them and it is unlikely that 58 years after the time of publication any living collector will know of them. It would seem that the magazines were very small affairs with a very limited circulation.

SPECULATIVE ISSUES

At the forthcoming Prague Exhibition there is to be a meeting of F.I.P.'s Information Committee and one item on the agenda is "Co-operation between Philatelic Journals over Speculative and 'Damaging' issues." This looks like following the lead of the American Philatelic Journal with its black-listing of various issues.

WATERMARKS AND STAMP CURLING

Mr. McCartney, writes from Devon, England, ré Mr. Immelman's note in our February issue, p. 24, on spotting whether watermarks are upright or sideways by the curling of the stamp. He states that he tried out the method on his stamps and found that it worked excellently. He sends his congratulations to Mr. Immelman.

(concluded from page 144.)

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

12 June. New exhibitors' evening. Seven members made their debut.—R. Peiser, Israel; P. Goldberg, U.S.A.; G. Sittner, Berlin; I. A. Miller, Middle East Chaos; H. Schwab, Ascension and Falkland Is.; C. Rosenberg, Orange Free State; R. H. Fisher-Hill, S.A. Republic.

25 June. Visit from West Rand. Exhibits shown by four members: Mr. Keet, Sports on Stamps; Mr. Jakobus, Union Animal series; Mr. Godfrey, British Colonial Aerogrammes; Mr. Henderson, Canada.

THE SPRINGBOK

A NATIONAL EMBLEM OF SOUTH AFRICA

By Sylvester L. Crozet, Assoc. S.P.H.

The springbok is known throughout the world as the national emblem of South Africa, and it has been depicted on no less than seven different issues of postage stamps of this country. Of these, the first was the famous ½d. black and green of 1926 which was followed by the King George V Silver Jubilee series of 1935, where the animal formed part of the design. Succeeding this was the 1½d. Air Mail stamp of 1936—more generally known as the "Gold Mine" issue—where as a winged springbok it was embodied in the illustration. It also appears on the 3d. value of the Royal Visit set of 1947. Then came the 1/3d. issue of 1953 and the same value in the Third Definitive Series of 1954. The latest appearance of the emblem was on the 12½c value of the Fourth Definitive Series or "Decimal Issue" of 1961. In the printing of the latter two releases the same plate was used.

It was also embodied as a "flying springbok" on the stamp impression on air letter cards, the first of which with this motif was issued in 1949. Today it appears, also with wings, on the air mail label in current use. As a watermark, the outline of its head did service on the stamps of South Africa for thirty-four years, from 1926 until 1960. It is also to be found on various types of meter franks.

A Migratory Animal.

About a century ago, before the advent of the white hunters with their abhorrent fire-arms, their prancing horses and their rumbling ox-wagons, countless thousands of these little creatures roamed the country, for their ancestry contained a very strong migratory trait. The principal habitat of these highly gregarious gazelle-like antelopes was that area known as the Great Karroo. This vast inland plateau, somewhat undulating, with isolated mountains, extended from the Swartberg in the south-west of the Cape of Good Hope, northwards to the Orange River. Thence eastwards, skirting the Stormberg range, a

foothill of the mighty Drakensberg, in the Eastern Province and terminating at the Basutoland border.

In recent years, the species was saved from total extermination by the foresight of a few large landowners who provided game sanctuaries for it and by the government through the establishment of specific national parks or reserves, where the animal now enjoys a protected life.

The small buck—*Antidorcas Marsupialis*—which averages fifty lbs. in weight, is of small stature, the height at the shoulders rarely exceeding thirty inches. The hair is spinous and brittle while the horns in the male have a normal length of some fourteen inches, the extremities of which turn completely inwards in fully grown specimens. Those on the female are much thinner and have less curvature than those of her mate and, in both sexes, these as well as the hooves, are black.

Body Colour.

In general, the colour of the body is fawn. In direct contrast the underside of the belly, as well as the forepart of the head, the muzzle, the inside of the legs, the back of the thighs and the tail; with the exception of the tip which is dark brown; are pure white.

This graceful animal has obtained its name from the habit of making great bounds, at a height of four or five feet above the ground, with its back arched, displaying a white tuft on its rump. On perceiving these elegant animals leap, as I so often have, a distance of thirty feet or more being usual, although it may sound incredible—the thought which immediately assails one's mind is how the frail, thin and spindle-like legs do not break under impact when the buck lands on its feet. But nature provides and there is never a casualty.

The springbok is the national emblem of this country in more ways than one. Our world famous rugby teams have been named after it and "springbok" colours, a green blazer with piping in gold and a badge of the same colour, the latter depicting the animal, are awarded to South African sportsmen who represent their country internationally at home or overseas — an honour indeed!

SOCIETY NEWS

MAFEKING & BECHUANALAND P.S.

June Meeting. The Society considered the inclusion of films of philatelic interest in its future programme.

The display was given by Ken Crawford, exhibiting for the first time and members were delighted not only with the Q.E. II Swaziland with the complete decimals of 1961 but with the neat arrangement.

The Surprise item was presented by R. W. Brownlow. Sports—"Not in the Book." This included a number of rare seldom seen, such as: China, stamps of 1931-32 with Football postmarks; France, die proof of unadopted essay for 50c stadium of 1924 Olympiad; Germany, series of German sports stamps overprinted for use in Strasbourg in 1945; also 1876 Bavarian with red overprint and slogan postmark "Prize Shooting Competition"; French Guinea, definitives optd. Olympic Games 1960, two sets with differences in colour in the 500 fr.; Portugal, 1899-1910, full set with insignia of Rifle Clubs.

GERMISTON P.S.

June 20. A good attendance to welcome our visitors from the Pretoria Railway Society. It was decided to make this an annual event and a return visit has been planned for the near future.

Four most interesting collections were displayed: Mr. R. Castignani tabled "The Madonna"; Mr. Christie showed his Stamp Centenaries and Miss G. Taylor the Vatican City. Mr. Eric Walker brought his Hyphe-nated Rotogravure Pictorials of South Africa. —S.L.C.

EAST RAND P.S.

May Meeting. An excellent attendance by members and a number of visitors. Mr. L. Feinstein exhibited an outstanding collection of Pre-Union Issues with many rarities, which was well admired by all. Mr. A. Nicolson was welcomed as a new member to the Society.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

15 May. We had the pleasure of viewing another first-class exhibit by Mr. Gustav Bülbring. The display consisted of a complete collection of Norway, with the exception of a few varieties and local posts.

The first issue made in 1955, contained specimens of all three types of early cancellations, the grid, the circular town postmark and the ring with numeral. Other

early postmarks were displayed, including the three ring mark on the 1856/57 issue.

Other interesting items were the various posthorn and rampant Lion issues and the wartime issue, by the exiled government in London, used by the merchant navy and later in Norway.

Varieties included the retouch on the 7 skilling in the 1872/75 issue and the "no stop after postfrim" in the 1883 issue.

The president, Mr. E. Baer, was obliged to curtail his vote of thanks owing to the lateness of the hour, but the members' appreciation of the excellence of the display was in no way lessened.

5 June. We were very pleased to have back in our midst Mr. A. F. W. Pavitt after his recent illness and all enjoyed his show-nig of the Stamps of Egypt. They ranged from the 1866 issues to the presently current stamps and made a colourful display on jet black album sheets. Mr. G. Monaghan conveyed the meeting's pleasure and thanks to the exhibitor. Mr. Strachan conducted a lively and entertaining auction amid much fun and laughter.

COPPERBELT P.S.

April Meeting. Well supported and the Chairman opened by welcoming the secretary, Mrs. D. Fell, back from leave. He also thanked Mrs. M. Kidger for acting as Secretary during her mother's absence.

After the distribution of stamps and covers two very interesting and well presented entries for the Ndola Cup were judged. Mrs. Vera displayed a varied collection of South Africa, while Mr. R. Gilbert showed a well written up collection of used Commonwealth, being particularly strong in Pakistan, with some very fine cancellations (postally used).

The evening was rounded off by an auction. 166 Lots were on offer and 76 were sold. Items ranged from early Cape Triangulars to modern covers, and a block of four U.S.A. Man in Space.

May Meeting. The Chairman welcomed two visitors. Mrs. Vera displayed an excellent selection of Swiss Pro Juventute in mint blocks. An identification competition prepared by Mr. Hartley was won by Mr. S. Kelly. The latest Swaziland covers and stamps were distributed. The unusual postmark cancellation is an interesting departure from the normal type.

Covers with our latest Federal 9d. stamps were also available. There was terrific activity in the exchange section, and extra meetings are to be held for the specific purpose of exchange, leaving the normal meeting night free for discussion on matters philatelic.

MASHONALAND P.S.

May Meeting. Mr. Carter displayed an outstanding collection of stamps of the

Cape of Good Hope and prefaced this with an interesting talk about the various issues. He stressed that many stamps popularly regarded as rare are not really so at all, and his figures relating to the printings of the triangular stamps were surprising. Members browsed over the tabled sheets for rather longer than usual and paid tribute to the painstaking care which had been observed in mounting and displaying a really attractive and fine collection.

Mr. Denning's "stamp news" was interesting as always and members were particularly amused by his references to a U.S. local 2c stamp which was issued recently as a result of the threatened secession of the town of Noel from the State of Maine because of strong local feeling about the diversion of State highway to by-pass the town.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

May Meeting. This was the best meeting which we have had for a long time. There were 25 people present and I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves. We had the honour of a visit from the Afrikaanse Filateliste Vereniging. Mr. J. H. Bruwer of Krugersdorp could not be present but sent along his new collection of Union hyphenated. A very excellent and comprehensive display and he was suitably thanked by Mr. I. A. Miller. Then we had a most interesting thematic display entitled "Art on Stamps" by Mr. Hattingsh who must have gone to a lot of trouble to gather such a lot of stamps from so many countries on this most popular theme. Mr. Glassman commented on them and thanked Mr. Hattingsh. Finally Dr. van der Merwe showed us one only of his eight volumes entitled Building Series of Germany showing the Cologne Cathedral as its motif. A really excellent display and Mr. L. Buchen thanked him suitably. Altogether a most enjoyable evening and particular thanks go to the ladies (wives of members) who provided the refreshments.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

15 May. This was to have been the A.G.M. but due to previous engagements, many members could not come. Business from the A.G.M. will be concluded at the June meeting.

The display was supplied by Mr. R. F. Newdigate, and consisted of two sections; the British Commonwealth and the Congo (including Belgian Congo, Congo Republic and Katanga).

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

Mêense, u wat nie die vergadering van Saterdag 2 Junie bygewoon het nie, het darem 'n buitengewone voorreg misgeloop. Die besoekers van die Germistonse vereni-

ging het twee klein maar magtige versamellings uitgestal.

Mnr. S. J. Hagger het vir die eerste keer sy versameling van Unie-seldsaamhede tentoongestel. Die versameling bestaan uitsluitlik uit stukke wat ons as drukkersafval bestempel as dit in iemand anders se versameling is, maar as groot seldsaamhede as dit in ons s'n is. Party van die uitgestalde stukke is nog nie voorheen in die openbaar vertoon nie, en die versameling as sulks ook nog nie. 'n Ongeëwenaarde versameling wat die rand ver op die pad na vier syfers stoot, was ons beskore genot dié middag.

Die tweede uitstalling was 'n posfris versameling van Rhodesië (BSA), byna volledig en met al die erkende tanding- en kleursoorte. Ook hierdie versameling het die aanskouers van blote genot laat getuig.

Nouja, u kry nog 'n kans. Oor 'n maand (Saterdag 7 Julie) kry ons besoek van die Philatelic Society, en die kulertjie hou beloftes van soortgelyke verrassings in. Ont-hou nou die datum.

Van besoeke gepraat: ons kuier op Krugersdorp op Donderdag, 16 Augustus en het drie goeie uitstallings nodig. Die Eresekretaris hoor graag wat u aanbied.

EAST LONDON P.S.

June Meeting. The Whele Cup was competed for. Unfortunately only two entries were received, viz., "Swaziland, Bechuanaland and Basutoland KGV and QE II" by Major C. Hasted, and "Great Britain from KGV to date" by Mr. J. Clarkson. These two collections were of a very high standard, and the judges placed Major Hasted as the winner of this cup for 1962. New Issues were tabled; stop-press philatelic news given; and refreshments served . . . the sum total of which was a very enjoyable meeting."

—J.W.H.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

June Meeting. The display of the evening was of Union hyphenated notes by our Chairman, Eric Walker.

The most outstanding item in this very fine collection of his, is without doubt a block of the medium sized 1½d. Gold Mine issue with a hand engraved marginal arrow. This has been certified as genuine and up to the present is the only one to be located. Another fine item is joined paper block in the ½d. Springbok through the cylinder block 11A. His collection includes a large number of the known varieties and many of the different printings in all denominations and is a really fine collection.

Then followed discussions on various recent South African issues and on the W.H.O. Malaria Eradication stamps.

—W.K.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

6 June. A slightly smaller gathering than usual saw a greater number of exhibits than usual. Mrs. Wallace showed a very representative collection of Canadian stamps, F.D.C.'s coils and booklet panes. Mr. Kantor spoke about ships' letters and showed some covers of the early 19th century. Mr. Butze-laar sent his United Nations F.D.C.'s all the way from Nyasaland: there were covers and postal stationery which were very colourful.

PRETORIA P.S.

4 June. This was the Vice-President's evening. Dr. Hack having the floor, started off by giving a talk on the work of the United Nations Health Organisations. A most informative paper giving the members a better insight in the work of this particular branch. As Dr. Hack is known as a collector of Hospitalisation on Stamps, it was not surprising that he tabled a collection of Malaria on Stamps and also read a paper on this subject. A collection still in its infancy and much scope for improvement.

One of the older members of the Society also came along this evening with a collection. Namely, Mr. Card, who tabled an exhibit of Music on Stamps. A most interesting collection and music lovers had a gay time looking at Music on Stamps for a change.

We regret that one of our popular members, Mr. R. N. Castignani, is leaving Pretoria for Kroonstad. He has for a number of years been active in the Society both as an exhibitor and on the Executive Committee. D.J.C.R.

P.S. OF NATAL

6 June. Some 50 members and their friends attended. There was a good array of material for sale. Mr. Ray Walsh did very well in disposing of it. The General Business did not take very long.

The first exhibit of the evening was that of Mr. Ahlens with the Republic of South Africa—Varieties. This was well mounted and written up.

The second exhibit was that of Mr. J. G. Walker with his "Phooey with Philately" which was a very unusual display and had everyone smiling.

The second meeting was held on the **20th June**. There were 30 members present. There was the usual auction with many items changing hands; these "Swopping Evenings" are becoming more popular amongst the members.

STUDY YOUR COUNTRY'S STAMPS

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

May Meeting. After the showing of numerous new issues, two exhibits were displayed.

The first was by Mr. B. J. Mackenzie, of "Vatican"—all issues since the accession of Pope John. The second was a series of 85 sheets of Forgeries and Reprints by Mr. A. L. Meyburgh, who had obtained Expert Committee certificates for all of them, thus guaranteeing them to be "wrong 'uns." A fascination display!

ANGLO-BOER WAR P.S.

12 May. At a meeting in Manchester the Chairman, Lt.-Col. H. Poulter, presented Presidential Diplomas to three members whose articles were considered worthy of awards as being really original research on a subject connected with the Anglo-Boer War.

The three were (1) C. H. Benbow for his "P.O.W. Camps in Bermuda"; (2) for his "F.P.O. 1, Natal" and also for "The Republican Occupation of Newcastle"; (3) J. H. Rathbone "Officials' and Officers' Hand-stamps."

28 May. At this meeting in London we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Walter Bjork of New York, the first overseas member to attend one of our meetings.

This Society is now in its fifth year and is open to all interested in Anglo-Boer War Philately. Subscription 10/- per annum, including the quarterly "A.B.W. Philatelist." Hon. Sec. is J. H. Rathbone, "Always," Rudheath, Northwich, Cheshire.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

June 12. The members met to see Dr. A. Keller's "Polish Locals 1914-19 and 1946." This was indeed an interesting showing which proved worthy of a larger audience. —M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

June 11. Mr. L. Simenhoff showed his Educational Thematic collection. He selected material to cover the boards and this embraced fifteen different themes and topics. Notwithstanding it was a rainy night there was a good attendance and the talk was informative.

June 25: Members were really fortunate in seeing Mr. A. Simson's "Twelve months of Republic Philately." This fine collection

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is indeed in the top rank of South African collections and so set out that it was of interest to even those who are not specialists. One was able to see clearly the various printings and it showed real research. An innovation to the usual talk was that Mr. Simson took the members on a walk around the boards and in this way made all clear.
—M.F.S.

“THE ROYAL”—CAPE TOWN

June 14: This was yet another composite evening devoted on this occasion to Latin America. Dr. P. L. Vautier showed the Miniature sheets, Centenary issues and W.R.Y. issues of Latin America and Mr. C. G. Mummery the Red Cross issues, Scouts and I.G.Y. stamps which were complete. The boards were filled and were of such interest that Mr. W. G. Combrink's contribution could not be exhibited. Both exhibitors were able to give good talks and both exhibits were well written-up with that of Mr. Mummery being exceptional. One saw many stamps which are not usually shown and it was a more than enjoyable evening.

June 28. Mr. R. C. Steinbauer showed “Cyprus,” starting with covers of the pre-stamp era 15th century and finishing with a letter from Bishop Makarios. Included was a letter in the early days from the Bishop of Cyprus to the Archbishop of Venice. He also showed Austrian Lloyd post on cover, G. B. used in Cyprua, A.P.O.'s and thereafter the stamps of Cyprus including forgeries, proofs, etc. The second half of the evening was devoted to a composite show “Charity and Red Cross.” Mr. C. G. Mummery showed “Swiss Pro Juventute” complete with precursors on cover—well written up; Miss G. Hoffmann “Red Cross” in complete sets with covers, which was very well arranged; Mr. R. F. Putzell showed Charity stamps from all over Europe and as usual was up to a high standard. A very informative evening especially the talk by Mr. Steinbauer.
—M.F.S.

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RHODESIA

“DOUBLE HEAD” FORGERIES

[Mr. J. Behrman of Johannesburg wrote us on 1st June about the so-called clandestine printings of the Rhodesia Double Heads, asking for information about them. Knowing that Mr. R. H. Fisher-Hill was specially interested at the moment in Rhodesian stamps, we passed the letter on to him for reply and here follows a copy of his answer to Mr. Behrman.—Ed.]

The Editor of the S.A. Philatelist has passed your letter of the 1st inst., re clandestine printings of the Rhodesian Double Heads, on to me for comment.

Firstly, I must apologise for the delay in answering for although I recalled reading about them, it took quite a while to find the three articles. Briefly the story is as follows:—

An employee of Waterlow's, the printers of the Double Heads, managed to have seven of the values printed from the genuine plates. However, he was not able to obtain a supply of the proper paper, and therefore had to do the gumming himself, the crudity of which is apparent. He was not able to have the sheets perforated either and so had them privately rouletted. (10½ T shaped). The values printed were: 2½d., 3d., 6d., 3/-, 5/-, 10/- and £1.

It is not known how many were produced but it is believed that only one sheet (50 copies) of the 6d. value and less than six sheets of each of the other values exist.

In 1929-30, a certain firm of London Auctioneers placed these stamps on the market stating that they had been obtained from a reliable firm in France.

Although strong suspicion existed it was not possible to proceed against the employee, who was, however, convicted at a later date of a similar offence involving another country.

In August, 1931, a letter appeared in the S.A. Philatelist drawing attention to these forgeries from the Secretary of the Philatelic Society of Rhodesia, followed in July, 1932, by a strong letter of reproof from Mr. A. Lichtenstein claiming them to be proofs.

However, it is accepted today that in fact they were forgeries.

Full details of the printings and varieties can be seen on p.p. 52, S.A.P. April, 1933, Vol. 10. The other two articles are in Vol. 7, p.p. 100, and Vol. 8, p.p. 42.

These back numbers of the S.A. Philatelist are available at the Johannesburg Reference Library in bound form. Should you experience any difficulty, however, I would be prepared to let you borrow my volumes to enable you to have detailed extracts made.

“ISTANBUL 1963”

We hear that there is to be an International Philatelic Exhibition at Constanti-nople in 1963 and that Dr. Alec Kaplan of Germiston has been appointed Commissioner for South Africa.

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EDITORIAL

SYMBOLS IN AUCTION CATALOGUES

Every serious collector of philatelic material, no matter what his interests may be, cannot but evince some measure of pleasure and anticipation when paging through an auction catalogue. Whether a general collector, a specialist, a postal historian, a collector of postmarks, essays or perhaps even forgeries, there is always a latent feeling of expectation that perhaps there might be an item or two which would enhance his collection.

Auction catalogue compilers acquire an individual style of penning descriptions and with these we have no dissent. What we would like to see, however, is uniformity in the symbols used in the lotting. A scrutiny of a number of sale catalogues, recently issued in the United Kingdom, has revealed many varieties of signs employed in designating items of a like or similar nature.

Here we must commend the foresight of two of the leading philatelic auctioneers who stage regular sales in London, in their adoption in several instances, of similar means of reference. But there are other houses conducting auctions where individual systems of symbolisation are used. The result of this haphazard nomenclature is that potential bidders are compelled repeatedly to refer to the list or schedule of symbols, usually displayed on the first page of the catalogues.

When this occurs, a definite feeling of frustration and perhaps mute annoyance tends to show on the scanners horizon. These feelings could very easily be com-

pletely eliminated at a very small cost to the advertisers; the answer lies in the simple method of their adopting uniform symbols in the catalogues.

A study of auction schedules established that, with few exceptions, these symbols can be set up in type normally available. Where occasionally, a specific indicator is required, such as, say, an aircraft in profile to donate items of an air mail nature, this could be acquired at very little expense by the producers of the printed work.

No doubt there would be some obstacles to be overcome in the adoption of such a uniform system of signs, but these hurdles could be surmounted with little difficulty.

We feel confident that the result which we envisage would be received with much appreciation by all those who have occasion to refer to philatelic auction catalogues.

NEW U.K. ANTARCTIC COLONY

The former Falkland Islands Dependencies have been split into two territories.

(a) Remaining as F.I.D. are only South Georgia and the South Sandwich Group; the latter has so far had no postal services.

(b) The rest includes the S. Orkneys, S. Shetlands and Graham Land. This new colony will be known as the British Antarctic Territory. It is understood that stamps for this are being prepared. The name of the former Falkland Islands Dependency Survey has been changed to British Antarctic Survey.

SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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There is very little of recent importance to report, which condition we trust is only the "lull before a decent storm". The 2½c "Volkspele" Issue has disappeared from Post Office counters, its place having been taken by the more entertaining Albertini printing of this value. Official checking at the Government Printing Works appears to have been stepped up as indicated by the frequent absence of consecutively numbered sheets from the pile of issued ones—a condition bringing about an improvement in the printed state of our stamps, but on the other hand, resulting in sad disappointment to the monthly visitor of Post Offices in his/her quest for "interesting items".

The British Settlers Monument Commemorative stamps had not been sent to Post Offices at the time of preparation of these Notes, and thus readers will unfortunately have to wait until our next number for news of this Issue.

The following are some of the items discussed at the recent meeting of the S.A. Stamp Study Circle, and as they may be of interest, are reproduced here.

Recent Re-printings.

1. The 10c value has appeared with black sheet numbers under R5/S5 and 6, and also R5/S16 and 17, printed on water-marked paper from the cylinders previously used.
2. A re-printing of the 3c value has been made from the original cylinders but the perforator used was the "small hole" one, possessing no 'staggered perforation' characteristic.
3. It would appear that two new cylinders have been used for the printing of Post Cards. In the latest distribution, the picture is about 2 mm smaller than that of the earlier one, and the letters "P" of Poskaart and "P" of Post extend respectively to the left or right of the picture. The cards of later issue are also slightly smaller and have different guide lines for guillotining purposes.

Items of Interest.

1. It was suggested that the different screening effect on the two colours of the 5c Postage Due labels was due to "inking" and not to a new cylinder.

2. The statement, current in some circles that the "transposed" 1c Postage Due printing, i.e. with "Republic" in the top margin, is to be withdrawn, was considered incorrect. However, members were cautioned to purchase their requirements now.

3. It would appear that the grey printing cylinder, S7, of the current 1c issue has been scratched. Vertically inclined grey lines, "scratches", starting at the top of the sheet and running the complete length of the sheet may be observed on the right hand margin of the "B" pane. There is a particularly noticeable "cross-over" effect, opposite row 17.

Also, due probably to cylinder wear, the small horizontal black line at the top of the marginal black mark, above stamp 1 of row 1, pane "B" has now disappeared.

4. A fine specimen of the current 2½c stamp was viewed with the words "South Africa" missing, due to mal-alignment of the perforator—the wording apparently appearing on the top of the bottom adjoining stamp which was absent.

5. An exhibited First Day Cover which bore the relevant Commemorative stamps, had been posted before the official day of issue of the stamps, which fact was indicated by the Post Office's date stamp cancellation on the cover. The stamps had been heavily obliterated by a "killer canceller" of oval design and bearing thick wavy black lines with a large "2" in the centre—apparently an act by Post Office officials indicating their disapproval of and action against this unsavoury practice.

6. An internal aerogramme, posted in Pretoria to an address in Pretoria, bore a rubber stamp "X" mark in purple ink on its address surface, indicating that its transmission was to be made by "surface" and not by "Air" mail.

7. Two blocks of the 5c Republic stamps were viewed, showing interesting "whitish spots" on the face of the stamps. This condition may have been caused by the ink being partly wet, or a spray of moisture on the surface of the stamps, thus causing the

sheets to stick together and resulting in the removal of some of the ink from the face of the stamp and giving a slight 'offset' on the gummed side.

Handbook/Catalogue Omission.

Mr. C. E. Sherwood, of Britain, points out that whereas the Handbook/Catalogue does not record, page 23, the 5/- Natal Stamp used interprovincially in the O.F.S., he has recently sold a superb copy of this item, postmarked "Ficksburg 23 Ap. 12".

Stamp Auction Realisation Prices.

In accordance with recent requests to record prices realised at auction sales, etc., in these Notes, we have decided to do so for a trial period.

The following are prices realised at recent stamp auctions, and are inserted as a guide to buyers rather than to accentuate the financial side of our Hobby.

We however feel that a more satisfactory condition would be arrived at, if a small supplement to the Handbook/Catalogue were made.

This, in the first place would reprice the Animal Series, as already set out in the Handbook/Catalogue; the demand for these items has risen beyond all expectations with the result that the prices catalogued mean nothing, in fact they are farcical!!, and secondly, would catalogue the Republic issue.

Collectors, particularly the less experienced, have at present no guide to the assembly of these stamps, nor to their market values, and as this Issue is becoming increasingly popular, much confusion is the order of the day, and pseudo (non constant) varieties, among other considerations, are being given unwarranted prominence, with prices at liberty to follow an unchecked career.

The various printings, already made of the Republic Issue, are able to afford sufficient material to form the basis of this work, and provision could be made in its set up to include future items.

The publication is the province of Federation which if it delays its action unduly, may, when it decides to act, find that this requirement has already been catered for elsewhere.

1d. Wildebeest. Cyl. 105, U.H.C. No. 124	
Issue 3 (Springbok watermark).	
Pane 'A'. Bottom double strip	R15.50
Pane 'B'	10.50

1d. Wildebeest. Cyl. 3, Pane 'B', U.H.C. 124A, Issue 6 (Arms watermark)	
Strip of 12, showing perfs. through stamps	8.00
2d. Zebra. Cyl. 92, U.H.C. 126, Issue 3. (Springbok watermark).	
Pane 'A'—Cylinder block	10.20
Pane 'B'—Miniature sheet	37.00
Pane 'B'—Cylinder block	11.00
4d. Elephant. Cyls. 53/93, U.H.C. 128A, Issue 1. (Arms watermark).	
Cylinder block	5.00
4½d. Hippopotamus. Cyls. 76/47, U.H.C. 129, Issue 1 (Springbok watermark)	
Cylinder block	5.50
6d. Lion. Cyls. 1/121, U.H.C. 130 Cd., Issue I (Springbok watermark).	
4 Corner blocks	4.40
6d. Lion. Cyls. 1/121, U.H.C. 130 A, Issue 1 (Arms watermark).	
Cylinder block	2.00
1/- Kudu. Cyls. 105/104, U.H.C. 131, Issue 2 (Springbok watermark).	
Cylinder block—toned paper	7.40
Cylinder block—white paper	7.60
1/- Kudu. Cyls. 105/104, U.H.C. 131A, Issue 2 (Arms watermark).	
Cylinder block—white paper	1.80
1/3 Springbok. Cyls. 106/38, U.H.C. 132, Issue 2 (Springbok watermark).	
Cylinder block	1.60
1/6 Gemsbok. Cyls. 21/78, U.H.C. 133, Issue 1 (Springbok watermark).	
Double strip, cylinder number to black sheet numbers on right	3.60
Four arrow pairs and red sheet number pair	2.20
2/6 Nyala. Cyls. 66/23, U.H.C. 134, Issue 1 (Springbok watermark)	
Cylinder block—Pane 'B'	3.70
Single strip to Black sheet numbers—Pane 'B'	3.00
Single strip to Black sheet numbers—Pane 'A'	5.00
2/6 Nyala. Cyls. 66/23, U.H.C. 134A, Issue 1 (Arms watermark)	
Cylinder block—Pane 'B'	2.50
Single strip to black sheet numbers—Pane 'B'	4.00
Cylinder block—Pane 'A'	3.00
Single strip to black sheet numbers—Pane 'A'	4.50
5/- Giraffe. Cyls. 118/4, U.H.C. 135, Issue 1 (Springbok watermark).	
Cylinder block—Pane 'B'	6.00
Black sheet number pair	2.50
Red sheet number pair	1.70
Cylinder block—Pane (A)—toned paper.	6.00
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Double Overprint on Registration Envelopes.

Mr. D. Slater-Kinghorn submitted for our inspection a photostat copy of the 5c small size, overprinted Registration Envelope, issued on the 31st May, 1961, bearing a double overprint.



There is the normal overprint "Republiek van - Republic of" on the stamp on the flap; also another similar overprint inverted below the large R at the other end of the envelope, illustrated.

Stop Press.

It has been reported in the daily press that 'stamp vending machines will be working again, according to a postal official. . . . The date has not been decided'. . . . and "The machines will in future cater for one cent and half cent stamps only".

This means that we shall once again have "Coil" stamps in our collections.

JAPAN

A 90 yen ordinary stamp was due on 2 July. On 3 August a 10 yen commemorative

for the Asian Boy Scout Jamboree, opening on that day.

PHILATELIC FEDERATION

New Member Society.

At a meeting of the Executive held on 3rd August the application of the Bellville Philatelic Society for affiliation was agreed to.

Philatelic Counter in Johannesburg.

It was intimated that a Philatelic Counter was now in operation at the Rissik Street Post Office on Wednesday afternoons. It will be given a trial run for 2 months to see whether or not there is a demand for the service it offers.

PENAPEX-PENAFU.

Remember Congress and Exhibition in Port Elizabeth 18-28 September.

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TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Tristan may possibly once again become inhabited and come within the ordinary stamp collector's scope. The islanders have not taken kindly to life in England and many of them wish to return to Tristan.

The British Government has agreed that a party of them visit the island along with a Colonial Office official. Six of them will be landed along with the official; another six will be employed on the fishing vessels "Tristania" and "Frances Repetto".

The landing party will see whether the beaches will be fit for the landing of long boats, repair the houses, plant a crop of potatoes and tend the livestock. They will be allowed to remain at least until the reports of this advance party and the colonial office representative have been received and a decision come to as the possibility of permanent re-settlement.

This scouting party is expected to be sailing from Cape Town on 28 August.

H.M. Puma is expected to visit the island about the end of September just to see how things are going.

BASUTOLAND OVERPRINTS

A NEW MAJOR ERROR

This is a 2½c on 3d. with the overprint **inverted**. It is of the S.G. Type II (No. 61a) and is situated towards the bottom right of the stamp just impinging on the neck of the Queen's portrait. The normal position is towards the top left, a little under the "3d."



This indicates how the error occurred—a simple matter of the sheet being inserted upside-down.

There is quite a romantic tale about the finding of this error which bears repeating. A collector who had been in the habit of receiving kiloware from this territory was looking through his latest consignment when he spotted something unusual—an overprint lying towards the bottom right of the stamp, and then he saw that it was inverted. This led him to examine all the other pieces in his package, when to his amazement he found three other inverts.

All four specimens had postmarks of "Mokhotlong/Bas" and were dated either 2-VII-62 or 3-VII-62. This would seem to indicate that the sheet was on sale and used there.

As is probably generally known Mokhotlong is the most remote of all the Basutoland village P.O.'s and there would appear to have been a dearth of both local stamp collectors and of visitors in search of scarce varieties. Otherwise an item such as this would scarcely have escaped local notice.

In view of the fact that only 4 copies have been found and with the diminishing probability of more having been preserved, it

rather looks as if this error may prove to be the rarest of all the High Commission Territories' decimal overprints.

Just to indicate that finds of this magnitude are not the prerogative of the mighty or of the erudite I might add that the finder in this case is a person of humble means to whom this windfall is of more than passing moment.—J. M. WEINSTEIN.

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SWAZILAND STAMPS USED IN TRISTAN DA CUNHA

At a recent Wicks sale there was a cover addressed to Bremersdorp and bearing two (1d. and 2d.) Swaziland "Coronation" stamps (issued in 1937). They were cancelled with a Tristan mark of a type and size introduced rather later than 1937. These postmarks were not supposed to be used for cancelling stamps but this rule was not always obeyed. There are no other postmarks on the cover.

The cover may, of course, be called "philatelic", but the same applies to most mail from Tristan of these days. Barring an occasional usage of Swaziland stamps in World War II this is the first record of "Swaziland Used Abroad."

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE WORLD'S AIRMAIL STAMPS AND POSTS

By **CAPT. M. F. STERN.**

In this brief survey the period up to 1935 will be dealt with. There is an increasing demand among collectors for the early airmail stamps and covers which illustrate the history and development of airmails. Fortunately there have been aerophilatelists who have made this their study and produced the information. However there is as usual the unexpected discoveries which excite those who have come into this field of collecting. Examples of pioneer flights are of necessity rare, owing to the fact that very small quantities of mail were carried, as every additional ounce of weight was a definite handicap against their machines even rising from the ground.

The pigeon post of Egypt is probably the first recorded carriage of air post. Messages were flown in the days of the Mamelukes (1250-1517 A.D.) between Cairo and Damascus and in other directions in Arabia. It is doubtful if any of these pigeongrams exist but they were probably written on silk. It has however been established that the message was fastened under the tail of the bird and not on the leg as in later years.

As early as 1843 there were forecasts of an airmail service in Africa in "Punch" (issue of April 15, 1843) when the Aerial Steam Carriage (invention of W. S. Henson) was shown in flight over the Pyramids. A train was also shown labelled "Cape-Cairo". Various prints also appeared during the year showing the Carriage over the Nile, and even over Hampstead Heath, with London and St. Paul's in the distance.

Another early record of airborne messages are those during the relief expedition to find Sir John Franklin in 1850 when balloons were sent to the Polar Regions. This was during February and the special messages were printed on pelure paper.

Better-known examples are those of the Siege of Paris in 1870-1, during which period some fifty-five balloons were released carrying passengers, newspapers and messages from the besieged city. Two of these balloons drifted over the English Channel and were never heard of again; a number came

down in enemy territory, whilst others travelled as far as Belgium, Holland and Norway. No fewer than 69 mail flights were made but few of the thousand missives have survived. Messages were reduced in size by means of photography to reduce weight and finally enlarged on arrival at destination and copied to send to addressees. This method was the precursor of the somewhat similar method used in World War II—the now well-known Airgraphs. These photographic proof messages or film by microscopic photography (containing average of 2,500 despatches) were conveyed by pigeons. When the town of Metz was blockaded on August 16, 1870, messages were written on thin tissue paper and tied in very small batches to very small balloons made of paper or silk. They are known as 'Papillons'.

Of particular interest to African readers is the message by crane bird from Tauride (Southern Russia) to Dongola (Sudan). The ornithologist, F. R. Falz-Fein, attached a message to the neck of the bird. This was in a special container. The bird was killed and message salvaged. This was in four languages, namely English, French, German and Russian. The original message was probably destroyed but there is a certified copy of it. This was in 1892.

This historic and heroic birth of the airmail led to further mail-balloon flights in other countries, from which emerged the first Zeppelin to carry mails. This in turn was superseded by the first heavier-than-air conveyance carrying mails, when the biplane made its debut between 1908 and 1910. From this humble beginning we now have—after a lapse of some sixty years—the enormous air liners of to-day which carry regularly large quantities of mail to all parts of the world and have reduced the size of the world to mankind.

Interesting balloon flights took place in Germany during 1897 and 1898. The first was that of October 19, 1897 by Capt. L. Gidard in the balloon "Aug. Polich" when special cards were carried bearing the portrait of the pilot and a special violet cachet. Then followed on August 15, 1898 the flight by the balloon "Europe" at the Munich Exhibition, when special cards were printed and a special cachet used.

A company known as the Great Barrier Pigeongram Service established a regular service by carrier pigeons between Auckland N.Z., and Great Barrier Island, 65 miles to

the North West, in November, 1897, and special stamps of value 1s. were issued twelve months later. In 1899 stamps in value 6d and 1s. and triangular in shape were issued. In September, 1899 the service was extended to Marotiri and Hen and Chicken Islands A rival service—the Great Barrier Pigeon-gram Agency—commenced operations in 1899, both services continuing to function until the opening of a Government cable in September, 1908.

However while this was happening in Europe, Africa and Australasia, in the U.S.A. there occurred the mail-carrying flight of the balloon "Jupiter", piloted by John Wise. The flight started from Lafayette in Indiana on August 17, 1859 with mail for New York (123 letters and 23 circulars) but the plane landed 27 miles away at Crawfordsville.

Balloon posts continued in Germany and on October 3, 1899 during the General Sporting Exhibition, Munich, official souvenir cards were dropped from a captive balloon and posted to destination in the ordinary way.

The first balloon post in Great Britain was organised in connection with a Fete in aid of the National Lifeboat Institution at Manchester. Special souvenir cards were used, with design of Balloon above rocky coast. This was followed in 1907 during October of that year by a balloon-mail to Sweden known as the "Daily Graphic" Balloon Expedition, cards showing a balloon floating over London, were thrown out of the balloon "Mammoth". The only specimens are those thrown over at Tosse on October 14, 1907.

There were only official aeroplane airmails flown in 1911 but in 1908 a mail was flown in Italy from Rome to Turin via Milan. A special vignette and card were issued for this flight showing the biplane in flight and also inset the aviator at the wheel.

Another balloon-post took place in Germany, October 10-11, 1909 at the International Balloon Meeting at Schmargendorf-Berlin. A special circular cachet was used. This was followed July-October, 1909 by flights at Frankfurt-am-Main during the Aerial Navigation Exhibition when a special circular cachet was employed. In 1909 on July 31 the first Zeppelin Air Post took place Special cards were printed and thrown overboard during the flight of the Zeppelin Z.11 from Frederickshafen to Cologne. The

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cards had the printed address on them "Luftshiffbau Zeppelin G. m. b. H. Friedrichshafen A.B." and on the same side a violet cachet giving instructions to the finder of the card. On the reverse side are printed instructions to the finder to post the card as quickly as possible at the nearest Post Office and to fill in details as to weather, direction of wind, etc. Only four of these cards are known to exist. This was followed on August 5, 1909 by a circular flight around Cologne by Zeppelin Z.11. Cards dropped were blue instead of yellow. Two specimens are known.

(To be continued).

JAN SMUTS AIRPORT HANDSTAMPS

by Sylvester L. Crozet.

When the air mail sorting office at Jan Smuts Airport was closed on August 31, 1958 all equipment and supplies, including the handstamps, were sent to Germiston post office. The reason for this was that any serviceable items, suitable for use in the air mail sorting office, which was transferred to Germiston as from September 1, 1958, were to be retained. The remainder were thereafter sent to the Post Office Stores at Pretoria.

The use of the existing handstamps was discontinued with the opening of the new office and, through the courtesy of the postmaster at Germiston, strikes of these were obtained.

Of the cancellers which were used during the operation of the air mail sorting office at Jan Smuts Airport, only Nos. 5, 6 and 7, figs. 1, 2, and 3, were actually in use when the office was closed. Handstamp No. 8, fig. 4, was last used at the airport on July 14, 1958.

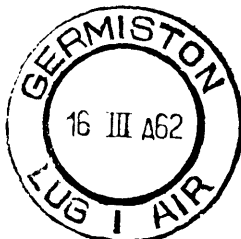
The lettering of the first three cancellers is bilingual, Afrikaans being placed first. JAN SMUTS LUGHAWA/AIRPORT, while in the case of No. 8, the lettering is in English first, JAN SMUTS AIRPORT/LUGHAWA.

In each instance the day of the month and the date of the year are in Arabic numerals and those of the month in Roman figures. The date of the year in Nos. 5, 6 and 7 was abbreviated to '58', but that in No. 8 is in full. Handstamps Nos. 5 and 7 have the letter 'A' immediately before the year, while Nos. 6 and 8 have no such letter in this position.

As will be seen from the facsimiles, the sizes of the lettering on the cancellers differs slightly. The dimensions of the handstamps also vary as shown in the following schedule:

Handstamp No.	5	6	7	8
Diameter of outer circle in cms	30	28	28	30
Diameter of inner circle in cms	18	19	18	19

During the existence of the air mail sorting office at the airport, date stamps bearing other numbers than those illustrated were used at various times but, owing to deterioration these were withdrawn from service.



To-day, mail matter collected from the special air mail posting boxes located at Germiston and at Jan Smuts Airport is brought into the sorting office at Germiston for despatch. Items which are too bulky or on which postage stamps have been affixed haphazardly, are not serviced by the automatic cancelling machine for letters, but receive the date stamp GERMISTON LUG I AIR as shown, fig. 5. At present there is only one such date stamp in use.

It is interesting to note that postal articles may be sent by registered post from Jan Smuts Airport and only such mail matter receives the date stamp JAN SMUTS LUGHAWE/AIRPORT, fig. 6. As may be seen the size of this canceller and the lettering thereof differ from that of the earlier instruments used at the airport. All such registered articles are transported to Germiston by postal vans for sorting and despatch.

AIR MAIL NOTES

(I. H. C. Godfrey)

AEROGRAMMES:

Basutoland 1962 Provisionals:

Stocks of the first decimal currency (5c) definitive issue for this Protectorate, which first appeared in April 1961, were sold out by late June 1962. Without notice, unfranked Aerogrammes printed in Pretoria with adhesive Basutoland stamps affixed were put on sale that month.

The basic sheets, which are identical to those current in South Africa (apart from the missing Republican imprinted 5c stamp)—short dashes around the address panel—have so far only been seen with English texts first and they have not yet been reported as being on sale to business houses in the Republic at the usual price of R3.25 per packet of 500.

A point of interest is that this Provisional issue is printed bi-lingually whereas English, not Afrikaans, is the only official language of Basutoland. How long this makeshift issue will last is problematical: probably new supplies of Aerogrammes are being printed in Great Britain and will be on sale shortly. Whether the imprinted stamp design will be altered is not known but, even if the new Aerogrammes are to all intents

and purposes identical with the 1961 issue, one should be able to identify them by the watermark, excepting the occasional sheet where the watermark is entirely or partially missing. The 1961 sheets are watermarked "IMPERIAL/(Gateway)/AIR MAIL" with the code letter "O", signifying that the paper was manufactured in 1960. One may hazard a guess that the new sheets will have the code letter "P" to commence with.

WARNING: These Provisionals should only be collected genuinely postmarked in Basutoland during the period of their currency. Mint examples could easily be "manufactured" outside the Protectorate merely by affixing contemporary Basutoland stamps to the blank forms at some later date.

OBITUARY NOTES

FRANK C. FERGUSON

The short notice of "Fergy's" lamented death was inserted as a stop press item and there was no time to get some of the details about his life that we would have liked.

He was born in Pretoria in 1904, educated there and spent most of his life there except a period in Durban (1938-40) and a more recent spell in Johannesburg.

We knew that he had been a keen sportsman but had no idea how "prominent" until receiving a "sports biography". Soccer and cricket were his early loves, tennis and bowls coming a little later. After playing for various clubs he realised that his forte was administrative and took to training clubs and refereeing. We will only mention as illustrative of the respect with which he was regarded that he was referee for a Transvaal Cup Final just after he had turned 21.

As philatelists we remember that for several years he organised an annual bowling match for a number of teams from Transvaal Philatelic Societies.

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DR. GORDON WARD

Dr. Gordon Ward's death is reported in the British Philatelic press. Although probably not known personally to many in South Africa his writings on our stamps are familiar to Union students, particularly those on the ½d. Springbok and 1d. ship and his assiduous studies of them will be much missed.

He collected, and had written about, the stamps of quite a few other countries.

AUCTION SALES

(1) Two London philatelic auctioneers well known to our readers—H. R. Harmer and Robson Lowe—have arranged to co-ordinate their Sales so as to avoid both of them having sales in the same week. They will in future be in alternate fortnights instead of weekly. This is being done to cut down increasing overhead expenses and to facilitate attendances of buyers.

(2) Both of Harmer's House, London and New York have published the figures of their turnovers for the 1961-62 season. In each case they have passed the million dollar mark; in each the material disposed of has been very diversified and numerous record prices obtained. Results of the Sydney (Australia) House cannot be given as they work on a different seasonal calendar.

(3) Robson Lowe's final figures for 1961-62 are not yet fully available but the total will certainly exceed £400,000.

(4) Italian Government Reminders. The statement in our last issue that negotiations were taking place for a sale of the remainders to a Swiss-American Syndicate may or may not be correct, but at any rate they would not appear to have come to anything so far. We have received an announcement from the Italian Ministry of Posts that another auction of six lots was to take place on July 26 and 27.

(5) The two following items are reported from recent auctions in London:—

- (a) £140 for a set of "Tristan Relief" St. Helena stamps on special card.
- (b) £110 for a 5s. "Tonga Emancipation" with inverted overprint.

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

The August number is predominately a West Indian one, with two colonies there obtaining independence during the month.

Jamaica.

Independence issue of stamps on August 8. Four special stamps were printed, 2d., 4d., 1/6 and 5/- while 12 of the current definitive set were overprinted with the words "Independence 1962".

On 11th August the IXth Central American and Caribbean Games will be held at

Kingston and four commemoratives of 1d., 6d., 9d., and 2/- featuring sports were issued.

The B.P.A. has issued a warning that miniature sheets are being made of the Games set, but that they will only be sold through a local dealer at an enhanced price and will not be available at post-offices.

There is a 12-page article dealing with the history and postage stamps of Jamaica.

Trinidad and Tobago.

This Government attains Independence on 31st August. There will be special stamps for the occasion but details are not yet available.

Antigua.

Celebrated the centenary of its first postage stamps on 1 August with a special issue of 4 stamps, of 3, 10, 12 and 50 cents denominations.

AUSTRALIA

The P.M.G. reports that a special 5d. stamp will be issued on the 26th September for the Conference of the Country Women of the World to be held in Melbourne. The symbolic design will show a draped female figure with arms outstretched against a background of the globe.

10 October: A special 10d. Aerogramme for the 6th World Power Opening in Melbourne on that date.

Later this year a 5d. stamp will be issued for the anniversary of the founding of the Australian Inland Mission. Also a 5d. emphasising the spiritual significance of Christmas. It will carry a reproduction of an early 16th century wood carving of the Madonna and Child.

Next year there will be a 5d. stamp for the 150th anniversary of the first crossing of the Blue Mountains.

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

For the first time a team from this territory will compete at the British Commonwealth and Empire Games in Perth—Special stamps will be issued for the occasion on 24 October; they will be of 5d. (two different designs) and 2s. 3d. denominations.

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WAR ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES

The following recent issues received Black Blots in the June number of the "American Philatelist":—

Afghanistan, 21 April, Agriculture Day issue of 10 stamps and 4 Souvenir Sheets.

Czechoslovakia, 25 March, 3 values of a Space Research series.

Great Britain. Following a lead from the B.P.A. the following "local" issues of Europa labels are black listed—Carn Iar, Herm, Hubre, Jethou, Lundy and Sark.

Haiti, 3 May. Six stamps of Astronaut Glenn series.

Hungary, 29 March. Souvenir sheet featuring 2 Russian and 1 U.S.A. astronaut. A set of stamps is foreshadowed.

Liberia, 7 April. 2 Malaria Eradication stamps of 25c, and a 50c miniature sheet.

U.S.A.

The Girl Scout 4c Commem. for their 50th anniversary was due for issue on 24 July.

On 28 July there was due for issue a 4c commemorative honouring Senator Brien McMahon, who has been called the father of the National Nuclear Policy. He died in 1952.

Additional to the announced 1962 programme are two extra items:— (a) A Christmas stamp, (b) a new 5c 50-star flag stamp to be issued when the new exchange in postal rates comes into effect.

INDIA

A 15 nP stamp was issued on 13 May in honour of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, on the occasion of his retiring from the high post of President of India; it features the latest portrait of him.

It is announced that a stamp will be issued in December to mark the first anniversary of the merger of Goa and India.

GREAT BRITAIN

Three special stamps of 2½d., 3d., and 1s. 3d denominations will be issued in November in connection with the National Productivity campaign.

POSTMARK CORNER

Cape Numeral Postmarks.

Two new members have to be recorded in the series of vertical barred ovals with boxed numerals; these are:—

(1) 259—Mortemer Station—This number has been recorded before, but only as "Used in Cape", without location. The spelling on the place-date stamp is probably wrong, as in the P.O. Directory "Mortimer" is given as the name of a station post-office in the Cradock area. The date on the mark is DE-15-97.

(2) 589(?)—Molteno. On a registered cover dated DE-18-97. Unfortunately the number of the killer must be given with a query mark as not one of the four strikes on the stamps is clear; there is no doubt about the initial 5, but the other two might conceivably be 3, 5, 6, 8 or 9. No. 589 looks the most probable.

(3) 679—Tati (Bechuanaland). This is not exactly a new find but it is new insofar as it has not previously been recorded in a special listing of numerical postmarks. It is mentioned by H. R. Holmes in an article by him in the "London Philatelist" of June, 1957, and summarised in the "S.A.Ph." of Jan. 1959. This deals with the postal history of the Tati district and mentions this mark being used there in the period 1887-1894.

T.P.O. Marks.

Two hitherto unrecorded varieties of these have been found.

(1) Eastern T.P.O./UP. A single-circle mark of 25 mm. diameter; previously known and illustrated specimens are only of 23 mm.

(2) Transvaal T.P.O./UP. 1, 2 AUG 02 of 29mm. diameter, previously noted as of 27 mm., 20 JUL 05. Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of this series are of 29mm. size.

Krugersdorp Inverted.

A single-circle cancellation of 26-VII-1962 has been noted in which the place-date mark has been inverted vis-a-vis the slogan "Buy South African/Koop Suid-Afrikaans" along with which it was used.

Mr. D. Allison sends the following notes, some of them being comments on earlier published notes.

1. Mr. Calitz note on the "Keep Death off the Roads" mark on an O.H.M.S. cover from Uniondale (in Jan. issue p. 8). He has a similar one from Durban dated 30-XI-41.

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2. **Unclaimed** (July issue p.118). Rubber stamps more or less of this type are not new; their use goes back a long time. (See Jurgen's book p.97). The remark about the R.L.O. seems to fall away as that office only deals with letters which have to be opened to find the sender's address and the "Unclaimed" mark makes no difference in this respect.

3. **Customs.** Black has been the usual colour of Cape Town Customs Paid marks at least since about 1952. Could the orange one referred to in the July issue, p. 118, have been made in Johannesburg?

4. **Meter Marks** with "Republic of South Africa" are now appearing; all those seen so far are in the R and S.A. series.

5. **10.30 29-II-1962.** This is the date the machine postmarking machine at George showed on the 1st March this year.

6. Double circle date-stamps of the continuous type and of a new design have been noted from Calvinia, Barberton and Mafeking. The outer circle is of 26 mm. diam., the inner of 16 mm. but it is interrupted into upper and lower arcs by the date-line which reads like "-4 IIII 62-10.00". There are 5 wavy lines between the successive date-stamps.

7. Windhoek now has a trilingual slogan (English, Afrikaans and German) "Protect Your Game". This is thought to be only the second slogan used in S.W.A., the first being the one advertising Swakopmund as a bathing resort.

There were only two printings of this stamp, the first on paper with Springbok head watermark (October 1954), and the second on Arms watermarked paper (January 1960). As usual, sheet numbers, margins, arrows and varieties are described; but with only two printings there is this time not a great many details to record.

Stanley Gibbons Catalogue. Part II Europe and Colonies.

Out on 10 August, this is the first edition for two years; the increase by 72 pages shows there has been no decrease in the flow of new issues.

There has been a fantastic number of price alterations, practically all upwards.

Only one new country (Rio Muni) has been added.

Pre-Federation Posts of Northern Rhodesia.

By W. G. Nodder. Published by the Rhodesian Study Circle, 14 Makepiece Avenue, Highgate, London N6. Price 10/- post free. Obtainable in South Africa from Mr. G. D. B. Williams, 4 Jameson Avenue, Melrose, Johannesburg, price R1.00.

This booklet of 28 pages, reprinted from articles appearing originally in "Stamp Collecting" has already been briefly noticed in our July and August issues, but we have now been favoured with a review copy.

It is an excellent production and should certainly be in the hands of all those interested in the postmarks and postal history of N. Rhodesia. There are 106 illustrations of cancellations and a few other postal markings.

The author states where further information about marks recorded here is required, also that new discoveries are still practically certain to be made—this, as he says, is what makes a postal historian's work exciting as well as interesting.

SHORT NOTICES

Second Supplement to Triangular Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope by D. Alan Stephenson.

This second supplement comprises a two-page listing of the numerous articles, studies and notes published since the first supplement was issued in 1951. Copies are available from Messrs H. R. Harmer Ltd., 41 New Bond Street, London, W. 1, at 15 cents (1/6d) post free.

Union Animal Series Pamphlets. By the South African Study Circle. Price 10c each.

No. P9 of this series deals with the 4d. stamp featuring the elephant (*Loxodonta africana*).

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Advertisement.

A Correction: It is regretted that in our August issue Mr. Lichtenstein's advertisement on p. 135 described him as a General Stamp Dealer, this should have read Licensed Stamp Dealer.

ETHIOPIA

The Imperial Ministry of Posts advises us of the issue on 23 July of a set of 3 stamps (15c, 50c and 60c) comprising what they term the Collective Security (Congo) Issue.

Ethiopia has had a brigade of troops on service in the Congo since July, 1960.

MORE "INTERNATIONALS"**New Delhi.**

An International Philatelic Exhibition will be staged at the time of the U.P.U. Congress to be held in March 1963. A special set of stamps is foreshadowed.

Melbourne.

The Philatelic Societies of Victoria, Australia propose holding an International from October 7-12, 1963. Considerations of world-wide participation and limited suitable space will necessitate the exhibition being restricted to stamps (as stamps) and Postal History. Other classes of philatelic collections will not be included in the classification of exhibits; this decision has only been reached with reluctance, but circumstances have forced it on the organisers.

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CANADA

A new profile portrait of the Queen will be seen shortly on a 5c stamp. It has been made by a Canadian (Austrian born) artist who was given two sittings in London by Her Majesty for the preparation of the design.

O.R.C. NUMERAL POSTMARKS

1. **Cape Type**—Vertical 9-bar oval with boxed 5 mm. high numerals. A list of these was given in our March issue p. 43. The numbers range from 3 to 129.

Only one, No. 126, has been located for place of usage, viz. Bloemfontein. Mr. G. D. B. Williams has produced a No. 125 cancelling on a 2½d. Edwardian stamp on a piece of newspaper wrapper inscribed "The Farmers Weekly". As this was published in Bloemfontein, that seems to locate it also as used there.

2. Cape Type of mark also, but with 4-figure numerals. These all occur on ½d. stamps bearing K.E. VII head, with one also known on a V.R.I./½d.

The numbers recorded are:— 1184, 1193, 1197, 1213, 1217, 1275, 1278, 1302, 1303, 1311, 1316, 1382, 1392, 1395, 1396, 1398.

Five of these (1197, 1213, 1278, 1392, and 1396), are recorded on newspaper wrappers, locating them as used in Bloemfontein. It is tempting to suggest all the series were used for newspaper cancelling, but it can only be put forward as a suggestion.

U.N.O.

A memorial stamp honouring those who have died in the service of the world Organisation will be issued on 17 September, the 14th anniversary of the assassination of Count Bernadotte, U.N. Mediator in Palestine.

ISRAEL

Three stamps (0.08, 0.28 and 0.43) are being issued for the Jewish New Year 5723. The themes are taken from the book of "Isaiah"—"the wolf shall dwell with the lamb", etc.

UGANDA

For the first time since 1902 Uganda is having stamps all of its own. On 28 July there were due for issue 4 stamps (30c, 50c Sh. 1/30 and Sh. 2/50). All four are of the same design and are commemorating the discovery by Speke of the source of the Nile where it emerged from Lake Victoria via the Ripon Falls. The stamps feature the falls as they were before the building of the Owen Dam which has submerged the Falls as they used to be.

MALAYA

Three triangular stamps, 10, 20 and 50 sen values, were due to be issued on 21 July, the beginning of the National Language Month. The Malaya language, which dates back at least to the 6th century, is the lingua franca of this multiracial country and it is hoped to make it the only official language by 1967. The stamps feature the leaves of a Palmyra palm; these were used to write on before paper was introduced.

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SOCIETY NEWS

WESTERN RAND P.S.

June Meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Vermaak presided. The exhibit for the evening was provided by Mr. H. F. Henderson and consisted of Canada, starting from S.G. 141 (The Maple leaves) to date. There were several items of interest, the wet and dry papers, re-entries and re-engravings. Mr. O. Kylander in proposing a vote of thanks, commented on the length of time spent viewing the exhibit, he did not know whether it was due to the quality or the fact that Mr. Henderson had not exhibited for a very long time, and that this was probably his last exhibit as he is retiring and will be caravanning around the country. —J.K.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

12 June. The 1962/63 Committee was elected and is as follows: Chairman: Mr. A. Waddington; Vice-Chairman: Mr. O. J. Botha; Secretary-Treasurer: Mr. R. F. Newdigate; Committee Members: Mr. R. Heaven, Mr. R. Savage. Delegates to Kimberley Mine Institute Meetings; Messrs. R. Heaven and O. J. Botha; Hon. Exchange Supt., Mr. R. Savage.

The business over, we had an evening of South African Commemoratives. The quiz on these stamps was narrowly won by Mr. R. Savage. We were then shown a comprehensive collection of the S.A. commemoratives. Members were able to see the mistakes they had made in the quiz.

The display was put on by Mr., a medical specialist, who doesn't want his name printed, as the Medical Council might object.

10 July. A quiz on the commemorative stamps of the Rhodesias was held. This was won by Mr. A. Waddington, with Mr. R. Savage runner up.

The display "Stamps of Artistic Value" by Mr. George Zouves, consisted of attractive sets from Japan, China, the Netherlands, Yugoslavia, Sweden and other countries. In a short talk Mr. Zouves explained how he gets his stamps direct from the post offices in the countries concerned. —R.F.N.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

June Meeting. This was highly successful and there was an excellent attendance for a change. Besides an interesting little display by Mr. Miller, entitled "Middle East Chaos," in which he depicted, through stamps, the various changes that are and were taking place in that area over the past several years, Mr. David Wacks entertained us to a film evening. He showed three films entitled,

- (1) "Altitude 40,000," showing the training of a flight squadron;
- (2) "The Four Seas";
- (3) "Immigration in Israel To-day."

The Society has become an Affiliated Chapter of the Society of Israel Philatelists of America.

COPPERBELT P.S.

The **June meeting** was well supported by members, local visitors and members of the Ndola Stamp Society. A very interesting film on the photogravure process of stamp production was shown, plus a fine travel film on the British Isles. To add to the interest of the evening Mr. J. Jupp, who had brought along his projector and sound equipment, also showed a film of outstanding war pictures and a game preservation film taken in the Republic of South Africa—not exactly the usual fare for a stamp meeting, but very much appreciated.

A collection of over 100 sheets of well written up Swiss stamps was displayed by Mrs. Vera, who was congratulated by Mr. S. Kelly, our Chairman, on having what he considered one of the finest Swiss collections in the Territory.

Special meetings are now held on the first Wednesday of each month for the purpose of exchange only, while the normal meetings are still held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

GERMISTON P.S.

July. There was a good attendance at this meeting to welcome our visitors from the Pretoria Railway Philatelic Society. This was the first occasion on which these philatelists had visited Germiston and arrangements will be made for a return visit later in the year.

The following displays were tabled by our guests: Mr. R. Castignani, "The Madonna;" Mr. Christie, "Stamp Centenaries;" Miss G. Taylor, "Vatican City;" Mr. Eric Walker, "Hyphenated Rotogravure Pictorials of S.A."

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

June Meeting. An attendance of 32 members and friends. New issues and acquisitions were shown by eight members—this feature continues to be very popular. This was Members' Night and 10 pages each were shown by 15 members:—

Dr. Bok: Various Hungarian issues of Birds, Horses, Fishes, Sports, Butterflies, etc.

Dr. Freund: South African specialities not often viewed, including Harrison and Booyesen essays, 1910 King's Head £1; 9d. Airmail with one side imperf and many other interesting items.

Mr. Greathead: Union items of interest, including Officials, King's Heads Mint and Used; 6d. Cleft Face Jubilees; and 6d. phantom ladder, etc.

Dr. Nolte: Miniature sheets of the 1949

Voortrekker issue, all cancelled with one half on first day of issue, and the other half on last day of issue.

Mr. G. Van Rooyen: S.W.A. Feld Poskaarte complete, also Dienseeëls and various postmarks of offices no longer in existence.

Mr. H. Roux: Bechuanaland from K.G. VI to date, including the complete decimal overprints. The highlight of this exhibit was the Bechuanaland R1 Type I.

Mr. A. H. Scott: F.D.C.'s of all the Netherlands issues over the past 10 years.

Mr. N. Mountfort: Some of the Japanese stamps sets issued from 1958 to 1961.

Mr. A. L. Meyburgh: 10 pages of "Pretties"—a fine assortment of attractive issues covering all sorts of themes.

Mr. J. W. Hodgson: 10 pages from a collection of "Great Britain on Stamps" which covers all manner of places and things British that have appeared on stamps.

Mr. C. van Ee: Zoos, Flora and Fauna—in Philately. Complete with only two Zoos missing, i.e. those of Budapest and the Belgian Congo.

Dr. van Zyl-Smit: F.D.C.'s of the Republican issue—a most attractive display with each stamp on a specially hand-drawn cover in black and white, but coloured in, to match the stamp on the cover.

Mr. Marus: A complete collection of Somali stamps, covering the period 1950 to date.

Mr. J. Herbst: A very fine selection of stamps covering the Nazi regime in Germany.

Mr. J. B. Levy: Queen Victoria issues of Canada with the rare imperf. Beavers and the numerous shades of various issues.

General business, an auction and refreshments rounded off an interesting and instructive evening.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

19 June. A normal attendance of members listened first to business matters and latest developments regarding Congress and Exhibition and then proceeded with the customary auction. The time after teabreak was filled in a most competent and interesting manner by Mr. T. J. Strachan who delivered a fine address on the Channel Islands. Having lived there himself he was able to cover the history, geography, economics and the daily life of this fascinating group of small islands and link same to the stamps current there during an abnormal time. He enlarged on the reason for their appearance during the last war, their production and printing and described the stamps in detail. All could be examined later on the display tables plus fascinating covers and fiscals.

3 July: At the request of a number of members and the consent of the Committee Mr. G. Bülbring continued with his recent display of the stamps of Norway by describing his and Mrs. Bülbring's trip to Norway during the summer of 1960. In his talk he took the audience over the same route as

they had followed, starting at Trondheim where a mail steamer was boarded, which travelled up the beautiful coastline of this northern Country to such places as the Lofoten Islands, Tromsø, Hammerfest, North Cape, Kirkeness and back again to Molde and Alesund, Bergen and thence by train to Oslo. Throughout Picture Postcards were passed around, which illustrated many of the interesting sights. This means of enlivening the talk was chosen as only a few of Norway's stamps depict the country's beauty or famed buildings etc. The somewhat unconventional evening seemed to have been a success as it was noticed that no-one looked at his or her watch before the end talk was reached.

It was followed by a highly successful auction of stamps. Philately had to have the last say!

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

June Meetings. A small party of members headed by the Chairman paid an official visit to the Germiston Society, taking along four collections for exhibition. An interesting and enjoyable meeting.

At the ordinary monthly meeting the entertainment was provided by Mr. Dave Slater-Kinghorn. Unfortunately this was in the form of a farewell as this most valuable member is leaving Pretoria for Pietermaritzburg. The fare provided was excellent and was divided into three different subjects. The first subject was South African Airmails and although not complete per Mr. Slater-Kinghorn, had some very interesting items. Of particular interest were two covers which were salvaged from destroyed aircraft, the first by fire and the second by sea water. A very interesting and I should imagine expensive item was a cover of the first airmail letter from Kenilworth to Muizenberg.

The second subject exhibited was South African Aerogrammes which was extremely well presented and written up and which contained a variety of errors and different printings.

For members not particularly interested in South African philately, the third and last exhibit was of Great Britain's famous "Id. blacks." This exhibit was most specialised and contained a variety of printings, postmarks and items on cover. For providing these three interesting exhibits we would like to thank Mr. Slater-Kinghorn and to wish him every success in his new domicile.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

4 July. A poor attendance but those members and visitors who did come, saw Mr. Boon's collection of East Germany and Mr. Creewel's Somaliland. But the real magnum was a paper on the Id. "Universal" of New Zealand sent up to us by Mr. Talbot of Gatooma. This paper showed what a terrific amount of work he has put into it and is one of the most specialised works ever read

to the Society. We owe him a special vote of thanks for the interest shown in sending his exhibit.

The Midlands Stamp Club is holding its Annual Stamp Exhibition, admission free, at the showrooms of Car Mart Ltd., at the corner of Lobengula Ave. and Second St., Gwelo, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sat. 4th Aug., and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday 5th August.

P.S. OF NATAL

On the **4th July, 1962**, we met, as always, at the "Geo. Cato Room" of the Durban City Hall, with a membership present of 42 plus friends. Ray Walsh auctioned good lots of material, with a sale of R14.13. Mr. H. Clark exhibited a thematic collection of animals, which was, doubtless, very much appreciated. Our President, Mr. G. J. Kriste, came with a "Modern France" exhibition which was looked at with interest.

On the **18th July** the second meeting of the month took place and we could count not less than 41 members and friends present. Distinguished visitors included Mr. Silverstone, of Benoni. As Mr. Walsh deserted us this evening, Mr. Stafford took the hammer for the first time in his life and did it quite nicely. He sold stamps worth R16.45 and got a well deserved applause.

JOHANNESBURG P.S.

July Meetings. At the first meeting there were two exhibits shown, both of them of material very decidedly off the beaten track.

The first was Dr. Alec Kaplan's "Local stamps of Israel," which was an excellently arranged selection of the locals issued by the various Israeli towns when besieged during the 1948 War of Independence. Many of the rare rubber stamps overprints were shown in addition to large numbers of sheets in perfect mint condition.

The second was by Dr. Harvey Pirie of the so-called British Consular Mail in Madagascar. It was operated by a Vice-Consul, but as a private individual, not in his official capacity. The large stickers employed were of amounts sufficient to cover carriage by runner to the port and, if need be, onward transmission by ship. They were stuck on covers by one corner only, were removed by an agent at the post, then returned to the Vice-Consul as proof of the amount laid out for foreign stamps (usually those of Natal).

The second meeting was of the South West Africa collection by Mr. Lou Abrams. This was largely concerned with the German to early South African occupied period, and showed once again what fascinating material is available in South West collecting. The main points of historical interest were: under British occupation in 1876, taken over by Germany in 1884, and South Africa in 1916. The first stamps were Ger-

many's own overprinted, with the word Sud-West hyphenated. The second issue in 1898 had the word without the hyphen. South West stamps appeared in 1900. By far the rarest of the items shown was the 50 pfennig of the first issue on cover, of which only 50 covers are known.

PRETORIA P.S.

A very successful evening was held on the **2nd July**, the fare for this evening's entertainment was 20 selected pages from members attending this evening. All members did not bring along their quota; it is just as well, otherwise time would not have been enough. Those members who did bring something (and there were many) gave a very fine display. There was something for every taste in philately. Such as Classics for the connoisseur, Postal History, Stamps from various countries, Postal Stationery, etc. Some of our younger members also came to the fore with their collections, and some excellent material was shown. This was indeed a show for everybody, where it could be seen and learnt what could be done with stamps in their various forms.

Mr. John Kriste has taken the office of Secretary in place of Mr. Castignani, who has moved away to Kroonstad. —D.J.C.R.

MAFEKING & BECHUANALAND P.S.

The **July meeting** was held at Lobatsi and on this occasion the public were invited to view the splendid collection of the Postal Museum including the original drawings and the proofs of the 1961 Definitive issue, and Dr. J. F. Fick exhibited a selection of Maps on Stamps which attracted very keen interest from the visitors. Two past chairmen are moving to the U.K. and Natal but are retaining membership in the Society for which they have done so much.

EAST RAND P.S.

June Meeting. A very good attendance by members and a number of visitors. Fine displays by Mr. F. Kellner—Austria, Mr. C. Waner—Olympic Games of various countries and Mr. L. Feinstein—continuation of Pre-Union Issues.

July Meeting. It was agreed to support the "S.A. Philatelist" as the Federation's magazine by subscribing for 10 copies per month and four members subscribed independently. Hope was expressed that this lead would be followed in other Societies.

Two applications for membership were received. There were three exhibits shown: (a) Mint and Used S.A. Republic, also control numbers, by G. J. J. Ferreira; (b) Malay States, by A. MacArthur; and (c) an outstanding display of Sport on Stamps of various countries by G. Waner.

MASHONALAND P.S.

13 June. This meeting was a very well-attended Special Auction Meeting and proved most rewarding in all respects.

A wealth of material was on offer—the total catalogue value of the lots exceeded £200 and sales topped £40 for the first time on record. There was the usual reluctance to bid for high priced stamps although it was here that the biggest bargains were to be made. Our auctioneer, the ever cheerful Mr. Brooke, coped magnificently and sold the last lot in a somewhat depleted gathering at about 11.15 p.m. Buyers totalled 24.

11 July. Mr. S. J. Hagger displayed a very fine collection of Union of South Africa stamps from the first air mails to the start of the pictorial issues. It is quite apparent, after having seen some of the faults which Mr. Hagger displayed, that the Government Printer, Pretoria, has come a very long way since these stamps were printed. We are most grateful to Mr. Hagger for showing us his fine display and we understand that he will be back with us in July next year with another portion of his collection.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

July 23. There was a good turn-out to see a guest exhibit from Pretoria (now Kroonstad), of Mr. R. N. Castignani. This was a fine thematic exhibit "Madonna on Stamps." It was well set out with relevant matter which, although not philatelic, showed the origin of the designs of many of the stamps. The collection was well written up and showed a great deal of original research. It was in addition all but complete in the stamps and miniature sheets. Although a bitter cold and rainy evening the members were well rewarded for coming along. It is a pity that more outside members do not follow Mr. Castignani's example and give collectors something new to see.

—M.F.S.

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

July 12. This was again one of those popular composite evenings which are proving so successful. This time it was "Britain." Mr. J. Franklin showed a full plating of the British Penny Black and also a certified copy of the Prussian blue Silver Jubilee stamp, in addition to various specimen stamps. Mr. Ian Hall exhibited various fine booklets, cleverly shown and set out extremely clearly. Mr. C. G. Mummery followed with an excellent showing of British postmarks and slogan cancellations. These went back to 1907 (Christmas cancellation) and covered all facets. Mr. A. G. Versino showed from pre-stamp covers right up to the King George VI period and Mulready cover. As usual well set out and representative of his collection. In addition he showed some sheets of the 1881 1d. lilac of which he has made a full research. Mrs. V. R.

Coe added the colour of the evening by a fine lot of the commemoratives and covers. Mr. Berneaud showed many items of interest including a cover from the Crimea during the war there. Then came Mr. D. Roth with his Penny Blacks with May dates, original die of that stamp, and royal reprints. Mr. R. F. Putzell added a sheet showing the rare "Army Official" 6d. King Edward with the narrow M. A veritable wonderful evening with the boards twice filled. All the exhibits were of a very high standard, and the talks more than instructive.

July 26. Yet another magnificent composite evening this being "Boer War." Again the boards were filled twice during the evening and members lingered over the fare provided. Firstly Mr. N. C. Combrink showed the second part of his Boer War collection, this time (a) Boer occupation covers and stamps, (b) Siege stamp issues (Kuruman, Mafeking, Ladysmith, Rustenburg, Schweizer Reneke), (c) Boer War retreat issues, (d) Pietersburg stamps (on which he gave a full talk) (e) P.O.W. covers including those of Bermuda and finally (f) Censor marks. All this beautifully presented so that it proved more than interesting. Mr. W. Bergman gave members something "different" in that he showed bank notes, (a) S.A. Republic (wartime issues) and field notes, (b) British emergency notes at Mafeking siege and (c) Rhodesian stamp money cards. This fine collection which is virtually complete was fully explained in a very informative dissertation. Mrs. M. Bergman (his wife) followed with a small but interesting exhibit of Boer War covers. Mr. C. G. Mummery showed several sheets of Mafeking from his Boy Scout collection. Finally—last but not least—Mr. D. Roth showed what was left of Dr. Freund's magnificent collection of the Mafeking stamps. This consisted of all material illustrating the Mafeking siege, such as photographs, letters, newspapers, etc. and the forgeries, which were more than informative being well written up and forming in Cape Town a wonderful reference for checking the genuine stamps. Personally this history section proved more than of interest. It says much for a Society if it can stage an evening such as was given. It is impossible in this short space to give full credit for the many rare items which were shown.—M.F.S.

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THE 2½c AND 12½c BRITISH SETTLERS MONUMENT COMMEMORATION STAMPS

Two postage stamps, of 2½c and 12½c denominations were placed on sale for about two months at all Post Offices in the Republic on the 20th August, 1962, to commemorate the unveiling of the precinct stone of the British Settlers Monument at Grahamstown.

General Characteristics.

The stamps possess the following general characteristics in that they portray the ship "Chapman" which arrived in Algoa Bay on the 10th April, 1820, bringing the first large group of settlers from Britain. The national emblems of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland—the rose, the thistle, the leek and the shamrock—are incorporated in their design, and appear in the four corners of the stamps. The inscription "1820 British Settlers' Monument," and the figures of value stand out in white relief upon the coloured background.

Bilingually printed on arms watermarked paper, the language setting being reversed in the two values, the stamps are of horizontal format and measure 24.2 mm. vertically and 40.5 mm. horizontally. The sheet format is vertical and comprises 20 rows x 5 (100) stamps. The top and bottom margins are perforated through, and carry single line broken bars, with a central inverted "V" gap, in the same colour as the frame. Screened, solid type arrows are placed centrally on the left and right hand imperfo-

rate margins which also carry a printer's "guide line" in the form of two superimposed crosses in the two contributing colours—apparently a new innovation. The perforation was made by an eleven row perforator of the "small hole" type.

The printings contain a large number of small "flyspot" flaws. The more apparent ones are noted, and also some of the lesser marks which occur in the neighbourhood of the first, middle and the last two rows of the sheet, in accordance with the requirements of collectors who assemble miniature sheets.



The Individual Printings.

In determining the characteristics pertaining to the individual printings, the sheet of stamps, when inspected has been positioned with the image on the stamp in an upright position, and the deductions noted in accordance with the system universally employed.

The 2½c Denomination.

Two cylinders, No. S9 Interior, and S5 exterior, were used to prepare the 2½c denomination in a pleasing colour combination of marine green and rose madder respectively. These numbers are recorded in

their particular colours on the sheet's bottom margin, below stamp 5 of row 20, and four figure red sheet numbers appear twice on the sheet's right margin, opposite stamp 5 of rows 3 and 4 and also 14 and 15. This margin contains one of the printer's two screened "guide lines," opposite stamp 5 of row 9, the other being positioned on the left margin, opposite stamp 1 of row 11. Fine cross-line screening appears to have been used for the stamps, but on the heavily inked areas, the effect appears to be mosaic.

A small partially printed area, exhibiting the screen effect, appears at the bottom of the sheet's right margin, adjoining stamp 5 of row 20. This is probably the result of insufficient masking-out of the margin with the acid resist, and consequently etching of the cylinder took place there, resulting thus in the production of a patch of undesired colour in what should have been a colourless margin.

The following is a list of some of the varieties:

Row:—

- 1-3. Small brown smudge left of large "2" of 2½c.
- 1-5. Small brown dot above "2" of 1820.
- 2-1. Small brown dot, top right of "0" of 1820.
- 2-4. Brown dot below foot of large "2" of 2½c.
- 10-3. Small brown dot on top margin of stamp.
- 10-4. Brown dot in the leek panel.
- 11-5. Brown dot in "1" of 1820.
- 19-2. Green dot at foot of large "2" of 2½c.
- 20-2. Small brown dot below "r" of Afrika.
This characteristic appears on more stamps.
- 20-5. Pronounced brown dot in cloud below "A" of Afrika.

The 12½c Denomination.

Again, two cylinders, Nos. 102A Interior and 58 Exterior, were used to prepare the 12½c denomination in a somewhat drab colour combination of cerulean blue and umber brown respectively. The letter "A" suffixed to the interior cylinder number may indicate that the printing may have been a double die one, but no "102B" numbered sheets have been viewed thus far among those inspected. Further, as it is unlikely that a double die printing would have been made of a denomination in a restricted demand, it may be concluded that the printing was a single die one, and thus proceed to deal with it as such, hoping at some future

date that this assumption will be confirmed and the significance of the "A" determined.

The cylinder numbers are recorded in their respective colours on the sheet's bottom margin, below stamp 5 of row 20, and five figure black sheet serial numbers appear twice on the right margin, opposite stamp 5 of rows 4 and 5 and 15 and 16. Printer's screened guide lines are positioned on the left and right margins in a similar manner to that of its companion printing.

Coarse cross-line screening appears to have been used for the frame, and a finer mesh for the centre portion of the stamps, the effect in heavily inked areas again being mosaic.

The following lists some of the varieties:

Row:—

- 1-1. Brown smudge mark on edge of aft sail.
- 1-2. Brown dots below second "a" of Afrika.
- 1-5. Brown dot between ship and sham-rock panel.
- 2-2. Brown dot below and between "id" of Suid.
- 2-5. Brown dot in "i" of Afrika.
- 10-1. Small blue dot in cloud below "d" of Suid.
- 10-4. Small blue dot in left leg of "a" of Afrika.
- 11-1. Brown dot in cloud below second "a" of Afrika.
- 11-3 and 4. Blue dot in margin between these stamps.
- 14-1. Brown and blue dots in cloud below "u" of Suid.
- 19-1. Brown dot on rear edge of forward sail.
- 20-5. Blue dot below "n" of Monument.

Note.—We have been requested to inform readers that, when describing a new issue, no attempt is ever made to list all the varieties. This we clearly state, but those who wish to enlarge upon the text are at liberty to do so. If they do so in a similar voluntary manner and in a friendly spirit of co-operation towards colleagues and our hobby they will be given further assistance to their fellow collectors.

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Recent Re-printings of the Republic Series.

(1) The 50c value has appeared on un-watermarked paper and with five-figure black sheet serial numbers, opposite Rows 1 and 2 and also Rows 12 and 13.

(2) The base of the prongs of the bottom arrow of the 20c denomination is not as uniform and distinct as normally. This condition may be the result of a wearing cylinder or damaged pressure roller, and should be "watched."

Stamp Vending Machines.

The Johannesburg "Star" reports that no date has been fixed for the re-introduction of stamp-vending machines which would dispense 1c and ½c stamps and be operated by 1c coins. The reason the Postmaster-General has given for this to the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce is that the public still hold large numbers of pennies.

Continuing, he says the Chamber's suggestion that there should be machines to dispense stamps of higher value or 5c booklets, would involve too much capital expenditure. There is a machine for selling booklets in Cape Town but the booklets are no longer being made.

No decision has yet been taken, as to when the sterling-currency stamps will be demonetised for postal purposes.

7½c Interrupted Printing Characteristic.

We have been privileged to view a photostat copy of a portion-sheet of the 7½c Republic stamps, showing an interrupted printing condition extending over several rows, the lettering and the grain elevator being progressively absent.

The owner is to be congratulated upon possessing a very fine item.

New Watermarked Stamp Printing Paper.

Many reports have been doing the rounds, particularly overseas, concerning the preparation of a new watermarked stamp printing paper for the Republic. These appear to have arisen out of the fact that our Tender Board enquired from eleven overseas paper manufacturing concerns whether they were in a position to cater for the Republic's requirements in this respect, and if so, to indicate, among other items, a suggested type of watermark.

Two firms replied, neither of which was Austrian. Supposedly one of these suggested the "RSA" watermark from which source the rumour originated and spread through European countries, but strangely it was not from Austria nor was the watermark to appear on Austrian paper.

The Tender Board's request, in order to obtain information, is an ordinary routine

procedure, and does not imply that a definite order will be, or has been placed. Further, a watermark has to be registered, and as yet, we are informed, no new design for the Republic has been scheduled.

S.W.A. News.

Mr. H. C. Nockler, of Windhoek, reports that a reprinting of the ½c denomination has been made on unwatermarked paper, and the shade of the stamps is slightly different.

He also draws attention to the use of a tri-lingual slogan canceller, the arrangement of the English, Afrikaans, and German inscriptions being aligned as:

PROTECT YOUR GAME
BESKERM U WILD
SCHUETZT EUER WILD.

An Enquiry.

Mr. J. E. Hodkinson, of Derby, England, has submitted for our inspection two 2½d. stamps of the Union's First Commemorative Issue. U.H.B. No. 1, bearing an identical blue line running diagonally across the stamp through the image. He enquires if any reader is able to sheet-position these stamps or to suggest the cause of these flaws.

Any information on this interesting aspect will be gladly received and forwarded.

**AUCTION PRICE REALIZATIONS—
MARCH, 1962**

F. W. Kessler—New York.

U.H.B.	Cat.	Realized
MAL 1 (Mint)	R20.00	R33.80*
(VF used)	2.00	22.80*
MAL 1 V1 (Mint)	20.00	33.80*
MAL 2 (VF used)	2.00	31.40*
MAL 3 (Mint, slight tears)	5.00	8.50*
MAL 5 (Mint)	4.00	4.30
MAL 6 (Mint)	4.00	3.50
MAL 7 (Mint)	4.00	4.00
MAL 8 (Mint)	4.00	4.00
MAL 15 (used)	5.00	6.00
MAL 16 (Mint)	15.00	22.00*
(Korea).		
MAL 17 (Mint)	20.00	18.50
MAL 17(US pmk)	20.00	30.00*
MAL 18 (Mint)	5.00	6.70
8 var. sold average.		
19		
MAL 18 (US pmk)	5.00	27.50*
19		

*average 2 sold.

BASUTOLAND

Mr. G. N. Gilbert writes:—

“With reference to Mr. Edward M. Berry’s remarks in your August issue on the Basutoland aerogrammes and the fact that I had said there were no varieties in the overprinted stationery—may I point out that the list I gave was purely a record of errors and varieties so far as I knew—it had nothing really to do with different TYPES of overprint.

As regards the aerogrammes, Messrs Godfrey, Weinstein and I have agreed that there are three types of overprint, and in these different types you find also slight differences in the o/p, but not enough to record as errors.

I had not heard about the double o/p on the registered envelope or naturally that would have been recorded.”

Characteristics of the three Type varieties may be described briefly as follows:—

Surchage	Type One	Type Two	Type Three
“5” and “c”	Close	Spaced	Close
Bar of “5”	Thick horizontal.	Thin Upward slant.	Thick Tapering.
Lower lip of “c” usually	Protrudes	Recedes	Protrudes
Gateway paper	E. M. O. and No		
WATERMARKED	wmk.	M. and No wmk.	M.

Of these varieties, Type Two for some reason seems to be the scarcest.

Notes:

(a) First Day of Issue cancellations (February 14th 1961) have only been recorded on Type One, on paper watermarked “M” and with no trace of watermark.

(b) The existance of the Provisional aerogrammes with watermarks entirely missing was first mentioned in “Air Mail Notes” (April 1961—page 63).

Mr. Gilbert also send us the following records:—

The 1c overprinted stamps have been seen with a slight double impression due to flap.

The one in my possession has a nearly complete impression of the 1 and the c on one stamp, and slight touches here and there on a few others.

The 5c imprinted stamp is at last on sale in Basutoland and the 10c is expected at any time soon.

He also sends a note received by him from Mr. I. H. C. Godfrey which he thinks should be published. Here it is:—

Mr. Edward M. Berry, of St Annes, Lancs., England, comments in the August issue (page 139) on Mr. G. N. Gilbert’s article which appeared in June (page 89). He, however, seems to have misread that section dealing with the overprinted Basutoland stationery, for Mr. Gilbert clearly states: “In the aerogrammes there are differences of type of the overprint used.”

Mr. Gilbert and the writer spent some time trying to classify the type varieties on the surcharged Basutoland aerogrammes and came to the conclusion that THREE different formes were used in Pretoria, as against the two mentioned by Mr. Berry. This fact was recorded in “Air Mail Notes” (July 1961, p. 120) viz: “AEROGRAMMES—BASUTOLAND (3 Types known)—Total printing 13,750”.

A few more 25c Type III overprinted on the 1A 1 control sheets have been located, but there are not many apparently to be found.

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The following prices realised at Harmer’s sale of 16—17 July for two earlier Basutoland items may be of interest:

- (1.) Official 1934 2d. S.G. 03 used on piece Cat. £40 fetched £19.
- (2.) Postage Due 1933—52. 1d. in pane of 60 and 2d. in block of 4, both showing St. Edwards Cross error (S.G. D1d and D2c). Cat. as singles £35 went for £12-10-0.

SWEDEN

From September 1 two new types of booklets for slot machines will be on sale at the P.O. Section for Philately (P.F.A.), Stockholm 1. There are two varieties of one type and four of the other.

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POST OFFICES OF THE CAPE COLONY AND THE ORIGIN OF PLACE NAMES

By **REX REYNOLDS**

Almost every collector of postage stamps finds that as soon as he progresses towards, and passes, the stage of a general collector and he decides to specialise in a certain group of countries, or a single country, the historical aspect of his collection becomes one of great importance and is almost essential.

He is no longer concerned simply with postage stamps as such, and he now busies himself with proofs, specimens, postal history and covers, and the postmarks and town date stamps assume a new importance; his interests also turn to History and he becomes more inquisitive and wants to know more about "his Country," and the names of the different towns, their origin, when founded and by whom; when Post Offices were first established and so on.

In this field the Place Names of the Cape Colony provide a fascinating, and most absorbing study of the names which have outlived the people who originally bestowed them. In this connection the building of roads is very closely correlated with the founding of new settlements, villages, towns and farms in an undeveloped and wild country. And as this picture unfolds itself so also do we find that names have to be found for all of these new places, and invariably postal facilities of some sort are started because the most innate desire in mankind is not to lose contact with his fellow creatures, and when the verbal contact is lost he resorts to the written word. It may of course be assumed that the Colonists on, or beyond, the fringes of settlement were quite often practically illiterate and unlettered, but then there were always some who could perform the miracle of contact.

Although road building during the early days of settlement in the Cape Colony was non-existent there were those early travellers who set forth into the wilderness, and following the natural watercourses and negotiating the geographical barriers blazed the trail for later expansion, development and progress. The names of some of the early travellers and explorers such as Van der Stel, Starrenburg, Beutler, Thunberg, Swellengrebel, Colonel Gordon, etc., etc. should always be remembered, and honoured.

It was naturally not easy to finance road building on a vast scale as "The South African Directory for the Year 1831" points out: "The Improvement and Formation of Roads in the Colony has always been a favourite measure of the present Government, and it would appear that the want of money (presumably this is still true today) is the Chief Obstacle to extending this important object to its utmost limits throughout the Settlement" But so eager, however, were some inhabitants of remote parts of the Colony that, as the Directory for the same year 1831 puts it "The inhabitants of the Cold Bokkenveld have similarly come forward declaring their readiness to contribute towards the making of a Wagon Road through the Schurftberg-berg Pass, and over the Witzenberg which, if done, would render a journey from the Cape to Beaufort all plain sailing, and not only the latter place, but to the Onder Bokkenveld, all the Roggeveld and a great extent of the Country at present as much a dead letter as if they formed no part of the Colony" etc., etc.

On page 58 of his book Jurgens lists the names of 94 Post Offices and Postal Agencies which had been established by 1853, and on page 59 he mentions that five years later, in 1858, there were some 160 Post Offices and Agencies in the Cape Colony.

I have come across two most interesting books, viz.: "The Post Office Guide" published in 1886, and "The Cape Post Office Directory 1886-7" which list some 633 Post Offices and Postal Agencies in the Colony at that time. Not only is the name of the Post Office or Agency indicated, but also the Division where the Office was situated, the class of Office, the nearest money order Office as well as the particular office via which letters had to be directed.

The explanation of the Class of Offices is as follows:—

M.O.O.: Money Order Office.

S.O.: Sub-Post Office.

P.O.A.: Post Office Agency.

The following are a few offices selected at random: (See top of next page).

Readers of the "S.A. Philatelist" will readily appreciate that it is quite beyond the scope of this magazine to list all of the 633 Offices, but for the information of those readers who are especially interested it is noted that the Editor of the S.A. Philatelist, Dr. Harvey Pirie, has a complete list of these Offices as per the above "sample," as also the writer; anyone who should require

Name of Office.	Division	Class of Office	Letters to be addressed via	Nearest Money Order Office
Afdak	Uitenhage	P.O.A.	Uitenhage	Uitenhage
Andries Kraal	Humansdorp	P.O.A.	Humansdorp	Hankey
Halfmanshof	Tulbagh	S.O.	Piquetberg Rd.	Piquetberg

details are invited to write to either Dr. Pirie or the writer who would gladly furnish any information which might be sought.

A most interesting publication "South African Place Names by Magisterial Areas" may be purchased from Stability Typing and Copying Co., (Pty.) Limited, Johannesburg and it lists nearly 7,000 Place Names throughout the Union and South West Africa.

It would naturally be of the greatest interest to know exactly when the various offices were established, and for what period they were in existence, but there are probably, and most unfortunately, no complete records today to tell the story. The "Government Gazettes" are however a fruitful source of information in this respect, e.g. in the "Gazette" of the 14th March, 1874, G. W. Aitchison, the Postmaster-General, was able to announce that his Excellency the Governor was pleased to approve of the establishment of a Post Office Agency at Kinkelbosch, Division of Alexandria and that Mr. James Mason had been appointed the Postal Agent.

Whether the establishment of every single office was gazetted is not known, and it is also not known whether a notice was placed in the "Gazette" to the effect that such and such an Office would cease to function from a particular date. Many of the small Postal Agencies were sometimes in existence only for very short periods and had by 1886-87 long ceased to exist, or had not yet been established.

It is for this reason that so many postmarks, or place-date stamps are of the greatest rarity on cover, or have as yet not been recorded; it is also very likely that many of the Numeral BAR Defacer numbers which have been recorded only on stamps off cover as "used in the Cape" might some day be allocated to these small Postal Agencies which had been established on remote and far away farms, if and when they turn up on cover, or piece, with the office date stamp to prove their identity.

For reasons of space it is of course impossible to deal with the origin of all, or even most, of the Place Names of the Cape Colony, but a certain number of interesting

names have been selected for details in regard to their origin.

The study of Place Names in old Countries so often involves a tremendous amount of research due to the fact that during the course of centuries Names have passed through so many vicissitudes that their origin is wrapped in obscurity; the task however as far as the Cape Colony is concerned is not such a monumental one if we remember that in 1806, at the time of the second British Occupation, there were but six towns or villages—just over 150 years ago.

Two main factors which have influenced Place Names in the Cape Colony were naturally the occupations, first by the Dutch, and later by Britain, but these factors can, however, be broken up into component parts, because at different periods Historical episodes took place which in their turn had some effect upon the naming of places, e.g. the Huguenots, the arrival of the British Settlers and the German Legion which arrived after the Crimean War. Other factors which have contributed in no small measure are the physical features of the Country and Bushman, Hottentot and Bantu names; the fauna and flora of the country, not forgetting the early travellers and explorers, have all provided their share in naming towns and villages.

To anyone who has a knowledge of Nederlands, Afrikaans and South African History hundreds of names are self explanatory, as are the obvious origins of names commemorating Governors and important personages during both the Dutch and British periods.

The following then are some of the interesting towns and places where Post Offices or Postal Agencies were established; many of which are in existence to this day and others which have disappeared from the face of the map, or are known by different names:

Aberdeen.

This town was named in honour of the Rev. Andrew Murray, the Dutch Reformed minister of Graaff Reinett, who was born in Aberdeen, Scotland.

(To be continued).

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE WORLD'S AIRMAIL STAMPS AND POSTS

By **CAPT. M. F. STERN**

(Continued from page 152, September issue)

In 1910 there were several airmail flights. The first was in Italy, March 28-April 7 during Florence Aviation Week when a special vignette was used and also two cachets. On May 25 between Verona and Concorsi further flights were made and a special vignette and card depicting biplanes and monoplanes in flight were issued. Belgium had its first flights July 23-August 4 when covers received a double-lined cachet "Stockel Aviation-Stockel Luchvaart" with date.

On August 10, 1910, the first aeroplane mail was carried in England. This was from Blackpool to Southport with special cards. This flight was organised by the Empire Illustrated. Owing to bad flying conditions, the aeroplane (piloted by C. Grahame-White) only covered a distance of seven miles. The cards were posted after the flight in the ordinary way. In September there was a further flight between Milan and Valico del Sempione when again special cards and cachet were used. An experimental private mail flight was made on November 12, 1910 from the S/S "Pennsylvania" at sea to New York. Special envelopes with inscription "Aeroplane Mail/Hamburg-American Line at sea/via air route to United States" were issued. This was an experiment on the carrying of mail from the deck of a liner. Special arrangements were made for launching the aeroplane from the deck but an accident to the propellor of the aeroplane stopped the flight. Letters intended for the service were posted in New York and postmarked "Hudson Terminal Station" November 12, 1910 and letters delivered to the purser of the liner were carried ashore by the pilot boat and posted at Rutherford, N.J. On December 18, 1910 the first experimental flight with mails took place in South America in Uruguay between Colonia and Buenos Aires. The covers carried a two-line cachet "Por Aeroplan-Cattaneo."

In Africa there took place between February 6 and 13, 1910 the first aviation meeting held at Heliopolis in Egypt. The leading airmen of the world attended. Two records were broken namely the world speed record

at 45 m.p.h. and altitude record at 381 feet. This was under the auspices of the Aero Club of Egypt. The entrants were Latham, Rougier, Balsan, Le Blon, Gobran, Duray, Hans, Grade, Hauvette, Michelin, Metrot, Riemsdyck and a lady, Mdle. de la Roche. Special pictorial postcards showing aeroplanes over well-known landmarks of the country and bearing an imprint beneath the illustration "Grande Semaine d'Aviation d' Heliopolis-Fevrier 1910" and unofficial vignettes were produced and sold to visitors. The cards were said to have been flown over the Pyramids and Cairo. A special postmark was applied. This was circular with date and wording Heliopolis-Aerodrome. This is probably the first use of the word Aerodrome. The forerunner of air mail labels in the form of a vignette was used.

The stage was now set for official mails to be carried and governments became interested in this form of carrying mail. The year 1911 was an important one in airmails.

On February 18, 1911 the first Government Air-Mail flight in the world took place in India. This was undertaken in connection with the United Provinces Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition held at Allahabad. It was promoted by Capt. Wyndham in cooperation with the Postmaster-General of the United Provinces, the mail of approximately 6,500 letters and post-cards being conveyed by the French aviator, M. Pequet, from the exhibition grounds to Naini Junction five miles distant. A special circular postmark was used in honour of the occasion. This showed at centre a plane with wording "First Aerial Post—U.P. Exhibition Allahabad" and date in the surrounding circle.

Several unofficial mails were now carried. Germany saw its first aeroplane (unofficial) mail in May at Aviation Week in Chemnitz, a special cachet being used. For the inauguration of the Zaule Aerodrome at Trieste, July 30-August 6, special cards were carried showing in the foreground a large eagle and also various aeroplanes in flight, together with a special cachet. On July 20, 1911 the first Zeppelin flight out of Germany was made to Switzerland. Cards were dropped over Zurich and carried by the Zeppelin "Deutschland". On September 2, 1911 the first (unofficial) Danish mail was carried on the Belt flight (Middlefart-Fredrica) by aviator Rob. Svendsen. Official cards with 3 ore stamp and photo of aeroplane on reverse with signature of pilot were issued. 200 were printed.

The second Government air-mail in the world and the first in England took place September 9-16. These flights took place between London and Windsor and Windsor and London. This service was organised by Capt. Wyndham with the assistance of the Postmaster-General in celebration of the Coronation of H.M. King George V and H.M. Queen Mary. Special cards at 6½d. and envelopes at 1s. ready stamped were sold and printed in light green, olive green, red, yellow-brown, brown and violet. The violet cards are the rarest. One of the pilots was a South African aviator, E. F. Driver. Few airmails have been so specialised as this airmail.

Meanwhile an experimental flight with mails was carried out in Morocco. This was between Casablanca and Fez on September 13, 1911, and organised by "Le Petit Journal". Two types of cachet were employed. The pilot was Henri Bregi. In Germany on September 26, 1911 a balloon "Bittorfer" flew at Charlottenburg with special cards.

The first Government airmail flight took place in the U.S.A. (3rd in the world) at Garden City Estates. A circular cancellation was employed and a single line cachet "Aerial Special Despatch". This flight was performed by Earle L. Ovington who had

been commissioned by the Postmaster-General Frank Hitchcock. The flight covered a distance of approx. seven miles and a Bleriot-Queen plane used. The terminus of the flight was at the Mineola Flying Field. Other flights in the U.S.A. during 1911 were as follows: October 4-6, St. Louis Mo.; October 7, St. Louis-Chicago by a hydroplane piloted by Hugh Robinson; October 21, Rochester N.Y.; November 5-6, Fort Smith, Ark.; November 16-17, Atlanta, Ga.; November 25-28, Savannah; December 12-13, Columbus, Ga.; December 28, Albany, Ga.

The memorable year of 1911 closed with the fourth official airmail flight namely in South Africa. The African Aviation Syndicate came out and organised an "Aviation Fortnight" Exhibition at the Kenilworth Race Course, December 21 to January 3, 1912. The Minister of Posts and Telegraphs gave permission for an official mail to be carried and postcards were utilised. Mail closed on December 26, 1911. The first flight took place on December 27, 1911, the pilot being Mr. E. F. Driver in a Bleriot plane. The destination was Muizenberg and a return flight was made, mail being carried in both directions. On January 2, 1912 the second flight was made with mails. There being in all four lots of mail. This was the first airmail service in South Africa.



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"SPECIMEN" ISSUES OF K.G. VI STAMPS

By **B. GLASSMAN**

(Notes accompanying a display before the Society of Israel Philately)

Tonight on display are most of the stamps of King George VI in Specimen form. That is, every stamp is perforated through the centre in various forms with the word "Specimen."

The object of so perforating the stamps is that every issue of stamps before being issued must be sent to the Universal Postal Union in Berne, Switzerland, for eventual distribution to all member States so that each member is fully aware of what is being issued. The U.P.U. in Berne besides keeping its own reference lot distributes to all its members four stamps of each issue of every country. In order that these stamps should not fall into undesirable hands it was the practice many years ago for stamps to have the word "Specimen" either perforated or overprinted across the stamp. This method was in use at the beginning, that is about 80 years ago, but gradually as the years went by, countries abandoned this method until finally in 1948 even the British stopped this method and now only the ordinary stamps are sent, there being no differentiation between the stamps issued in an ordinary way and those sent to the U.P.U.

Each country or member is supposed to retain these issues for its records but as is usual, some officials in charge, knowing what philatelists are, have disposed of these issues for their own benefit and so we have these issues on the market, eventually finding their way into collections.

There is a school that does not recognize these stamps as collectable as they have never been sold over the counter at the post office but as these stamps are always from the first printing they are of immense value in studying purposes especially when the issues are those of the King George VI era. I therefore rather agree with the other school of thought that where these exist they are a must for the collection, just as proofs or colour trials are important.

When one considers how many countries were members of the U.P.U. even in 1948, it will be noticed that there cannot be too

many available especially as a majority of countries have retained these stamps and have not allowed them to appear on the market. The scarcity can thus be seen and when collectors will appreciate such scarcity the prices would become exorbitant.

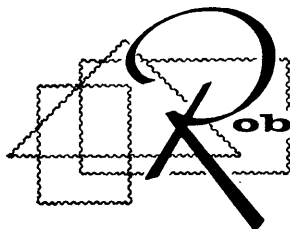
Those of you who either have collected or still collect the stamps of King George VI will appreciate the difficulties there are with the first printings and issues of some of the colonies such as Bahamas, Bermuda, Leeward Islands, Malaya, St. Kitts and Seychelles, just to name the most important ones. You will see all of them in the display as well as others that have not had such a popular appeal. The Specimen stamps definitely establish the original colour, shade and paper of the issue. Unfortunately I do not show the ordinary issues as that would make the exhibit far too cumbersome and would change the title of the display which is only the Specimen stamps.

There were four printers of the stamps of King George VI, namely De La Rue & Co., Bradbury Wilkinson & Co., Harrison & Sons and Waterlow & Sons. Each printing or perforating can be identified with the printer in the following manner. De La Rue & Co. utilized the half circle whilst Bradbury Wilkinson used a half oval. Waterlow & Sons have the word Specimen diagonally across the stamp from left to right and Harrison & Sons used the horizontal format.

The least number of stamps printed were that of Harrison & Sons, these being the ½d. issue of Dominica where the perforation is horizontal and on the ½d. of Grenada where the perforation is vertical reading from top to bottom. The only other issues printed by Harrison & Sons during this period were those of Great Britain and as yet no known "Specimens" have been seen.

Incidentally none of the Dominions, Southern Rhodesia, South West Africa and Great Britain except Australia issued Specimen stamps with the exception of the M.E.F. 2/6 which appeared with the word Specimen over stamped with what appears to be a rubber stamp. Australia has issued Specimen stamps for collectors and only the 5/-, 10/- and £1 of the 1937-38 issue were overprinted whilst the Arms issue included the £2. The rest of the set were cancelled in the corner. As these issues do

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RHODESIAN T.P.O.

By G. D. B. Williams

There are still some mysteries about this service which require clearing up, as some contradictory statements have been published about it.

The outstanding points still to be settled are:—

- (1) When the Service was started.
- (2) Over what stretch, or stretches, of railway the service operated.
- (3) When the service ceased.

My efforts to solve the mysteries have been in three directions:

(a) Consulting official records (both postal and railway) and in getting officials to search through the records and I wish to thank a number of them for their helpful co-operation. Unfortunately many of the records one hoped to find apparently no longer exist.

(b) Interviewing officials who had been in government service during the time the T.P.O.'s operated.

(c) Talking with or otherwise getting into touch with other "old-timers" who might well have had recollections of the T.P.O. service.

Now for consideration of the three main points to be cleared up.

(1) When did the service start? Two dates have been given in the past—1909 and 1912.

It can now be taken as definitely settled that the service started in 1912. The original agreement between the Railway and the Post Office is still extant and I have been given a photostat copy of it and also a scale drawing of the **two** vans to be used as T.P.O.'s. It is signed by Mr. E. R. Ross as Gen. Manager of the Beira, Mashonaland and Rhodesian Railways and by Mr. G. N. Eyre as P.M.G. for the B.S.A. Company.

The contract was signed on 27th January, 1912, and was for the service to start on 1st March, 1912, and to last until 28th February, 1917, with six months notice to be given on either side in the event of non-continuance, or of extension, of service.

(2) Stretch of Railway covered by the T.P.O. service.

In the contract the only stretch of railway specifically mentioned is that between Bulawayo and Plumtree, on the border

where the Rhodesian and South African lines link up.

This seems to confirm the generally accepted view that the main object of the service was to speed-up the handling of the overseas mail to and from the weekly mail-boat at Cape Town.

Why then does one so often get the information from old-timers (both officials or employees, and others) that T.P.O. services operated beyond Bulawayo to Salisbury and then on to Umfali on the one hand and to Livingstone or even Ndola on the other? Two reasons for such a belief may be given.

(a) It is customary, even up to the present day, for post-boxes to be affixed to the guard's van on trains and the public could post letters in them. When this service started it was customary at first—so I have been told—for the guard to endorse such letters in manuscript with "T.P.O. Train No. ..." He handed these "train letters" over to postal officials later at one or other convenient larger station.

It is easy to understand therefore, when questioning old-timers about T.P.O.'s, why they did not distinguish clearly between real T.P.O.'s and the train-letters service.

(b) I think the Postal Authorities may have had ideas (although they were never carried out) of extending the real T.P.O. service. My reason for so thinking is this:

In the agreement of 17.1.12 the haulage fee of the two vans is so much per mile payable by the G.P.O. to the Railways subject to a minimum of 60,000 miles per annum. Such a mileage could never have been made up on the comparatively short Bulawayo-Plumtree run, so they must surely have been thinking of possible extensions to other parts of Rhodesia.

(3) When did the service cease.

I have T.P.O. cancellations with dates as follows: UP—1912, 1913, 1914—1919, 1920, 1921; DOWN: 1913, 1914.

It would be reasonable to suppose that the service may have stopped in 1914 or 1915 with the outbreak of World War I and the consequent irregularity in the arrival of overseas mail through trouble at sea. But no official record of the suspension of service has been found, nor any of its being resumed in 1919.

How then explain the existence of T.P.O. UP cancellations with dates in 1919-1921?

The best possible explanation I can find is in a letter received in 1960 from Mr. T. W. Davidson, P.M.G. of the Federation.

In this letter he states that in 1920 he was a clerk at Bulawayo Station and says categorically that there was no T.P.O. operating then.

There was at that time in use a regular "Bulawayo Station" canceller. He suggests that mail posted at the station was given this cancellation but that mail handed in off trains arriving (which would in any case have been handled by a different clerk) was cancelled by the old T.P.O./UP canceller, at any rate temporarily.

So the three mysteries now stand thus:

- (1) Date of starting. Settled—1-III-12.
- (2) Stretch of railway covered—Highly probably only between Plumtree and Bulawayo, but official documentary proof still lacking.
- (3) Service suspended about 1915 and probably never resumed, but official documentary proof still lacking.

EIRE

Two Europa stamps (6d. and 1/3d.) were due for issue on 17 September. The basic design features a young tree with 19 leaves, representing the 19 members of the C.E.P.T. (Incidentally we gather that Britain is not issuing Europa stamps this year).

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not really fall into this class they have been excluded from the exhibit.

One peculiarity of all the issues has appeared and as yet no answer is known. In 1947 St. Lucia issued a new 3½d. and this has appeared with both the Waterlow perforation—as seen on the exhibit and also with the De La Rue half circle perforation. Unfortunately I have not this example but such a copy exists in Johannesburg which I have seen. The only explanation I can give would be that a sheet or two may have been short perforated and as the Crown Colonies would be responsible for despatching these stamps to the U.P.U. they may have noticed the shortfall and probably De La Rue may have been busy perforating some other issue they forwarded these sheets for their attention overlooking the fact that different printers were involved and so we have the one example of a stamp being printed by one firm and being perforated by another. Perhaps there are others but as yet none have come to light. Time alone will tell whether this has happened in other instances.

I hope I have elucidated these issues and should there be any questions I will be only to pleased to endeavor to answer them for you.

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ITALIAN REMAINDERS

Sales of these are still being advertised by the Ministry of Posts. The latest circular received listed a considerable number of lots being offered on 11th and 12th September.

WHITHER THEMATELY?

OR

WITHER THEMATELY?

This is the title of an article by Ira Seebacher of New York in "Stamp Collecting" of 27/7/62. The circumstance attending its writing and publication are:—

At the recent British Philatelic Congress in Worthing a resolution was put forward by Mr. E. F. Hugen asking that thematic collections should be judged on philatelic merit as well as on subject matter.

This proposal was soundly defeated.

An editorial comment says "Had Mr. Seebacher been present to put forward the views expressed in this article the result of the voting might have been different—or would it?"

There are obviously two schools of thought: one that thinks Themately should be a part of Philately (as Postal History is), and one that thinks it should be quite separate. Philatelists are partly responsible; they often advise beginners to collect as they like, to express their own individuality—there are no rules. Thus are hosts of collectors lost to philately.

But Mr. Seebacher thinks one can be both a thematelist and a philatelist. He has done it—read his article.

In the same issue of "Stamp Collecting" in a letter headed "Thematics aren't Thematics any more!" Capt. M. F. Stern points out that various organised bodies do favour themately being one aspect of philately and that "the stamp is still the thing." It is only necessary to refer to the Code of Rules for judging exhibits drawn up by FIPCO/FIP in 1960.

SWAZILAND

Decimal Overprint Variety.

Mr. W. Tunstall of Nairobi reports a variety of the 25c on 2s 6d. which he has not seen recorded. The type is the heavy one of the first printing (S.G. Type I, No. 74), but instead of it being situated low down and to the left of the stamp, it is in the position normally occupied by the second (light) printing (S.G. Type II, No. 74a), i.e. a little above the centre of the stamp.

He obtained it among new issues received from England.

WAR ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES

In the July issue of the "American Philatelist" **BLACK BLOTS** are given to the following issues:—

Afghanistan. 21 April, Agriculture Day issue—perf., imperf. and souvenir sheets.

Bulgaria. 19 April, 2 Anti-Malaria stamps, perf. and imperf.

E. Germany. 7 June, 2 stamps for anniversary of destruction of Lidice—limited issue.

Guinea. (a) 100f anti-malaria sheet, very limited issue. (b) "Bird Protection," overprints, limited issues. (c) Limited issues of large sets of Musical Instruments and Fauna issues.

Haiti. Anti-malaria—perf. and imperf.

Hungary. (a) Colossal set honouring world football championship in Chile—perf. and imperf. (b) Set for Railway Internat. Congress—perf. and imperf.

Mauritania. Quantities of recent overprints—Refugees, Olympic Games and Anti-malaria.

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United Nations. Not black listed by the "American Philatelist" but in "Stamp Collecting." Mr. Charles Jewell charges the U.N. with deliberately making money out of philatelists by at least one new issue every three months. He uses phrases like "robbing children," "unsavoury and contemptible" as descriptive of their practice.

WARNINGS

The B.P.A.-P.T.S. Committee dealing with stamps of doubtful status have issued warnings about:—

Albania—Football stamps issued in honour of the Chilean Championship Games—perf. and imperf., and miniature sheets in small quantities. These (and some other earlier issues) have been sold at between two and five times their nominal value.

Sanda Island. The Committee unhesitatingly condemns the so-called "Europa" labels and sheets released by private persons for the island of Sanda in Argyllshire, Scotland. These are of no philatelic or thematic value and are simply an effort to exploit philatelists.

FRANCE

The Ministry of Posts announces the following issue:—

9 June: A 0.30 stamp featuring the Palais de Justice in Rennes.

23 July: 0.05 featuring the arms or crest of Amiens and a 0.15 similarly for Nevers.

3 September: 1 NF. showing the beach at Le Touquet.

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(This might be a Thematic Poem. It was read at a Pretoria Philatelic Society meeting, but the author's name was not disclosed).

- A is for Antelope, sure footed and fleet
Speed is his weapon 'gainst lions seeking meat.
- B is for Badger, which dachshunds would flush,
To make gentle bristles for your shaving brush.
- C is for Cockatoo, crested and proud,
With a voice like a siren, so piercing and loud.
- D is for Dragon and for Dodo too,
Both are to be found in our wonderful zoo.
- E is for Elephant, which every beast fears
You can tell if it's Indian by his much smaller ears.
- F is for Fox, though so clever, his habit
Is always to be beaten by stupid Brer Rabbit.
- G is for Giraffe, which we have found
With all that long neck, can't make a sound.
- H is for Hippo, sluggish and big
Though they call him a seacow, he's really a pig.
- I is for Ibex, which lives on the hill
And smells rather rank, though he eats chlorophyll.
- J is for Jackass, a misleading word,
If he brays he's a donkey, if he laughs he's a bird.
- K is for Kangaroo, and kids are no fag,
At birth they're an inch long and live in her bag.
- L is for Lion, a king with a mane,
And no other creature can challenge his reign.
- M is for Monkey, a natural clown,
With a bag full of tricks to remove any frown.
- N is for Gnu, your indulgence we pray,
The phonetics are right, and he likes it that way.
- O is for Ostrich, which made Oudtshoorn sprout
Till fashion decided that feathers were out.
- P is for Parrot, a beautiful bird
Who repeats to your neighbours what he's overheard.
- Q is for Quetzal, with proudly held tail,
Though vain as a lady, this bird is a male.
- R is for Rhino, whose only vocation
Is charging all comers with no provocation.
- S is for Squirrel, both tree top and ground,
He's a gay little chap with his chattering sound.
- T is for Tapir, with an overhung nose
And he lives in the wilds where the Amazon flows.
- U is for Unicorn, a savage beast of fame
According to Pliny, but a virgin him could tame.

- V is for Vulture, so ugly and gaunt,
Whose unpleasant habits a polecat would daunt.
- W is for Whale, in which Jonah took a ride,
An early mode of travel that I'm glad I haven't tried.
- X is extraordinary, a mammal that lays eggs,
Our platypus is furry and has webbed feet on its legs.
- Y is for Yak, the Tibetans best friend;
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Augustus. Versamelings van klassieke seëls raak in verhouding met dié van die meer moderne soorte al minder en minder en die vertoning van so 'n versameling met een van ons byeenkomste is inderwaarheid 'n seldsame gebeurtenis. Dit het ons dan ook geluk om so 'n seldsame gebeurtenis met ons laaste byeenkoms (Saterdag 4 deser) te ondervind, toe lid L. Milch sy versameling van Griekeland vir ons gewys het.

Vir die September-byeenkoms (Saterdag 1.9.62) moet u 'n paar blaaië interessantighede saam bring. Dit sal weer 'n vergadering vir uitstallings en seëlverkeer wees en elkeen wat kan kom word gevra om te help om ruim by te dra tot die middag se genot. Alle versamelaars loop van tyd tot tyd iets mooi of buitengewoon raak en 'n saamgestelde uitstalling van sulke stukke lok altyd baie belangstelling.

Op Donderdag 16 deser kuier ons op Krugersdorp en ons vaandeldraers sal wees lid Crockett (vervalsings en ander namaak-sels), lid Lambert (lugpos) en lid Milch (Griekeland). Die saamkomplek is voor die Biblioteekgebou om nie later as 7.15 nm. te vertrek nie. Sorg dat u betyds daar is as u nie oor eie vervoermiddel beskik nie.

Soos dit jaarliks gaan (vir redes wat nooit bekend raak nie) is daar weer 'n klompie lede wat afgevoer moet word omdat hulle lidmaatskap nie hernu is nie en ons ook nie van hulle hoor nie. Hulle is mnre. L. M. Groenewald, J. D. Major, N. Seyerling, F. P. van Hell, dr. J. J. van Niekerk, I. S. Van Soelen, R. H. H. Wille en drie jonges, Johan du Plessis, Pieter Human en Ernst Schmidt. Ons kan maar net hoop dat hulle vergeet het en by aanskoue hiervan gou-gou sal opdok.

Die laaste posveiling het sy verrassings gehad, sowel as teleurstellings, nogtans was dit taamlik bevredigend want slegs sewe van die 25 lotte het oorgebly.

Wanneer kom u inskrywing om die Vekawisselbeker en Rembrandt-wisseltrofee? Die tyd raak op daar is nog net vier beskikbare datums!

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

July meeting. Mr. Miller's collection not having arrived back from Argentina the breach was filled by Mr. L. Buchen. He described how the panes of a sheet were made up and how this was worked out by lines, perforations, width of selvedge, etc. This was followed by a display illustrating the verbal descriptions given.

This was followed by a discussion on whether it was correct to display "foreign"

stamps at meetings—as had been agreed upon at the last A.G.M. The majority of members present agreed that it was wrong as there was plenty of material in the stamps of Palestine and Israel.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

27 August. The Chairman welcomed the "3B's" who were providing the main fare for the evening. They were Dr. Berry, Mr. Bruwer and Mr. Burrell. Alternatively they might be termed Father, Mother and Baby Bears. And what a fine plump Baby does Jack Burrell make!

Mr. Oppenheim opened with his customary notes on new issues and commented on the recent issue of S.G. Catalogue, Part II. He said there had been big increases in the pricing, the largest being in Monaco and France; strangely enough Italy and Trieste had also gone up despite the announced existence and sale of remainders.

The exhibit by the 3 B's was stamps of the Republic of S. Africa with the 1c, 2½c, 10c and 12½c in particular; also of the decimal Aerogrammes.

Mr. Jan Smith, in thanking the exhibitors stressed the point that although they had shown all the perfect productions they had laid even more emphasis on the varieties with printing imperfections.

Some collectors would not include them at all—aiming at perfection being their motto. But that is all a matter of taste.

The evening ended with a very successful auction.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

August meeting. Mr. Kekwick arranged as his last fling before leaving for England, three exhibits which were shown to those members who did attend the last monthly meeting. The exhibits were Mrs. Wallace's Queen Elizabeth issues of New Zealand, an excellent exhibit with many hours of painstaking work put into it. Mr. Holmberg sent along fifteen sheets of Sweden, mounted on specially printed album leaves. Mr. Lazarus showed his exhibit of Malaria issues, which was very colourful showing the latest issues.

The Midlands Stamp Club held its Annual Stamp Exhibition in the showrooms of Car Mart Ltd. at Gwelo. A great deal of interest was shown both by exhibitors and by viewers. There were twenty exhibitors in the under sixteen group, fifteen of which were under twelve. This shows the number of keen young philatelists that need fostering in the Federation. Miss Veronica Watkins, aged fifteen, of Gwelo, carried away first prize for the Thematic collection with a really excellent exhibit. Mr. Walters, former chairman of the Salisbury philatelic society showed his collection of 1d. blacks.

BELLVILLE P.S.

11 July. This was the Society's first Annual General Meeting. The following were the principal office-bearers elected for the ensuing year: Mr. E. J. Beunderman, President; Mr. T. J. Kurtz, Vice-President; Mr. Lee, Hon. Secretary; and Mr. Keulder, Hon. Treasurer.

Displays for the evening were: New Zealand and Flowers—Mr. Beunderman; Animals—Mr. Keulder; Cape Triangulars—Mr. Du Toit; Republic of S.A.—Mr. Kirty; U.S.A. and Australia—Mrs. Blankenberg.

8 August. Capt. M. F. Stern came from "The Royal" as guest exhibitor. He showed specimens of 20 different forms of airmail, ranging from Pigeon post, Balloon, Airship, Rocket mail, Gliders, etc. on to Trans-Polar mails.

This was a very enjoyable and instructive evening and the collection has to be seen to be appreciated to the full. —E.J.B.

PRETORIA P.S.

6 August. Guest exhibitor, Mr. W. F. Oppenheim from Johannesburg, who put up the finest show seen at this Society for many months.

Mr. Oppenheim at first gave a short talk on the exhibits being shown, before laying down his collections. The collections shown were all of a high philatelic standard. The first to be exhibited was a part of Mr. Oppenheim's collection of World Classics. The part shown was some of the best classics known. To name a few of the countries shown was, Luxemburg from 1852, Brazil from 1843, Netherlands from 1852, France from 1849-52, and the first issues of U.S.A. from 1847. This was a show for the connoisseur, and for the man who sees something worth having but cannot obtain it, because of its rarity and value.

The next collection to be tabled was Monaco. Mr. Oppenheim calls this his "Moderns," although it dated back to 1914. This collection was all on cover and made a very colourful collection, amongst which were some very rare covers.

The last but not least was a collection of Flight covers of the Belgium Congo, showing the various flights which have taken place in the Congo, to the outside world. —D.J.C.R.

EAST LONDON P.S.

August meeting. The Thematic Cup was competed for at the August Meeting of the East London Philatelic Society. Only two entries were received, and both were of such varying types and of such a high standard that the judges had a difficult task in deciding who deserved the Cup. Mr. L. Hellman displayed a most comprehensive col-

lection of "Philatelic Terms" which was studded with gems and created a great deal of interest amongst members present. The other exhibit, whilst in a lighter vein, also held the attention of members who were surprised to see just how many stamps issued throughout the world could be grouped under the title "Great Britain Illustrated on Stamps." This was tabled by Mr. J. W. Hodgson. The President announced Mr. L. Hellman as winner by a slight margin.

—J.W.H.

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

17 July. This was our second meeting of the year for juniors, but for some unaccountable reason, the attendance of the juniors was not up to the usual standard.

Mr. Forbes and Mr. Aldis undertook the task of judging the albums brought along by the juniors and prizes were awarded to L. Sief and J. Strachan, Jnr., in the over 12 section, and to Mary Odell and J. Schwartz in the under 12 section. Mr. Forbes commented on the quality of the collections, and pointed out various errors made in mounting the stamps.

The President, Mr. Baer, conducted a most interesting quiz, B team being the winners.

After refreshments were served, the youngsters were each given a packet of stamps and a very pleasant evening terminated at 9.50 p.m.

7 August. We had an exceptionally good attendance and Mr. R. W. Pearson's display of a selection of the Australian Commemorative Stamps was most impressive. The sheets were beautifully written up, the stamps and covers in immaculate condition. It was evident that the owner had devoted much time, skill, thought and patience to his collection and additionally had good knowledge of his subject as was revealed by his opening remarks. Mr. S. Brink thanked the exhibitor in a suitable and witty speech. An auction conducted in a brilliant and entertaining fashion by Mr. T. Strachan produced some excellent results.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

August meeting. History has been made at our Philatelic Society! As all members know, the major competition of the year, the Been Cup, was held at the August meeting and there were two entries competing for this honour.

The first exhibit, by Mr. J. Kriste was of his Eire collection. This exhibit was a most comprehensive collection of stamps containing numerous varieties and different overprints of the early issues. The only criticism by the judges was that the writing up of the collection was not informative enough to enable any person not collecting Eire Republic to really appreciate the research and time spent in presenting this fine exhibit.

The second collection on show was really excellent. But, then again, this was to be expected as the man behind it all was none other than our friend Dave Slater-Kinghorn who, incidentally, entered his collection of Northern Rhodesia as a **Country Member**, as he is now resident in Pietermaritzburg. The collection was most specialized and was divided into three sections—Stamps, Postal Stationery and Postmarks. These three sections were divided into three periods—British South Africa Company (Rhodesia), Northern Rhodesia and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. Among the interesting items were first flights, stamp of Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland used in Northern Rhodesia and vice versa. This collection seemed absolutely complete and thoroughly deserved the honour it received. Thus, for the first time in the history of the club a country member has won the Been Cup. Country members take note!
—S.S.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

July meeting. After a host of new issues and acquisitions were shown there were two formal exhibits.

(a) "Pin-up Girls" by Dr. K. Freund. Not so very formal perhaps but it is described by the recorder as providing the thematic collector with many tips for how to collect this theme. It ended up with an "Off Colour" section, but it is left to the reader to know just what that means.

(b) France 1947-1958, by A. H. Scott. A pleasant display which sobered down members from the display of figures. This was really philately; fine stamps in albums especially made for displaying and suitably describing them.

KIMBERLEY P.S.

August 14. A quiz on the stamps of Australia and New Zealand was held, but proved too difficult for those present. Mr. Roy Savage was the winner with Mr. Frank Awerbuck a very close second.

The display of Mr. D. Denman's United States stamps provided fine material for examination. Mr. Denman is one of Kimberley's veteran collectors, and was unfortunately unable to attend due to ill health.
—R.N.

MAFEKING & BECHUANALAND P.S.

August 15. Members were pleased with the acetate fronted display envelopes presented by Mrs. Kaljee. These are splendid protection for the display of mint stamps in hot weather, and available free of charge to members exhibiting. The Chairman, U. M. Milunsky, provided a Colour-Sound Cine Film about the production of stamps for the Malay Federation.
—R.W.B.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

August 13. The invited shows were continued and there was a record attendance, including many visitors to see the film strip "A World Tour of Capitals with Postage Stamps." The commentary was given by Capt. M. F. Stern, and the machine loaned and worked by Mr. H. Lang, a member of the Lions Club of Rondebosch. This was the first film strip from the East London Society and interesting. Then there was a guest exhibit from Mrs. K. Bevis of Durban—"American History," a good thematic collection set out in order of issues, with careful annotation. Her sending this was more than appreciated by the members and visitors. Such co-operation from members of other Societies is one of the bright lights of philately.

August 27. This was a wonderful evening as the collection "Horses on Stamps" was exhibited by Mrs. U. Massmann of Mariental, S.W.A., who is a country member of the Club. It was only about two years ago that Mrs. Massmann started collecting thematics and doing this in an out-of-the-way spot. The members were lost in admiration in viewing this beautifully mounted and set-out-collection, with its careful sub-divisions and short but adequate captions. This may one day be one of the premier thematic collections. This was the first showing of the collection, and the Club was indeed honoured to view same.
—M.F.S.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

August 21: Mr. J. Allison exhibited French stamps and slogan postmarks, and there was a distribution of stamps.
—M.F.S.

MASHONALAND P.S.

August meeting. Mr. King showed his very fine collection of Oceania which was much appreciated by everyone present. The Society's thanks were ably expressed by Mr. Head.

After the display and a break for tea and coffee, the Auction took place when a very large number of stamps were for sale. Mr. Brook handled the Auction in his usual efficient manner.

"THE ROYAL" CAPE TOWN

August 9. Mr. M. J. Rall showed the second portion of his very fine collection of South Africa. First of all he showed the Pretoria Hyphenated issue (colour proofs, missing centre, double perfs., perf. varieties, and printing errors, off-sets, sheet numbers and arrows, joined papers); then the Pretoria Hyphenated issue (arrows, printings, the scarce sheet of the ½d. cross hatched, Plate 18 of the 1d., deep blue 3d.). This was followed by the Hyphenated Rotos including

the 3d. imperf. and Drakensberg flaw. It was quite a wonderful showing and much appreciated by the very many who turned out on a very cold and wet evening.

August 23. This was again a Composite evening, the showing being "Classic Stamps and Covers of the World, pre-1875." There was so much to see and take in that nothing more than a cursory glance could be made of the many fine items shown. Therefore this report can only include a few of the highlights: L. Simenhoff—V.O.C. and first British Post at the Cape covers, Cape triangulars, early Natals, early Transvaals, Brazil Bullseyes, Pony Express (U.S.), Leipzig Pony Express, a full write-up of the British Penny Black; Mr. J. H. Hurter—the German States (Baden, Wurttemberg, Bavaria, Saxony, Braunschweig, Prussia—all in wonderful condition) with in addition Swiss Cantonals including a very fine specimen of the Basle Dove stamp, and also Naples 1859 on cover: Mr. E. Blum—Penny Blacks on cover, early Bishop cancellations of the U.S.A., and other rare covers; Mr. J. Wilson—early postmaster stamps of U.S.A. on cover (really fine items) as well as the Columbus and Omaha issues in mint value complete, and unusual early U.S.A. cancellations (e.g. bee, etc.); Mr. D. Roth—Cape Woodblocks, being a study of same showing die proofs, plate proofs, reprints as well as the Perkins Bacons reprints of the Cape engraved triangulars, covers and 1s. Cape rouletted; Dr. P. L. Vautier—pre-adhesive covers, unadopted first essays, colour trials, genuine and forgeries of the Ceres 1849 and then stamps up to 1870 of France as well as used abroad; Mr. J. Galbraith—his famous Ceylon Pence on cover 1857-1867, Paris balloon covers (Monte) 1870, and early French covers; Mr. F. L. Archer—forgeries and reprints of the early stamps of the world including Br. Guiana, Mauritius, Argentine, Brazil, Spain, Tuscany etc.; Mr. R. Jeidel—a fine showing of Belgian stamps 1849-1865, including essays and colour trials; Mr. W. G. Combrink—Austria used abroad (Montenegro, Venezia, Yugoslavia—rare covers which will be shown later in full), also Roumanian genuine Bulls Heads on cover and Finland 1st issue on cover in superb condition, and also France and Great Britain used in Turkey. The evening demonstrated the valuable collections in the possession of members of the Society.—M.F.S.

REVIEWS AND SHORT NOTICES

Stanley Gibbons Catalogue, Part II Europe and Colonies. Published at 391 Strand, London W.C.2. Price 37/6d. net.

This 1963 edition now runs to 1,544 pages and is characterised by what the publishers call a fantastic number of price alterations, all upwards. Our feeling is that the state of the market would justify them in many cases being pushed somewhat higher still;

they are still lower on the whole than the prices given in continental catalogues such as Michel and Yvert. These are on the high side and a midway position would seem to reflect actual values better. If the publishers can supply at the prices here given, however, buyers at any rate have no cause for complaint.

There is only one new country this time, Rio Mumi, but in the past two years, since the last edition appeared, there has been no decrease in the flood of new issues.

Union Animal Series Pamphlets, by the S.A. Study Circle. Price 10c each, obtainable from P.O. Box 378, Krugersdorp, Tvl.

No. P10 deals with the 4½d. featuring the Hippopotamus. There was only one issue with two printings, which are distinguishable only by the positions of the sheet numbers.

No. P.11 is concerned with the 6d. depicting the lion; there were two printings, the first on Springbok Head and the second on Arms watermarked paper. In this summary they are described as numbered in the U.H.B./C. 130 and 130A.

Bermuda—Post Office and Postal Markings.

By M. H. Ludington. Published by Robson Lowe, Ltd. Price £8-5-0 post free, but if ordered before 1st Oct. £6-15-0.

Edition limited to 265 numbered copies. Published in two books, 290 pages in all with 50 art plates.

This is a comprehensive study of all the posts, postal history and markings, and of the stamps up to the end of the K.G. VI issues.

CANADA

The P.M.G. has announced that a special commemorative will be issued later in the year as a tribute to the opening of the Trans-Canada Highway. This road is described as "the longest Main Street in the world," stretching some 5,000 miles from St. John's, Newfoundland to Victoria, British Columbia.

The only information available about the stamp so far is that it will be of 5c denomination and will be of large size, bearing the coats-of-arms of the ten provinces linked together by the highway.

Another commemorative is for the centenary of Victoria, B.C. It features the Vancouver Island stamp of a century age.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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South African Exhibits at P.E.N.A.P.E.X.

The stamps of the Union and/or Republic of South Africa were well represented by one non-competitive and eleven competitive entries.

The exhibits were of a high standard and proudly held their own in comparison with those of other sections. They will be commented upon in the general report on the exhibition.

Recent Re-Printings.

(1) The 1c value has been reprinted from Cylinders S11 S7, Panes A and B, on unwatermarked paper, with red sheet numbers inscribed on the right margin of Pane B, opposite Rows 3 and 14.

The distribution consisted of a small number of sheets, sparingly made among post offices and diligently sought by collectors with no great success. It is however stated that a further reprinting from these cylinders will be made on unwatermarked paper in the near future, but if this does not materialise, this issue promises to rival its scarce predecessor, the unwatermarked 1c denomination, Cylinders 25/26S.

It has further been stated that the printing cylinders will be, or have been "re-chromed" to eliminate the scratch marks. If this is the case, the above mentioned reprinting will appear "clean" and devoid of tell-tale marginal and other marks.

(2) The 50c denomination on unwatermarked paper, has now appeared with the five figure black sheet numbers opposite rows 4 and 5 and 15 and 16.

The first unwatermarked printing with the sheet numbers opposite rows 1 and 2, and 12 and 13, was a small one, and has disappeared all too soon.

Items of Interest.

A number of partially printed stamps, the characteristic being due to either a stoppage of the printing machine or the inclusion of a foreign body (piece of paper), has been viewed lately. Among these are:

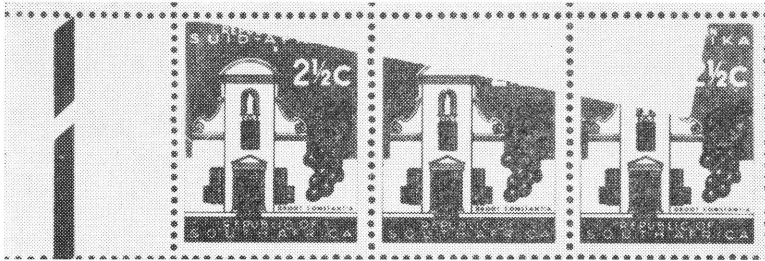
(1) The 20c value, Cylinders 97, 29, 103, wherein the blue colour was absent on the lower half of the Secretary Bird's tail, on stamps 1 and 2 of row 5.

(2) The 2½c denomination of the present series (illustrated) in which the characteristic extends over stamps 1, 2, 3 of Row 1.

(3) The 1c value, showing the effect of a stoppage of the machine over the bottom three rows of the sheet, the stamp being partially printed, and also another item of the same value, where the effect of the inclusion of a piece of paper is exhibited over five stamps.

(4) An interesting condition of misplaced perforations of the 2½c "Constantia" stamps printed on the Albertini machine, was viewed.

The Grover Two Row perforator, in performing its function, apparently "jumped" and so left a space of three perforations blank between rows 3 and 4 before continuing normally. As five of these pseudo-perforated sheets were found at a particular



post office, it may be assumed that the corresponding five sheets comprising the adjoining pane were similarly perforated and are still to be found unless they were discarded by the checkers at the Printing Works, or have been sold to non-collectors during the normal post office routine.

An interesting observation arises out of the enumeration of the foregoing items. At a recent function, criticism was levelled at the inclusion of these printing "freaks" in a collection of South African stamps, and their classification appeared to be designated relative to their "state of possession." When available for sale, they are termed "rarities," but when critically observed in a collection, "printer's waste."

Christmas Seals.

The 1962 issue of the Republic's Christmas Seals, to be illustrated later, will go on sale in early November and remain available until about the 24th December. They are issued in sheet form and probably also in the usual Booklets, but these have not been viewed at the time of going to press.

The sheet format is horizontal, comprising six rows of 20 units each, totalling 120 per sheet, but to decimalise the issue, the third and fourth horizontal rows contain an alternate "blank," there being ten in each of these rows, with the result that the sheet consists of one hundred seals of a nominal value of 1c each. The blanks are bilingually inscribed, "we thank you/ons dank u," with the cross of Lorraine superimposed.

The first three horizontal rows are tête-bêche to the remaining three, and it is thus not possible to view the sheet in the customary manner with all the images on the seals in an upright position, for sheet-positioning purposes. One horizontal margin, however, contains two sets of four figure

red sheet numbers and these are taken as a criterion. The sheet is thus viewed with the numerals in an upright position and the characteristics read accordingly.

The printing was made on Arms Water-marked paper, the mark facing left. The left and right hand margins only are perforated through, and are devoid of inscriptions, as also is the top margin, which is wider than the bottom one. This margin carries the above mentioned red sheet numbers and a centrally placed blue line, 2 mm. in length, accompanied by two small red smudges.

The bilingually inscribed seals follow the design, in red and blue colours, of that used for the 1950 issue, and depict a nursing sister standing on the entrance steps of a Home, welcoming two infants ascending them. The Cross of Lorraine is placed in the background, "Christmas/Kersfees" appear at the top and bottom margins of the seal with the year date, 1962, in the bottom right corner.

The seals are intended for use on mail matter and have no value for the prepayment of postage. The proceeds from their sale go to support Sunshine Homes in which children who have been in contact with tuberculosis are cared for—a noble undertaking and a worthy cause.

INDIA

In addition to the special stamps to be issued at the time of the U.P.U. Congress to be held in New Delhi in March, 1963, (reported in our September number, we hear from "Asiatic Hobbies" of Ghatkopar, Bombay 77, that there will be no fewer than 10 commemoratives issued in August to December of this year.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JURY

I have intentionally styled this Report as that of the Chairman of the Jury rather than as the "Report of the Jury," for besides containing suggestions of that body, I have taken the privilege of including my opinion upon relevant matters.

The Port Elizabeth Exhibition Committee, in their wisdom, selected a Jury of almost international standard and consequently the assessment of the exhibits was conducted on a correspondingly high level. Our deliberations extended over three days, and were conducted in a friendly and harmonious manner. Two members were regretably prevented at the last moment from being present and the Jury therefore consisted of fourteen.

Some 130 exhibits were examined and 98 awards made. Each exhibit was carefully examined, firstly by the allocated group of scrutineers, and then considered by the whole Jury before finality was reached. Score cards were used for the determination of both Philatelic and Thematic Exhibits.

Awards for the Philatelic Exhibits conformed to the requirements of Federation's By-laws for National Exhibitions, and were thus made in accordance with the scale laid down in the Exhibition's Rules and Regulations, namely:

	Maximum Marks
Philatelic Knowledge & Research	35
Condition	25
Presentation	15
Completeness and Rarity	25
	100

The allocation of these marks had been taken from schedules of previous exhibitions. I am now of the opinion that a better distribution would have been 30, 30, 20, 20, respectively. Also, attention should be paid to the number of marks allocated to "Research," for very few exhibits display "research" in the true sense of "original investigation," and in consequence may automatically be marked down.

The Thematic Exhibits were judged according to the code and scale prescribed in the By-laws, and as no score-card appears to have been previously prepared, the one which had been drawn up and used, is reproduced:

	Maximum Points
1. SET UP	20
2. TOPICAL COLLECTIONS	
(a) Grade of advancement of collection—Completeness ...	30
(b) and (c) as below (15 & 5)	20
OR	
THEMATIC COLLECTIONS	
(a) Knowledge and treatment of theme	30
(b) Coverage of the subject ...	15
(c) Originality of the theme ...	5
3. PHILATELIC CONSIDERATIONS	
(a) Philatelic Knowledge ...	10
(b) Philatelic documents ...	10
(c) Condition and variety of stamps and philatelic documents	10
	100/100

The exhibits were of a high standard, but a noticeable falling off in quality may be observed at each successive Exhibition due mainly to the requirement imposed by Federation—that a first exhibit is debarred from competing competitively for a period of three years or until two Congresses have been held. In practice this has an accumulative effect of excluding five or six first class exhibits each year from the competitive section while the replacement exhibits are not sufficient in number, nor of merit, to take their places. It may be correctly pointed out that these "gold medal" exhibits may find a place in the Court of Honour Section, but, in effect, the exhibitor may be inclined to lose interest in maintaining his collection over this period, or even to dispose of the material piecemeal.

I feel that this gradual deterioration of exhibits could be eliminated, and the standard of exhibitions maintained, if the sponsoring society were to include a special class or group wherein the "first award" exhibits could be entered to compete competitively against one another.

The Group could be designated the "Championship Class," or any other suitable name; the winner, the "Grand Champion;" all exhibits should be examined by the same group of scrutineers; a similar number of frames would be allocated to each competitor; the frame space in the Exhibition Hall would not be taxed unduly as certain exhibits would be withdrawn from the Court of Honour Section; the award may be in trophy form instead of a medal as the competitors are already medallists, and other relevant details could be determined by the sponsoring society if the project were decided upon.

The following are expressions of opinion which members of the Jury requested to be included in my report:

(1) **Divided Entries:** Notwithstanding the fact that Federation's Constitution allows Related Entries to be exhibited as such, the Jury suggests that these should be regulated in number.

(2) **Concerning the Juvenile Section:** The Jury suggests in future exhibitions:

- (a) That Juvenile entries be divided between (1) Philatelic and (2) Thematic.
- (b) That age groups should be subdivided into (1) under 15 years and (2) 15 to under 19 years.
- (c) That the age of the exhibitor should be certified on the entry form.
- (d) That, as far as is practical, a certificate from a Society, or a responsible individual, should accompany the exhibit, testifying that the exhibit belongs to the competitor, and has been "formed" by him/her.

I would add to these by indicating that the condition contained in the sponsoring society's exhibition Rules, namely that Juvenile Exhibits be judged on the same scale as the senior Philatelic entries, be eliminated, and suggest that one set of scrutineers examine all the Juvenile Exhibits in a manner concomitant with the age of the exhibitor, and also in accordance with his/her concept of, and effort at stamp collecting.

In conclusion, I have pleasure in expressing the Jury's desire to place on record its sincere appreciation of the excellent service of its Secretary, Mr. A. S. Aldis, and also, of the thoughtful and welcome assistance rendered by the Exhibition Chairman, Mr. E. Baer, Mr. G. Bülbring, and members of the Exhibition Committee —T. B. BERRY.

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P.E.N.A.P.E.X. AWARDS

Space does not permit of giving a full list of awards, but here are the names of those gaining Gold or Silver-gilt medallions, also those given special awards:

Grand Prix.

G. Bülbring. Old German States.

Lea Cup (Floating Trophy).

G. H. Immelman. Cape Postal History.

Gold Medallions.

G. M. Brown. Bechuanaland (also "Unipex" award).

L. Buchen. Isreal.

F. Drusinsky. Anglo-Boar War (also American Philatelic Society award).

J. Michelson. Latvia.

J. H. Harvey Pirie. Swaziland (also the Royal Society of Cape Town award).

Silver Gilt Medallions.

Mrs M. A. Bereman. Children on Stamps.

G. M. Brown (2). Malta, St. Helena.

G. Bülbring. German Colonies and P.O.'s abroad.

G. Feros. Union Interprovincials.

J. L. P. Fernandes. Railways and Philately (also the American Topical Society award).

S. J. Hagger. Union Coil Stamps (also the A.F.V. Ere-Toekenning).

A. Kaplan. Israel.

C. S. Rosenberg. Z.A.R. and Transvaal.

J. M. Weinbren. Palestine Mandate.

Juveniles.

Cups awarded to the following:—

Section (a). Up to 15.

P. van Zwiklitz. Republic of South Africa.

Miss O. L. Feros. Austria.

Section (b) 15 to 18.

L. Jacobson. Republic of South Africa

L. F. Bergman. Union of South Africa.

M. Walton-Evans. Q.E. II.

J. Hellman. Development of Transport.

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A VISITOR AT PENAPEX-PENAFU

Once again I have enjoyed walking round a South African National Philatelic Exhibition, this year at Port Elizabeth. As usual, I have been impressed by the general quality of the stamps displayed and have again been struck by the ever-increasing interest shown in "foreign" stamps as opposed to those of the "Commonwealth". Indeed, this year there has been a most marked decrease in the number of entries of collections of the stamps of our own country.

Turning to the stamps themselves, I do not propose to single out individual entries but only to mention those stamps which gave me most pleasure in seeing, some of them in more than one collection.

It is not often that one sees a mint copy of the 1874 manuscript 1d. of Griqualand West, still less a used copy of the double overprint (S.G.2a), while the 1895 2d. bisect of Nyasaland on cover is another rarity which I spotted soon after starting the first of many walks around the frames. Among the stamps of our own country I saw several gems from 1910 2½d. including Die Proofs, Specimens etc. The 1913 issue included copies of the ½d. double print, ½d. mossy-green, 2d. dark plum as well as the four corner plate blocks of the £1. Another interesting feature in this section was the first appearance of specialised studies of the Republican stamps. Our local philatelists are certainly right up-to-date! A fine study of the 1869 3c of Sarawak aroused my envy, as did a fine display of Transvaal, which included a copy of that almost fabulous rarity—the 1d. with Cabled Anchor Watermark. Other items of interest from the old "colonial" days included a fine study of the Natal postmarks, O.F.S. 6d. blue un-surcharged and 1d. brown with V.R.I. surcharge, many fine "Woodblocks" and a few of the very rare Stellaland covers. Classic and modern rarities from the Commonwealth included, among many others, Mauritius pence issues, 1d. Sydney Views from both Plate I and Plate I re-engraved, G.B. 1840 2d. blue mint, Canada Airmail 6c on 5c with treble overprint and with inverted overprint, G.B. 1d. lilac used appropriated Dies £1 and £5 both postally used and specimens of the rare "Gubulawayo—Bechuanaland" postmark. Nearly all the Decimal overprint rarities from the High

Commission Territories were represented as were most of the rare errors of overprint from the early Swaziland issues, accompanied by a magnificent study of the various forgeries and their distinguishing characteristics. Other rarities in this group included St. Helena 1903 Die Proofs and the unissued 1d. red overprinted "Specimen," Niger Coast 10/- (S.G.41c) with sideways 10/- overprinted reading upwards, G.B. 2½d. used on cover with Type 3 of the "Burutu" postmark and early issues of India used in Aden. Other "Colonial" rarities to catch my eye were Ceylon ½d. on blue glazed paper unused and similar copies of the imperf. 8d., 9d. and 10d. Great Britain included many "Penny Blacks" and, in particular one on cover with "Monks Wearmouth Penny Post" cancellation on the stamp itself, while another fine cover had single copies of both the 1d. and 2d. of 1841 postmarked "9 in Maltese Cross." An unstamped cover with "Gibraltar Ship Letter" dated July 31st 1854 was another attractive item in this section. Among modern issues Australian Commonwealth Commemoratives in Imprint Blocks caught my eye as did some Channel Island errors, including a fine corner pair of the Guernsey ½d. printed on the gummed side.

Turning to the Foreign stamps on display, I was particularly impressed on seeing a used tête-bêche pair of France 1849 10c and a similar used pair of the 25c on cover; it is not often that two such outstanding items are to be seen at the same Exhibition in South Africa. Another most unusual display in this country was a series of early covers from Tibet and a complete sheet of the 1/6th T. printed in shiny enamel—one of only a very few still in existence. I don't remember ever seeing such a wealth of German States before at a local Exhibition, so much so that it would be almost easier to say what was not on view rather than to describe those present! I was, however, particularly enamoured of a fine pair of Württemberg 1851 3k. on cover, some very nice covers of Thurn & Taxis, the Lübeck error se-tenant with normal, Baden S.G.1 in a lovely strip of three, and some lovely copies of the first issue of Brunswick. German Colonies were also very well represented and I specially noticed a lovely block of 12 of German East Africa S.G.7 used on piece with "Deutsche See-Post" Cancellation. German South-West-Africa included just about every collectible item and there was a magnificent show of the "Wanderstempel" postmarks and also of the German

Field Post Postcards, many with the "Soldatenbrief Stempel" handstamp applied during the various native campaigns. Norway was well represented by choice earlies including that very elusive item S.G.76, a much scarcer stamp than suggested by the Catalogue. A collection of Latvia was particularly noteworthy for the fine array of the local overprints applied during the interim period between the liberation of the country in 1918 and the first official issue of stamps in December of that year (the famous "map" stamps). Similar local issues of Poland made during the same period were well featured in another interesting exhibit. These local issues are now very difficult to find in anything like good condition and these exhibitors are very much to be congratulated on the success which has crowned their efforts in this unusual field. Among the better-known fields, I greatly enjoyed seeing some nice items from the "Hermes" heads of Greece and a fine selection of the stamps of Monaco. This last included a good showing of the scarce "Milésimes" from the early issues, a line of study which is sadly neglected by so many collectors of today. A collection of Roman States included a nice copy of the 50 baj. (S.G.26) and a fine bisect on entire of the 2 baj., while Italy itself produced very elusive items in complete sheets of the Balbo flight stamps. Tuscany 1q. on large piece was another Italian treasure on view, while both the Ferslew and Thiele printings of Denmark's 2 Rbs. were displayed. A copy of Austria S.G. 1 printed on both sides with St. Andrew's Cross on the reverse was another European rarity not often come across these days. Finally, two more extreme rarities from Classic Europe were Sweden 3s. blue-green and Roumania (Moldavia) 27p. "Bull's Head" on piece.

Turning to the Rest of the World, unfortunately, there was not a great wealth of material on view, but what there was, was good! A collection of Belgian Congo contained all the first 5frs. and a selection of the Parcel Post 3f50 surcharges, besides a fine showing of the "Taxes" overprints and a few of the scarce booklet panes from the pre-1914 war period. These were issued before the days when collectors showed any interest in such items, and consequently they are now very difficult to find in good condition. A collection of Egypt appeared to me to be just about complete from 1922 to the end of the Monarchy, and certainly included the Port Fuad set and a magnifi-

cent range of the Control blocks, while a collection of Uruguay included copies of the 1856 1 real, 1858 240c and other scarce items. A number of collections of Israel covered all aspects of this interesting field from the earliest days of the British Army Posts in Palestine. The Palestine 1918 Control Blocks were well represented as were the general Mandatory Issues up to the time of Israeli Independence in 1948. The interim issues made between the termination of the Mandate and the restoration of Governmental Posts were the subject of fine studies and I was particularly enthralled by a collection of the 2nd Dispura set with Tel Aviv overprint in red. All the later issues were present, many, including the first Coin Set, in mint Control blocks with Tabs. A display of Siam included copies of most of the major rarities in the difficult surcharges of the last 10 years of the 19th Century, while the Mozambique error in the sheet of Cape Verd Islands was also present.

The fact that I have left two big displays almost to the end does not in any way detract from their merit or interest, but is the fault of the Exhibition Committee which displayed these two collections at the end of Philatelic Section of the Exhibition. I refer to a collection of Cape Postal History and to a collection illustrating the progress of the Anglo-Boer War. Covers addressed to Jan van Riebeeck and his successors as Governors of the Cape, a letter of instructions from the Council of Seventeen and examples of so many of the handstamps, including the rarities, and even the Postmasters' private handstamps (notably Worcester) were so profuse as to beggar description and to reduce any ardent philatelist to speechless envy, without talking about a "Cleft Stick Letter," while the Boer War display certainly gave me the impression that here indeed was "History without Tears." A profusion of Siege and Prisoner-of-War covers was indeed an eye-opener as to what can be done by a serious student of this period in the operation of the posts of this country.

Before leaving Penafex-Penafu 1962, I must refer, even if only briefly, to the Juvenile section of the Exhibition. May I, as a humble but regular visitor to our local Exhibitions ask the authorities sponsoring future Exhibitions to indicate on the Exhibit or, at least, in the Catalogue, the age of the various Junior Exhibitors. Not knowing the ages of the Juniors makes it very difficult to appreciate the real progress be-

ing made year by year among to-morrow's Philatelists and renders proper appreciation of the various displays almost impossible. However, I was impressed by the general neatness of arrangement of these entries and would strongly recommend many of the Seniors to take lessons in this Department of their Hobby from the rising generation! Among the Exhibits I particularly noticed a nice collection of the Union and a fine display of the Decimal overprints which included many of the rarer items, while a collection of Austria was beautifully mounted and written up. A Thematic Collection dealing with Mushrooms worried me quite a bit, as I am very fond of eating these delicious fungi, and, while all species appearing on stamps were shown and most attractively displayed with all relevant information, there are an awful lot not so honoured and these seem to include all those that I eat innocently, albeit apprehensively!

In conclusion, may I voice one more note of criticism? It is a bit confusing for the ordinary visitor to an Exhibition to get the best out of the items offered for his enjoyment if the arrangement within the various groups is not strictly alphabetical. If this is not adhered to, it becomes confusing to see collections of the same country separated from each other by a number of collections of other countries. The proper comparison of the ways of collecting shown by different owners becomes impossible, and much of value may be lost to the visiting collector who likes to pick up ideas for his own collections from those shown by his fellow-collectors. Apart from this minor criticism, I must admit that I enjoyed this Exhibition even more than many previous ones. The Hall was quite the best provided for an Exhibition in South Africa for many years and the lighting was excellent, both by day and by night. The spacing of the frames was excellent, and there was ample room for people to enjoy opposing frames without in any way inconveniencing their "back-to-back" neighbours. Thank you Port Elizabeth for a most enjoyable time. May we not have to wait so long before once again we visit you for another Philatelic feast.

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AIR MAIL SECTION.

There were disappointingly few entries in this Group as, out of the eighteen frames allocated, no fewer than eleven were in the non-competitive category. What was on dis-

play, however, was excellent: Air Postal History was well represented by flown covers of pre-war days, such as those carried from Italy to Brazil, the U.S.A. and Somalia with the special commemorative Italian stamps and, in some instances, autographed by the Pilots of the historic "Balbo Flights;" a very representative display of early Canadian semi-official airmail stamps, both mint and on cover with many rare "Patricia Airways" items. Also, in the South African sphere, was a superlative exhibit of the Union 1918 "Make Your Sixpence Fly" postcards, both mint and very fine used; and among the rarer covers were seen such items as the Beaufort West and Sir Lowry Pass "crash" envelopes with supporting documents.

Coming to the more recent airmail material, there was a perfect galaxy of unique or near-unique **Active Service Letter Cards** and **Aerogramme** sheets of Southern Africa, which have probably never been seen at any previous Exhibition. Also many of the most elusive "Specimen" Aerogrammes were on display.

The exhibits formed a really outstanding group of this popular side-line of philately, which it was a pleasure to inspect.—I.H.C.G.

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THEMATICS

Twenty-nine exhibits were shown in this section out of a total of 130 exhibits. Two exhibits were transferred to Group 9—one consisting of Maximum Cards of one country without any write-up—and the other a collection of the 75th Anniversary of U.P.U. without any thematic reference. There was little improvement on the 1961 National Exhibition except the top award where the exhibitor had taken note of the previous report, which appeared in the S.A. Philatelist, and had most carefully re-written up his collection and made many additions. There were however several new exhibits which followed the advice which had been given and these gained medals. Due to this and various questions asked, a certain amount of repetition will have to be given in this report.

Firstly the definition again must be clarified between the two divisions of Thematics: namely Topical and Thematic. A Topical collection is one in which a topic (e.g. birds, maps, etc.) is illustrated by means of stamps. On the other hand a Thematic collection is one built up on a definite plan and has a theme as its basis, illustrated

with stamps (e.g. History of Architecture, the Development of Transport, etc.) and tells a story. In a Topical collection completeness is required in its field but in a Thematic collection one looks for coverage and treatment of the subject chosen.

Again it must be stressed that the stamps must be the main feature of the exhibit. These must be genuine postal issues (not stickers) and be in the generally accepted good condition. Used stamps may be included but these must be "fine used" and not have the subject matter blotted out. It is recommended that used and mint stamps on one page be not mixed as this tends to give an untidy appearance to a sheet.

In a Thematic collection the theme must be evident and irrelevant matter not be included—one collection definitely showed stamps which had no direct bearing. In a Thematic collection, in order to give the story, somewhat more write up is in order but even this must not swamp the stamps, but should form a background which is unobtrusive. Coloured pictures can be included where such serve a definitive purpose, e.g. in Art, such a picture may show a painting to illustrate that a portion was used of such on the stamp, or in the case of Map collections an error may be indicated by a small diagram. These illustrations however should not dwarf the stamps. In a Topical collection however write-up and non-philatelic accessories must be reduced to a bare minimum, but this does not mean that the beholder must guess what is shown on the stamp. An example of such was the fish of Japan, where research or looking up a catalogue would have given the name of the fish illustrated. The general appearance of a collection is important and should be neat and attract the person viewing same. This all needs care and consideration cannot be hurried. Like all other sections of philately research is essential before commencing setting-out or writing-up a collection. A genuine search must be made for all the material—stamps, postal cancellations, postal stationery, etc., which show the subject. This means study, and getting books on the subject. Some years ago there may have been an excuse but such no longer exists as many books and handbooks on every conceivable subject have now been issued and in addition there are Journals entirely devoted to Thematics.

Originality is not just some fancy method of presentation but some original approach to a subject, such as "Winds of Change"

shown. At UNIPEX the top award collection was "Paris"—this was original and the treatment suited the subject owing to the fact that direct material could be selected.

A Thematic collection is not an easy one to build up or present—those who have done so realize all the difficulties—and collectors must never imagine that a jury are fooled by superb presentation and wrong material. A poor effect is the "one stamp a page" with a lot or even a little write-up. This often gives a "bare" effect. Another error is to try to spread a small subject by padding same with pages of explanation without any stamps. One can always find a grouping for at least two or three stamps on a page. On the other hand it is tiresome to see sheets with too many stamps on them. One must strike a balance. It would seem that some collectors are of opinion that it is merely necessary to buy a few hundred cheap stamps and then mount these as a thematic collection (thematic or topical). On the other hand again there were no less than two exhibits where there was excellent material but this was very poorly handled and presented. One has a terrific choice of material now especially since 1930—in Ships alone there are over 9,000 stamps showing all types of ships and check lists are today available for all subjects.

Neatness is essential and above all real philatelic knowledge, as shown by the top award collection, is necessary in addition. This entails a knowledge of stamps and allied postal matter.

The 29 exhibits consisted of 10 Topical collections and 19 Thematic collections. The awards were two Silver Gilt, four Silver, and six Bronze medals with 10 Certificates of Merit and no award to seven exhibits. Quite a number of collections were the same as in the previous year without any attempt to improve same or add to same. It is hoped that the Societies will endeavour to obtain the best exhibits shown at the Exhibition during the year so that there can be a marked improvement at Durban in 1963.

The A.T.A. Award for the best exhibit in the section went to Mr. J. L. P. Fernandes (P.E.A.) "Railways and Philately."—M.F.S.

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THE UNOFFICIAL SIDE OF CONGRESS

So PENAPEX and Congress have had their hectic week; the camp is deserted and now remain the memories and impressions. Of course to one attending his first congress

of this sort it would be natural to compare it with other national congresses of, say, a business or professional nature. The first striking feature was the natural friendliness between delegates as old friends. I take it as due to the fact that here is a hobby, and livelihoods and gain are not at stake. It was Tom and Mike and Jack and Leo and Teddy and so on, and also a Cyril. And to think that these exalted beings are the same men whose names appear in the *Philatelist* above either erudite, fearsome or incomprehensible articles. Anyway, they sure put that jovial host—not racing Sid—at the Mayoral cocktail party right when he described them at first as a bunch of madmen—stamp accumulators—as he had been led to believe, but he actually stayed on for awhile at Congress, an unusual compliment, and he soon learned that there was method in the madness as he affirmed later at the Banquet. And as for that difficult word *Philatelist*, just go to P.E. by train and hear the wheels throb *Philatelist*. *Philatelist*, *Philatelist* ad nauseum

Now the delegates really got down to business. There was a job of work to do. Not for them to worry about sea-lawyers with their pettifogging constitutional pinpricks, or about delegates who don't like their local Society's Motions, and when the Annual General Meeting of the S.A. *Philatelist* got into its stride—I reassured myself after what seemed many hours by referring to the agenda that it was only one of five reports. Then the delegates warmed up, and, with the March of Time, all agreed what had to be done. (It was rumoured that the remedy had been thought of in previous years). What the *Philatelist* really needed was more advertisers, larger circulation and more subscribers, that's all, so what about it you chaps, and everybody was happy. There was a proposal, not seconded, by the Bosun that a copy of the *Philatelist* could go with every ten gallons of petrol sold. Somehow it seemed *infra dig*.

And all the time at the helm sat the benign Teddy Bear. How he must have worked, weeks and weeks preparing, and we were full of admiration. An instance, in another direction, of his forethought came that afternoon at Addo when it became so very cold, and the more convivial souls wondered whether tea or coffee would touch the spot, and, lo, up turned a shiny truck laden, not with adhesives, but with the necessary in large variety and lashings of it. Such goodness, my goodness. Then there was the 1st

Vice-President—I never learned whether he has a pet name, he should have for his Pickwickian urbanity—our joy was as great as his when he romped up to collect his candlesticks at the Banquet.

In the background, all the time, at congress were our hostesses. A smiling face and a gracious bearing from so many of them greeted us at every break. It made such a difference. I do believe that we needed to have booked bed and breakfast only at our hotels, the spreads were so sumptuous, and they were fresh every day. I wonder what happened to the left-overs. And talking about refreshments, the Banquet was by far the best I've ever enjoyed at a congress. There were actually whole soles for the fish course, my, my. In the name of veracity however, there was not a grain of truth in the quip of some fuddled joker that the last item on the menu was Instant Carpio. Indeed it was strange in flavour, it may have originated far out in Algoa Bay. While we are on culinary matters, it is unknown where the canard started that the braai-steak at Addo came from the rhino camp. It was very unfair and falls in the same category as the wicked rumour that the steak was home bred on oranges at sunset. The National Parks Board would never have allowed it however keen local hosts would be to present local delicacies, like giant prawns at Lourenco Marques. Much more likely the steak was slowly nurtured on lucerne in paddocks outside Oudtshoorn.

The S.A. Stamp Study Circle held a well-attended meeting one evening. There was a short auction of good material, started in hurricane fashion, but soon settled down when people got to know what was being sold. Surprise was expressed at the high prices and scarcity of some South African items, but what would have been said had a sheet of 1 cent Republican stamps, face value R2, been presented with a reserve of R500. These were issued less than eighteen months ago and this sheet had five defectively printed stamps, a unique item then, and it will still go at that price in time. The two papers read by Study Circle members were politely listened to. They seemed to fall into the first category of articles mentioned earlier, with just a touch of the third. Big Chief Tom even there demonstrated his ability at fly-spotting.

In afterthought, I know I shall always buy a certain make of adhesives, a certain make of paper and a certain make of candy

as it is called elsewhere, and there will be a preference for a certain brand of petrol and cigarettes.

And so the company dispersed to the four quarters; to the Transkei via Rhodesia, to the drought of the Northern Transvaal and to the gales of the Cape West. First to go was the Bosun with his whistle via Grahamstown. From their various domiciles departed those august personages, the Jurymen; from the Olympian Heights of one who after thirty years of jury-work requires seclusion richly merited after the arduous duties performed, to the other who entered so gaily, yet with perfect decorum, into the happy and inconsequent prattle at the hotel of what seemed like a group of able seamen on shore leave.

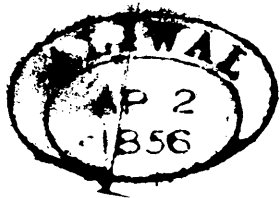
Until next year, and what a precedent set for Durban! —“AFRICANA.”

POST OFFICES OF THE CAPE COLONY AND THE ORIGIN OF PLACE NAMES

By REX REYNOLDS

(continued from p. 171 of September issue)

Aliwal.



Several places in South Africa have been named in honour of Sir Harry Smith and his wife, but not commonly known are Aliwal South and Aliwal North, the former simply known as Aliwal and later again changed to Mossel Bay. Sir Harry's victory at Aliwal against the Sikhs in India has been perpetuated by these names, and Aliwal North is today still known by this name.

Alexandria.

Was named after the Rev. Alexander Smith who arrived in South Africa in 1823 and was for many years a minister of the Dutch Reformed Church at Uitenhage. A Money Order Office formerly known as Olifants Hoek.

Armoed.

A small post office agency in the Oudtshoorn District, and simply means "poverty." It was thus named due to the poverty of the soil and the hardships endured by the people, but the name was later changed and is today known as Volmoed—full of hope!

Baviaans Drift.

A postal agency in the Bedford district is one of the many place names compounded with the word "drift," and "Baviaan" means a baboon; in Afrikaans "Bobbejaan."

Bolo.

This was a sub-office in the Stutterheim district and derives its name from "Ibholo" the Candle Wood Tree (*Pterocelastrus variabilis*). There is also the Bolo River, a tributary of the Kei.

Bowesdorp.

A tiny hamlet in Little Namaqualand near the Kamiesberge, and is named after Dr. Bowes at one time the district surgeon there. "Kamies" is derived from a Hottentot name meaning "to gather." ("Wesleyan Place Names" by Rev. C. Pettman).

Buxton.

A sub-office in the Stockenstroom district and recalls the name of the noted philanthropist, Sir Thomas Fowell Buxton, who was a great admirer of the Rev. John Phillips, and supported his views regarding the Coloured people in South Africa.

Calvinia.

One of the many place names connected with the Church, and was in 1851 named after the great Reformer John Calvin at the special request of the Dutch Reformed Church at the Hantam.

Clanwilliam.

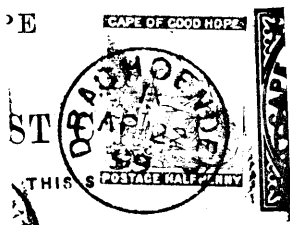
This was a Money Order Office and was first known as Jan Dissels Vlei after an agriculturist who lived "in de Renosterbosch aan de Piquetbergen;" this name was later changed to Clanwilliam in honour of the Earl of Clanwilliam, father-in-law of Sir John Cradock.

Coerney.

There apparently was a place on the Bushmans River called "Koernoë" by the Hottentots meaning a small forest, and this name in the mouths of the Settlers became Coerney. It is in the Alexandria District.

Commadagga.

This was a Money Order Office in the Somerset East district, and according to Pettman the origin must be ascribed to two Hottentot words "Homi" a hill, and "Daxab" wild hemp, or "dagga." It is spelt as Camdagga in 1778, and Sparrman spells it Quamedaceka. It then actually means Dagga-berg.

Draghoender.

A tiny Post Office Agency in the Victoria West district. The origin of this name is not clear. It certainly has nothing to do with hoender (a fowl) but in all probability is a corruption of "Dragonder," a dragoon.

Ebenezer.

Sited at the mouth of the Olifants River in the Clanwilliam district this sub-Post Office and Mission Station was founded in 1831 by missionary Von Wurmb of the Rhenish Society. The name is said to mean "the stone of help." See also I Samuel VII verse 12.

Enon.

Postal Agency in the Alexandria district also has a Biblical origin. (See John III verse 23).

Embokotwa.

A postal agency in Tembuland, and the name is derived from "imbokotho" and "imbokothwe" meaning a round, or oval, stone—especially one used for grinding corn.

Fort Brown.

A postal agency in the Albany district was first of all known as Hermanus Kraal, and so called after Hermanus Xogomsh, a Hottentot rebel. Hermanus Kraal is mentioned in the Journal of Landdrost Faure to the Kafirland in 1793, and is situated on the Fish River. It was renamed Fort Brown after Lieut. Brown of the 75th Regiment who was in command during the 1835 war.

Fort Donald.

This postal agency in Griqualand East was named after Mr. Donald Strachan the Magistrate of Umzimkulu, who camped there in 1882 in command of a detachment of Native levies.

Gamtoos River Ferry.

The name of this postal agency in the Uitenhage district speaks for itself. Gamtoos is a Hottentot word, and Beutler in recording the "Gamtousch River" writes of the Hottentot tribe "de Gamtausch Natie."

Garies.

This was a postal agency in Namaqualand and derived its name from the flora of the locality. The Hottentot word for couch or "kweek" grass is "garis."

Genadendal.

A sub-post office in the Caledon district, was formerly known as Baviaans Kloof and here the Rev. George Schmidt began the first mission work in South Africa in 1737. This name was changed to Genadendal (the vale of grace) in 1806.

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A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE WORLD'S AIRMAIL STAMPS AND POSTS

By **CAPT. M. F. STERN**

(continued from p. 173, September issue)

1912 started off with three services in the U.S.A., namely on January 1 at Wilmington N.C., on January 20-28 at Los Angeles, Cal., and on February 17-25 at Oakland, Cal., when special cancellations were used on the mails carried.

In Germany there took place the flights between Bork and Bruck by the aviator Grade between February 18, 1912, and June 25, 1912. The normal cancellation was used but vignettes were applied to mail, the first and rare one being lithographed on thick glossy paper and issued February 26, being followed on March 3 by the same design but on matt paper. Those issued on February 26 consisted of only 90 copies. In March there was a new design of the vignette and these on flown cover are of great rarity. Later in March a third design of the vignette was issued.

The U.S.A. then had numerous flights, March 2-3 at Sacramento, Cal., March 17 at Galveston, Tex., April 6-7 San Diego, Cal.—Coronado, Cal., April 21 Eureka, Cal., all of which received special cancellations.

Between May 18 and June 23 in connection with the First International Aviation Exhibition at Vienna, Austria had its first Airmail flight. Special cards were printed in connection with the Exhibition and a special cachet in four lines was prepared and applied in black as follows: "I Internationale Flug—Austellung in Wien 1912—in Wien—date." There were also three aviation meetings for which special cards and cachets were prepared: June 1912, the Aspern Aerodrome at Vienna; September 15-29, 1912, Aviation Meeting at Innsbruck; June 15-22, 1913, Vienna Aviation Week.

On May 24 there was a flight from Bath to Hendon Aerodrome (London). Special gummed label, worded in black, "This card was carried from Bath to the London Aerodrome by aeroplane, 24th May, 1912. Aviator's initials" The aviator's initials "B.C.H." were filled in by the pilot Hucks, who flew this mail from Bath. Covers bear the Hendon postmark of May 28, 1912. In that same month there was on May 30-31 a flight at Milwaukee, Wis., in the U.S.A.

which ranks among the rarities, there being only three known flown covers.

The first Swedish Airmail flight took place on June 1-2, 1912, between Eslof and Akarp, the aviator being Neilson. A three-line cachet "Svensk Flypost—No 2—Eslof 1912" was applied and a special postcard showing the pilot standing beside his B.S. monoplane (extremely rare). On the return flight a similar cachet was applied but "No 3" replacing "No 2" and in addition a circular cachet "Flygpost No 1 (2 or 3) Akarp—Eslof—Svensk."

Japan now came into the picture with its first airmail flight on June 2, 1912, between Yokohama and Tokyo. Official air postcards were utilized and a special cancellation applied. This flight was carried out by the American pilot W. A. Atwater. The machine crashed after flying only a portion of the route.

The Salmel flight took place in June between Bath and Falmouth, covers being postmarked Falmouth June 15, 1912. In July and August the circuit of Great Britain was made by Gustav Hamel and a special cachet, which is well-known, was used on the mails. These flights were organised by the "Daily Mail" and took place at various points.

We can now revert to balloon posts and to Hungary where the first Hungarian balloon-post took place in July 1912. Special official cards in blue, with inscription "Gluck ab!" or "Gluck ab! Gut Land" and balloon at right were issued. Instructions are printed on the card as to posting by finder.

A demonstration flight was carried out in Denmark on July 29, 1912, at Hareskov and a violet oval cachet applied. On July 31, 1912, there was a flight between Nancy and Luneville (France) and semi-official air post stamps issued for same. The stamp was authorised by the Minister of Posts.

In August 1912 the "Daily Mail" waterplane tour of the South Coast took place in England. A special cachet in violet was used. The cards have photographs either of the waterplane in flight or of C. Grahame-White (the promoter of the flight) seated in the machine.

An experimental flight was made in Uruguay between Salto and Montevideo in August 1912 and a special obliteration in three lines used "Correo Aereo—Salto—Montevideo—25 Agosto 1912." A further flight was carried out in Sweden on August

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On September 14, 20, 26 and 30, 1912, the first Argentinian airmails were carried. This was during military demonstration flights at Rosario. A special aerial propoganda stamp was issued, 5 cent, bearing the flag of Argentina. Genuinely flown covers are extremely rare and care must be taken in purchasing same as this propoganda was frequently affixed to letters despatched by ordinary mail.

The Zeppelin came again into the picture on September 19, 1912, when a flight was effected by the German Zeppelin "Hansa" commanded by Dr. Eckener from Copenhagen to Hamburg with mails and this was followed by flights between Wiesbaden and Frankfurt a/M by the Zeppelin "Viktoria Luise" October 13-26, 1912. Special cards impressed in green were issued for these last-named flights, values 50 pf. and 1 mk.

The first airmails in 1913 were those on January 8, 1913, in India in connection with the Calcutta Exhibition. The pilots were French aviators and about six of the special cards are said to exist, inscribed "Great Aerial Exhibition — 8th January 1913 — Messrs. G. Verminck & M. Pourpe — A souvenir from 20,000 feet—above Calcutta—Price Re 1." This was followed on February 11-18, 1913, in Great Britain by the first aerial parcels delivery between Gosforth Park and Seaham, and Blyth (Northumberland); promoted by Robert Sinclair Co. Ltd. Newcastle-on-Tyne. A private air post vignette was attached.

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UNCATALOGUED Z.A.R. RARITY

Mr. D. S. Franklin, resident in the state of New York, a keen collector in various Southern African fields, reports that he has

acquired a specimen of S.G. No. 116, used, but without overprint. It has a Royal certificate—"genuine, but thinned."

This is the issue of 1877 when a number of Z.A.R. stamps, imperf. and rouletted, were overprinted V.R./Transvaal. Three different 6 stamps (120d., 124d. and 125d.) are catalogued by S.G. as with overprint omitted, but not the 1d.

SPEEDING UP AIRMAILS JOHANNESBURG TO CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN

Early in September I happened to pass the small but very active Post Office at Isando (not far from Jan Smuts Airport and serving an area which includes about 75 large industrial concerns) and noted a new blue pillar box which had been erected alongside the ordinary red one.

Having just read S.L. Crozet's article in the "S.A. Ph." (Sept. 1962, p. 152) about air mail sorting having been moved from Jan Smuts Airport to Germiston I wondered what the significance was of this special box for posting air letters in. This was cleared up a few days later when on a second visit to Isando I saw a copy for recent Chamber of Commerce Gazette pinned up on the P.O. Notice Board. Here follows a quotation in full from it:

Airmail to Durban and Cape Town

The Press Relations Office of the Johannesburg post office has informed the Chamber that a new BLUE AIRMAIL PILLAR BOX had been erected outside the ISANDO post office to enable Industrialists in the area to post airmail matter up to 4.30 p.m. to connect with the evening flights to Durban and Cape Town.

A special blue posting box will also be erected at Jan Smuts Airport on the 1st October. Mail posted by 4.45 p.m. will connect with the evening flights to Durban and Cape Town.

The Chamber is making representations to the Johannesburg Postmaster for more expeditious handling of airmail letters posted in the centre of Johannesburg. At present, the closing time for airmail to connect with the evening flights is 1.30 p.m.

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AEROGRAMMES

Basutoland 1962 Provisionals.

Further to the report in the September issue, p. 153, a second type of unfranked Aerogrammes, printed in Pretoria, has now been put on sale at the Maseru Post Office. This sheet, requiring adhesive stamps, has the texts transposed—i.e. Afrikaans-English, instead of English-Afrikaans—and the address panel is bordered by dots in place of short dashes. The earliest postmarked examples seen are dated September, 1962.

There is still no information available of a new definitive Aerogramme for Basutoland.

BASUTOLAND

2½c INVERTED OVERPRINT

Mr. G. N. Gilbert writes:—

Referring to the notes by Mr. Weinstein in your September number, p. 149, on the discovery of the inverted 2½c overprinted stamps at Mokhotlong, the following letter from the Postmaster there may be of interest.

On receiving my copy of this inverted overprint (which is the one illustrated in the S.A. Philatelist incidentally) I wrote to the Postmaster at Mokhotlong to try to obtain further information and, being by nature a bit of an optimist, hoping that I might land a mint copy or two, or even another used copy, and his reply is appended.

“Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter dated 14-8-62, regarding the 2½c stamp dated at Mokhotlong 2-7-62. It is evident that there was a sheet of overprint 2½c upside down which was unnoticed and sold to the public over the counter. I am sorry to say at the moment the overprint type of stamps are out of stock here—all sold out. I will endeavour to obtain used ones for you and send them as soon as practicable. Yours faithfully—Postmaster.”

From the latter part of this letter it appears as if I am not the only optimist! For those who do not know the locality of Mokhotlong, it is one of the most inaccessible places in Basutoland except by air, and there is also a very rough route covered by

jeep per the Sani Pass. The postmaster is a Mosotho, and it is very unlikely that he would have noticed anything peculiar in an inverted sheet of stamps.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES.

(a) Printers' Inscriptions.

A new printing of the inscribed 2½c stamp has appeared on sheets with 3A 1A and 3B 1B controls.

As is the case with the recent printing on sheets with the old IA-1A and 1B 1B controls, the centres are in a much lighter green shade, but the main difference lies in the inscription on the bottom margin of the sheets, which is now in very small letters and measures, approximately 34½ mm. in length.

In the previous printings the inscription “De La Rue & Company Limited” measured 64 mm.

The new inscribed 5c stamps which were recorded last month are also in sheets with this small inscription at the bottom, so it would seem more than likely that the remaining denominations with inscribed values when they do appear will also have these small inscriptions.

(b) Air Letter Forms.

The blank air letter forms supplied by the Republic for temporary use in Basutoland have now appeared with Afrikaans first and with dotted lines in place of the dashes.

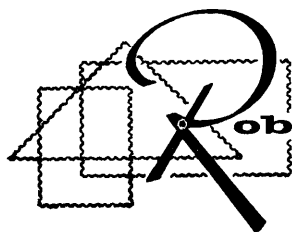
This is interesting as so far this type, with the printed 5c stamp with no white selvage round, has not appeared in the Republic.

(c) Stamps used on Tristan da Cunha.

On page 149 of the September issue of this magazine it is reported that a cover was sent from Tristan Da Cunha to Bremersdorp with Swaziland stamps affixed and cancelled with a Tristan mark of a type later than 1937.

I have a cover sent from Tristan to Peka in Basutoland, with two 1938 Geo VI Basutoland definitives, one 1d. and one 2d. These are cancelled with the double ring Tristan Da Cunha cachet, actually it is a triple ring, as the outside ring is thicker measuring 30 mm. then comes a thin ring 1 mm. from the outside, and an inner ring of 17½ mm. with Tristan Da Cunha between the two main rings and a Maltese Cross. On the cover is another Tristan cachet, in violet, and slightly larger measuring 30½ by 19. This cover has the Peka postmark of March 4th, 1948. It is undoubtedly a “philatelic” item.

—G. N. GILBERT.



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Berck-63 "Thematic-France" published by Ed. Berck, 6 Place de la Madeleine, Paris (8e). Price 3 NF.

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A few stamps may fall into more than one category.

The catalogue ends up with sections on Proofs and First Day covers.

Somewhat confusing at first but possibly quite a good arrangement once you have become used to it.

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The August issue of the "American Philatelist" has a big list of Black Blots.

East Germany. 10, 20 and 25 pf. of the Baltic Sea issue (limited quantities). 10, 20 and 40 pf. of the 10th Agricultural Exhibition (also a limited issue).

Ghana. "World Without Bombs" propaganda issue of 3d., 6d. and 1/3d. values. (Sale limited to 8 days). Also same three values of "Lumumba Memorial" stamps on sale for only a few days.

Haiti. Imperf. anti-malarial sheet with 3 values of triangular stamps. A re-issue. Another re-issue set is of 4 U.N. Refugee Year series.

Hungary. Anti-malarial issues perf and a few imperf. Ditto for Commems. of the Hydrographic Service and of Gutenberg, inventor of printing press. All three black blotted because of oddities intentionally included with the issues.

Libia. Two highly speculative anti-malaria sheets.

Maldiv Islands. Two sets (16 stamps in all scheduled for issue in the next few months, half as many as were issued in the 47 years (1906-53). Incidentally there is only one post office in the group.

Mongolia. A 5 stamp issue of triangulars honouring the world soccer championship games in Chile.

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Paraguay. 10 anti-malarials in four different designs (an excessive issue). Also a shockingly excessive issue for the Chilean Soccer Internationals—perfs., imperfs., souvenir sheets and airmails.

Togo. 6 stamps plus an air sheet commemorating President's visit to U.S.A. Also stamps featuring the aeronaut Col. Glenn, with two different coloured overprints.

U.S.S.R. A 4 stamp sheet commemorating 25th anniversary of the P.O. on a drifting ice-floe (being advertised at \$9.50). Beware also of a set of 5 for the Youth Pioneers. It is NOT a Boy Scout stamp as there is no such community in the U.S.S.R.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA & GOUGH ISLAND

News has come from Port Elizabeth that the Dutch liner "Straat Bali" on her way to South America is landing two Danes, a newspaper man and a photographer, at Tristan. They represent a newspaper-magazine-television group in Scandinavia and hope to get enough material for a good story in some ten days so as to return by the "Boissevain." If that is not practicable they may have to remain longer and hope to get back somehow.

H.M.S. Puma left for Tristan on 27th September, arriving on 1st October. Sailors are repairing the well between the settlement and the beach, which looks as if the islanders may be allowed to re-settle.

Gough Is. The R.S.A. is reported as sailing for Gough Island on 20th October.

EXCHANGE WANTED

Herr Manfred Prinz has seen the advertisement of the S.A. Ph. in the German "Interphila." He describes himself as a passionate collector of almost all stamps and has many duplicates. He has not yet, however, got any of the Republic of S.A. nor of any of the recently emerged new states in Africa. For these he could supply in exchange stamps of almost any country in Europe, Asia or America. His address is 59 Hellenderfer Str., 28 Bremen 16, W. Germany.

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Major D. T. Merson has recently taken up collecting S.A. Stamps and would like to ob-

tain such in exchange for stamps of G.B. or of other European countries. Also if possible to correspond on philatelic matters generally.

His address is Varne Cottage, 24 Ian's Walk, Seabrook, Nr. Hythe, Kent, England.

100 YEARS OF RED CROSS

(A CORRECTION)

It was stated in our August issue that the Centenary Exhibition to be held in Geneva 15 Aug. to 15 Sept. (including a Philatelic Section) was taking place this year. That was a mistake; the days and months are correct, but the year is 1963.

So if you think of exhibiting or of visiting the exhibition you are still in time. Details available from the Commissioner-General, 7 Avenue de la Paix, Geneva.

ANGLO-BOER WAR

"GOVT. PRINTER IN THE FIELD"

Mr. C. E. Sherwood writes that in a recent collection of Boer War material that he purchased there was a picture from a newspaper or magazine showing the "Staats Drukkerje in te Veld." He had copies made and sent us one which we have pleasure in reproducing.



There is no date with it (unless the indecipherable printing at the foot of the card on the printing machine is a date) but we hazard a guess that it may have been at Machadodorp which was the temporary capital in July 1900 and the printers may have been doing the well-known Machadodorp Postcard.

SOCIETY NEWS

PORT ELIZABETH P.S.

21 August. We had the pleasure of welcoming a strong contingent of collectors from the Grahamstown Philatelic Society. It comprised Messrs. W. Lightfoot, R. F. Keeble, A. Ruddock, L. Holgrave and W. A. Pettit. They were warmly welcomed by our President, Mr. E. Baer and given a brief insight into the preparations and plans for the forthcoming Congress and Exhibition, when we hope to see some of them again.

By way of entertainment the large gathering was shown a collection of German Tête-Bêche and Se-tenant Stamps (G. Bulbring) and some Sinai-Campaign stamps by Dr. J. W. Harris, each exhibitor giving a talk on his display. A most entertaining and successful auction was conducted by Mr. T. Strachan. Mr. Lightfoot voiced the thanks of the visitors for a very pleasant evening.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

September Meeting. Two exhibits were shown: (1) By Dr. Daniel, a comprehensive display of Barbados, beautifully mounted, (2) a collection of the airmail envelopes of Denmark, by Mr. Creewell, covering the period 1911-58. Jack is quitting the chair for four months to take a trip to Australia and New Zealand, and everyone wished him "bon voyage."

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

August Meeting. Mr. L. Buchen showed some Air Mail labels (not stamps) of Israel with cyclometer numbers and on water-marked paper. This was a new find and various explanatory theories were advanced to explain them.

Then Mr. Rutenberg gave a display of 265 sheets of U.S.S.R. stamps, stating that this was just a selection of the 2,000 sets issued since 1918.

Finally Mr. B. Glassman shewed the pictorial stamps of Israel issued since 1948. A contrast to the U.S.S.R. exhibit.

P.S. OF NATAL

1 August. After a record auction sale. Mr. A. Leslie Leon gave an instructive talk on "How to prepare a collection for Exhibition." This was followed by Mr. D. Rzechts with a thematic exhibition of "Textiles on Stamps."

15 August. Swopping evening. Very successful barring one thing—there was no tea or cakes; everyone present thought someone else was providing it.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

Met ons jongste byeenkoms (**Saterdag, 1 deser**) het dit nie so goed gegaan nie . . . daar is 'n nuwe rekord vir afwesigheid opgestel. Alles het gevolglik daaronder gely—die uitstallings, die veiling, die alles.

Vir ons volgende formele byeenkoms (**Saterdag 6 Oktober**) sal lid W. Lambert iets tentoonstel uit sy dertigbundel-versameling van lugposseëls en dit is te hope dat daar meer waardering van mededelede sal kom. Soos gewoonlik sal daar ook ruim tyd vir seëverkeer wees. Maak nou 'n plan.

Maar nog voor daardie datum ontmoet ons reeds weer op **Saterdag 15 deser** met ons ruilbyeenkoms. 'n Goeie opkoms word verwag en u moet dus nie versuim om u voorraadboeke saam te bring nie.

Gaan ons vanjaar die eindwedstryd om die Rembrandt-Wisseltroufee sonder 'n verteenwoordiger tegemoet? Ons het nog geen enkele inskrywing ontvang nie en die tyd raak min. (Hoor u, lid Hattingh, lid Brasch, lid Rossouw, lid Joubert, lid ???). Met die Veka-Wisselbeker behoort dit ook beter te gaan. Ons het reeds een uitstalling gehad en lid Bruwer het sy Tweede Vryheidsoorlog vir Februarie 1963 ingeskryf, maar dit is nie bevredigend nie . . . lekker mededinging is nodig. Hoe lyk dit met u!

GERMISTON P.S.

August Meeting. A good attendance for our visitors from the East Rand.

Three fine exhibits were showed: (1) Australia by Mr. Jos Bognor, (2) Holland by Mr. Ferreira, and (3) O.F.S. by Mr. Sam Legator.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

August Meeting. First came a showing of new issues and a surprise item by Dr. K. Freund in the way of stamps depicting Rugby. This was apropos the International game coming off next day.

There were two main displays, one by Dr. van Zyl Smit of early Unions and an extensive showing of U.N. issues by Mr. H. E. Roux.

PRETORIA P.S.

August Meeting. A competitive evening for Thematic collections, with 5 entrants. They were: (1) Dr. Walker, The Fairy Tales; (2) Mr. M. J. Schlieben, Flowers on Stamps; (3) Master Schiff, U.P.U.'s; (4) Mr. Gouws, Philatelic Zoological Gardens; (5) Mr. Allan, "This and That."

The judges awarded the prize to Mr. Schlieben. It may be mentioned that this collection had just come back from showing at Prague.

P.S. OF JOHANNESBURG

11 September. The much-looked-to quiz arranged by Dr. Harvey Pirie completely floored the previous champions and was appropriately won by that well-known and erudite philatelist, Mr. J. E. Frankland. Dr. Harvey Pirie certainly proved his point, that a philatelic quiz should be a test of philatelic knowledge and not merely a memory test.

"Oppie" Oppenheim gave a very interesting discussion on the display that he was to show members. Seldom has one seen such pristine condition on pages of rare material that was only representative of the main collection of so many countries. We were shown Classic France, Town post-marks of Holland, Brazillian Bull's Eyes, initial issues of the U.S.A., and a sparkling collection of early and late Monaco.

September 24th. A large portion of the evening was devoted to reports received from delegates who had been at the P.E. Congress, (reports serious and otherwise). One new delegate said that he had learned a great deal more about oratory than he had about philately.

Stanley Boss showed his collection of overprints "War Tax" of the commonwealth. This almost complete collection included some very interesting varieties. Leon Buchen displayed "Byways of Israel," an unusual exhibit of covers which he described as "showing what can be retrieved from the waste-paper basket." We do not all appear to have the right sort of w.p.b. as the ruling price for material retrieved by most of us is 7½c per hundred.

The auction, under the able hammer of "Oppie," kept the meeting alive until long after normal closing time. —P.R.O.

S.A. STAMP STUDY CIRCLE

Full opportunity was taken of the fact that a fair number of members were present at Port Elizabeth Congress and a highly successful meeting was held on the second night there.

"Jack" Haggard read a paper on "Postage Due Labels" and displayed examples of his discussion. This very interesting article is worthy of publication and certainly needed more time to digest than was allocated.

"Mike" Michelson read a paper on "The lithographic offset process of printing" followed by examples of what he had been trying to explain. The motif of the display was the "Federation Presidential Badge of Office" reproduced lithographically. There were "inverted frames," "colour trials," "folded printings," "over-inking," "under-inking" examples and finally a depiction of "no ink at all." a blank piece of paper, suitably mounted.

"Jack" was again called on to read Mr. M. J. Rall's paper on "The cracked clichés of

the 1d. Pretoria, Plate II Typo stamps" suitably illustrated with examples of the paper. This material is rarely seen and it was a privilege to see examples of the subject matter.

R. Fisher-Hill raised a laugh from the meeting with his impromptu "all-thumbs" method of mounting Aerogrammes and what not to do.

In spite of the fact that the guest auctioneer, Mr. Ian Hall had obviously never seen a Union or Republican stamp in his life before he managed to raise sufficient laughs to make members and visitors dip into their pockets and help swell the society's funds.

It is hoped that all future congress centres will afford the opportunity to the SASSC to illustrate the intense research that this group is conducting on the stamps of the past and present issues of our own country.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

According to the "Philatelic Magazine" a full scale International Exhibition will be held in Paris in the summer of 1964. Associate with it will be a travelling postal museum which will tour the length and breadth of France.

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

Hong Kong. Pride of place in the September number is given to the definitive issue of 15 values ranging from 1c to \$20. All of them show only the Annigoni portrait of H.M. The Queen. Expected to go on sale on 4th October. A general and philatelic history is given.

Other releases in August-September are:

Trinidad & Tobago. Independence issue, 5 values, 31st August.

Cyprus. New definitive issue, 17 Sept., 12 values, 3 mils. to £1, mostly of antiquities.

Falkland Is. 3 stamps (6d., 1/- and 2/-) on 23 Sept., for the 50th anniversary of their Radio-communications.

Malta. 4 stamps (2d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-) commemorative of the Great Siege of 1565.

JAPAN

1 September: Two 5 and two 10 yen stamps showing scenes in the Nikko National Park.

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SOUTH AFRICAN NOTES

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The Hardy Annual.

Mr. R. Jeidal, of Cape Town, reports that among a collection of Postal Stationery which he recently acquired, there was a postcard postmarked "7 FEB 96," at Port Louis (Mauritius) and addressed to Klagsbrun and Epstein, Johannesburg. The writer refers to an appeal by the "South African Philatelist" appearing in "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" for subscribers, and in response thereof tenders his application.

It would appear that the S.A. Philatelist contracted its present "complaint" some 60 years ago!

3d. Prime Ministers Issue.

Mrs. S. Barton, of Port Elizabeth, has submitted for our inspection a 3d. Prime Ministers Golden Jubilee Commemorative Stamp, U.H.B. No. 143, exhibiting an inverted watermark. This characteristic, of which there is no doubt, has not been previously recorded to our knowledge.

Mrs. Barton is to be complimented upon her observation and her contribution towards the listing of this issue.

New Issues.

A Registered Envelope, printed by "Spicers" is the only new issue to report. It is prepared in the same format and style as previously but with the English inscription first, so far.

Items of Interest.

(1) "Remnant Bars" of varying thicknesses have been observed on three consecutively printed sheets of the current 3c value.

(2) The lower half of a sheet of the 1c value, Pane A, Cyls. S 11/S 7, exhibiting an interrupted printing condition of the red cylinder over the bottom four rows of stamps, probably due to a temporary stoppage of the printing machine, has been recorded.

(3) A 5c Air Letter sheet of the current series, showing a "joined paper" condition on its fold over, has been viewed.

(4) It is reported that the bars on the left and right hand margins of the present 7½c unwatermarked printing appeared in a "faded" condition—due either to cylinder wear or a dirty cylinder. If the former, the condition will be constant, if the latter, non-constant.

Postage Due Labels.

The following paper was read by Mr. S. J. Hagger at the Port Elizabeth meeting of the South African Stamp Study Circle.

According to the Agenda, I am to talk to you about Postage Due Labels, but in the limited time available, I shall deal with only one of them, the ½d. value of Group V. There are only two values in this Group, and they are notable for the fact that although the frame portions were printed by the then new rotary process, the value portions were still printed from typographed plates.

These ½d. labels have always been quite plentiful in mint condition, and many years ago I noticed that they were of two types. In some, the "d's" of ½d. were thin, in others thick and, no matter on how large a piece, there was no mixing of the types. This

seemed to indicate that the values had been printed by two different plates, and I resolved that should sufficient material ever come my way, I would try to prove that it was indeed the case.

About a year back I was lucky enough to acquire a number of complete panes and several smaller pieces of this $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and other values of the next group which were produced from the same frame cylinder, and I have brought along two album leaves with enough pieces to show that my assumption was correct.

On each of these there is a block of twelve, identified by the cut along the bottom edge, and the presence of the frame variety. Green blob under "B" of Betaal on R9/3, as being the first six stamps of the 9th and 10th rows. It will be seen that on the first sheet which I have titled as being from "Duty Plate (1)," and having the thin "d's", there are very thin ones on the second stamps in both rows and no variety on Row 9/4. The three extra pairs show that these conditions are constant.

The corresponding block on my second sheet, headed "Duty Plate (2)", has two large black dots below the fraction bar on Row 9/4 together with other varieties indicated by arrows. That these are all constant is shown on the block below, comprising the corresponding stamps in rows 19 and 20.

In case you should think it strange that I should be proving the constancy of varieties with a block from a different part of the sheet, I had better tell you at this stage that in the course of the investigation, I discovered that duty plate consisted of 120 images only and was therefore applied to half sheets at a time. At the top of my sheet I show a block of six stamps with prominent duty flaws in the top and bottom pairs accompanied by minor frame flaws on the adjoining stamps. The pairs have the duty flaws without the frame flaws, showing that they are from the other half of the sheet.

The contrariness of inanimate objects is every bit as great a bugbear in philately as in any other sphere, thus, although I had several left hand panes there were none from the right, so I can produce no evidence that this duty plate (2) consisted of 120 or 60 images, but examination of some small pieces seems to indicate that it was probably

120. Those with thin "d's" seem to be much scarcer in large pieces so I have not been able to determine whether this duty plate (1) printed 60, 120 or 240 at a time.

Some of you may have wondered why I have numbered the plates, as this indicated the order in which they were used, instead of simply naming them "A" and "B". There are I think, only two ways in which this information might have been obtained. The first of these was "out," because even if sufficient used copies had been available, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. label is not what one might call a "quick seller" and could easily have been in stock for a long time before the cancellation was applied.

Thus there was left only the second method, checking what one might call the stages in the waxing and waning of the cylinder varieties. These cylinder flaws are of two kinds, those which tend to grow and those which disappear with use. As mentioned earlier, the frame cylinder No. 39, produced the stamps of this and the subsequent Group VI over quite a long period, and I know of one variety, a line across the gutter between two stamps, which is quite prominent on an early production of the 3d. with value in black, and almost absent in the last, the 6d. with frame in vermilion.

Unfortunately, here again I was up against the contrariness of inanimate objects, and although I could find three examples of this flaw accompanying the thick "d's", there was not one with a thin "d". I did however, have one "white" flaw in both $\frac{1}{2}$ d.'s and several other values, and it is on the strength of the progression of this that I have "stuck my neck out" and put the thin "d's" first.

Although I did not consider this strong enough evidence to produce to you here this evening, I've often found that when I know of something to look out for, it has turned up, so I do hope that at some future of these gatherings, I'll be able to bring along the proof of that pudding as well.

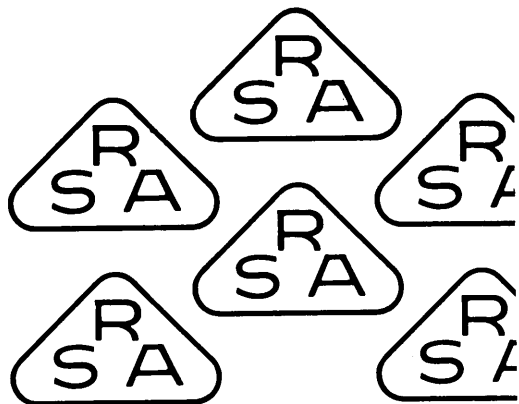
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R S A Watermark.

There have been rumours for some time about stamps having an R S A watermark, and in this case Rumour is **not** a Lying Jade.

The State Tender Board has put out tender forms for a supply of paper with the watermark here shown.



Tenders have to be in by 7th January, 1963, but when we may expect stamps on such paper is, of course, another story.

Antarctica.

The relief ship for the party at the S.A. Meteorological Station on Queen Maud Land will be leaving in the latter half of this month. We are advised that covers to get the special postmark should be sent, fully addressed and stamped, to the "Postmaster (Philatelic), G.P.O., Cape Town," so as to reach him by the 15th December, 1962.

CONGRESS NOTES

The 24th Congress of the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa was held at the Congress Centre, Old Wool Exchange, Port Elizabeth, from the 18th to the 20th September, 1962. Thirty-seven delegates representing 17 Societies and three Vice-Presidents were present.

With the exception of the report of the Publications Committee, the reports of all

other Standing Committees were adopted after short discussions. In reporting on THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHILATELIST Mr. Michelson as Chairman of the Publications Committee pointed out again that the magazine is still being run at a loss but if all constituent societies would be prepared to assist, the financial position of this publication could be improved considerably. He also assured Congress that the most stringent economy is being exercised and that no expenses at all are being incurred on the editorial side.

In the course of the debate following the presentation of the report it was suggested that affiliation fees be increased which would assist in stabilising the financial position of the S.A.P. and delegates were urged to report back to their societies who are to instruct their representatives on the stand to be taken by them when this matter comes up for discussion at an Executive Meeting.

Congress sanctioned the publication of a Handbook of the Stamp Issues of the Republic of South Africa. The work will be done by the SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP STUDY CIRCLE and specimen pages handed to Delegates showed that the handbook would be produced in loose leaf form thus allowing for supplementary pages to be added.

The W. E. Lea Cup was handed to the Jury of PENAPEX who in turn awarded it to Mr. G. H. Immelman for his collection of and research on CAPE POSTAL HISTORY.

The Skinner Cup was awarded to Mr. J. H. Bruwer of Krugersdorp and Congress Awards were made to Messrs. G. N. Gilbert and J. M. Weinstein for Papers published in the South African Philatelist.

No names were added to the ROLL OF HONOUR OF DISTINGUISHED PHILATELISTS.

The Office-Bearers for 1962/63 are as follows: President, Mr. G. Milner Palmer; Vice-Presidents: Cape, Mr. N. C. Combrink; Transvaal, Mr. L. Buchen; Natal, Mr. C. Whysall; O.F.S., Mr. A. L. Meyburg; Rhodesia, Cmdr. C. E. D. Enoch; Secretary/Treasurer and Business Manager of the S.A.P., Mr. S. J. Vermaak.

The invitation extended by the Philatelic Society of Natal to hold the next Congress in Durban from the 2nd to the 6th September, 1963, was accepted.

POST OFFICES OF THE CAPE COLONY AND THE ORIGIN OF PLACE NAMES

By **REX REYNOLDS**

(Continued from p. 196 of November issue)

Gong Gong.

This curious name of a sub-post office on the Vaal River, not far from Kimberley, is said to be an anglicised form of a Bushman onomatopoeiac name "gon-gon" which imitates the sound of water as it falls on rocks. The Rev. Charles Pettman quotes from the Trans. S.A. Philosophical Society Part I page 59, 1878, "when the water is low some of the rocks are exposed . . . One of the rocks has a hole in it, and as the water goes tumbling through, it does so with a noise which the natives describe by the name Gqum-Gqum. Hence the peculiar name Gong Gong." There is also of course the Afrikaans word "gons" derived from the Hottentot word "Gon-gons" which means to make a whistling noise or uproar.

Hebron.

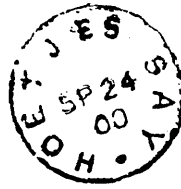
Also in the Barkly West District this sub-post office, like Gong Gong, was a place where alluvial diamonds were found. The origin is Biblical, see Genesis XIII verse 18, and was later changed to Windsor-ton, deriving its name from the Windsor family, to whom the property belonged, and on which the township was laid out.

Hoetjes Bay.

A sub-post office in the Malmesbury district, situated on the northern part of Saldanha Bay. The origin of this name is puzzling and interesting. On an early map of "De Baai van Algoa de Saldanha" (see Molsbergen and Visscher's "South African History told in Pictures") the name of this small Bay is given as "Oetjens Baal." On Bowens map (1744) it appears as "Oetiens Bay." There are also various other forms viz.: "Hoeties Bay (1699), in 1670 "Hoedjes Bay" and then on a chart of 1738 the name appears in the form "Oedekens Baay, of Hoetjes Baay."

It is not certain whether the various spellings are corruptions of the family name the "Oetgens van Waveren te Amsterdam," and should this not be the clue then the origin of this place name must remain a mystery.

Note: The Houtjes Bay mark illustrated has an additional interest from a purely postmark point of view, viz.: A type of can-



cellation normally known only from Griqualand West, but with the numeral "11" although only numbers up to 10 are known from Griqualand. See S.A. Ph. Vol. 33, 1957, p. 6, and Vol. 34, 1958, p. 149.

Hottentots-Holland.

The origin of this name has afforded no little play to the imagination of various writers such as Valentyn, Kolbe, Stavorinus and others, but the doubt seems to have been definitely settled by Molsbergen who had access to the original document in the



Kolonial Archief te 's Gravenhage: . . . "Drie Kolonisien waren buiten weten van de Kommandeur . . . etc. Landwaerts in geweest, en Hottentotten ongeveer 5 a' 600 Zielen troffen se aan in een vruchbare streek en noemende . . . etc., etc. dese plaets haer Holland, ofte Vaderland." Hence the Holland or fatherland of the Hottentots. A postal agency in the Stellenbosch district.

Houw Hoek.

This was also a sub-post office in the Caledon district, and the origin tells of the difficulties and perils early travellers experienced inland; it is the name borne by a gorge through which the Bot River flows and Burchell points out in his "Travels I, page 92, 1822" that this word has been spelt in various ways according to its supposed etymon; Houwhoek implying "hewing-corner;" Houdhoek "Holdfast-corner," or Houthoek "wood-corner." Mr. Graham Botha, one time keeper of the Archives, says that the name refers to the extreme steepness and dangers of the ascent through the gorge.

Idutywa.

Money Order Office in the Transkei. The verb "ukuduba" means to mix things, and figuratively "to bring into confusion, to dis-

turb." The passive form of the verb is "uku-dutywa" and hence Idutywa is derived from the scattering and confusion there of the Tembu and Fingo tribes during the Mfecane and Zulu invasions of 1828.

Jansenville.

A Money Order Office in the same district and is said to have been named after Governor Jansens, and the township stands on part of the farm Vergenoeg, granted in Lord Charles Somerset's time to a certain Prinsloo.

Knysna.

The origin of this river which has given its name to the town as well as the district is not certain; some affirm that the word means "a fern leaf;" others would explain that the word refers to the two steep "Kranzes" (Cliffs) falling straight into the sea and between which vessels must pass to the port inside. It is a corruption of one or two Hottentot words.

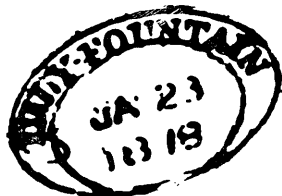
Kowie.

A postal agency in the Bathurst district, and it is a place name which appears as early as 1793 in the form of "t Kouwie" and this would certainly seem to disprove the theory that this place was named after Dr. Cowie (and often spelt thus) who was the district surgeon of Lower Albany, but only appeared on the scene during the time of the Settlers.

Graham Botha says that it is derived from a Kaffir word "Qohi" meaning a pipe, and certain trees grew along the banks of the river from which the Natives made their pipes. Rev. Charles Pettman maintains that the name is an European corruption of the Kaffir name "i Qoyi" which in turn would appear to be a Bantu corruption of the Hottentot word "Kuwi" meaning noisy.

Lilly-Fountain.

A sub-post office and Mission Station in Namaqualand. According to Backhouse



("Narrative" page 524) the name refers to the arum lilies which grew at the spring and the land had been occupied by a farmer.

A letter from Governor Plettenberg dated 31st January, 1772, reads "Two farms, named the Ezels Fontyn and the Lely Fontyn both situate in the Camies Berg, were granted by me in loan last year to the farmer Hermanus Engelbrecht."

Mamre.

This Moravian Mission Station and postal agency was first of all known as Groenkloof and is situate halfway between Cape Town and Saldanha Bay, in the Malmesbury district and later called Mamre (see Genesis XIII verse 18).

Mohalies Hoek.

Named after Mohale, a brother of the Paramount Chief Moshesh, and it means a brave man, or a warrior. A postal agency in Basutoland.

Mount Coke.

There are many places in South Africa named as a result of Wesleyan mission activity, and Mount Coke was established in 1825, and named by Rev. Shaw after the Rev. Dr. Coke, who in many ways is justly regarded as the forerunner and founder of the Methodist Mission. A postal agency in the King William's Town district.

New Bethesda.

This was a Postal Agency in the Graaff-Reinet district and is Biblical in origin (see John V verse 2) — "the place of flowing water."

A Dutch Reformed mission in the Northern Transvaal was also called Bethesda, and a similar name was given to a mission in Basutoland by the French Missionaries (see "Basutoland Records page 70).

Old Morley.

Was founded in 1830 by the Rev. W. Shepstone and eventually became a postal agency situate in the MQANDULI district. It was named after the Rev. George MORLEY of England, one of the General Secretaries of the British Methodist Conference. In 1863 this mission was moved and re-established eight miles further from the coast and named NEW Morley.

Peddie.

This small town was formerly known as FORT PEDDIE and lies between the Fish and Keiskama Rivers. It was named in honour of Lt. Colonel John Peddie in command of the 72nd Regiment.

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BASUTOLAND

1947 ROYAL VISIT POSTMARKS

The following may be of interest only to those collectors of Basutoland who also make a study of their postmarks.

In my "Postal History of Basutoland" booklet I mentioned that two different types of cancellers had been used for the Royal Visit in 1947 one for the 11th of March, the date of the Royal Party's arrival and one for the 12th March, the day of their departure.

It has since been discovered that at least six different cancellers were used, three on the 11th and three on the 12th. These all differ in some manner, in the spacing of the letters, size of the letters etc.

Drawings of the six types are given below, and as these are made from tracings they are reasonably accurate. Measurements are taken as follows:—

- (A) from the middle of the B in Basutoland to the middle of the R in Royal.
- (B) from the top end of the T in Visit to the middle of the D in Basutoland.
- (C) from the top of the L in Royal to the top of the V in Visit.
- (D) from the top of the R in Royal to the top end of the T in Visit.

Type 1. 28 by 19 mm.

- (A) 11 mm.
- (B) 11½ mm.
- (C) 4.25 m.m.
- (D) 23 mm.

Letters of Visit are evenly Spread.

Type 2. 27½ by 18 mm.

- (A) 10½ mm.
- (B) 10½ mm.
- (C) 4.25 mm.
- (D) 23 mm.

Letters of Visit are longer and thin.

Type 3. 28 by 19 mm.

- (A) 10½ mm.
- (B) 11 mm.
- (C) 3 mm.
- (D) 22½ mm.

Letters of Visit are slightly shorter than Type 2 and the V is slightly spaced from the i.

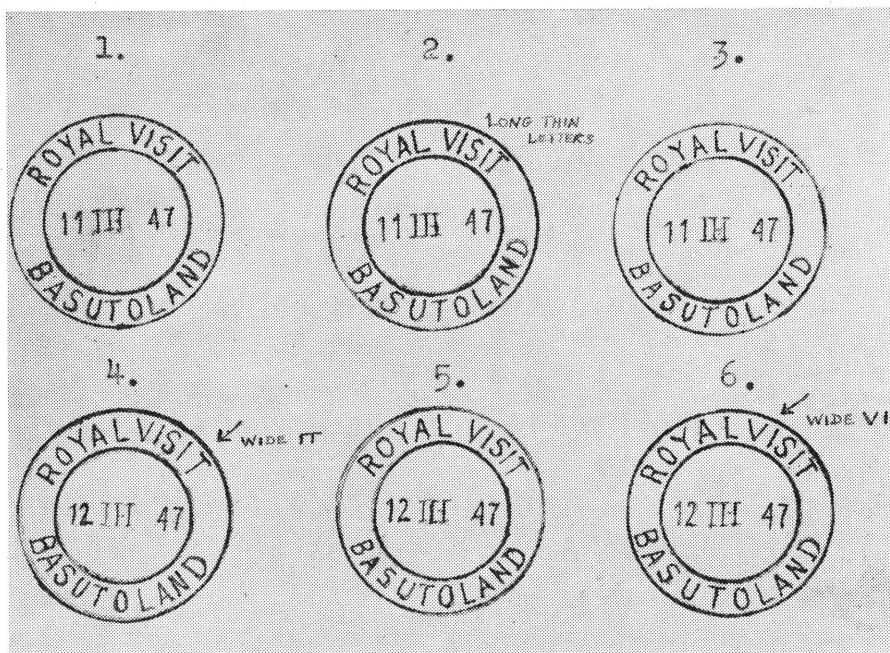
Type 4. 28 by 18 mm.

- (A) 8 mm.
- (B) 12 mm.
- (C) 3 mm.
- (D) 23 mm.

The I and T in Visit are widely spread.

Type 5. 27½ by 18 mm.

- (A) 9½ mm.
- (B) 10½ mm.
- (C) 4.25 mm.
- (D) 23 mm.

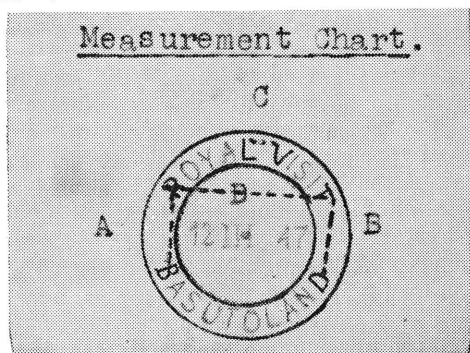


Type 6. 27 by 18½ mm.

- (A) 7 mm.
- (B) 9 mm.
- (C) 3 mm.
- (D) 23½ mm.

Letters of V and I in Visit are wider spread.

There are also other minor variations in the letters.



GENERAL NOTES.

The new inscribed decimal 3½c and the 25c stamps have been on sale for the past few weeks. The 3½c sheets have the control 1A 1 and the 25c—3B 1.

One sheet was found of the 3½c with one perforation missing in each stamp on the righthand margin.

Later. Six more similar sheets have been found, so perhaps this variety is not so scarce as was thought at first.

—G. N. GILBERT.

POSTMARK CORNER

Cape Numeral Postmarks—Kei Bridge 647.

In "The Philatelist" p. 271, Sept., 1962, in the notice of an auction sale, Mr. Robson Lowe reports an unrecorded number—647, with location at Kei Bridge.

Swaziland—Luvengo.

The P.O. Weekly Circular, No. 44 reports the establishment of a new Postal Order Agency (P.O.A.) at Usuthu Mission, some four miles S.S.W. of Malkerns. It will be known as "Luvengo" and will be subordinate to Manzini, through which office all its mail matter will circulate.

Anglo Boer War. M.S. Cancellation—Highlands.

Mr. A. Leslie Leon reports a cover, bearing a 1d. Q.V. stamp cancelled "Highlands

4/12/99" in manuscript. It is addressed to Pietermaritzburg and has an arrival back-stamp "G.P.O. De 5, 99."

Highlands is noteworthy as being the last railway station to be evacuated by the British upon the approach of the invading Boer forces. Mr. J. H. H. Chamberlain has informed me that many years ago he was told by Mr. J. H. Miller, who was telegraph clerk at Highlands at the end of 1899, that as the Boers advanced everything was packed in readiness to evacuate the office. It would appear from this cover that the date-stamp were included and would presumably not be in use until normal business was resumed later. Mr. Chamberlain also states that this is the first cover of its kind that he has seen in an experience extending well over fifty years.

A New Slogan.

A two-line slogan "Get Home Safely/Kom Vellig Tuls" has appeared in several localities. In some one language is on top, in some the other language comes first. The earliest date of usage noted is by Mr. Cairncross of George on a Cape Town Mark of 8.X.62.

R.P.K. Noord O.V.S.

Mr. Batten records possession of a cover with this postmark of date 1st October 1899. So far as we are aware this is only the second recorded specimen of this T.P.O. service operated by the O.V.S. (See paper by Pirie and Newlands S.A. Ph. 1956 p. 168).

NETHERLANDS

The Postal Administration announces the following issues:—

August 7. Two Europa stamps, 12c and 30c, in the general symbolic design of a tree branch with 19 leaves.

August 27. A test issue of 4, 8 and 12 cents stamps on unwatermarked luninescent paper.

September 7. A new 6c stamp showing a polder landscape. Intended to be the first of a series replacing the so-called figure type.

September 24. Set of 5 semi-postals of children in their occupations. The surcharges are for the benefit of mentally and physically indigent children.

September 29. Sale of Netherlands New Guinea stamps in the Netherlands to cease from this date.

IT CAN STILL HAPPEN

The late Mr. E. W. Mann in his book on "The Victorian Postage Stamps of Natal" stated that the first issue—the embossed stamps—should be regarded as some of the really few "Primitives," and could be classed with the Hawaiian Missionaries or British Guiana Circulars without any injustice to either of these two issues. The President of the Royal Philatelic Society of London, Mr. H. R. Holmes, is writing a series of articles on classic issues and considers that the higher values of the Natal stamps are amongst the world's scarcest, and the Robson Lowe Encyclopaedia values those on cover at eight times normal.

All of which is an introduction to the story that follows.

Recently an elderly lady approached Mr. John H. Wicks of Pietermaritzburg to ask if he could sell her late mother's stamp collection. This consisted of the usual number of early issues—principally foreign—in damaged condition and often with the key value of the set missing, and his face fell as he glanced through the volumes. Seeing this, his visitor said, "Will these be of more use" and drew from her handbag two covers, the one bearing a 3d. Rose embossed Natal and the other a 6d. Green of the same issue. The embossing was in splendid condition and the two envelopes were addressed to the same person in London by different persons, but both travelled by the "Waldensian" from Durban on June 10th, 1859, and bear the "Cape Packet, Devonport" circular stamp dated July 28th of that year, in case of the 6d. stamp, tying the adhesive to the cover. Unfortunately, the Durban c.d.s. is smudgy in both cases.

These covers have been in the possession of the same family for over one hundred years; needless to say they were quickly sold and within a few hours were safely in the collection of a specialist in Natal stamps.

—A. LESLIE LEON.

THE "BURRUS" CAPES

This remarkable collection was due for sale at Robson Lowe's on 27th November. The first lot was a heading of "The Graham's Town Journal for July 7th, 1836, with an adhesive 1d. Newspaper Tax stamp.

Also a piece of another newspaper with a similar newspaper tax One Penny stamp, but in this case it is cancelled with the crowned oval date-stamp of the G.P.O. at Cape Town "FY-22-1840. This came from the Ferrari collection and it is still mounted on a piece of the album page on which that collector had written his comment that this stamp ante-dated the British Penny Black and he considered it to be the oldest postage stamp.

The First Postage Stamp. This example appears to be the only one recorded of a Newspaper Tax stamp being cancelled in transit through the post office. Query? Does this automatically transform it into a postage stamp? If it does, there is some basis for Ferrari's claim.

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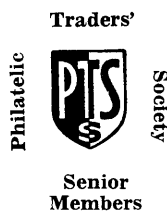
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By CAPT. M. F. STERN

(Continued from p. 200 of November issue).

On March 9, 1913, mail was carried in Switzerland between Basle and Liestal to which special vignettes were attached and special cards issued "Sammelurne: Burk, Mangold; Militärflieger Albrecht Mayer" and "Im. Manover, O. Plattner." A circular violet cancellation was applied "Erste Schweizerische Flugpost 9. iii. 13." On March 30, 1913, further mail was carried between Berne and Burgdorf also bearing a special vignette in value 50c or 60c. These cards were signed by Oscar Bieder and a circular violet cancellation applied "Erste Flugpost 30.iii.13 Bern—Burgdorf." On March 30, 1913 mails were carried from Bergedorf to Berne and another vignette used (50c). The vignette was green but covers exist with this vignette black on white (proof) attached. There were also colour trials of the vignette stamp. Special cards showing the plane either over Burgdorf or Bergedorf were issued, and cancellation used "1te Flugpost—30.iii.13—Burgdorf—Bern." Then followed the Herisau to Niederglatt mail for which also a special vignette was used on March 31, 1913 and a special card showing plane over Santis. On April 6, Bider flew the mails Aarau-Olten-Lenzburg and yet another special vignette issued. Bider flew mail also on April 27 between Liestal and Rheinfelden when yet another vignette was issued and a further circular cancellation marking the flight.

On May 2, 1913, in Belgium souvenir cards inscribed "Poste Aérienne—Exposition de Gand" and below "Flying Post—Ghent Exhibition—Aeroplane de Brouckere—Deperdusin" were flown. These cards were re-issued on August 5, 1913, for a special flight from Ostend to Blankenberg, for which a special postmark was used. This is the rarest of all Belgian air mails, only two examples being known to exist in 1935. Special souvenir cards were sold for one franc each at the Exhibition grounds and despatched to Brussels by a temporary air service promoted by the aeroplane firm of Brouckere—Deperdusin.

Switzerland was well to the fore after this there being three flights for which separate vignettes were issued: May 4, 1913, Langnau

to Berne; May 18, Sion to Siders; June 8, 1913, Lugano to Mendrisio. On June 22 mails were conveyed from Vevey to Villeneuve, when a special cachet was applied "Poste—0.25—Vevey—22.iv.13—Aérienne." A rare item is a special card "Pour la Patrie" bearing allegorical picture of Helvetia as conqueror of the air, carried on the Very flight. This was followed by two further mails: August 17, 1913, Solothurn to Weissenstein; August 13, 1913, Grenchen to Solothurn.

On September 11, 1913, a flight was carried out in Germany between Mulhouse and Freiberg and return. A special 25pf. vignette was applied and this vignette is rare in unused condition. In France on October 15, 1913, there was a flight between Issy les Moulineaux and Bordeaux, covers receiving a black cachet "Par Avion."

1913 closed on October 20, November 2 and 9 by flights in Austria by the Zeppelin "Sachsen" to the aviation camp at Haida (Bohemia). A special circular cachet in black inscribed "Zeppelin—Schiff Sachsen—date—Flugplatz Haida Böhmen" was applied. A second cachet also exists with the date October 20 in centre. It is inscribed "Zeppelin—Schiff—Haida—Bomen" with "Sachsen" above and "Flugplatz" below, and date in centre.

On February 3, 1914, the first Egyptian airmail was flown by Marc Pourpe between Cairo and Khartoum under the auspices of "Ligne Nationale Aérienne". Three copies were known in 1935 and constitute one of the classic rarities, in fact one of the most sought after items. This bears a cachet, circular, "Poste Aérienne—L.N.A.—Marc Pourpe—1913-14—Caire—Khartoum".

During February 1914 there were several interesting mail flights in Sweden. Mail was carried on February 7 and 8 by Dr. Enoch Thulin between Kalmar and the island of Oland and return flight on February 12, when the same cachet was used but date corrected.

On February 24, 1914, there was a flight between Santa Clara and Havana (Cuba). This was the first Cuban air-mail flight. Special cards and envelopes were inscribed in Spanish, Portuguese and English "Air Postway". The following is also printed in three languages: "Notice—This letter was carried to Havana by the Air from Cienfuegos, in this trip today, 24th February, 1914, by the flyman Jaime Gonzalez in his monoplane Morane". During April 1-15, 1914, there followed the first Monaco air-

mail flight, in connection with the Aerial Rally organised by the International Sporting Club of Monaco; seven aeroplanes carrying mails of souvenir cards left various European cities for Monaco. Of these only three completed the trip, namely from Brussels, Paris and Madrid. The other points were London, Gotha, Vienna, Rome and Milan. A special vignette was affixed to the cards and a circular dated postmark inscribed "Rallye Aerien Manoco" applied on arrival.

On May 4, 1914, there was a projected flight at Olten for which a special vignette was issued (50c) but the pilot engaged had a fatal crash on arriving at Olten. A second aviation meeting was fixed for August 31 but Borer pronounced the conditions unfavourable. Special cards had been prepared—Pilot Rech in aeroplane, Rech over Langenthal, machine flying. The vignettes are extremely rare.

On May 10 and 11, 1914, the Zeppelin made a trip Dresden to Leipzig and return with mails. Besides a special cachet an impressed 25 pf. vignette was issued. In Denmark on May 12, 1914, there was a Roskilde flight by plane and mails received a circular cachet: "Iste Besorget Med Danmarks Flyvepost—12 Maj 1914".

Another highly sought after item is a card flown on the first German South West African airmail flight, May 13-27, 1914, by Buckner on his flight Swakopmund—Usakos—Karibb—Okahandja—Windhoek. Cards were carried and four types of cachet were applied, these cachets representing the stages. The plane was for demonstration at an Exposition held at Windhoek.

On May 17, 1914, there was a flight between Speyer and Mannheim in Germany when special cards were carried inscribed "Karte des Prinz—Heinrich—Fluges 1914" and bearing a cachet "Flugpost Speyer-Mannheim." On June 20 there was a flying meeting between Breslau and Leignitz, Posen and Konigsberg and Dantzig arranged but cancelled. Special stamps were prepared. Special cards and an oval obliteration worded "Flugpost Breslau-Dantzig-Leignitz (date)" were prepared. The programme was finally carried out by the Military Air Force.

Meanwhile in Japan on May 13, 1914, there was a National Air Meeting at Narno, organised by the Imperial Aeroplane Society. A special cancellation was applied to a special card showing a bi-plane in flight at the meeting.

On July 16, 1914, the first Australian air post flight took place from Melbourne to Sydney (580 miles) by the aviator Guillaux. Souvenir post cards (2,500 carried) received a special cachet.

Towards the end of 1914 there was a rare flight on October 17 at Grinnel, Iowa (five flown) and on November 3 at Troy, Alabama which post received a circular cachet.

1914 closed with airmails carried at the Siege of Przemysl (1914-15). During the second siege of the East Galician fortress of Przemysl (Austria) by the Russian armies from November 7, 1914, to March 22, 1915, (when it was finally surrendered by the Austrian garrison), letters and cards were sent out of the beleaguered town by both balloons and aeroplanes. During the period November 7 to December 31, 1914, three types of round cachets were applied to mails with Austrian eagle at centre and also a single-line cachet "K. u. K. Fliegerkompagnie Nr. 11." Besides these plane posts, there was also balloon post which received a three-line cachet "K. u. K. Festungsballonabteilung No. 2." "Festungsartillerieregiment Furst Kinsky No. 3." All the above are extremely rare. The Fliegkompagnie No. 14 (one of the circular cachets) was located at Kuschan—the landing place for pilots coming from Przemysl.

In Austria for the period January 1 to March 21, 1915, there were further mails from Przemysl. Special cards were prepared and all consecutively numbered at first in manuscript, and afterwards by a stamping machine; the object being to ensure that each unit only sent out its allotted quota of cards. These cards received a two-line cachet "Fliegerpost Przemysl—1915," vary in length 47 mm. (rarest), 57, 59, 66, and 67 mm. The cards were pale yellow, yellow-brown, lemon, and buff, at first but later pink, green and brown cards were used.

During 1915 there were several flights in the U.S.A.: February 20, Tacoma-Seattle, Washington; August 7-8, Port Huron, Michigan; September 6-14, Detroit, Michigan; September 13-15, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Special cachets were applied, namely indicating Michigan's and Detroit's first airmails.

There is now a break until February 15-27, 1917, when there was an experimental flight, Mount Gambier (February 15)-Hamilton (February 15)-Casterton (February 20)-Warrnambool (February 20)-Melbourne

(February 27) by aviator Basil Watson in Australia. Souvenir cards and cachet were used and these items are of the greatest rarity.

On July 6, 1917, the first Mexican Airmail flight took place between Mexico City and Pachuca. Covers received a two-line cachet "Primer-Correo Aereo." In the Argentine on September 2, 1917, there was an experimental flight Buenos Aires to Montevideo by Teodoro Fels, on which approx. 157 letters were carried. A cachet in black was applied to the mail.

In Australia there was another noteworthy flight between Adelaide and Gowler by R. Graham Carey in a 60 h.p. Bleriot monoplane. Cards were issued showing the aviator and his machine and on the reverse the draped Union Jack and Australian ensign, and franked with 1d. postage. These cards are among the rarest of the Australian flight covers and cards.

(To be continued).

CROWN AGENTS BULLETIN

Uganda is the leading feature in the October issue, with a general history and one of its stamps, from the typewritten ones of 1895 onwards, finishing with the Independence issue of 9 October.

Malaya. Briefly dealt with are the three stamps issued on October 1 for the introduction of Free Primary Education.

Bermuda has pride of place in the November issue with a general history and all issues up to and including the definitive issue of 26th October.

U.N.O.

Freedom from Hunger

U.N.O., through its Food and Agriculture Organisation is planning to start another set of World stamp issues to start on 21st March, 1963, opening day of the World-Freedom-from-Hunger Week; 48 countries have already agreed to participate and the issuing of special stamps will be one way in which they hope to raise funds for local efforts.

On 17-IX-62 Memorial stamps (5c and 15c) were issued in honour of all who had died for or in the service of U.N. They feature the flag flying at halfmast. The date is the 14th anniversary of the death

of Count Bernadotte on service in Palestine and the 1st anniversary of the death of Dag Hammarskjöld and 15 others near Ndola in Northern Rhodesia.

On 24th October there appeared a 4c stamp commemorating the U.N. effort to restore law and order in the Congo.

ITALIAN REMAINDERS

Sale of these still goes on. We have just received word of 6 sales on October 9 and 10 of some 27 lots.

JAPAN

26 September. A 10 yen stamp for the opening of the Wakato Suspension Bridge.

FIJI

Six new values (1d., 1½d., 2½d., 3d., 1/6d. and 5/-) are due to appear in December, completing the total of 15 for this definite set.

HOVERMAIL

The latest development in Airmails is the introduction of "Hovermails" by British United Airways on 20th July between Rhyl and Wallasey on Merseyside. The hovercraft did this journey in 25 minutes; it would have taken 75 to 90 minutes by road or rail.

S.W.A.

A new 3c stamp, featuring the lighthouse at Swakopmund and two flying flamingos, was due for issue on 1st October.

BECHUANALAND AEROGRAMMES

Dr. J. F. Fick writes us that he has been told by the Director of Posts, Lobatsi, that the Protectorate still has on hand a supply of overprinted aerogrammes sufficient to last about 14 months, and that it is intended to use these up, before getting new ones.

Incidentally Dr. Fick is going on pension after 25 years in the Colonial Service, but is moving to a post in the Republic service at Box 19, Kokstad, C.P.

AV2 AND O.A.T.

These mystery markings are to be found on Air Mail covers of the period 1939-1949. The fact that they occur both before and after the war years seems to rule them out as military markings, although probably, carried in military planes during the actual war period.

Up till now the main student of them has been the late Dr. Gordon Ward; he published some work on them, but did not entirely solve their nature. His mantle in this connection has fallen on Mr. Donald D. Smythe of San Francisco who has a lengthy article on these markings in the American Philatelist of September, 1962. He acquired Dr. Ward's collection and notes some years ago. He has had access to some 300 covers with these markings and has cleared up at any rate most of the mystery about them. There is no actual mention of these marks in the UPU Conventions but there are quite a lot of instructions about the handling and making up of air mails which are very suggestive, and he has seen the actual handling at San Francisco of air mail coming across the Pacific Ocean.

We can only give here a brief summary of his findings.

AV2 Marks.

With very few exceptions all such marks seem to have been applied at such places as Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Singapore and British North Borneo. He has not found any explanation for the wording, it would appear to have been chosen at random, and just why it was used is still a matter of conjecture.

O.A.T. Marks.

These are simpler; they were applied practically only in London and the G.P.O. has confirmed their significance is "Onward Air Transmission." The marks were applied to ANY mail arriving there requiring further transmission by air.

There is a lot of detail in Mr. Smythe's paper, with numerous illustrations of different types of these marks. Anyone specially interested should consult this paper.

GREECE

Two stamps (1.50 and 2.50 dr) were issued on 30 October boosting the recent introduction of the farmers' social insurance project.

S.A. STAMP COLLECTORS SOCIETY

Through the courtesy of the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. A. Page, we received an advance copy of the Catalogue of the Exhibition held in London on 27.X.62.

There were 12 exhibits, covering a wide range of S.A. philately. Three exhibits were entered for the Abell Cup competition, in which Mr. E. McDougall was the winner with his study of the doctor blade flaws. The runner-up was Mr. R. J. Lawrence with his coil issue of De la Rue Georgians. Mr. R. W. Merriman came third with his plating study of the 3d. rotogravure pictorials—this is not yet completed.

AUSTRALIA

For the Empire Games, Perth—22 November, to 1 December, a stupendous variety of philatelic souvenirs will be available. To begin with there are the 5d. and 2/3d. stamps and 10d. aerogramme already announced in our July issue. Now we learn that no less than 25 different cancellers with designs featuring various sports will be employed from time to time at the post offices connected with the games.

All requests should be sent to the Philatelic Bureau, Perth, W. Australia.

The Christmas stamp, issued on 17th October, features a wood carving of the Madonna and Child of 16th century Spanish origin.

A 5d. commemorative will come out early next year for the 150th anniversary of the crossing of the Blue Mountains.

Two stamps (5d. and 2/3d.) and a special Aerogramme will be issued early next year for the visit of H.M. the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

A 1/- stamp was issued by Papua and New Guinea on 5th September, which shows a native policeman directing traffic in Port Moresby.

THE PHILATELIC FEDERATION

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on 2nd November approval was given to the application of the Cape Society of Palestine—Israel Philatelists to become affiliated with the Philatelic Federation of Southern Africa. This now brings the number of affiliated societies up to thirty-one.

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23 October. A special 4c as a tribute to Dag Hammarskjold as Secretary-General of the U.N. It features a large portrait of him in front of a model of the U.N. building.

SWAZILAND

Mr. Mephins reports the opening of a new Postal Order Agency (P.O.A.) called "Luren-go," situated near the Usuthu Mission Station about 4 miles S.W. of Malkerns. It will be under the control of Manzini.

ETHIOPIA

A set of 5 stamps was issued on 11th September in honour of the 10th anniversary of the Federation of Eritrea with Ethiopia. Ranging from 3c to 60c in value, they feature various buildings in Assab and Massawa, the capital and the port of Eritrea.

On 2nd November there was due a set of 7 stamps honouring Ethiopia's famous men and women, ranging from 7 B.C. to 1508 A.D. This is announced as the first of an annual series of such stamps.

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The price is \$3.00, but it is being sold for a limited period at \$2.00. Obtainable from the A.T.A. Inc. at 3306 N.50th Street, Milwaukee, 16, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Austrian 1.80 Sports Stamp.

In connection with Sports, one of our advertisers, Mr. R. Osborne, of 901 Philadelphia Corner, Johannesburg, sends us a photograph and a long description from a thematic view-point of this stamp, which features a gymnast on a vaulting horse. This description is too long to quote here, but collectors of sports stamps would find it of interest and would doubtless be able to obtain it with the stamp, from Mr. Osborne.

Stanley Gibbon's Cat. Part I, 1963. Price 24/- net. (Stanley Gibbons Ltd., 391 Strand, London W.C.2).

For the convenience of collectors this "red bible" of British Commonwealth stamps still includes the Republics of Eire and South Africa. It maintains its popularity, and the 1962 edition has been out of print for six months.

It continues to grow in size and this edition of 832 pages has 46 pages more than the last. The chief editorial revision has been in the stamps of Grenada.

Prices remain firm but the demand for the older stamps is stronger than ever and there was a marked increase of interest in the post-Victorian issues. We feel that the time is near for these to show considerable increases in their pricing.

Commonwealth Cat. Q.E. II Stamps, 1963 Ed., published by Commonwealth Stamp Coy., 7 Leather Lane, Liverpool, England. Price 8/6d., postage 9d.

For collectors of British Commonwealth stamps of the period of Q.E. II this catalogue is invaluable. It is up-to-date, very well illustrated, gives prices according to

market values and gives data not available in most general catalogues—such as quantities printed, full descriptions of booklets, prices for F.D.C.s, etc. Issues of the Republics of Eire and South Africa are included.

Symbols in Auction Catalogues.

With reference to the Editorial in our September issue suggesting uniformity in the use of symbols in auction catalogues Mr. John H. Wicks of Pietermaritzburg writes:—

"In the production of 143 catalogues over 11 years I made it a principle never to use symbols—for two reasons: (1) They are, as you say, confusing, and (2) for the small number I require it is economically impossible to print the catalogues so perforce they are produced by typing and duplicator. Typewriters are not made with spaces to use a number of special symbols.

"It seems to me that any auction catalogue should be above all things clear and without ambiguity and I believe that a few well recognised abbreviations can easily take the place of symbols."

WAR ON SPECULATIVE ISSUES

Only two Black Blots awarded to the new issues reported in the September number of the American Philatelist.

Haiti. Mixing up a reasonably satisfactory Boy Scout issue of stamps with an imperf souvenir sheet of airmails. Also no announcement of the quantities printed of either the airmail stamp or the souvenir sheets.

Maldiv Islands. Two sets: One of eight stamps "commemorating" the 15th anniversary of UNICEF; one of eight triangulars featuring fish. Both sets run up to 5R denominations.

It may be mentioned that there is only one post office on the islands, and also that the 16 stamps are almost as many as were issued in the 40 years following the introduction of stamps in 1906.

EXCHANGE WANTED

Herr Eberhard Gebauer of 10a Radeberg Sa., Kleinwolmsdorfer Str. 47, D.D.R., collects animal stamps, also Europa and Olympic Games stamps. He wishes to exchange with a S. African collector—mint or used.

SOCIETY NEWS

"THE ROYAL"—CAPE TOWN

September 13: The Western Province "Get-together" was again a success this year. Bellville Society showed Australian and New Zealand Commemoratives, Thematics, Airmails, Coronations, Canada, Cape of Good Hope triangulars. The Fish Hoek Society showed Falkland Islands, Israel, Curacao, Netherlands, Ghana, Australian F.D.C.'s, Pro-Juventute stamps of Switzerland, and Africa. There was only one exhibitor from the University of Cape Town, this being Prof. Sloan who showed U.S.A. commemoratives. Somerset West also had only one exhibit which proved of interest namely Egyptian official seals. The Thematic Stamp Club exhibited U.N., League of Nations, Israel and Belgium. The meeting was well attended and everyone was able to see something which interested.

September 27: There were two very fine exhibits. The first was Mr. J. Wannerton's "Canadian Flight Covers and Airmail issues." The second was one by the versatile Mr. R. Jeidal who covered the issues of Liechtenstein, a colourful and interesting country, of which he has a sound knowledge. Mr. Wannerton is still a young man but he has made enormous progress with his sphere. It was a pity that so few attended to see material such as was offered.

October 11: A well attended meeting saw two exhibits. The first was by Mrs. H. Jeidal "Judaica." This was a compilation of events leading up to and showing the establishment and development of the Jewish State, by means of stamps, documents, stamps issued by the Jewish Agency, and finally included stamps showing famous Jews not found on the stamps of Israel. Mrs. Jeidal always has a flair for a complete and novel manner of putting over a subject.

The second exhibit was "New Zealand" by Mr. C. B. Rowe. Mr. Rowe has the beginning of a very fine collection and this was an extensive "maiden" exhibit. The collection was a general one and well written up, set out according to the New Zealand specialized catalogue, from the Chalon Heads (Richardson and Davis printings) up to the latest issues including commemoratives, health stamps, airmails, plate numbers, all well documented.

October 25: Miss S. B. L. Savidge showed for the first time her "History on Stamps" covering the histories of South Africa, Rhodesia (North and South), Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Nyasaland, U.S.A., and New Zealand. This was a good running commentary illustrating the history by means of the stamps of the countries themselves, but not of any foreign stamps. This was presented in a unique manner which was concise and very pleasant. A great deal of work had been put into this thematic collection.

The second exhibit was "World Refugee Year and Malaria Eradication" by Dr. P. L. Vautier. His exhibits are always well presented and were complete with varieties where such exist and all the miniature sheets. The forerunners were also shown: Lebanon (Jebel Druze War), Norway, France, U.N., Vietnam, China 1943 and Palestine issue of the Dominican Republic (1952). Of interest was the card addressed to the Queen of the Netherlands at Soestdijk Palace for return to sender and bearing five-12c WRY stamps. The collection showed the different ways in which the various countries illustrated the subject including the rather beautiful Philippine WRY issue. —M.F.S.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN P.S.

September 10: The new office-bearers were elected as follows: President, Prof. A. W. Sloan; Chairman, Mr. M. J. Kort; Sec./Treas., Miss E. Speed; Librarian and Custodian of T. B. Davie collection, Mr. P. Hotz; additional member, Dr. A. Keller. Mr. Hotz gave an exhibit of Science and Invention (Thematic) which proved more than interesting. —M.F.S.

THEMATIC STAMP CLUB

September 10: Another film from East London was shown, this being "Stamps and the Christian Faith". This was indeed good, and the accompanying talk more than interesting, this being read well by Mr. C. Mummery. Members are looking forward to the further shows.

September 24: This was again a popular All Members Night. The following were shown: "Turkey" by Mr. W. G. Combrink; "Plants" by Mrs. C. Smits (a fine exhibition); further section of "Queen Elizabeth II" by Miss Polchet; "Fish" by Miss G. Hoffmann (this is excellently set out); "Old German States" by Mr. J. Hurter (he is now the Vice-President of the club); "Animals" by Mrs. Dussart (a visitor); F.D.C.'s including the Hovercraft flight" by Dr. P. L. Vautier. There were thus several new and good exhibitors. An interesting discussion took place on Thematic judging and in particular on the exhibits at Penapex, when Mr. W. G. Combrink was able to answer many general questions on setting out of exhibits, difference between a topic and a theme as applied to Thematic collecting, etc. The meeting was very well attended.

October 8: The East London Society's film "Stamps and How they are Made" was shown. This was indeed a good film as it clearly indicated the progress of production of a stamp. The talk was given by Mr. W. G. Combrink, who added his extensive knowledge on the subject in addition to the script supplied. In addition three thematic exhibits were sent from Durban. The first was that of Mrs. Margaret B. Bevis who

showed "Tidings of Great Joy" which dealt with Christmas. This showed a very fine selection of stamps pertaining to the theme and was well set out.

The second exhibit was from Mr. L. Bevis "Philatelic Gallery of Old Masters", which was also very well set out, and with the stamps, were shown maximum cards with philatelic information. The third exhibit was "Europa" sent by Mrs. B. Zarnac. A most useful item was two preliminary sheets which gave valuable information and research as a guide to the stamps shown of the Council of Europe, NATO, Montan Union, Benelux, Europa and CEPT. The rarer items were shown, unofficial "Plagiart" stamp of Roumania, and those of Herm and Lundy Islands, together with various miniature sheets of Exhibitions and special cancellations. This was a collection treated thematically. All three collections caused very great interest. Other Societies should endeavour to get these shown at their meetings.

October 22: A large number of collectors attended including visitors from the Royal Cape Town, the Bellville club and Mr. Torres of Durban. The draw was the exhibition by Mr. B. H. Poyner of London who sent out the following: thematic exhibit "Discovery and Development of South Africa"—12 pages showing this from the early Portuguese discoverers to date, well illustrated with appropriate stamps. Also The Peoples League Illegal Letter Post of Britain, which was well documented: Boer War covers, consisting of fine examples of Army and F.P.O.'s, Boer Prisoners of War and others of general interest (some extremely fine items were included); Orange Free State—early cancellations, postcards and V.R.I. varieties, being a small section of his extensive collection. Those who attended had a really wonderful evening in viewing the selected 103 sheets sent. The material was very well documented and written up, concisely and with a very clear special type.
—M.F.S.

EAST LONDON P.S.

At the **September meeting** of the East London Philatelic Society two interesting talks were given on the history and philatelic development of Austria. In support thereof, two exhibits on that country were tabled by Mr. T. A. Harper and Rev. H. Pluddemann.

Two most interesting film-strips on "Ancient Greece and Rome" were shown, and greatly enjoyed by members and visitors present. These strips are the latest addition to this Society's film-library.

At the **October meeting** of the East London Philatelic Society, the Thornton Cup was competed for. Three entries were received, and as usual the standard was so high as to make the task of the judges a difficult one. Mr. v. d. Vyver showed a comprehensive collection of Australian stamps;

Major C. Hasted tabled a similar one covering the Rhodesias; and Miss J. Meaker showed a most intensive study of the current 2½c stamp. This latter collection won the Cup for her—a bold effort for a comparative new-comer.
—J.W.H.

AFRIKAANSE FILATELISTEVERENIGING

Lid Lambert het met ons jongste byeenkoms (**Saterdag, 6 Oktober**) 'n treffer tentoon gestel. Dit was 'n deel van sy enorme lugposversameling en die aanwesiges het hulle daaraan verkyk.

Met ons volgende formele byeenkoms (**Saterdag 3 November**) kuier ons ou vriende van die Wesrand vir ons en dat ons veel van hulle te sien sal kry, is seker. Sorg seker dat u daardie aand vry sal wees om te kom.

Ongelukkig is die veilinggoedjies tuis vergeet en kon die gewone maandelikse veiling nie plaasvind nie. 'n Impromptu-veiling van stukke op die plek deur lede beskikbaar gestel was nogal geslaagd. Die posveiling vind nou plaas met ons ruilvergadering, **Saterdag, 20 deser.**

Die volgende vier aansoekers is tot lede verklaar en baie hartlik tot ons kring verwelkom: mej. Maria Wiersma en mnre. R. Arlar, I. R. Minnaar en dr. B. H. Prinsloo.

EAST RAND P.S.

August Meeting. A very good attendance by members and also a number of visitors. Messrs. E. Sequeira and R. Lamant were duly elected as members and welcomed to the Society. Mr. E. Sequeira showed Australia King George VI onwards and Mr. J. M. Silberstein showed Canada.

September Meeting. An excellent attendance. Messrs. C. Neocleous, L. M. Raff, E. J. Minnaar and S. Baker were duly elected as members and welcomed to the Society. Enthusiastic support was given by members to attend the combined meeting of the Springs and District Philatelic Society on the 13th of November, 1962, and Mr. C. Waner will display Sports and Olympics. Congratulations were extended to Messrs. C. Waner and L. Feinstein for winning an award at the Penapex-Penafu National Exhibition at Port Elizabeth. Miss H. Nochemowitz exhibited Western Germany for the Sam Legator Trophy.
—H.N.

P.S. OF NATAL

We met on the **5th September**, some 45 members and friends, and saw faces who have been absent for long. We had a visit from Mr. Crookett of Johannesburg. Mr. Maskel was the auctioneer this evening and with a "professional touch" sold almost

what was thought unsaleable. He got a well deserved vote of thanks. The General Business of the Society didn't take much time indeed and, if no new members were accepted, we have not less than three resignations: Mr. A. W. Milne, Mr. K. F. Gibbs and Rev. A. J. Draper. Exhibits were two. The first one by Mr. Rex Osborne of an "extract from a collection of Malay States, North Borneo and Sarawak." This collection was very much appreciated, for the effort involved. We all know that Rex Osborne has very recently started to collect Malaysia (or future Malaysia). Second exhibit of the evening was that of Mr. Denne, of "Tristan da Cunha and St. Helena," an interesting display. Both these exhibitions were judged for the "Bishop" Cup.

On 19th September some 30 members and friends gathered for Ray Walsh auction. New faces were welcome that evening, and we are sure that Mr. Williams, Mr. Dudley and Mr. Law, all very keen collectors will join our Society. The Union Cup Competition which is usually held on the 1st meeting of October, has been postponed to that of November. The rules governing this competition are: (1) Exhibit not to exceed 40 album leaves, (2) A paper to be read not to exceed five minutes; and (3) only for stamps of the Union and/or Republic. Any member who wishes to compete, should hand over without delay his name to the Secretary.

GERMISTON P.S.

October 17. There was a good attendance at the monthly meeting when the society was host to the Afrikaanse Filateliste Vereniging from Johannesburg. As usual the members of this society displayed some very interesting collections. Mr. Gay's collection of Greece was superb while Mr. Vermaak's display of forgeries caused a great deal of interest. Mr. Lambert tabled a collection of air mail stamps and covers, some of which were unknown to many collectors. —S.L.C.

PRETORIA P.S.

October Meeting. A visit from the P.S. of Johannesburg.

Mr. Glassman was the first to exhibit on this evening. His collection of "Mozambique" included the Die Proofs of 1875, Colour Trials, Specimens, Imperfs, etc. Mr. Celliers was next to display his collection of Japan from 1915, showing the various issues in mint and used condition. Mr. Michelson then tabled a collection on behalf of Mr. Franklin who was not able to be present. This was an "Edwardian" Exhibit showing the Die Proofs of the "Cape of Good Hope" series, with the Plate Proofs and imperfeate stamps of that period.

The leader of the visitors then showed one of his various odd collections which is

always of interest to the members. On this occasion he tabled a collection of "South African Postage Due's" used on cover, showing the various forms and types, where, and how, and why, they were used.

Last but not least came Mr. Michelson who tabled a part of his "Gold Medal" collection of "Latvia" from 1828. The part shown was introduced by Pre Stamp Covers and the various issues thereafter, which included the stamps printed on old German War Maps.

MASHONALAND P.S.

September 19: Forty-three members and guests present. This was purely an Auction evening and items priced anywhere between 6d. and £10 were put up.

In future the meetings are to be held in the new Queen Victoria Museum.

SOCIETY OF ISRAEL PHILATELY

September Meeting. There were five exhibitors this evening. Dr. A. Kaplan opened with a collection of Kofar Yishuv covers of the interim period between the British and the Israeli administrations. Mr. Glassman shewed two definitive issues—the Tribes and the Zodiac. He was followed by Mr. Rutenberg with a display of animals and birds from all over the world, almost complete and very beautiful. Dr. Max Wulfsohn dealt very fully with the Postmarks and History of Israel's Maritime series, and not limited to purely official markings. The last exhibitor, Mr. Daniel, was a new member to show; he exhibited first issues of Israel, so well presented that he bids fair to become a first class collector.

PRETORIA RAILWAY P.S.

September Meeting. The Chairman, Mr. E. Walker, exhibited his collection of Egypt covering the period 1914, when Egypt first printed its own stamps, to the end of the reign of King Farouk. There are numerous fine items of that period included.

Our October meeting was for the Certificate of Merit for thematic collections. There was, however, only one entry thus we can't really call it a competition but it was decided to award the Certificate nevertheless as the collection reached a high enough standard. Mr. J. Kriste entered his collection of Bogus Stamps, i.e. stamps which have never been issued by the country concerned for postal purposes. A feature of the collection was that the majority of bogus stamps were issued by countries in Europe. In all a fascinating collection and congratulations.

O.F.S. PHILATELIC SOCIETY

September Meeting. After the usual display of new issues, two interesting exhibits were shown by Messrs. A. H. Scott and A. H. de Villiers. The former tabled his extensive Swiss collection which included many rare miniature sheets and official issues. The latter showed a selection of Union and Republic of South Africa stamps arranged in miniature sheet form, including the first Voortrekker issue.

MAFEKING AND BECHUANALAND P.S.

The **October meeting** was held at Lichtenburg when the public were invited to an exhibition of stamps provided by Mrs. Kaljee, Mr. A. Jacobson and Mr. Reynolds. Mr. R. J. F. Andersson gave a short talk to the many parents and children present on the educational advantages of stamp collecting and Mr. R. W. Brownlow spoke about the art of the Designers and Printers.

AERO—P.S. OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

This Society held its second A.G.M. at Port Elizabeth during the Congress period. The attendance was not large, but there were apologies from ALL the members not present.

Office-bearers elected for 1963 included Mr. A. Leslie Leon as president and Capt. M. F. Stern as hon. sec./treas.

It may be mentioned that the Society is a member of the International Federation of Aero-Philatelic Societies.

P.S. OF RHODESIA

October meeting. A good attendance of members and visitors, who saw two exhibits. The first was part of Mr. Fitzstephen's collection of Ireland covering the period 1858-1949. Unfortunately it could not all be shown as the hot weather caused bad curling of the stamps.

Mr. Lazarus showed his collection of Europa, complete up to 1960.

EXHIBITIONS

Praga 62. At this exhibition held in Prague 18 Aug.-2 Sept. five South Africans gained awards: Capt. M. F. Stern, two Silver Medals and Prizes of Honour; Louis Abrams, Silver and Prize of Honour; W. J. Hodgson, H. J. Schlieben and Dr. Paul Keller, Diplomas.

Luposta 62. At Berlin, 12-16 September. Capt. Stern was (we understand) the only South African entrant and he was awarded

a Silver medal with felicitations for his Airmails of S. and S.W. Africa.

Flora 63—Cape Town. In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the opening of Kirstenbosch Gardens an International Thematic Exhibition will be staged in Cape Town in March, 1963, from 14th to 21st. It is being held under the auspices of the Lions Club, Cape Town, and the Thematic Stamp Club.

The exhibition will be non-competitive, but Certificates of participation will be given. Exhibits must feature flowers, trees or relevant subjects such as Parks; no other thematic subjects will be shown. Entrants are limited to one frame each, holding 18 sheets of normal album size. There is no entry fee and exhibits will be returned by registered post to the owners.

Applications to participate should be made before January 1st, 1963, to Flora 63, P.O. Box 3654, Cape Town.

In view of the international reputation of the Kirstenbosch Gardens it is hoped that all collectors with suitable exhibits will participate. It may be mentioned that some intentions to exhibit have already been received from abroad, so that Flora 63 promises to be really international.

ISRAEL

An IL 0.55 stamp will be issued in honour of EL AL Airlines on the occasion of their exhibition at Tel Aviv on 7-14 November. It features a Boeing 707 jet plane in flight.

CANADA

The 5c "Highway" stamp was released on 31st August, not 4 September as previously reported. The change was due to the date of the official opening being altered.

The 5c regular issue with a new portrait of H.M. the Queen, was released on 3 October.

MOZAMBIQUE

A special 3 escudos stamp was issued on 15 October in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the airline "Delta."